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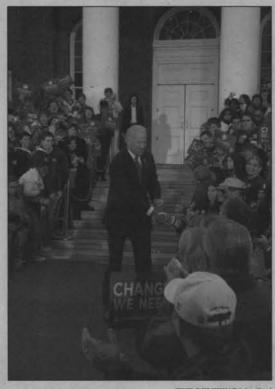
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Obama clinches victory

BY LYDIA WOOLEVER

City News Edite

After two, long years of campaigning, the 2008 election finally came to a close with the election of Barack Obama as the 44th president of the United States and the first black person in history to hold the posi-

At 11:06 p.m., Obama defeated Sen. John McCain and was declared victorious in the race that had overwhelming turnout and challenged racial barriers

Around 11 p.m., Obama won Florida and California in a matter of minutes, bring-

ing his electoral count at the time to be 324 votes, far exceeding the necessary 270 votes to win. McCain had exactly 200 fewer electoral votes, coming in at 124.

Battleground states almost entirely favored Obama as he claimed Pennsylvania,

Ohio and Virginia. Obama was favored with the majorities of young voters, women, voters whose main issue was the economy and the white working class.

Red states such as New Mexico, Colorado and Virginia — all states that had voted for President Bush in the 2004 elec-- turned blue throughout the evening.

ly 7 percent since the last presidential elec-

From his hometown of Phoenix, Sen. McCain conceded his defeat and congratu-lated Obama on his victory, pledging his allegiance in the future.

Just before midnight, Obama ascended the stage in Grant Park of his hometown,

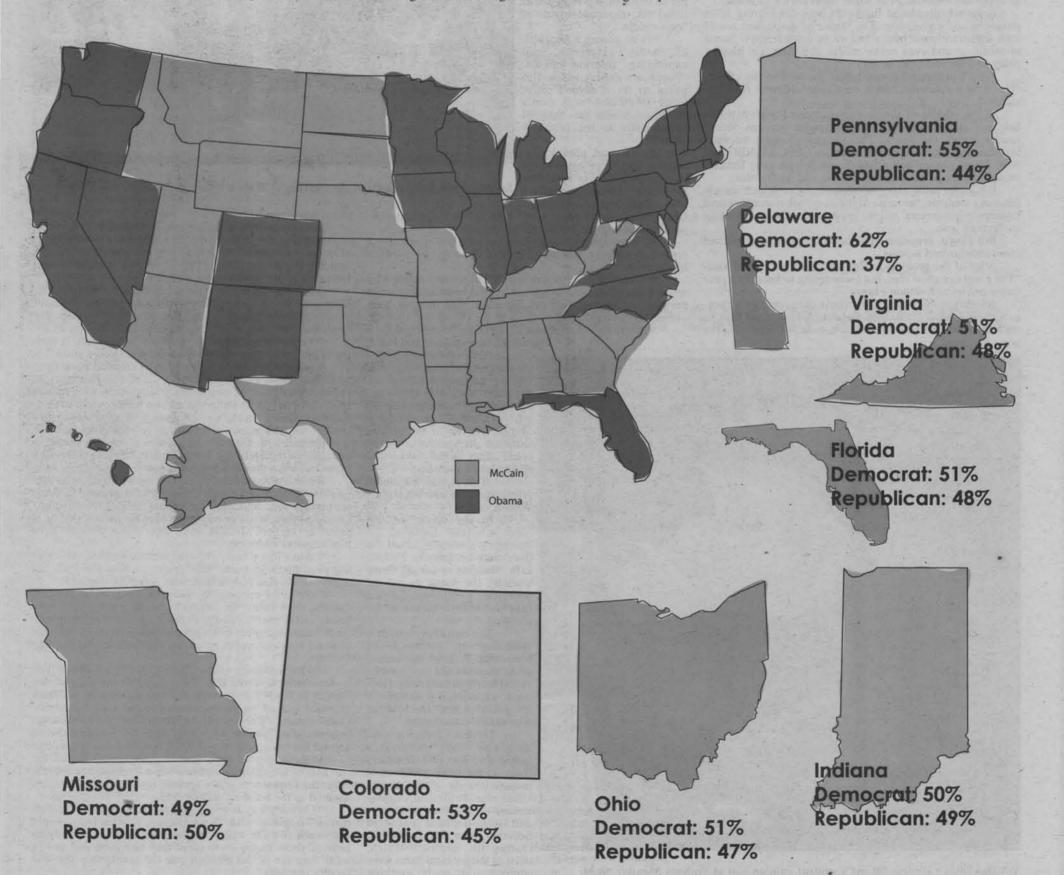
Chicago.

"Tonight, because of what we did on this day, at this moment, on this defining election, change has come to America," Obama said during his speech.

. Obama expressed his gratitude to McCain as well as his own family, campaign members and his vice president-elect, Joe Biden. He spoke about the nation's history, democracy and the American people.
"The road ahead will be long, the

climb will be steep, we may not get there in one year or one term, but Americans, I have hope and I promise you we will get there, Obama said.

"Yes we can," he said to conclude his speech. "Yes we can."



Students, profs gather at Trabant on Election Night

BY JAMES ADAMS SMITH

As the results from the election drew to a close Tuesday night, professors and students — rather than watching the election from home televisions — gathered in the Trabant

University Center to experience the election process through a fusion of multimedia and expert scrutiny.

Election Central, held from 8 p.m. to midnight in Trabant Multipurpose Rooms, provided a forum to converge media important to the election. Students could not only watch the results, but could actively engage in the political process through live polling, expert lectures and more recent developments such as the online community Second

"I think there's something special about experiencing election night in a group," Ralph Begleiter, professor of communication who helped organize the event, said. "The difference is like going to see the Super Bowl in person—
as opposed to watching the Super Bowl on TV at home."
Begleiter introduced the event over the blaring news

programs and conversing. The theme of discussion would start with traditional media and move toward newer forms of media - and even exotic media, including the blogos-

phere and Second Life, he said. "Don't just stand at one table," he said to the crowd.
"Use it as a cafeteria. Snack on all the different forms of

In the middle of the room ornamented with patriotic balloons and tablecloths, large monitor screens blared results across the room. The screens changed between broadcasting news networks, such as CNN, MSNBC and ABC News. On a timed schedule, professors gave lectures on specific topics such as exit polling and media bias

While the wide array of multimedia provided insight for many students, the noise of the event often overpowered lectures as professors' voices grew louder for surrounding

Bill Dowd, president of YouthVote, said the event had some unorganized aspects.

A lot of the problem is flat crowd noise," Dowd said, "The event is a good idea, but I was trying to listen to a pro-fessor earlier and couldn't hear."

Another problem was the screens changing news channels rapidly, he said. Students watching CNN would have to walk to the other side of the room to continue following the

At one screen, Joseph Pika, professor of political science and international relations, explained which states were key battleground states pointing to a projected image of the red and blue states. He mentioned the Democrats' effort to invade the Deep South states such as North Carolina and Georgia, before continuing to explain other key states including Indiana, Ohio and Virginia.

Lindsay Hoffman, a communication professor, about the new media. As anxious students gathered around her to listen in, a screen above listed six important trends in "new media.

"We're seeing a backlash media," Hoffman said explaining Internet media. "People are starting to say 'I'm going to do it myself' after being displeased with media coverage. Media has changed dramatically in the last four

The Internet allows citizens to feel more empowered said. President-elect Barack

Obama's campaign has worked hard to reach younger peo-

ple through Internet campaigning, she said.

The blogosphere kiosk projected political blogs onto a screen, displaying minute-by-minute coverage by partisan

Chelsea Sizemore, a senior political science major who worked the kiosk, said blogs are helpful because they offer partisan perspective, but are biased in that there is little oversight to their content.

"Anyone can post about an election," Sizemore said,
"which is both good and bad."

David Wilson, a politi-

cal science professor specializ-ing in polling, lectured on problems with exit polls. He clarified the meaning of "margin of error" in polling. Margin of error is the greater variation in statistics, which could often slightly skew the exactness of accuracy.
"This is how the media

prints narrative into the polls,' Wilson said.

In the center of the room, a screen displayed the university's virtual island on the online community Second Life. Students could ask those working the kiosk about the university's role on Second Life and what it means in the election.

The university's island, featuring an imitation of Memorial Hall at its center, gives students and professors a visual world to hold online lectures, experience walkthrough art galleries and learn about

admissions information.

Debbie Jeffers, who maintains the university's island, said Second Life differs from a political perspective because of its global reach. Users worldwide can register avatars — a virtual identity and join political cafes in Second Life to discuss politics. During the Election Watch, most of the political cafes were jammed with users awaiting



than ever, which is appealing to younger people, Hoffman Students watch the results of the election at Traban University Center.

the election results.

The university's virtual-island on Second Life is growing more popular, Jeffers said. The island has several virtual lecture centers, which Jeffers said she expects professors will use in the near future. The island also features several Delaware historic sites and a walkthrough art gallery.

Over the increasing noise as Obama won states, Dannagal Young lectured about the role satire and humor play in politics. With references to Smothers Brothers, Jay

Leno and Pete Seeger, she explained political humor as art.
"The media seeks profit," she said. "The result, in reality, is both sides become involved in putting on a show.

A table with four laptop computers allowed students to participate in an online poll, which asked questions such as the candidate choices, which issues they were voting for and whether or not Sarah Palin should host her own talk show a slight majority chose "no." Lindsay Koenings, who helped arrange the poll as part of a political science class, said she was pleased with the poll, noting that it was not meant to necessarily represent the student body, but just those who came and were interested in polling. While many students wore T-shirts and held signs sig-

nifying support for Obama, a few students dressed in shirts supporting Sen. John McCain walked through the crowds. Danny Ahearn, a senior wearing a McCain jacket, said he is broud to support McCain, even after some students gave him negative comments.

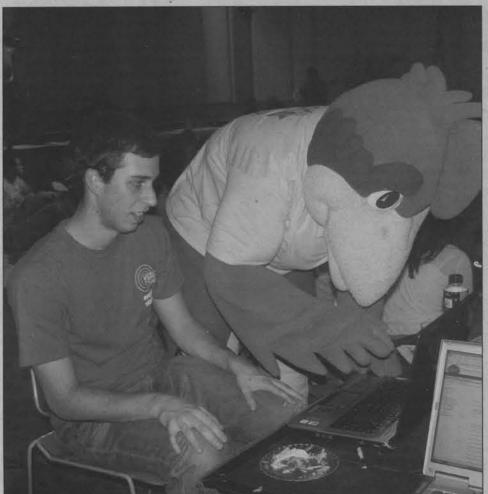
"I don't like it here," he said as students passed by giv-ing pessimistic glances. "Obviously, because there are too many uneducated people here who voted for Obama.

Later in the evening, the rush calmed down as students flocked to sit below the largest screen to watch "The Daily Show," with results coming in from the mainstream news. At the announcement of Obama winning Virginia, students cheered over comical coverage by Jon Stewart and Stephen

Student coverage of the election by STN49 was broken by screaming students after the channel on the main screen flipped to CNN's projection of Obama's victory. Students crowded around for group pictures to the song "Celebrate Good Times." The crowds began to dondle as students poured out of Trabant, with more than 200 people gathered around the big screen to watch CNN as McCain conceded.

At midnight, an eager and clapping group stayed the last part of the event to watch Obama's acceptance speech. After the final words of the speech, few patches of students cheered as the building was cleared.

"The only way anybody gets to see elections is through media," Begleiter said. "I really mean it when I say people can snack. We are trying to give people an opportunity to taste all these media — to see if they like them and mix in what they see in the election and the scholarship that our faculty provides.



YoUDee helps a student fill out a student opinion poll at Trabant Monday night.



"I did an absentee ballot because it's hard to get back to Missouri. It dosen't matter. just as long as I voted."

- Donovan Coleman, Junior, Missouri

"We have to wait and see. I think things will get better, but they might take time." - Horace Bingham, Freshman, Delaware

"I noticed I was the only person under the age of 30 that was there this morning and I would say the only non-Obama supporter." - Andrew Bowman, Freshman, Pennsylvania

"I voted for Obama. which was not hard. He makes a better figure head,

and he can stay up past 9 o'clock." - Jeff Smith, Senior, Delaware

"I feel that Obama is different from any other candidate. It is more important to me for him to change the political climate."

- Chris Geyer, Senior, Maryland

"It's an opportunity, and to a certain extent it means you have a Voice." — Brian Resnick, Sophomore, New York

"I voted for Obama, and it was an easy decision because I don't think McCain will change anything." - Matt Maloney, Freshman, Delaware

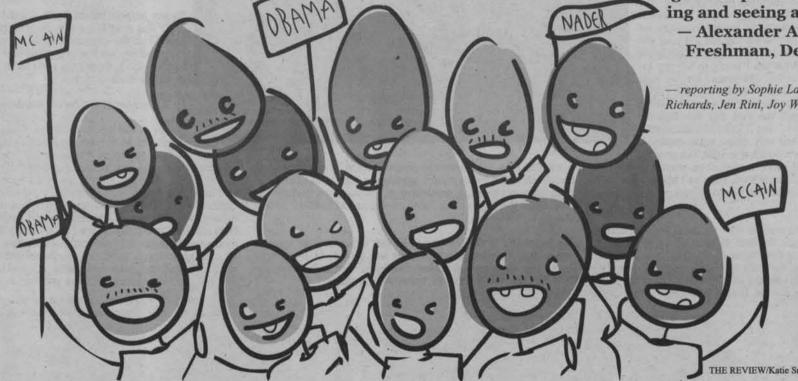
"This is like Christmas early."

- Tim McCormick, Freshman, Delaware

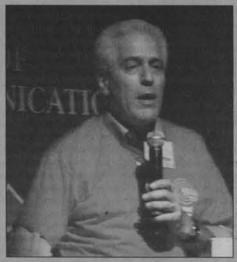
"I'm disappointed." - Will Morton, Freshman, Delaware

"At first I thought voting in Delaware was useless, but after seeing Joe Biden, I saw a great importance in voting and seeing a change." Alexander Albanese, Freshman, Delaware

- reporting by Sophie Latapie, Meghan Richards, Jen Rini, Joy Wedge



So what really happened? The professors have their say



Ralph Begleiter

This is a very important election and I'm happy to be involved helping students experience the excitement of this important election. I think the country is turning in a new direction and all the students will be glad they were together to experience a turn in history of the United States. At this moment, Obama has 207 electoral votes and its not enough to win but California, Oregon and Washington have not yet closed their poles or reported their results and all three of the states are expected to vote overwhelmingly for Obama. But there are a few swing states that have not been declared yet. Virginia is one, North Carolina, Indiana, Florida are really important states. I don't think there is a way at this point, if McCain won all of these swing states, I still don't think the would win the election. I am not particularly surprised at the results — this still don't think he would win the election. I am not particularly surprised at the results - this is what I expected.

- Ralph Begleiter, communications professor

At 7:38 p.m. I am optimistic that nothing will go wrong and everything will turn out OK. I dont know the results but the number of states already predicted for is Kentucky and West Virginia who give votes to McCain, most of the other states are giving votes to Obama, but nothing is official yet. The media will pick up on anything that the candidates say and make a story about it, but it has not been biased. People want to focus on the negative things about Obama and personal attacks, instead of the issues on the economy.

At 11:00 p.m.: I'm glad the election is over with tonight. There was a lot of drama going on at the - people were at the poles who got in line but weren't able to vote, and the ballots were getting wet in the rain. But if it was close people would contest, so I'm glad it wasn't close.

- David Wilson, political science professor



David Wilson

The Review Interview: Joe Biden

BY LAURA DATTARO

Editor in Chief
After most of the students at Friday's rally filed out of the fenced-in area in front of Memorial Hall, the few who remained shook the hand of Vice Presidentelect Joe Biden. Biden, a 1965 graduate of the university and now one half of the winning 2008 presidential ticket, took some time to meet with The Review in Hullihen Hall before heading out to another event in

So how's it feel to be back?

It feels great, it really does. I mean it's such a kick to come back. I hope you feel the same way I feel about it after you've been gone. I love this place. My brothers went here, my sister went here, my wife went here, her sister went here — it's a great place. Brings back a

I know the concern on all the students' minds right now is, are they going to be able to get a job, or get their student loan. What kind of message do you have for them?

Two messages. One, we can't wait until Jan. 20 to deal with this crisis. We've got to go back, the Senate, the House, Congress is going back to a lame duck session as you know in the second or third week in November. We need an economic stimulus package then. And what we need to do is two things — one, we have to get to the point where we have enough liquidity out there that you can actually show up and get your student loan. You know, a lot of parents are sitting home right now thinking, 'What am I going to tell my kid when they come home this Christmas? Do we have enough for them to go back?' I mean, for real, I don't have to tell you, you guys know it. So what we have to do is, we have to push the Fed and the Treasury Department to actually — and it looks like it's starting to work, slowly — to not only infuse some capital in the banks so they're in a position to lend, but now tell

them there's a second piece to this. You want to get bailed out, you have to start to lend. You can't hoard what we're giving you to make your bottom line look better - you have to reach out there.

Longer term, one of the reasons why we think your generation will do so well under us, for real, is because we are going to invest \$150 billion in a new energy program. This is a place where we can make, as they say, lemonade out of lemons. We should be investing \$15 billion a year in renewable, solar, wind, biofuels, and what that does is, it's estimated that would create

5 million new jobs over the period of that investment. And there's an awful lot of people graduating here with degrees in chemistry, engineering, mathematics, biosciences, agriculture, that in fact there's no place for them to go right now and so this should be a win-win thing.

My brother's in the Navy, and he has a question he wanted me to ask. Considering that your son is over in Iraq right now, how do you feel about Obama's sentiment that the War in Iraq was a mistake from the beginning?

Look, in retrospect, Barack was right. The biggest thing, I wrote a series of articles and held significant hearings as Chairman of Foreign Relations before we went to war saying that we should not go to war now, that in fact, notwithstanding the president's authority to use the united country as leverage to get the inspectors back in, it'd be a mistake to go to war. And I wrote a piece with Dick Lugar called, "The Decade After." And all the discussion going on with John McCain and with President Bush and with Rumsfeld was, "What about the day after Saddam falls?" And what I was arguing was that the day after Saddam falls, that won't be the hard part. Taking him down is the easy part. If we went the way we were going, we'd be locked in there for close to 10 years, it would cost us hundreds of billions of dollars, that we'd be in a position where we would not be greeted as libera-tors, that we would not be able to have their oil pay for this war and there'd be real casualties. Well, unfortunately, we turned out to be absolutely right. The big misjudgement that guys like me made, in my view, wasn't about whether or not the president should have the power to be able to coerce and affect the United Nations to keep the embargo on the War in Iraq. It was trusting the judgement of this administration to do it. They did not keep their word. It said that once they got their inspectors in, they'd stand down. Once they got the inspectors in, they declared it use-less and decided they had to go to war anyway.

So my biggest mistake was - and Barack did not make this mistake - was overestimating the intelligence and the capacity of this administration. They exceeded my wildest expectations in how badly they handled the authority we gave them. So, your brother, has he been deployed?

He's a senior at the Naval Academy, actually.

Senior at the the Academy -- God love him. Well, thank him for his service. And you know, we're going to have to deploy him and other graduatess from the

academies over the next decade but hopefully we're going to deploy them, when we do, only when it's necessary in Afghanistan now. It is necessary because that's where al-Qaida is living, they're alive and well as our intelligence community will tell you, his professors and instructors probably have told him, and [Osama] bin Laden is alive and well in those mountains between Afghanistan and Pakistan. So we've got a lot of work to finish there, but we should end the War in Ira We should end that and transfer authority, and take that \$10 billion we're spending a month there and start to invest it here.

Read the full interview and watch a video of the Student Televion Network's interview at www.udreview.com.





The Review Interview: Jill Biden

BY SABINA ELLAHI

-Features Editor

If there is one thing the 2008 election has seen, it's the many women that were in the spotlight of the political spectrum — from Sen. Hillary Clinton to Michelle Obama to Gov. Sarah Palin.

But there is another woman — a lady who has avoided being part of what she calls the "Washington scene" for the past three decades. That will all change now that she has become the Second Lady of the United States. She is Jill Biden, the wife of Vice President-elect Joe Biden.

Jill Biden, who graduated from the university in 1975 and received her doctorate in education in 2006, introduced her husband when he spoke on the Green last Friday.

Currently an English instructor at Delaware Technical and Community College in Stanton, Biden campaigns on the weekends with her husband and Obama, all while still teaching four days per week

Biden took some time out from the campaign trail for a phone interview with The Review Friday afternoon following the rally.

You and Michelle Obama have dedicated much of your time to campaigning and rallying at colleges. Why do you think it is particularly important to rally on college campuses?

We've been to University of Virginia, James Madison University and Florida together, and I think the fact that so many college campuses are energized and getting out the vote is really great, but they are still needed. College students are important people and are definitely votes needed in this election.

In light of the current economic state, college students who are graduating next year are panicking about the job market, loans and facing the real world in general. If elected, what do you think Obama and your husband will do to help ease these fears?

The major thing that they're going to focus on is the economy and they're going to create jobs. I think because of Barack and Joe's plan, people will have hope again. I think that things will change for the better.

Now that Obama and your husband are elected, what sort of changes do you think students will see that especially affect them?

I think that especially for students at the university, Barack and Joe are offering a \$4,000 tuition tax credit. They've talked about the financial aid application and the fact that they're so long and they're going to make it less complicated so that more students can apply for aid, I think things are

going to be so much better for students. Really, if you look at the two parties, Barack and Joe are the only ones who are offering a comprehensive education plan. I think that it is really important for all students — not just college students.

Given your career as an educator, what do you think is best about their education policies?

They have really great things planned. They want to encourage teachers to go into the profession, recruit more math and science teachers and put in more technology — things are going to be so much better. You know, I'm at Del Tech and every single day, educators from all over the country are e-mailing me and saying that they really have hope as educators that things are going to get better.

Will you still continue to teach now that Obama and your husband are elected to the White House?

You know, right now we're focused on Nov. 4, but after the election, we'll see. I would love to continue teaching. I am an educator and that has been my life for 27 years. I've taught in public schools, I've taught, actually, in an adolescent program at a psychiatric hospital. I've been a reading specialist, so that's who I am and that's what I want to do.

How did you feel when you stepped out on your old campus onto the podium in front of Memorial Hall at the rally?

It was so great — just so many students came out to hear Joe speak. It was also nostalgic for me — you know, I just got my doctorate there two years ago, so I was on campus there every week for about five years. It was really nice to be back again and it's great to see the energy on campus.

Returning to the university must have brought back many memories of your college years, as well cted, what as your early years with Biden. What's your fond-that espe-est memory from the university?

I love being at the university. I have memories of the time I had there as an undergrad as an English major and just being around the campus. It was just a great memory to be there. Memorial Hall is, of course, where I had most of my English classes, so the fact that Joe came out of Memorial Hall made my heart skip a beat.



On rally morning, few rise early

BY LAURA DATTARO

The men in black coats came early to the rally.

stalked silently, the nine of them, emerging from the parking lot behind Mitchell Hall, before disappearing behind the blue curtains hanging from the arches that separate the North Green from the South.

About 20 yards away, a hopeful student watched.

"This is history," Michael Green said. "This is history."

He had come to be a part of the day Joe Biden came to campus. He knew his peers were confused, seniors about to leave the safety net of the university to navigate the increasingly unsteady waters of the country's job market. He wanted to give them hope, to capture on film a living example of success from his own school.

He woke that morning at 5:50 a.m. — about an hour later than planned — to ensure a spot on the press risers. He wanted footage for a package for his communication class. So far, he had had little luck.

He was not the first to come so early. Mike Poznansky, a sophomore, and Delanie Laws, a junior, passed through Mentor's Circle at 6 a.m., armed with cof-fee and muffins from Dunkin' Donuts, pondering the appearance of the small overcoat army.

Look how serious they are," Poznansky said.

The two were surprised at the empty campus. They had both woken up at 4:45 a.m. to claim their spot to watch the rally, but quickly realized their efforts were unnecessary. With no competition from other eager students, they were free to wander campus until the security gates opened at 8 a.m.

In the stillness of the early morning, Poznansky nodded

toward the dome atop Memorial Hall.

"Guarantee you there's someone up there," he said, picturing snipers keeping steady

Not far away, Green was staking out a bench in front of Mitchell Hall. He still needed to find press clearance, before the media were let in at 8 a.m. Across the grass, red lights bled into the black sky as metal detectors were set up at the entrance to the student area. Green, seeing possibilities, took them in, eyeing the expanse separating him from them, and ducked under the security gate to bolt across the grass.

Two minutes later, he was back. Filming security was a definite no.

He sat on his bench, dejected, sipping a cold red Gatorade to wake up. His tripod stood idle nearby, and next to him, a Leica video camera, borrowed from the university's communication department, sat waiting in its case. If he couldn't get access, he could interview students who or hadn't - watched. He could interview professors oneon-one about the significance of the rally. But what he really wanted was Biden.

Biden is the crux of the angle," Green said. "It's like, look at where you can go. Look at what you can do."

He took a sip of his Gatorade, shrugged his shoulders and laughed.

'Dreams can come true."

His disappointment mounted as a white truck parked on the brick walkway at his feet. Two men, one in a floppy fisherman's hat, started to unload pieces of the fence that would keep the unwanteds out of the

rally.
"Man," Green said,
wanna get this stuff so bad."

Around campus, the select few early risers were making their ways toward the quiet commotion in front of Memorial Hall. One was Chris Mangin, a senior hoping to stand at the front of the crowd that would gather later. He had arrived three hours early to an Obama rally in February, but those three hours only got him to the middle of the pack

A friend of Mangin's arrived. They wanted to find the best place to wait, but with the security and set-up crews occupied, there was no one around to

help.
"All signs are pointing to that side," Mangin said, gestur-ing toward the opposite corner of Memorial.

"I don't even know who we would ask," his friend respond-

"Yeah, security's not going

Eventually, they headed north toward Main Street, leaving Green once again alone with his camera. It was now close to 6:45 a.m., and student volunteers were starting to arrive. They, too, were lost in the cold, flocking together to exchange names and stories. They migrated toward the middle of the Green, their group growing as students emerged from all corners of campus. Organizers from the campaign and the College Democrats passed out clipboards and slowly brought order to the students grasping coffees with gloved hands. Green stood on the outskirts, finally getting his first bits of film. As the sun rose behind McKinley Hall, the frost on the grass was visible for the first time that morning. Three flags hung between the pillars of Memorial Hall, and an empty podium waited in the middle of



THE REVIEW/Steven Gold

Anticipation brews for Biden on Main

BY CAITLIN BIRCH

Central Perk was the last Main Street coffee shop to wake up the morning Vice President-elect Joe Biden came to town. Brewed Awakenings was up at 6 a.m., well before the sun. Brew Ha Ha! wasn't far behind, with coffee brewing by 6:30. Dunkin' Donuts pulled the graveyard shift, though a bit more literally than usual as Thursday Halloween partygoers became Friday morning's earliest coffee drinkers. At 7 a.m., Central Perk joined the cause — it would take a small army to caffeinate those who faithfully gathered at the gates of the Biden rally prior to their 8 a.m. opening.

Toni Tetreault, a Central Perk employee who worked the coffeehouse's opening shift Friday, said the shop opens every day at the same time, but Main Street doesn't really come to life until 7:30 a.m. On Friday, at least an hour before the city usually opens its eyes, a distinct, hushed anticipation marked down-

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in something.

town Newark as students and locals bustled about quietly in the early morning darkness. With

the exception of a the few parade-bound Phillies fans, the wanderer masquerading as an Eagles football player who didn't seem to make it home

the night before, the early business commuters — Main Street's uncharacteristic pre-sunrise crowd could only be the Biden rally beginning to brew.

On Thursday afternoon. Tetreault anticipated Friday's crowd, but only to a certain extent.

"We're expecting a little bit of a rush," Tetreault said, "but I don't think it's going to be crazy."

She wasn't as certain Friday, as

the Biden-bound arrived first sporadically, then in a steady stream, to purchase coffee, lattes, tea and cocoa before continuing to the North Green. It was exactly the type of situation Tetreault said is unusual for the coffee shop, and exactly the flow

of customers she would call "crazy."

"It's been insane today," she said. "The morning's not like that,

Customers weren't lined up with outstretched mugs when Tetreault put the shop's street sign out on the sidewalk at 7 a.m., but rally-goers began filing in and out with to-go cups within the first half hour. Senior Carly Evans arrived at Central Perk around 7:30 a.m. clad in Obama-Biden apparel,

Evans had been waiting for an opportunity like the Biden rally. She was frustrated that although President-elect Barack Obama has appeared at Widener University and Gov. Sarah Palin has appeared at

Shippensburg University - both located in neighboring Pennsylvania — she had yet to personally participate in a political event.

'It's my chance to do it, to feel like I'm involved in something," Evans said. "I sent in my absentee ballot weeks ago but I still want to feel like I'm involved in everything. It's exciting to me.'

To ensure a spot at the rally, she sent in an online RSVP to the event beforehand and woke up early to wait in line at the gates. An early morning called for caffeine, so Evans stopped for a small French

"I need my coffee," she said. Senior Amanda Tomasetti arrived at Central Perk around 7:45 a.m. and purchased a vanilla chai before heading to the rally.

'We're going early because the gates are supposed to open at 8 and we heard that a lot of students were going," Tomasetti said, "so we wanted to get there in time to be up

Tomasetti and her friends were

some of the last of the punctual pack. Even with the knowledge that the gates were already open, though, the rally-bound continued to file in to Central Perk throughout the morning.

Bailey Neuhaus, a — Carly Evans, senior at Cape Henlopen High School in Lewes, appeared in the coffeehouse on attending the Joe Biden's rally approximately 8:10 a.m. and ordered a chai. The library was

her next stop, since her primary pur-pose for traveling to Newark was to do research for a school project, but she said she wanted to attend the

senior,

rally afterward.
"Our teacher told us when we got on the bus that if we wanted to, we could go," Neuhaus said. Freshman Max Willmer came in

approximately 8:30 and ordered hot chocolate. Although the gates had been open for a half hour, Willmer

wasn't in a rush.

"I would like to get a seat,"
Willmer said, "but if I can't, it's not the end of the world to me.

As traffic picked up outside and the sun climbed higher, customers headed for the rally expressed increasingly less concern about finding a place on the Green. Tetreault, however, whose shift didn't end until 4:30 p.m., wished she could go.

"I guess it would be nice just to see what it's about," she said. "You know, you could be seeing the future

vice president."

Tetreault, who graduated in 2005 from John Dickinson High School in Wilmington, said Biden used to attend her church and spoke at her graduation. She would have liked to have been at the rally, but

"I can't," Tetreault said. "I gotta work."

The rally-bound, coffees in hand, were a testament to that.

Set-up for Vice President-elect Joe Biden's rally on Friday began early on Thursday.







Snapshots from the Campaign Trail

Top left and bottom left by Justin Maurer

Others by Ricky Berl







Dems. recruit volunteers through Biden rally

BY TED SIMMONS

As Vice President-elect Joe Biden spoke on the North Green Friday, a select number of students were able to stand on the steps of Memorial Hall, behind him both literally and figuratively. The stu-dents had signed up to volunteer for the Obama-Biden campaign, and in return were given V.I.P. seating behind the vice president.

Andrew Grunwald, director of

communications for the university's College Democrats, had a hand in planning the event, and said the V.I.P. seating was aimed to promote

future volunteerism.
"There were seats behind Joe
Biden for the rally, and we were in
contact with the advance team, trying to decide how best to give out those seats," Grunwald said. "We thought it would be a good idea to encourage people to sign up for the trip we are doing to Philly on Election Day to get out the vote for Barack Obama.

He said students would feel more encouraged to go on the Philadelphia trip if they knew if they signed up by 8 p.m. on Thursday, they would receive V.I.P. seating at the Biden rally.

Paul Ruiz, expanded on the idea of special seating.

"One of the big objectives of Sen. Biden coming to the University of Delaware was to get UD students out to help the campaign on Election Day," Ruiz said.
"And we thought it was a good idea to reward our volunteers who expressed interest and who were

actually coming out."

Senior Tiffany Brady, who was initially affiliated with UD for Obama last semester, was among the students chosen to stand behind Biden and saw the special placing as an area of excitement.

"It was really cool to be that close," Brady said. "I got to meet him a little bit, when he was going by. It was definitely a great experi-ence and I really like it, being that

Grunwald said there were approximately 82 names selected, but some of the seating was reserved for political figures, such as Sen. Tom Carper, D-Del. Also detracting from the V.I.P. attendance was the fact that volunteers were needed elsewhere throughout

Senior Brian Boyle said being able to stand on the steps of

Memorial Hall allowed him and others to speak with Carper, which made the rally that much more

"It was really fantastic," Boyle said, "like backstage at a rock concert. The most exciting part was being able to talk to Sen. Carper and Matt Denn, because they were really mingling with us. And then also getting to shake Joe Biden's

hand was icing on the cake."

Boyle said being behind Biden got him and other volunteers on TV stations like MSNBC and CNN for when the news networks covered

Junior Ashley Kilagallin also worked the rally, and was in Philadelphia on Tuesday to help campaign.

"I'm really looking forward to talking to voters," Kilagallin said, "making sure that everyone gets a chance to vote, and really take part in our political process."

Grunwald said four buses left for Philadelphia, with more than 200 volunteers. Both volunteers and staffers alike campaigned in Pennsylvania with one common goal in mind — to get Barack Obama special seating come January.

Obama campaign finances event

BY KAITLYN KILMETIS

A platform and stage were erected, a tent for the press was pitched and speakers were set up on tall metal scaffolds. Three American flags were hung between the stark, white pillars of Memorial Hall. The preparations for the Biden rally on Friday were extensive, leaving many students questioning who financed the elabo-

David Brond, vice president of communications and marketing for the university, said the preparations for the rally, including lighting, power, stages and tents, were subcon-tracted and paid for by the Obama-

Biden campaign.

"Almost everything you saw there, though it looked like a major production, was serviced and organ-ized by the Obama-Biden cam-paign," Brond said. "They contacted companies who would plan, organize and do all that work. All we really needed to do was provide the venue

Prior to the event, he said, the

Obama-Biden campaign agreed to cover any subsequent expenses incurred upon the university.

"The only additional costs we had were a little bit of IT costs and a little bit of maintenance costs, which we are billing to the Obama-Biden

campaign - that's just over \$4,000,"

The extra money spent by the university was used to set up increased Internet capabilities for press on the Green. There was no extra university security supplied to cover the event.

He said the campaign approached university officials about holding the rally on campus. "It was very low cost out-of-

pocket, and we are billing it 100 per-cent to them," Brond said. "We maintain, "Why did they have it here? Because they asked." When the students for Republicans wanted to have something, we allowed them as well."

He said the rally provided the chance for the university to be promoted on a national level.

"It was an opportunity for us to showcase the beautiful campus, to showcase the high intellectualism, showcase the high intellectualism, the ongoing political dialogue that we have on both sides of the political debate," Brond said.

"I think that's what universities are all about—to be able to have that discourse of thought, leaders, national formers to be oble to express the political services."

al figures to be able to come on campus. When you can have that and it doesn't even cost you a thing, that's even better.'

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Balance of power expands for Democrats on Capitol Hill

BY MADDIE THOMAS

National State News Edit

In the U.S. Senate, Democrats are expected to take filibuster-proof control of the U.S. Senate by winning 60 seats. By adding nine seats to their previous 51, the party will gain a three-fifths majority needed to invoke cloture, a tool used to end filibusters.

According to the CNN Web site, a filibuster is a senator's ability to speak without a time limit on the Senate floor and thereby preventing any votes before the body. A cloture is a vote of 60, or three-fifths of the Senate, and is needed to end a debate and to stop a filibuster.

Known as the "magic 60," the take-over would prevent the Democrat agenda in the house from being blocked by Republicans on the Senate floor.

This year, there were 35 seats in the Senate up for election; 23 of them held by Republicans. Five Republican senators, Pete Domenici of New Mexico, Wayne Allard of Colorado, John Warner of Virginia, Larry Craig of Idaho and Chuck Hagel of Nebraska, retired, leaving their positions open.

Democrats in at least five states won Senate seats held by Republicans. In Colorado, Mark Udall took the Republican seat from Robert Schaffer. In New Hampshire, Jeanne Shaheen took the seat from Republican incumbent John E. Sununu. In New Mexico, Tom Udall took the seat from Republican Steve Pearce. In North Carolina, Kay Hagan also took the Democratic seat from Elizabeth Dole, a seat that has been continuously Republican since 1972. Finally, in Virginia, Mark Warner took the Democratic seat for Senate.

In Delaware, Sen. Joe Biden was reelected, defeating Republican Christine O'Donnell. However, since being elected to the vice-presidency, Biden gave up his seat in the Senate. Most likely another Democrat will take Biden's place for the Senate, who will either be appointed by outgoing Gov. Ruth Ann Minner or Governor-elect Jack Markell.

Georgia was another imperative state towards cementing the Democratic Party in the Senate. Incumbent Republican Sen. Saxby Chambliss faced Democrat Jim Martin, and Libertarian Allen Buckley. In the state of Georgia, a Senate winner must receive more than 50 percent of the vote. If a winner does not get more than 50 percent of the vote, he or she faces a runoff against the second-place finisher.

In the U.S. House of Representatives, all 435 seats were open before the election. However, the Democratic Party retained control by taking every single House seat in the New England region.

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It was estimated that the Democratic Party would receive between 20 and 30 seats in the House.

As of 12 a.m., Democrats lead the house 222 seats to 138. The Democratic Party had gained 11 Republican seats.

Several Republican seats were vacated from the House including seats left open by Reps. Ralph Regula and Deborah Pryce in Ohio, Jim Ramstad in Minnesota, Jerry Weller in Illinois and Rick Renzi in Arizona.

Several first-term Democrats were also

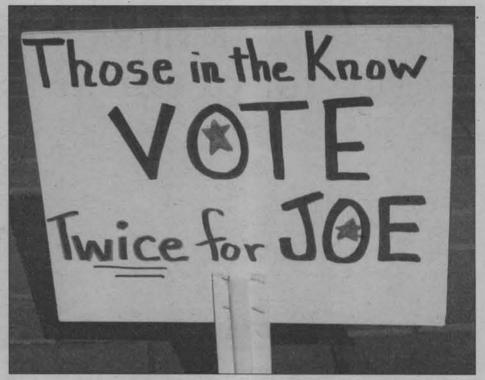
re-elected to the House including Reps. John Yarmuth of Kentucky and Brad Ellsworth of Indiana.

Among others, the Democratic Party defeated incumbent House seats from Reps. John R. Kuhl in New York, Joe Knollenberg in Michigan, Tom Feeney and Ric Keller in Florida and Robin Hayes in North Carolina.



THE REVIEW/Steven Gold

Students watched election coverage by Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert at Trabant on Election Night.



THE REVIEW/Maddie Thomas

A Joe Biden supporter brought this sign to his rally on Friday.

Questions arise over Biden's Senate seat

BY PAT MAGUIRE

With Barack Obama's victory last night, America's questions have finally been answered as to who will be sitting in the Oval Office come January. Rather than tirelessly campaigning, the duo can finally have time to rest and America can take a break from election madness.

For Delaware, however, there are still some unanswered questions. With Vice President-elect Joe Biden measuring the drapes of the White House, the question becomes who will take his Senate seat, which he has occupied for the past 36 years.

Joseph Pika, a political science professor at the university, said the decision will be left up to Gov. Ruth Ann Minner, whose term will end in January.

"The governor has the authority to name a replacement who would serve until 2010, when there would be an election for a permanent member of the Senate who would serve out the final four years of the Senate term," Pika said.

As for the replacement, Delawareans began to question who would take the seat as soon as Obama announced Biden as his running mate in August

running mate in August.

"I think a lot of the speculation focuses on if Governor Minner would appoint someone who's interested in simply serving for two years and then not running in 2010, or if the governor would appoint someone who would run in two years," Pika said.

While numerous names have been

While numerous names have been thrown around, Pika mentioned Delaware Supreme Court Chief Justice Myron Steele and Secretary of State Harriet Smith Windsor as possible appointees to the role, both of whom would fit into the "only serving for two years" category.

Most of the buzz, however, is around Lt. Gov. John Carney, a Democrat who lost in the gubernatorial primary race to newly elected Gov. Jack Markell, and Joe Biden's son, Attorney General Beau Biden, who is currently serving in the National Guard.

There is also a scenario in which Minner could serve the duration of her term without making a decision, leaving the decision up to governor-elect Jack Markell in January Pika said

the decision up to governor-elect Jack Markell in January, Pika said.

"I don't think that Minner will wait," said Gary May, a history professor at the university. "There's a powerful prerogative that a governor has and she'll want to

Obama and Biden's victory marks the first time that a ticket with two sitting senators was elected since 1960, in which John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson were victorious.

May said the controversy that ensued in Massachusetts over Kennedy's senate seat resulted in Kennedy's senate seat being replaced by Benjamin Smith II.

"Basically, he was holding the seat for Ted Kennedy, who wasn't 30 yet, which is the minimum age for the Senate," May said.

Ted Kennedy ran in 1962 and was elected over George Lodge, despite thoughts that his victory had much to do with his family legacy.

with his family legacy.

"It was bitter because Kennedy had a very thin resume and Lodge said that if his name was Edward Moore instead of Edward Moore Kennedy, it would be ridiculous," May said.

The question remains if Minner's appointment will cause similar controversy, especially if she chooses Beau to take the seat.

"We don't have a whole lot of precedents," Pika said. "I think the expectation is that the governor will replace Biden with a member of his own party."

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If that is the case, the decision will likely come down to Beau Biden and Carney. However, the appointment has not always stayed consistent with the party. Johnson was elected as vice president in 1960, leaving his seat up for grabs.

"In Johnson's case, there was a special election and Rep. John Tower, a Republican, was elected," May said. "So there was a change there."



Jack Markell wins race for governor

BY JOSH SHANNON

State Treasurer Jack Markell was elected governor yesterday, keeping the seat in Democratic hands for four more

Markell defeated Republican Bill Lee 67.5 percent to 32.0 percent in an election that saw a 68 percent turnout.

Markell, who was first elected State Treasurer in 1998, narrowly beat Lt. Gov. John Carney in a hard-fought gubernatorial primary election in September.

Lee is a retired Superior Court judge

who became known statewide while presiding over the Tom Capano murder trial in 1998. He also ran for governor unsuccessfully in 2004.

Markell, a Newark native, will replace two-term Democratic governor Ruth Ann Minner, who could not run for a third term.

Markell ran on a platform that included bringing new jobs to Delaware, increasing alternative energy use in the state and making health care available to all Delawareans

He advocates using Delaware's strengths - low corporate taxes and policies favorable to business - to bring new industries to the state.

We need a new direction that fosters entrepreneurialism, helps grow small businesses and doesn't leave minority and creates thousands and thousands of good jobs," Markell stated in an e-mail message. "Right now, too many college graduates cannot find a well-paying job in Delaware, and that must change

His platform called for investing in alternative energy, such as solar power and the wind farm that is planned for off the Delaware coast. He also supports tax incentives for residents who invest in energy-efficient measures for their homes

According to his book "Blueprint for a Better Delaware," Markell would require those who can afford it to purchase minimum health care coverage and would use state funds to subsidize coverage for the

The plan could cost up to \$111 million, but much of that amount is already spent by hospitals to take care of the uninsured and is passed on in the form of higher premiums. He also proposes a 50-cent increase in the cigarette tax to help fund the

Paul Ruiz, president of the College Democrats, said Markell had strong student support and many university students volunteered for his campaign.

"His consistent message of change has resonated with our members," Ruiz said. That's what we want - someone who brings a unique and fresh perspective to

Democrat Matt Denn, currently the Insurance Commissioner, was elected lieutenant governor, defeating Republican state Sen. Charlie Copeland. In Delaware, the governor and lieutenant are elected sepa-rately, not together on a ticket.



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Jack Markell went to Newark High School, where he met his wife, Carla.

Jack Markell 67.5% Bill Lee 32.0%

Prof. loses district six race for state Senate

BY KAITLYN KILMETIS

Republican incumbent Sen. Sorenson claimed the sixth district state Senate seat, defeating university professor and Democrat John Mackenzie.

Sorenson claimed victory gaining 51.3 percent of votes, edging out Mackenzie by a mere 364 votes.

After learning of her win, Sorenson expressed excitement and a desire to continue with the work she was previously involved with during her past years in the state Senate.

"I was thrilled to win against a very strong, worthy oppo-nent, and I look forward to going down to Dover and continuing my work with children and families," Sorenson said.

Mackenzie, an environmental economics and natural resource management professor at the university for the past 23 years, centered his campaign around open government, strong schools, a cleaner environment and smart growth.

Sorenson, who has held the state Senate seat for the past 14 years, said she ran again because she believes her job remains unfinished.

"I am running because I care a great deal about the issues I'm involved in and there's lots more to be done," she said. "I think that I can still make a big difference so I wanted to run another time.

Sorenson identified her top priorities in office as open government, green energy, protecting the environment and early and K-12 education.

She said she was confident this year could provide her the chance to make a greater difference in these areas

"I think that we can make it happen this year, and I am consistently working for those things," Sorenson said.

She said she believes she is better qualified for this position due to her vast wealth of experience.

I've been in the position," Sorenson said. "I have seniority in the leadership and folks in leadership have more power and sometimes you get more done than a firstyear legislator would have any chance getting done in leadership.'

She said with the economic state of the country, an understanding of the practices of the past may ease the process of addressing economic woes in the local community.

"The economy is a huge challenge," Sorenson said. "We're going to have a deficit again, which means we're going to have to make even more cuts in state spending. Last time we were able to make cuts without cutting teachers, without cutting Medicaid and without cutting state employees. This time around we might have to do a top to bottom review of state government.'

She said she thinks her prior experience

in the position with help her constituents through a difficult time in our nation.

"I know the system," Sorenson said. "I've served on the Finance Committee for six years and this is going to be a tough year for money and budgets but I think I can hit the ground running to address those issues."

She said she is already looking into a

number of options for replacing the jobs that will be lost with the closing of the Newark Chrysler plant later this year, including working with the New Castle Chamber of Commerce and the university.

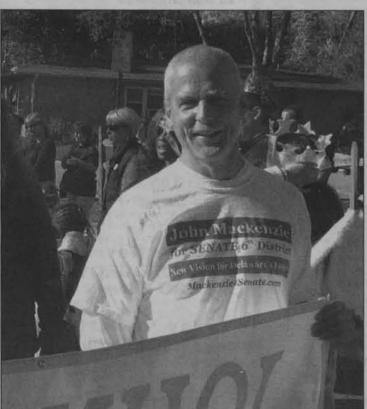
"We've got a perfect location for get-ting more high-tech jobs, more green energy jobs and more biotech jobs," Sorenson said. "I don't think the state has done a good enough job and we need to do a better job."

In terms of issues affecting the campus directly, Sorenson said she also plans to help fight crime on and off campus by encouraging increased communication between the difference police departments

in the Newark area.
"We need better coordination between all the different police stations," she said. "In the city of Newark you have university Police, Newark Police, County Police and the State Police. They need to coordinate to really reduce the spike in crime we had this

Sorenson said all the changes she plans to make to enhance the Newark community will be positive changes for students since they are community members.

'Anything we can do to make Newark and Delaware a better place to live, in terms of traffic congestion, in terms of more open space parks and so forth, I think will be good for everyone," she said.



John Mackenzie, a professor at the university for 23 years, lost the race for state Senate to Liane Sorenson.

Nader speaks on Delaware campus before Election Day

BY ANDREA RAMSAY

The university was host to yet another political hopeful when Ralph Nader, who ran as an independent candidate for president, addressed students and community members in Clayton Hall Conference Center on Monday

Unlike future Vice President Joe Biden's rally on Friday, however, Nader's hour-long speech was issue-heavy, delving deeply into healthcare, renewable energy, the economy and, above all, the influence of corporate-interest in Washington.

"We've lost our government," Nader said. "And when we've lost our government we've ost our democracy. Corporations are standing supremacists over the civic and spiritual values of the American people.'

Aaron Brewster, a University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire student who organized the speech at the university, said he joined the Nader-Gonzales campaign because of the need for third-party politics in the United States.

"It's important to realize there are more than two view points," Brewster said. "We need to do something about this two-party

Nader, who said his platform better repre-sents the real issues of American citizens, blames the two parties for not allowing a third political force in elections.

"We're shut out," he said. "If you're not in the debates, you don't reach tens of millions of people. And who controls the debates? Our two competitors — the Republican and Democratic parties, Obama and McCain who don't want anyone else on that big stage."

Matt Zewisky, a field organizer who has worked with Nader for seven years, empha-sized the impact of including a third candidate on the nationally televised debates.
"Imagine if Ralph, with the largest and

most storied legislative record, was on those debates," Zewisky said. "I'm sure most of you would want him on there."

He noted Nader's 1965 book Unsafe at

Any Speed, which successfully exposed the lack of safety measures taken by General Motors, as an early example of his extensive legislative work.

Nader opened his speech by pointing out the closing of the Chrysler plant as an example of corporate power devastating jobs even here in Newark. He said Chrysler is one of many companies that oppose fuel efficiency standards in Washington that would have Korean and European auto

Nader said promoting more domestic fuel-efficient vehicles, as well as lighting, air conditioning and heating, is the fastest way to energy independence. He also said the country needs to move quickly to readily available wind power, green architecture and, eventually, geothermal energy.

"The issue is not technological," he said.

The issue is who is going to have the power in Washington. There are over 535 men and women in Congress who put their shoes on every day like you and I, but are influenced by 1,500 corporations who, last I remember, don't have a single vote."

Nader said he is strongly opposed to the \$700 billion bailout, referring to it as "taxation without representation" by Wall Street crooks,

and is in favor of public works programs extending unemployment compensation to help the country through the current financial crisis.

The Nader campaign refers to Vice Presidentelect Joe Biden as the "MasterCard Senator" who is a champion of the credit card industry, he

"We've really had it up to here with Biden try-ing to get the break for consumers who use their credit cards," Nader said. He said his opposition toward Biden plays a part



made them more competitive with the Japanese, Ralph Nader discussed the need for third-party candidates when he spoke Monday.

in his campaign's decision to visit Delaware the night before election day, although he refuses to play Red state-Blue state and emphasizes the importance of each state. Despite the relative lack of media atten-

tion for Nader-Gonzales, they did not slow their efforts. Nader said he campaigned in Massachusetts last week to set the Guinness World Record for most campaign speeches in one day with 21 events, all in independent towns, within 16 hours.

One of his reasons for continuing to campaign, Nader said, is to bring young people into clean politics, promoting organizational skills and the desire to run for office.

'It is in your 20s that you're going to pioneer," he said, addressing the students present for his speech. "You're going to decide what kind of impact you're going to have on this world and this country of yours

He emphasized his need for the youth vote in what he refers to as a social justice movement to end the two-party political system — one that has been impossible to break due to laws that have been passed by Republicans and Democrats that make it difficult for Independents to gain the support they need.

In 2008, Nader was only on the ballot in 45 states, the most of any of his three presidential campaigns, Zewisky said.

"That is why we have to break this twoparty dictatorship that has turned its back again and again on the American people while their candidates sweet-talk them before November 4, then forget them after," Nader said.



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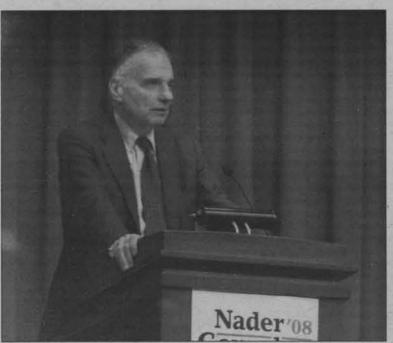
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This was Nader's third time running for president.



Nursing professor wins state Senate seat

BY JOSH SHANNON

university professor was elected to the state senate Tuesday after six years of serving in the state

Democrat Bethany Hall-Long defeated Republican Jim Weldin 64.9 percent to 35.1 percent to succeed Republican incumbent Steve Amick, who is retiring after 14 years as the 10th District state senator. District 10 includes southern Newark and Glasgow.

Hall-Long has taught in the university's School of Nursing since 1996 and works as an associate policy scientist for the College of Human Services, Education and Public Policy.

She said serving in the state senate will allow her to continue the

work she began in the state house.
"It will allow me to really further do further work for our state,"
Hall-Long said. "Particularly now, people need an independent voice, someone who is a working mom and a professor, who understands the issues in these tough economic

She said one of her priorities is to work with the next governor to help bring new jobs to the Chrysler site in Newark, which is closing at the end of the year.

"There's a lot of opportunity for small business entrepreneurship," she said.

Some possibilities she would like to see take over the site include companies that manufacture electric cars or hydrogen fuel cells or other biotech partnerships.

Hall-Long said another prob-lem she will deal with is the influx of crime in Newark.

"I have a very strong record of public safety." she said. "This year, I've worked on both physical crimes and drug crimes."

She said she has worked with

police to increase public awareness and helped get more funding for

Hall-Long also enacted a law shutting down Internet pharmacies.

"These were bad pharmacies where our children and even adults were purchasing illicit drugs over the internet," she said.

Hall-Long said she also has helped make college affordable by sponsoring the SEED program, which provided any high school student who qualifies with free tuition to receive an associate's tuition to receive an associate's degree at any Delaware school.

Weldin, a newcomer to politics, is a retired Newark Police officer and the owner of a homeland security consulting firm.



Courtesy of University of Delaware/Duane Perry

As a senator, professor Bethany Hall-Long, center, wants to bring jobs to the Chrysler site in Newark.



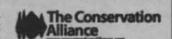


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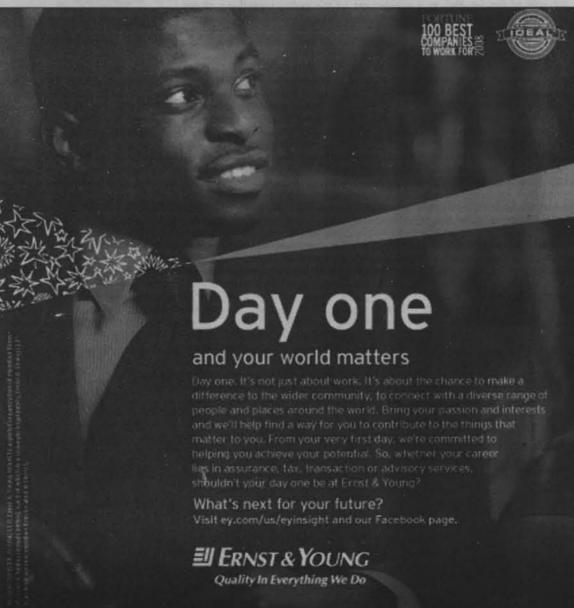




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Young people dictate election

Students and professors inspired to get involved

Say goodbye to the politically apathetic reputation the university has held in the past. Throughout this historic election, students have proven that young people have a voice and they want it heard.

Many of them are dissatisfied

Many of them are dissatisfied with the way the current administration has been running the country. Most college students were too young to vote in the last election and now have a chance to voice their opinions and make a contribution to the future of America.

Unlike previous elections where the only choices were middle-aged white men from similar backgrounds, this election offered voters a diverse group of candidates and ideas. This is the first time in history that a woman and a black man have been on either side of the presidential tickets and regardless of where voters' political affiliations lie, this is a great moment for American progress.

moment for American progress.

With the state of the economy, the general disapproval of the War in Iraq and countless other issues, students now have the ability to greatly impact this nation, and have taken steps to do so on this campus.

Vice President-elect Joe Biden's visit to the university Friday brought out a level of political excitement and energy that is rarely seen on this campus. Not only political RSOs and professors, but students of all backgrounds and interest levels attended the rally to hear the alumnus speak. Students were up as early as 5 a.m. waiting until the gates opened to get the best seats and help set up for the event.

The College Democrats and

College Republicans should both be commended on their involvement both during the rally and throughout the semester for staying informed and enthusiastic about the election from both sides. The Democrats helped gather volunteers and rally supporters while the Republicans respectfully protested the event and supported their own candidate. It was exactly what a college campus should be—openness and expression of differing opinions while still having respect for the other side.

The rally for Biden not only

The rally for Biden not only brought enthusiasm and political awareness to campus, but also put the university on a national stage. CNN, MTV and various other news outlets were in attendance to report on the the vice president-elect speech and gauge the reaction from the university. Along with both parties' campaign managers and Biden having university

ties, the rally is just another outlet to showcase the university's contribution to the election.

Aside from the rally, professors and students have been doing their part to encourage an interest in the campaigns. Professors from various departments have offered their expertise on various issues and have held panel discussions where students were able to ask questions and formulate opinions on the candidates' major policies.

There is even a political science class offered this semester on the election to educate students and get them interested and involved. Professors of every subject have constantly reminded their students to vote, no matter which candidate they support. Even more importantly, the university canceled all classes on Election Day to give each student a chance to get to the polls, something many schools didn't do. Giving students and professors every opportunity to vote was a good step in becoming a more politically aware campus.

Students also did their part to hold and attend events that informed about the different candidates. Watching the presidential debates on the Green, holding a mock debate and sponsoring lectures brought students and RSOs together and unified the campus, if not through personal beliefs then through the need for involvement.

As a part of the "Election Central" program sponsored by the departments of political science and international relations, communication and English and the Center for Environmental Policy, hundreds of university students, professors and Delaware residents gathered in Trabant University Center to watch the election results on various computers and bigscreen TVs. Professors were also on hand to analyze and discuss results with attendees.

This is another prime example of how all members of the university and Delaware communities have worked together to educate themselves and others, get involved and make a conscious effort to openly participate in the election process.

This election has given Americans a new sense of passion for their country and as a result, the polls saw a record turnout. But this vigor shouldn't wane now that the election has ended. People should continue to stay involved in current events and world issues so come 2012, Americans will be able to make another informed decision and more records can be broken.

Shrub Toons



"Waiting for freedom."

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Pat Maguire

Election of Barack Obama is good for America's future

Let me be frank. America has made the right decision in its pick for President of the United States. Not only is Barack Obama the candidate of change, but he is also the candidate of intelligence, confidence and reason. His campaign was run thoughtfully and with a cool hand, tapping into America's greatest hopes while staying in touch with the everyday needs and issues of average citizens. His presidency will be no different.

He certainly has his work cut out for him and some may even say the odds are against him. The economy is in the worst state since the Great Depression. We find ourselves immersed in not one, but two unpopular wars. Millions of Americans are struggling to afford everyday needs, let alone overpriced health care. And in an age of global terrorism, the safety and security of every American is never completely guaranteed

But weren't the odds against him when he announced his candidacy? A black man or woman has never become president, and it is only fitting that the first would have to overcome so many obstacles both in his campaign



The Full Flak

James Adams Smith

John McCain would have made a

better president than Obama During the Democratic primary, Sen. Hillary Clinton broadcast her effective "3 a.m. phone call" advertisement raising serious concerns about President-elect Barack Obama's readiness to make foreign policy decisions without guidance from advisers. Vice President-elect Joe Biden echoed these concerns in several nationally televised primary debates stating unequivocally that Obama was not qualified to be president. Suddenly, when faced with pre-convention party disunity, both announced support for Obama.

Changing one's word is not change we can believe in. Change can be a bad thing, as we are likely to discover in an Obama administration.

As a believer in smaller government, I consider the probable massive increase of the federal government in the next four years an alarming prospect. Beyond Obama's lack of executive experience concealed beneath glib public orating, the idea of this political neophyte issuing executive orders from the Oval Office, while sending costly social program schemes to a left-leaning Capitol Hill, is trou-

bling.
With a rubber-stamp Democrat majority in Congress, President-elect Obama will be free to dismiss campaign promises. Emergency measures will be enacted to justify lowering the ecoand in his life. Defeating front-runner Sen. Hillary Clinton in the primaries was no easy task, especially when faced with explaining a connection to a loud-mouthed man whom Obama called his minister. He also had to deal with his opponents labeling him as a socialist and alleging he had connections to domestic

It's difficult for any candidate to overcome the attacks from the far right. Just look at John Kerry in 2004 or Michael Dukakis in 1988, let alone a black man with the unusual name, Barack Hussein Obama.

His triumph doesn't just show that he is a strong man or an avid campaigner. It shows that he has what it takes to withstand the challenges

of the presidency.

And the results show that America is ready for him as well. People are tired of Pres. Bush's policies and what the country has become during the past eight years. The idea of "change' isn't just campaign rhetoric to inspire voters. It is something that America and the world desperately need. The state of the nation can't get much worse. Obama's policies and promises will lead America in the right direction.

Rather than trickle-down eco-

nomic policies, an idea made popular by R o n a l d

Regan

used by President Bush in which tax breaks are given to the rich in hopes that wealth and prosperity will eventually reach the lower classes, Obama is cutting taxes for the middle class, a group who could actually use the extra money.
Families hit hardest by the economic crisis will be given a break and, slowly, Americans will climb their way out of the economic ditch in which they now find themselves.

Obama will also work to make health care more affordable by providing a national health insurance program for those in need of it. By not mandating health care and making an affordable alternative at the same time, Obama found middle ground on the issue, a step in the right direction if Americans are going to work together to solve important issues

We also get the pleasure of seeing a different approach to America's foreign policy and national security issues. Rather than wasting important military resources in an unwinnable and unpopular War in Iraq, Obama will slowly

withdraw while redirecting resources to fight terrorism, particularly in Afghanistan.

As college students, we can all look for-ward to a brighter future. We can expect signif-

icant tax breaks when we graduate. We can expect not

behind

worry about our friends and family being shipped off to Iraq. We can expect to feel comfortable knowing there is a cool hand in the White House over the next four years as we find jobs and places to live and start to settle

McCain and the Republicans have consistently tried to use Obama's lack of experience reason why he isn't qualified to be

President.

Well, that's true. Obama is lacking in experience, and he hasn't been there for the past eight years when George W. Bush reigned. McCain, however, was. And he voted with Bush 90 percent of the time.

While McCain is a great American and his service should be honored, he does not provide the type of leadership that America is desperately in need of at this crucial time. His beliefs

ately in need of at this crucial time. His beliefs and positions on issues simply correlate with the failed policies of Pres. Bush. For that simple reason, it is McCain who isn't qualified to be president.

Obama, on the other hand, is as qualified as he is inspirational. And this time, America has seen beyond the fear and the attacks. We have elected the right person. And, for the first time in eight years, we know we are being led in the right direction.

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Head to Head: Now that it's over, looking toward the future — the good and the bad nomic

boom on almost all taxpayers as the cost of new programs exceeds

current tax revenues. Changing his promises will become routine as he rapidly unveils his true agenda. The government can't increase spending without increasing taxes. And, increased spending of public funds on social entitlement programs is exactly what an Obama

administration will require.

Don't believe it? Think back to the Community Reinvestment Act, which forced banks and loaners to give mortgages to those with faulty credit. This privatized the secondary mortgage market Fannie Mae, and worked to break a monopoly by creating another priva-tized corporation Freddie Mac. Now, the gov-ernment has seized both of these corporations in the largest government intervention since the Great Depression.

Before the subprime mortgage crisis, the Democrats voted for deregulation of the act, while Sen. John McCain implored its oversight and strict regulation. The Congressional Black caucus and the social activist group Acorn were primary advocates of deregulation. Ironically, Obama blamed McCain for lacking common sense in his views on regulation. Obama then borrowed more than \$126,000 from Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac — the second highest

S e Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., chairman of the Senate Banking Committee. The Obama presidency will only continue this inequitable legacy of progressivism.

In the midst of a global financial crisis, immediate and expensive health care promises to nearly 40 million uninsured Americans is simply irresponsible. Obama has also indicated sympathy for the estimated 12 million illegal aliens without health care. The burden on the American taxpayer to cover illegal immigrants is truly mind-boggling, requiring a radical restructuring of American culture and values.

Providing Congressional-level coverage at bargain premium rates for those without current coverage is an offense to every American taxpayer who works hard to pay premiums of less generous employer-sponsored programs.

And the nation's defense budget has always been another target for liberals who think that military budgets and national security are secondary to social services and entitle-ment programs. Perceived as a "peace divi-dend," proceeds from Defense Department budget cuts almost always require significant reductions in troop strength, research and development, base maintenance and strategic

preparedness. In today's world of constant terrorist threats, nuclear proliferation and the danger of the rapidly increasing Chinese military budgets, American security cannot afford a liberal

budget axe.
When Obama plants his social money tree outside the Pentagon, you can bet enemies abroad will raise a toast to change and hope. Making allies abroad should not require America to retreat from its position as a world leader militarily or economically. The world does not become less hostile or dangerous with capitulation or retreat.

Of course, what is missing from the above the burden of all presidents - unexpected domestic and international crises. Biden warned the country that President-elect Obama would absolutely be tested within the first six months of his presidency. We do not have the luxury of ignoring national security and global responsibilities to pander to electoral bases. In fact, our global economy is in many ways in the hands of others as we discovered last summer when oil prices skyrocketed, creating disaster in the American economy.

It is no longer enough to be a partisan Democrat or Republican. World events demand that our president have the experience and wis-

dom to form good judgment under pressure. Clearly, Obama lacks the experience and wisdom that come from making tough decisions. This places America in jeopardy in the immediate future.

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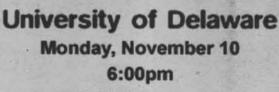
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The anticipation ends in a day of celebration

BY SARAH HUBBS

Staff Reporter

Because of Tuesday's presidential election, classes were suspended and students had reason to

Senior Matt Katz says he and his roommates hosted an election party Monday night. The party had an America theme, requiring all guests to dress up like one of the candidates

"We decided to have our party the night before because so many people are going home on Election Day and would not be able to attend," Katz

As of Monday, Katz hadn't heard of any other parties, but he and his roommates decided to throw one because it's an important election and students have the day off. Despite throwing the party the night before, he says many people still weren't able to go because they had to wake up to go home and vote the next morning

On Election Day, Katz followed the news for election results since he already voted using an absen-

While a select few planned parties to celebrate the election, some students spent a lazy day off from school voting and

watching the election results.

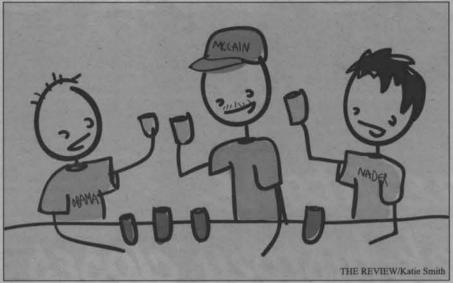
Junior John Pezzullo says he spent election evening at Trabant University Center interviewing students and professors for their reactions to the election for the WVUD news team.

"I spent most of the day looking at various state polls and different Electoral College scenarios," Pezzullo says. He says he voted for Sen. John McCain, but didn't have

high expectations
"I think it's next to impossible for any Republican to win in this political climate," Pezzullo says, "plus Obama has run" an extraordinary campaign."

He didn't hear of any parties planned for Election Day, but there are always some people who are looking for an excuse to

party, he says.
"People drinking on Election Day definitely shows apa-



ance of their ads on a show-by-show basis.

He doesn't think Election Day is a day of celebration, but rather about the people deciding the direction of the country. Some people may celebrate if their candidate wins, which would show less apathy if that's the real reason they are party-

Sophomore Dennis Appel says he and his friends voted and celebrated Tuesday. While he already sent in his absentee ballot, most of his friends went home to vote, but returned that

night.
"I haven't heard of any specific parties planned, but since there are no classes, there are most likely going to be parties," Appel says.

He says students party on Election Day for two reasons. If students are partying for fun, it's because there are no classes. If they're just having a group of people over to watch the election results, it's because the election is interesting to follow and historically important, he says.

Appel says people may see college students as apathetic if they are partying on Election Day, but most students he knows voted in person or sent in their absentee ballots.

"My friends and I just had a small group

over to sit around and watch the results," he says.
Senior Stephanie Wiegand voted through an absentee ballot and helped her roommate and several friends get their absentee ballots, too.

"I'm really big on having everyone vote, especially people our age," Wiegand says.

She hadn't really thought about her plans on

Tuesday night, but says she would most likely be glued to her TV and CNN for the results.

"I haven't really heard of any themed par-

ties, but that could be an interesting idea to pursue," Wiegand says. "It could be like Halloween, but political."

She says students aren't really celebrating because of the election itself, but more because it's

a holiday.

"What student really finds a significant reason to celebrate and party?" Wiegand says.

She says she disagrees with the idea that the university is

more apathetic than other campuses. Instead, she says there is an overall apathy among the college age group.

"It's really unfortunate because college students are get-

ting ready to enter into the real world of employment, renting apartments and the like," she says. "Students should really be concerned with who is making decisions for us since they will be affecting us from now until retirement or later."

Philosophy professor Chris Largent says he doesn't believe in apathy, and feels it's just an excuse for bad teaching. He says most college students are either concerned with the future or terrified, but not apathetic.

"It is common for society at large to celebrate during Election Day like students," Largent says. "Some people overdo the celebration and just use it as an excuse to party, and others use the celebration as an opportunity to express their ideals."

TV's new color: campaign ads in red and blue

BY ADAM TZANIS

Nielsen IAG, Nielsen

advertisers understand the actual perform-

Media's research group,

provides a tool that helps

According to its Web site, ad performance is a data service that reflects the business needs The use of TV has come a long way in presidential campaigns since the first televised debate in 1960. Now, politiadvertisers. Nielsen's study explores whether or not ads cal campaigns aren't just interare effective against ested in what message to bring actual real-life target to the people, but they're paying attention to what and idenviewers are already tify the shows a n d watching, according to Nielsen show genres that deliver the Media s t u d y . This idea best performance. David Kaplan, senior v i c e allows campaigns to figure out on what network and at what time to air their advertisements. In the TV rating company's researchers study. asked self-described Democrats and Republicans how much they remembered about the shows they watched the night before. The results were used to base where most political ads from a certain side are placed.

president of Nielsen IAG, took part in adminstering the study. He says the company was looking to see how closely viewers were watching each program.
"We interviewed tens of thousands of

viewers each month about their attentiveness to television programming," Kaplan says. "The study tells you how attentively people were watching the content and shows which programs had the highest engagement

The study notes the highest rating shows for Republicans and Democrats on major TV stations. On Comedy Central, the show of highest engagement for Republicans is "South Park." On the other hand, "The Colbert Report," a satirical comedy, brought in the most Democrat viewers. On VH1, the highest rated shows for Republicans' and Democrats respectively were "Rock of Love with Bret Michaels" and "I Love New

THE REVIEW/Katie Smith

On The Discovery Channel, "The Deadliest Catch," based in the red state of Alaska, was No. 1 with Democrats. In contrast, the show "Cash Cab," based in the blue state of New York, scored highest with Republicans. Kaplan says both political sides might be paying attention to what the other is doing.

Not all shows and networks were necessarily split in partisanship viewers, however. Kaplan says shows on several networks garnered equal attention from both parties' viewers.

This holds true for MTV's "The Hills," TNT's "Saving Grace," USA's

"In Plain Sight," and The Food Network's "The Next Food Network Star." These shows are rated with the highest balanced engagement for both Democrats and Republicans.

Kaplan says the information gained from this study helps political campaigns target viewers and decide where they will place ads.

"They take into account the demographics of that network," he says, "as well as the expectation of how the message will resonate with that group.

Assistant professor of communication Danna Young has experience with political media effects. She says candidates target spe-cific demographics by airing their political ads on certain networks.

"Niche marketing is the only way to make wise use of media buys," Young says. "Technology is such that the demographic tar-

geting is hyper-specific and narrow."

She says ads are placed based on facts about the type of people who are tuning in. Strategists use this information to decide where certain ads will air.

"Ad buys are based on data, not on preconceived notions or assumptions about what viewers might be like," Young says. "Details of age, occupation, income, party alignment or the kind of car you drive are used to place ads in the most advantageous places."

Sophomore Sara Trinker is one of many people who pay attention to a candidate's atti-

tude displayed in an ad. She says some types of ads may have more of an effect than others.

"If an ad contains mudslinging, I'm less likely to support that person," Trinker says.
"A candidate should rely on his or her own assets and should not resort to insulting the other party.



A snapshot of presidential history

Associated Press photo exhibit visits Trabant through Nov. 14

BY NATALIE JOHNSON

After months of political information streaming in from the television, radio and other media sources, "The American President" exhibit on display at Trabant University Center offers up something timeless that serves to remind students of the presidential past and lead them to think about its future. The collection of presidential photography is on display Oct. 24 to Nov. 14 in the midst of election time.

Paul Coleford, the Associated Press director of media relations, says the university took the offer from the AP to display the presidential exhibit. It contains photographs of U.S. presidents throughout history, along with a video originally

shown at the AP's annual meeting last spring, which President-elect Barack Obama and Sen. John McCain both attended. "The video was designed to be a conversation starter," Coleford says. "It includes commentary from Tom Brokaw of NBC News and amplifies themes.

The display represents all four Pulitzer Prize winners for photo coverage, according to a flyer available at the exhibit. The flyer also states that the AP has 10 million photos, negatives and images dating back more than 100 years, making it one of the world's largest collections of historical and contem-

porary imagery.

The AP, which Coleford says was established in 1846, provides news, photographs and video to more than 1,500 newspapers and hundreds of Web sites across the country.

The AP photographers on the White House beat find distinguishing photographs of the presidency, he says, which is a

tall order that requires daily meetings.
"It is a challenge to whittle down photographs," Coleford

The exhibit has been traveling since spring and has visited several museums and schools. He says university students are receptive to the display and believes young people in par-

ticular get a rush from seeing it.

"It illuminates the presidency by showing a mixture of photographs of the presidents at work, play and times of crisis," Coleford says.

He says there are plenty of people who believe still photography has a power all its own. The images include various moments in time, from former President Ronald Reagan looking up as he heard the sound of gunfire during an assassination attempt to former President Harry S. Truman holding up an edition of the *Chicago Daily Tribune*, which mistakenly reported New York Gov. Thomas E. Dewey had beaten him. There are also recent images, such as one of Sen. Hillary Clinton and Obama react-

ing to applause before a debate.
"Putting Barack and Hillary in the same frame always sells," says Tristan Spinski, adjunct professor of journal-

Spinski, who teaches a class in tojournalism — Topics in photojournalism — Topics in Journalism: Visual Storytelling (ENGL - addresses how photographers go about capturing a great image while he views the display.

"You're always looking for a reaction and a moment," he says.
"Photographers shoot around and document the reaction because it illustrates the country's attention.'

David Hollaway of Getty Images, a guest lecturer in Spinski's class, also comments on the display.

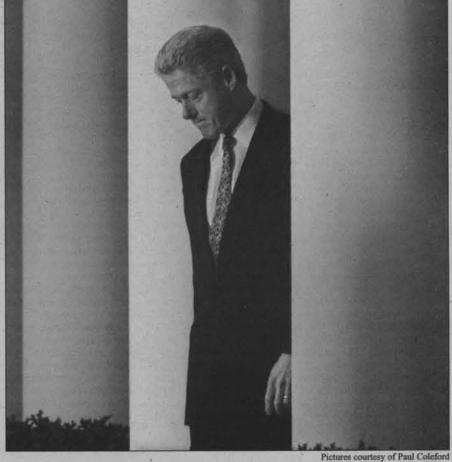
'We are able to see the presidents as people and take a personal look into their lives," Hollaway says, while viewing a picture of former President Herbert Hoover fishing.

He says the photos give life to var-ious aspects of their personalities. Spinksi says the image of McCain with

'The thumbs signify everything is fine," he says.

He says it would be nearly impossible to find an image of Obama making the same gesture. Spinski says photography is also all about capturing an in-between moment with no real rel-evancy. While commenting on the image of former President Bill Clinton walking to the podium to apologize for his affair with Monica Lewinsky, Spinksi suggests Clinton is probably just looking down to watch his step. He says photographers focus on something they can fit into the context of the story, and in this case the downward look is perfect to portray the shame Clinton feels.

There are also subtleties. The observant viewer may notice Clinton's ring just peeking out in the picture. Hollaway says it's probably something captured on accident that the photog-



his two thumbs up is portraying him in The exhibit captures former President Bill Clinton as he walks to a podium to make a statement about an impeachment inquiry.

rapher noticed later on, but it conveys a message to viewers. "Just the use of body language ties into the story,"

The image of former President John F. Kennedy as he makes his way through the sea of supporters and journalists to get to the Democratic National Convention tells of an enormous amount of energy and anticipation.
"Up until now, this is the last time America was this excit-

ed about a person leading us," Spinski says

Spinski realizes students were not alive long enough to remember many of the presidents displayed at the exhibit, but with the election having arrived, everyone can share the

"This is our history," he says.



An exhibit photo features former President Harry S. Truman playing the piano.



Another photo shows former President John F. Kennedy at the Dem. National Convention.

Missing: real substance

"Changeling"
Imagine Entertainment
Rating: AA (out of AAAA)

As both an actor and director, Clint
Eastwood is an American icon. From his
Academy Award-winning "Million Dollar
Baby" to his observational war films "Letters" From Iwo Jima" and "Flags of Our Fathers," Eastwood has found his directorial voice after making 33 films.

Like his other movies, his latest effort "Changeling" aims to please. But rather than innovating or exploring universal themes, the film stoops to fit a tiresome routine.

While it tugs a number of emotional strings, the film becomes forced, strenuous and, at times, hard to believe

Screenwriter J. Michael Straczynsk ("Babylon 5") sloppily tried to merge two dissimilar plots, resulting in a messy collage that neither fits nor gratifies.

The main story begins in 1928 in Los Angeles with Christine Collins (Angelina Jolie), who returns from work one day to find her son is missing. She naturally reports the incident to the unstirred Los Angeles Police Department, who can't start her case until 24 hours after the disappearance. The police call Christine weeks later saying they found her son - their reunion, of course, can't be cheery, especially since it's not her son. There are enough clues to reveal further perplexity, as Christine spirals into a hushed world of domineering men in search of

In addition to the complex story of Christine, a separate story unfolds of a detective (Michael Kelly) searching for a child, who, after being found, tells of a grisly set of

stories are based on events in the 1920s, their combined telling is superfluous. If it weren't for the bits of truth woven into the script, the story would be voided as a bogus fantasy.

Jolie as a courtemother seems unsuitable in comparison to her usual portrayal of a vigorous, powerful woman. The period sets and costumes are ritzy but clutter the screen and eclipse Jolie's mobili-

ty. Her abilities seem limited in the role, but she adequately transcends the behavioral boundaries, winking obviously at the Oscars.

Eastwood is known for lengthy dramas, which allow time to peer into the lives of complex characters. In the 150-plus minutes of "Changeling," the jumble of ornamenta-tion clouds the character study. The film begins enthusiastically, but stretches out into a limitless expanse of time, growing tedious

and boring.

"Changeling" — unlike most of Eastwood's work — seems compulsory. It hunches down like a cute dog, begging for scraps of sympathy. The problem is few, including the Academy, are even paying

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Still fun the morning after

"Zack and Miri Make a Porno"

The Weinstein Company Rating: かか 1/2 (out of かかか) Like sex, "Zack and

Miri Make a Porno" can be enjoyable and awkward, pleasurable and uncomfortable. But, also like sex, the hype for this movie outweighed the actual delivery.

Scandal struck the

film, as trailers airing during prime-time were seen as too explicit for younger viewers. In short, parents didn't want to explain what

a "porno" was to their sons and daughters. The truth about the movie, though, is that aside from some nude scenes and a few F-bombs here and there, it's a heart-warming story about finding love in both familiar and unfamiliar places.

Zack (Seth Rogen) and Miri (Elizabeth Banks) have been friends since grade school, and live together in their native city of Pittsburgh. When times fall tough and the bills pile high, the two turn to pornography as a means of solving their financial crisis.

Director and writer Kevin Smith uses his resources well, and Rogen plays his quintessential slacker role with the same hilarity as his previous three characters. A longtime accessory of Smith, Jason Mewes plays Lester, a perverted idiot who lands a role in Zack and Miri's production.

There are plenty of one-liners, but the majority of the humor comes from certain situations in which the film finds itself. Actor Justin Long's cameo as Brandon St. Randy, steals the early scenes in the movie, as his outbursts about his sexuality make those in the room uncomfortable and the movie theater playful.

The awkward tension between characters is what keeps the movie going. The whole premise requires two best friends to have sex with each other an uncomfortable situation in and of

The implausibility of the whole movie leaves the porno scenes seeming more silly than funny. While their venture into pornography is supposed to yield money, none ever appears. And when everyone's filming, one can't help but wonder what's going on out-side of Zack and Miri's little operation.

Ultimately, "Zack and Miri" is a look at friendship, sex and how the two coexist — if they can. Much in the same vein as Apatow movies, when one gets through the filth, there's a warm, heart-felt story underneath.

Between Smith's vision and Rogen's likeability, "Zack and Miri" ends up far from a flop. Rather, it's a graphy better about two friends.

quaint little story about two friends who decide to do it. How that decision plays out is captivating enough to warrant at least one screening.

— Ted Simmons, tsim@udel.edu

A success without the hits

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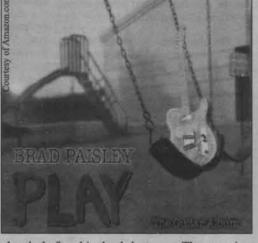
Rating: ネネネ 1/2 (out of ネネネネネ)
Brad Paisley's new album *Play* is as much an artistic statement as it is a collection of music. On his sixth album, Paisley is a seasoned veter-an by music industry standards, and he has accu-mulated enough collateral to take a substantial

Two-thirds of Paisley's album are completely instrumental, simply showing off his incredible guitar-playing abilities. Although he's widely regarded as one of the best guitar players on the country scene, his skills have never been demonstrated completely in the way that they are in Play. Paisley fuses a number of different guitar styles with a combination of hillbilly, bluegrass and rock.

Paisley's career until this point is marked with hits such as "Alcohol," "Ticks" and "Letter to Me," all of which show a unique ability to mix charisma, humor and nostalgia that connect with his listeners. Other past hits such as "Little Moments" and "We Danced" have tapped into the sentimentality of listeners in a way of which many artists could only dream.

Although Play has a different feel than his other albums, Paisley still stays true to his roots in many regards. "Start a Band," a duet with fellow superstar Keith Urban and Paisley's first single from the album, uses humorous lyrics in combination with his signature guitar licks. Paisley also flexes his vocal chords in a big way in a duet with B.B. King, titled "Let the Good Times Roll," a bluesy, guitar-filled song that one would expect of King.

Paisley also sings in the song "Come On In," a duet with Buck Owens that was recorded



shortly before his death last year. The song is a throwback to the old days of country in which bluegrass and the twang of the guitar were the most important elements of any studio cut.

The rest of Paisley's album may be short of lyrics, but is by no means short of Paisley's signature style. His guitar expresses the mood of each song and no track is anything less than entertaining. From slow, sentimental ballads to upbeat bluegrass tunes, the album brings the listener through a rollercoaster of emotions even with the absence of words.

Although *Play* is an artistic gem, it's lacking one or two sing-along songs — a key aspect to the modern day country album and something on which Paisley has never come up short. The artistic statement is orchestrated beautifully, but let's hope there are a few more lyrics on Paisley's next album.

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Ode to J. Smith Travis

Fontana Universal

Rating: かかか 1/2 (out of かかかかか)
Ode to J. Smith, the sixth album from the Scottish indie band Travis, is a classic example of a traditional sound meshed with some fresh, new energy. The pop group that hails from Glasgow, Scotland, whipped up its most recent collection of tunes in only five weeks, recording the album in a mere 14 days, according to its

Myspace page.

The band's new disc aims for a rebirth The band's new disc aims for a rebirth in its sound — a new, inspired direction with a refreshing energy showcased by the album's title track "J. Smith." The track is one of the more playful, creative songs on the CD. It mixes different sounds and transitions, including a bridge containing an eerie, droning chorale breakdown.

The album is a product of a relation-

ship formed between Travis and recording studio audio engineer Geoff Emerick, who worked closely with The Beatles. Ode to J. Smith blends Travis' classic, mellow crooning songs with some new up-tempo, uncharacteristic sounds, which show a whole new dimension of the 13-year-old

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The Renaissance Q-Tip Universal Motown Records Rating: अक्रेक्कि 1/2 (out of अक्रेक्किके

Q-Tip, one of the original Hip-hop lyricists, has finally returned to the music scene with *The Renaissance*. Q-

Tip hasn't released an album in almost 10 years, but he still has the recipe for a great one down to a science.

The consistent theme of the album is the different relationships between men and women. The song "Manwomanboogie" tackles this issue with guest appearance

from Amanda Diva. She sings, "Getting down is something between woman and man / One minute we're so far apart, then together we stand.

The title regards Tip's desire to

bring Hip-hop back to the lyrics of the past, and with lines like, "Corny rap style rappers lack the pedigree / Deep waters they be in, they just a manatee," it's clear that he's done his part.

The album gives the

The album gives the listener a pleasant break from the monotony of the music on the radio, but Tip's lyrical content may repel radio play as it attracts listeners.

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delaware UNdressed New tricks to treat



Alicia Gentile

Just like in the popular "Sex and the City" movie, sometimes you need to make sex a little more interesting. Perhaps your idea of spicing up your sex life is putting sushi all over your body like Samantha did in the film, or maybe you're a little more conventional, using handcuffs and vibrators. Whatever's appealing, sometimes it's necessary and other times it's

just plain fun to get creative when it comes to getting down.

My first thought when it comes to

My first thought when it comes to spicing up sex is doing it in mischievous places. I don't want to confuse mischievous places with public places. Having sex on the third floor of the library in a private study room is completely different from having sex on the second floor in front of 50 people. Who's watching is very important. The thrill of possibly being seen is definitely appealing while the thrill of being caught and arrested for indecent exposure is the opposite.

Sex is wonderful but after doing it for a long time with the same partner I can see how getting experimental could make it even more wonderful.

My second thought when it comes to spicing up love making is getting props involved. I have to admit to being very traditional when it comes to sex, but I do believe there's a way to make props tasteful. I'm not talking any dominatrix, crazy business with whips and chains — I'm referring to more simple props. Handcuffs could easily work or even the good-old Altoid trick — sucking on an Altoid

YOU think

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 What makes a relationship

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from high school last?

before oral sex. Sometimes it takes something as little as ice or silk to get things heated in the bedroom. When I think small, I think about the scene in "Varsity Blues" where Ali Larter's character covers herself in a whipped cream bathing suit. This seems like a sweet way to get edibles involved. Be as creative as possible with props.

Games are a great way to keep things frisky. I love a good challenge, and I love to win. Whether it's just running to a kinky store and getting the dice that have positions or places to kiss on them or starting up a simple round of truth or dare,

games add spice and can even give you a chance to share your fantasies or favorite things to do in the sack.

Costumes or role play can also add a huge amount of fun.

Pretending to be someone else while love making can be an adventure. If you have those fantasies, why not try and make them come true?

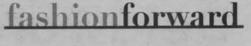
not try and make them come true?

Women wearing lingerie is a classic and tasteful way of heating things up. Sexy lingerie is easy to come by and sometimes putting on a pretty number is all it takes. Things will only get better from there. Plus, wearing a nice little ensemble can help add confidence, which is key when it comes to good

Lastly, watching erotic videos can definitely heat things up in your relationship. Whether it leaves you discussing things you'd like to try or perhaps just puts you in the mood to get busy, watching porn undoubtedly aids in raising the temperature of your relationship.

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A bland relationship can easily go from shot to hot—all it takes is a little bit of effort, a dash of comfort, a ton of confidence and some creativity. Maybe being a little more risqué will help put the fire back in the relationship.



The political price tag

Move over John McCain — your vice-presidential running mate seems to be overtaking the title of "maverick," and she's doing it in her new designer duds — except those duds cost the Republican Party \$150,000.

If there is anyone right now who does-n't seem to be affect-

ed by the credit crunch and downward-spiraling economy, it's Sarah Palin — or at least when it comes to her wardrobe.

Sabina Ellahi

When news broke that the Republican National Committee spent approximately \$150,000 on clothes, make-up and other accessories for Palin — roughly the equivalent of a private liberal arts college education or small home in Newark — nothing short of outrage sparked.

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And surprisingly, it wasn't the Democrats who were boo-hooing about the extravagant and supposed wasteful spending — especially since GOP members were lighting up the Dems about former presidential hopeful John Edwards' \$400 haircut. It was mainly from Republican supporters who donated to the campaign over the past year. Extremely understandable, since it's their money that is being spent on her designer shoes and suits. If I was them, I'd be enraged too.

Palin was catapulted into the spotlight overnight as she surfaced as the party's vice-presidential nominee. And sure, she has this image of being a plain hockey mom from middle-of-nowhere Alaska, so it makes sense to get some chic clothes to make her as presentable as possi-

But while the party thought it was boosting its image by redressing its championed feminine hero, it instead faced scrutiny for its lavish spending, and consequently — and arguably — put a dent in its poll standings.

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On the contrary, Michelle Obama was a guest on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" recently, and wore a classy yellow ensemble from J. Crew that cost a mere \$340 compared to Palin. She says she bought the outfit online, and that she shops for herself, according to The Associated Press. She looked quite fabulous for spending what seems to be pocket change in light of Palin's

shopping spree.

Besides the fact that the money came from the hands of Republican spenders, the thing that strikes me as odd about this wardrobe overhaul is the fact that McCain's campaign has constantly driven the image of Palin as the hockey mom and girl next door that understands the working class. Last time I checked, the working class does not drop \$75,062 at Neiman Marcus or \$49,425 at Saks Fifth Avenue, if they even shop there.

I'm not by any means voicing my own political concerns, but let this be a simple observation on how people view the importance of image and upkeep, especially for a female in the political spotlight. Surely, for women, her personal image is far more intricate to consistently sustain than a man's — but does it really have to cost that much, especially in light of the economic situation our nation faces at the time?

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It shouldn't cost Palin — or anyone for that matter — the value of a small home to maintain her appearance. I'm all for personal upkeep and dressing in a respective manner while in public, but this is just a tad bit ridiculous.

Palin and the Republican National Committee did promise, though, that the wardrobe will be donated to charity, now that the election is over. The details are a bit vague, but hey, I can deal with that.

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mediadarling Putting the tune on auto

Lil' Wayne may be a Martian, but he's not a robot. Neither is Kanye West or T-Pain, for that matter.

The three musicians sound like they're made of bolts and screws, as they are among recent artists to use the popular auto-tune device.

Like an audio airbrush, the Auto-Tune

Like an audio airbrush, the Auto-Tune is used to mask imperfections in pitch. It can be used sparingly, to help weaker singers, or for effect. The latter has given songs like Cher's "Believe" a futuristic and fresh tone, and most recently, T-Pain has used the device to create a trademark sound.

That sound can be heard all over his upcoming album, *Thr33 Ringz*, which hits stores Nov. 11. But with Pain supersaturating the market, and songs like his new single "Chopped & Screwed," it's easy to dismiss his trick as cheap or getting old. The argument is simple — if you're not good enough to sing on your own, then don't sing at all.

The Auto-Tune has touched voices other than singers, though, as rappers like Lil' Wayne, Snoop Dogg and West have all used it to alter their songs. And according to *The Boston Herald*, "Country stars Reba McIntyre, Faith Hill and Tim McGraw all have confessed to using Auto-Tune in performance." On the "Put On Remix," Jay-Z can even be heard telling his producer to "put a little T-Pain on my shit," before concluding he's fine to flow as is.

West in particular has taken a liking to the modulator, as he has declared his next release 808's & Heartbreak will feature the

Auto-Tune on every track. His first two singles, "Love Lockdown" and "Heartless," have been met with criticism rather than praise, as the Chitown MC isn't rapping so much as he's singing, and the use of Auto-Tune detracts from the authenticity of

the song. As someone who has been repeatedly discredited for his lvrical skills, it's no surprise that fire, under it's unfair to expect him bring straight raps like The Game. After all, West never claims to have street cred, and has a I w a y s approached his

music like an artist,

not a rapper. He's

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not a lyricist, he's a performer. He doesn't think in terms of how hard he can be, but rather how creative he can be. To make an album about heartbreak using Auto-Tune is a turn from the conventional 16 bars — possibly a turn in the wrong direction, but a turn nonetheless, and that deserves recognition.

Besides, artists like Prince and

Besides, artists like Prince and David Bowie both went through strange phases where they needed to switch things up. I see West's current point no differently. You can either enjoy or ignore what he's doing, but at the very least, appreciate his attempt to go out on a limb. Maybe an entire album is overkill, but I'm going to wait to see his whole vision before judgment is passed.

Whether the Auto-Tune is music's friend or foe remains to be seen. But try listening to T-Pain's "Digital" without feeling the urge to get up and dance. Or listen to Kanye's "Robocop," and see if you're not singing the chorus long after the song is over. The truth of the matter is that they evoke responses from their listeners, and when they team up on tracks like "Go Hard" or "Therapy," well, it's robot love-making music.

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Delaware: the sports battleground state

BY JORDAN ALLEN

The sound of cheering and shouting erupted from Grotto Pizza on Main Street wednesday night as the Phillies won their second World Series Championship, which has evaded them for 28 years.

Senior Beth Protokowish was at Grotto Pizza when the celebration began.

When the final strike happened, basically the whole bar went crazy," Protokowish says.

Champagne was being sprayed and music was being played when suddenly the TVs and music went off.

Adam Keim, the bar manager, says the restaurant blew a fuse as fans were celebrating the World Series victory.

"We were jam-packed until close, around 1 a.m.," Keim

He says as the biggest sports bar on Main Street, Grotto Pizza tends to draw a crowd.

"Everybody gets pretty pumped for the games," Keim says. This includes the employees. On Sundays they're permitted to wear their NFL team jerseys, while on Phillies game nights they don their Phillies gear. This adds to the atmosphere while

also bringing sports fans together, he says.
"We're all in the same family, rooting for the same thing,"

His employees don't paint their faces, but they do get into the games, he says, high-fiving and cheering along with the cus-

Keim says while there are other sports team fans who go to the bar, Grotto's tends to do very well when Philadelphia sports teams are on TV.

One reason why Philadelphia teams have such a following in Delaware is the fact that Philadelphia is in such close proxim-

Ian Franklin, a university alumnus from Wilmington, says most of New Castle County is usually Phillies territory because Philadelphia is close and it's an established sports town.

'Even if the teams aren't doing well, people are still rooting for them," Franklin says.

Alumnus Darren Mooney, of Newark, says people underestimate how closely Newark and Wilmington are tied to Philadelphia. Many Delaware residents have family in Philadelphia, himself included.

"You see your dad wearing his favorite jersey, and it

becomes your favorite," Mooney says

Andrew Klein, a sophomore from Wilmington, also says family helps shape younger members into Philadelphia sports team fans, because season ticketholders pass down their sports team to the next generation. He says Philadelphia teams are more popular in the area than neighboring Baltimore teams because the Philadelphia teams have been around for a longer period of time, and passing them down has become a tradition.

"If I drive down the street, I'm not going to see an Orioles flag or a Ravens flag," Klein says. "I've just never even thought of rooting for the Orioles."

Mooney says areas closer to and below the Delaware beaches tend to root for Maryland teams because they are nearer to Baltimore. The newspapers there cover more about Baltimore teams as osed to the northern Delaware area, where Philadelphia teams are the primary sports feature.

Klein, who has attended many Phillies and Orioles games, prefers the atmosphere of the Phillies games. He describes them as two completely different environments. Phillies fans seem to hang on every pitch, while Orioles fans are more laid-back and seem to go to games to spend time with friends.

Phillies fans were certainly hanging on every pitch throughout the series

Mooney says the Phillies' success in the World Series was more of a relief than anything. A World

Series Championship is something he has been looking forward to his whole life, since it has always been just out of reach for the

"Luck is something Philadelphia is never really one to have

Senior Bradford Reardon also grew up on Phillies baseball says it made the World Series victory that much sweeter.

Reardon says if any other team from the National League besides the Phillies had made it to the World Series, he would

have been rooting for the Tampa Bay Rays.

He says he attended the University of Tampa for his first two years of college before transferring to the University of Delaware. While at school in Tampa, he went to several Rays games and is happy the Rays have been more successful this sea-



Grotto Pizza is a gathering place for fans of Philadelphia teams.

"I almost felt bad for them," Reardon says. "As a baseball

team, they struggled for so long."

He says he watched the final World Series game in Philadelphia, and afterward went to Broad Street where he didn't exactly take part in the madness, but certainly witnessed it. Immediately after the game people were chanting and playing drums as fireworks went off in the street. Things began to get out of control as fans started turning over cars and taking down street lights, Reardon says.

Nonetheless, he says the win was something Philadelphia

needed on many levels, not just a sports level. All kinds of people were hugging in the streets.

"Every single type of individual you could imagine were best friends," Reardon says.

Backstreet's back — and so are the '90s



The Backstreet Boys are on tour promoting their latest album, Unbreakable.

BY SABINA ELLAHI

On Thursday I warned my professors that I might not have a voice in class, so they shouldn't call on me to engage in discussion.

It wasn't because I started to feel the beginning

stages of a sore throat that could eventually formulate into bronchitis or strep.

In fact, it would be a result of screaming at the

top of my lungs, singing lyrics like "You are, my fire, the one desire" and "Everybody, yeah, rock your

If those lyrics seem familiar, it's because they're from the songs that were played incessantly on MTV and radio stations across America and the world not

Yes, my voice would be gone because I was going to the Backstreet Boys concert.

Most are raising their eyebrows now and asking, "They're still alive?" — I wish I had gotten a nickel for every time I heard that — or, "Aren't they like, 40 now?" No, they're in their 30s, with the exception of Nick Carter. He was the one who was known as the heartthrob of the group, so don't worry about him being too old if you're still interested. It's not their first, but second North American

tour to promote their latest album Unbreakable, released in October of last year. While many don't know they still exist, let alone release albums, the boys - or men, really - are still touring and record-

Even though their new songs are notably more mature and lack the power-pop sound they're known See BANDS page 25

for, the boys are still going strong and are showing no signs of stopping. Senior Nicole Haggerty says she's happy they're still performing, especially since they still attract listeners.

"I think they are still making good music that is fun to sing along to," Haggerty says. "As long as they're selling records and people are going to their concerts, they don't need to retire. They have fans young and old who are willing to pay money to see

Haggerty was supposed to see them in concert this summer, but to her dismay, she wasn't able to make it because of car problems. Still, she says she was excited for her potential trip down memory lane.
"I was excited to go to the concert, reminisce

with my friends and sing along to all of their songs that I still know by heart," Haggerty says. This year has seen a lot of comeback tours from

teeny-bopper groups of the '90s. First was the return of the best-selling group of all time, according to BBC — the Spice Girls.

The Spice Girls World Tour was announced at a press conference in June of last year, followed by a public appearance in London by members Geri Halliwell, Victoria Beckham, Emma Bunton, Melanie Chrisholm and Melanie Brown — or more commonly known as Ginger, Posh, Baby, Sporty and Scary, respectively. Sophomore Lauren Miller says she couldn't contain her excitement when she heard they were going on tour, even though all the shows sold out in minutes.

Bidding farewell to a Newark landmark

After 55 years, Main Street's diner serves its last meal

BY SEIF HUSSAIN

Managing Sports Editor
There is a mirror in front of the urinal. In fact, the entire bathroom wall is covered in mirrors, even in places they need not be. I was initially more than slightly perturbed. It's a bit unsettling to look up from the business at hand, especially at 3 in the morning, to see my partially tipsy, rather disheveled visage staring back at

Yet I remained undeterred. Throughout my collegiate career, I have revisited that bathroom countless times, night after night, sometimes mid-day and even on a few early mornings

It was but one of the many quirks I dealt with, because like in any good relationship, quirkiness is transformed into beauty with time. It's a good thing I was head over heels in love with the Korner Diner. Bringing in any unacquainted people would garner an about-face reaction to the peculiarities they saw in front of them, different from the warming effect the diner has had on thousands of students and residents in the Newark area.

The Korner Diner struck its patrons as a nook in Newark that transcended so many categories of people, bringing together all genres of hungry folk.

Though the 24-hour diner was often typified as a veritable stampede of drunks looking for some late-night grub each weekend, those of that belief were thoughtless in so easily dismissing the true and colorful range of the diner's customers. Lest they be forgotten, the diner was home to patrons of all walks of life, from early birds seeking a breakfast to go along with their sunrise and lunch-goers taking respite from class to the stumbling partiers for

whom their favorite Korner remained a delicious beacon of light through the wee morning

Suddenly, though, a twig was thrown into the spokes of stability the diner had ridden on for the last five years. Owner Kazy Tauginas, who took over the diner following his senior year at the university in December 2004, had to shut down his beloved diner after a tumultuous situation involving his landlord and a project to renovate the property to build apartments. On Saturday, the Korner Diner served its last

"The city, from my understanding, wants the landlord to maintain the front part of the diner, so they will probably knock down every-thing behind it that is brick," Tauginas says. "That's where they'll be building the apart-

He says the way the project has been han-dled by his landlord, coupled with the current state of the economy, has led him to make the decision to give up his business.

His landlord Gus Tsionas, who is also the owner of the Continental Court Apartments at the corner of Delaware Avenue and South Chapel Street, as well as various other Newark properties, planned the expansion and renovation of his property more than a year ago.

Tauginas says the project involved his occupancy at the diner being cut from 130 to 90 people and his trash container being quartered in size. He says he was kept generally unaware of any developments until close to the end.

Basically, they started this project without getting any type of input from me, and I was promised I would have a bigger restaurant out of the deal for over a year," Tauginas says. "The whole time [Tsionas] said, 'When we renovate this place, you'll get a bigger restaurant out of it,' and on the other hand, he's cutting my occupancy, so he's telling me one thing and doing

Originally from Tauginas plans to leave Delaware soon, and is already enrolled in class-es at the New York Film Academy.

His employees and customers are distraught at the prospect of losing the diner, but they, along with the city of Newark, seem to be losing more than just an eatery.

Sophomore and Korner Diner waitress Sonia Parrott says, "It has character like no other place. You can just walk into it and immediately feel like you are at home. You can't get character from Panera or D.P. Dough or whatever. Where else do you walk

is playing and you just start dancing?"

The feeling was almost universal — to hear some of the stories entailing what certain individuals will lose when the diner is gone is a heart-wrenching process. Waitress Bethany Milroy says one particular customer, Wayne, commonly known as "Rubik's cube guy," a daily visitor for at least the four years she had worked there

Though Wayne declined to comment, Milroy says that as long as he had been coming in, he would simply sit at the bar and order a coffee. More recently, she says he was unable to afford even that, so he would sit and sip on water. Though the diner is technically for customers only, nobody had the heart to ask him to

Her other stories equally conveyed the sense that there would be a gaping hole in the hearts of those losing their diner. For regular visitors, it truly was "their" diner, and while I listened quietly, the Cheers' theme song seemed to be blaring in my head, as many stories involved customers who had frequented the diner from long before it was even the Korner

Diner.
"We have so many customers who have been coming to this place for like 30 years, and customers who get breakfast, lunch and dinner here," Milroy says. "Every day we'll get a lot of single old men who either never had a wife, or their wife has passed away. They don't know how to cook for themselves, and this is their sole source of food.'

I went into the diner for its closing day on Saturday around noon for my last supper, so to speak. The place was buzzing with people. Despite the volume of visitors, the sense of despair was palpable. Emotions were running high, and the cheeks of many visitors and employees alike were red and stained with tears. There was a vase of foreboding black roses on a shelf behind the bar and the soundtrack coming from the jukebox seemed to be echoing the sentiments of a community in mourning. I looked outside and what I remembered to be a previously sunny and bright sky seemed to have become grey and ominous.

I went with some friends, in case I needed

emotional support in this most emotional of moments. We waited until the last possible second to order, grabbing the last meal off those grills that had served me so well countless times before

Though they had run dry of many popular items, there still remained the diner delicacies I so craved. When I placed my order for a barbecue burger - one egg over-easy and a side of scrapple - the words seemed to float off my tongue and straight into oblivion as I savored the disturbing knowledge that this was my final



in at 3 in the morning and the jukebox Owner Kazy Tauginas with manager Dion Green.

order at the Korner Diner.

While I ate, I pored over the pages of the Diner Diary. Parrott explained to me that the Diner Diary was a book customers and employees wrote in, drew in and signed. It was like reading the back of a high school yearbook, and its entries gave the diner a personality and life even I didn't expect to find.

One entry, signed "Seth," asked, "So where are we supposed to go when it's 3 a.m. and we're still drunk and need to sing Journey?

Many people I talked to seemed to think there would be no replacement for the diner. Some say the Eagle Diner might try to pick up the slack, but Parrott says it wouldn't be the same, joking that she half expects to see people crying while they aimlessly wander up and

down Main Street.
To 2006 alumnus Dave Bell, a longtime near-daily diner patron, the diner closing is indicative of a larger problem in Newark. He says the loss of independently owned, unique stores and restaurants coupled with an influx of franchises and corporately owned companies is damaging the delicate balance of Newark's

"Newark itself has a short memory because of its college population, which in a sense is kind of upsetting," Bell says. "If Deer Park or Kate's were to go, Newark would not be Newark anymore, and the Korner Diner going away is one step in that direction, too. You completely destroy the spirit of a place as you continually take its landmarks away

The demise of the diner was inevitable and it's only fitting that its last night of business was Halloween. As I recall, the diner threw quite a Halloween bash a few years ago, which had to be cancelled in subsequent years due to its craziness. Of all the people I talked to, whether employees or customers, those who remembered it unanimously presented the diner's Halloween party as their favorite memory.

I just remember coming out of the kitchen and people were no longer sitting at they were just dancing," Milroy says. "They were even on the counters, like it was Coyote Ugly or something.

She says there were no limits to the crazi-ness of the diner, from homeless people trying to spend cold nights inside, to students sneaking beers under the table.

After hundreds of thousands of calories, countless trips to my favorite bathroom, memorable moments galore and some of the least coherent nights possible, I finally had to bid the Korner Diner adieu.

Perhaps Seth wrote it best.

'May your portions always be massive, KD. Rest in peace



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The Korner Diner closed Nov. 1 after difficulties surrounding renovations to the property.

Online outbreak divides fantasy world

BY JAMES ADAMS SMITH

On Oct. 23, the makers of the online game World of Warcraft released a virtual infestation that affected thousands of players. The game, which recently peaked at 11 million players according to PC Magazine, discontinued the virus last week

after protest from fans.

WoW, the fourth installation of the Warcraft games, is considered a MMORPG — massively multiplayer online role-playing game. This means that players can not only interact with one another online as fictional characters, but the setting is a persistent world - user-made changes to the world are permanent. Azeroth has been the fictional world in all of the Warcraft games since the original game Orcs & Humans was released in 1994.

Blizzard Entertainment, the company that owns the game, intentionally released the disease — called "Undead Plague" — which contaminates the players' communities, turning their villagers into flesh-eating zombies. The plague was only released for a few days, before the makers decided to end the disease

Players who came in contact with the zombies would become infected, and have only minutes to find a cure. If they didn't find a cure, they would join the undead and also spread the disease.

Sophomore Eric Enslen, a computer science major who plays the game regularly, says he was initially annoyed by the plague. But after his character became a zombie, he formed a group to infest others.

"I think some people don't enjoy the event-based parts of WoW," Enslen says. "They expect to

play the same game every day, instead of enjoying the things that Blizzard does."

The release of the plague was a plan to introduce a new expansion set to the game, "Wrath of the Lich King." The character antagonist, the Lich King Ner'zhul, fiction ally launched the plague from the land of

Many players posted on the game's forum stating that they enjoyed the plague and asked the makers to extend it. Sophomore Will Farrell says he felt similarly.

"To be honest it was really fun for me," Farrell says. "I con-

tinually and maliciously continued to spread it.'

In the WoW forums, one of the makers from Blizzard states that the plague was part of creating a living and breathing world, in which things change from time to time. The maker says the plague is one of many events leading up to "Wrath of Lich

King."
"I'm all for WoW events," Farrell says. "It's cool to have

events like the plague that shake up the world. I think that's one of the things that makes WoW really

Blizzard released a similar plague four years ago — the "corrupted blood plague" — intended to reach only a few players. Against the will of Blizzard, some players found a way to spread the plague to thousands of players, creating uproar among the game's fans.

Enslen says after a zombie attacked a player, the player would get a notification, or a "debuff." Initially, the players were given approximately three minutes before becoming a zombie. In that time, the player could seek a healer to purge the infection. Near the end of the infection, the players had approximately 30 seconds to find a healer, he says.

Sophomore Brooke Aldrich, another fan of the game, says

the infestation was worse for newer players of the game. New players begin at level one and must work toward level 70, the highest level.

"I know it was really annoying for me as level 70,"
Aldrich says. "I can't imagine what it was like for someone who was at level 15.

The players could take advantage of each other by grouping up and performing huge raids on cities, she says. When a player dies, his or her stored items are damaged and it costs game money.

Some of the fan blogs of the game, including WoWinsider.com, expressed satisfaction with the

plague, stating that the plague has made the game a fun, growing world with a real story.

Aldrich says despite the plague's disadvantages, it's pleasing to see something different in the game.

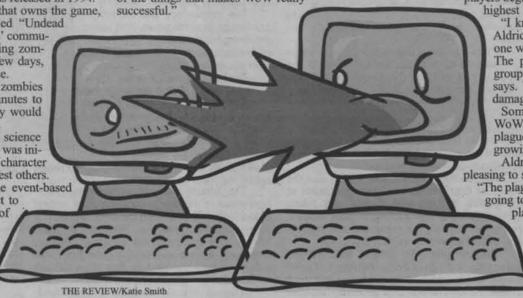
"The plague wasn't impossible to avoid," she says. "It's not

going to be a huge bother. Some people just like to com-

Enslen agrees that the unpredictabilty of the

game is what makes it fascinating.

"I think it's interesting that there are a lot of time-based things," Enslen says. "Like the Halloween theme just ended. It's just not the same game every day."



Making a brand out of Brandywine Valley

BY SABINA ELLAHI

Step aside Ralph Lauren and Lacoste, there's new competition in town - and it's a clothing line based out of Montchanin, Del., in the Brandywine Valley, approxi-

mately 13 miles from campus.

The neatly embroidered alligator and the polo horse placed on the upper-right corner of polo shirts that are worn by many has a new logo joining the fashion industry cow, or more specifically, the Belted

Galloway cow.

The cow is the logo for the brand Brandywine Valley Life, which was created by two friends Ben Fournier and John Meyer. The idea for the brand surfaced in August 2006 when Fournier and Meyer talked about launching a line of clothes that was representative of southern Pennsylvania and northern Delaware, commonly known as

the Brandywine Valley.

The conversations eventually blossomed into brainstorming sessions and devising plans in order to make the brand a



Brandywine Valley Life's polos are sold in Delaware and Pennsylvania.

reality.

Fournier, who works as a freelance photographer, says his wife is in the garment industry and previously worked in clothing production in New York City. This exposure to the industry helped formulate the logic of creating a line of clothes, and he says from then on, the idea of starting a line lingered in

"I just got the bug from being around my wife's work," Fournier says.

The concept of Brandywine Valley Life was inspired by the notoriously preppy brand Vineyard Vines, a line started by two brothers based out of Martha's Vineyard. Fournier says he and Meyer were inspired by the brand, which helped them further build their

concept.
"The [brothers of Vineyard Vines] knew what they were doing when they launched their line," he says. "We wanted to take that concept and apply it to the Brandywine

Fournier and Meyer say the focal point of the brand is to relate to the activities of the Brandywine Valley area — whether they're golfing on the weekends, kayaking along the Brandywine River or tailgating at Point-to-Point. This ultimately prepped Brandywine Valley life to be a lifestyle brand.

At first, they came up with the idea of starting a line of ties, thinking it would be easier to start than a line of shirts. But the thought of creating a logo on polo shirts became more appealing, especially since they were bored with the same logos commonly found on polos.

"A lot of it had to do with just being tired of wearing a polo horse or an alligator," Meyer says. "We combined it with creating something that is representative of the local

The prospect that they could potentially produce a brand to rival the blue whales from Vineyard Vines or even the bigger brands of Ralph Lauren and Lacoste was satisfying and inspiring for the two friends.

We wanted to create a shirt that can identify with the area," Fournier says. "We started with thinking what symbol could promote the lifestyle of the Brandywine Valley."

That symbol was ultimately the Belted Galloway cow.

The Belted Galloway cow is originally from Scotland and is commonly found in herds along Route 52 in Centreville, Del., Meyer says. Along Route 52 is also Buckley's Tavern, a famous Brandywine Valley restaurant owned by David Weir and one of the two places that sells the polos, along with Trail Creek Outfitters on Route 202 in Glen Mills, Penn.

"Since August, we've easily sold a hundred of them," Weir says. "Some of our staff actually wear them, too, as part of their black uniform, which also has helped sales."

Weir, who is a longtime friend of Fournier, says one of the reasons he decided to sell the shirts is because the restaurant's image is associated with the Brandywine Valley. In fact, visiting the tavern is one of the must-do activitie Brandywine Valley Life. activities, according to

"There's a tag on the shirt that lists things to do in the Brandwine Valley, and have a burger at Buckley's is one of them, which helps us out, too," Weir says.

Weir says if Fournier and Meyer release

more items in their brand, he would sell

"The people here in Brandywine really like the brand," Weir says. "Our regular cus-tomers would come in and ask about where they could get it, and we've even had some



Meyer and Fournier were inspired by the Belted Galloway cows in Centreville, Del.

visitors from New England who wanted to buy them, too. They're becoming increasingly popular over a short period of time."

Two months after the official launch of

the brand, Fournier and Meyer say they are the brand, Fournier and Meyer say they are thinking about product expansion. They are hoping to go beyond men's polo shirts and start producing women's and children's clothing, along with belts, fleeces and the ties with which they initially planned to start. Along with building their line, Meyer says he plans to spread to other areas of the coun-

"We've had extremely positive recep-tions on the polo," Meyer says. "We're look-ing to expand into other areas that have the Belted Galloway cow, as well as retail specialty stores, and then build from there.'

For now, Meyer says their main focus is branding their products with the Belted Galloway cow in a way that will leave a lasting mark without the hot-iron rod.

"It's all about branding the shirt," he



Courtesy of Chris Goering

Student Centers sponsored the second annual Campus Quiz Tournament in Trabant on Sunday.

Competitors buzz in on Campus Quiz Tournament

BY KAITLIN SUNSTRUM

Staff Reporter

No fist-pumping or high-fiving here — the university's second annual Campus Quiz Tournament on Sunday in Trabant University Center is filled with celebratory smirks and content head nods. The crowd is modest — a girlfriend here, a staff member or two there, plus the other competing teams. The stage is set with two tables facing a panel of voluntary university staff judges. A buzzer goes off, signaling the end of the round, and the teams congenially shake each others' hands laughing about questions gone wrong.

Christopher Goering, building supervisor for Student Centers and director of the event, says this is the second year the university has held the Campus Quiz Tournament. He volunteered to run the event because of his own interest in quiz tournaments, and asked students to participate by putting ads on Facebook and flyers in campus residence halls, as well as talking to the Academic Competition Club.

"The turnout was about the same as last year," he says. "But I was happy to see new faces at this year's tournament."

Goering says the tournament consisted of five teams — composed of freshmen to graduate students — and was directed under the National Academic Quiz Tournament's rules. According to these rules, no more than four people play at a

time and each game consists of two nine-minute rounds. Games begin with toss-up questions, which are worth 10 points each, or 15 points if answered before the moderator is done reading the question. Bonus questions are worth 30 points. In the end, the team with the most points wins.

Freshman Nikhil Sitaram says his team, "The Aerobics," didn't prepare for the tournament. Sitaram participated in academic tournaments in high school and thought it would be a fun thing to do with friends from his engineering major.

Senior Jennifer Green, of team "Two Guys, a Girl and a Buzzer," is a self-proclaimed "trivia nerd." She says she found out about the tournament through Student Activities Night and thought it would be a fun thing to do in her spare time. To prepare, Green says she looked at Wikipedia everyday to catch up on her random facts.

"There are no consequences if you don't do well, but you want to succeed for your team," she says.

Being on stage answering questions was nerve-racking, Green says, but it was fun nonetheless.

The atmosphere at the Campus Quiz Tournament feels more like a friendly gathering than a competition. Teams talk excitedly among each other while players on stage quietly consult their teammates on possible answers. When moderator Frank Newton, assistant dean of

marine and earth studies, mispronounces a word, players don't roll their eyes, but instead give him a smile and crack a joke with him afterward.

When one of the judges overruled an answer given by a team, senior Jason Westerkon, of team "Hoping to Dominate," didn't hesitate to plead his case while teams in the audience shouted out their thoughts as well.

Westerkon, president of the Academic Competition Club on campus, says the questions they practice every Thursday are harder than the competition's questions.

Westerkon, along with fellow team members from the club, travels to schools nationally to compete in tournaments. Despite the difference in degree of difficulty, he says it's fun to see other kids coming out.

"We're here to have a good time no matter what," Westerkon says.

Answers to questions asked at the tournament varied from knowledge about skunks to exoplanets, or planets beyond the solar system. The winning team, "Team Age Gap," was made up of freshmen Robert Sido and Sam Neilsen along with graduate student Mark Pellegrini. All three are members of the Academic Competition Club where they met in September and have practiced once a week since.

This was Pellegrini's second

year on the winning team and the group agreed it felt good to win.

Bands of the '90s make comeback

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"I wanted to go so bad, but the tickets were sold out by the time I heard about it," Miller says.

She says she lucked out and ended up getting tickets at the last minute because one of her friends was sick. The concert made up for the last Spice Girls show she went to in 1998, when she was sick at the time.

"I must have been about 10

"I must have been about 10 years old and I went to that with a 103-degree fever," Miller says. "My mom literally carried me in and out because I was so sick, but I was dedicated to be there. So for me the concert was better this time around."

Miller says she noticed the demographic of the Spice Girls concert-goers weren't young adults, but more of tweens — who were actually only 3 or 4 years old when the Spice Girls became popular

Girls became popular.

Then, in April, Donnie Wahlberg of the original boy band New Kids on the Block — the group that paved the way for the Backstreet Boys and *NSYNC — confirmed rumors after months of speculation that the Kids were reuniting and had plans for a new record, as well as a world tour. Once again, many of their shows were filled with young teenage girls mixed with the fans from the past, awkwardly screaming for guys who are brinking on 40. But those new fans have no competition with the true dedicated fans of the past, like senior Lindsey Ervin.

"I used to sit at my mom-mom's house with one of those old Fisher Price cassette players that came with the toy microphone and sing along to their *Hangin' Tough* cassette tape," Ervin says. "I was really young when they were first around, but I still had all their tapes, CDs, posters, books—you name it."

She was thrilled when she heard the news of a reunion and a world tour, especially since she thought she would never be able to witness a concert since they broke up by the time she was old enough to go. Ervin saw them in September, and will be seeing them again this month — but this time, with backstage passes in her hand.

"They sounded better than they did years ago," she says. "They are a huge part of my child memories — I have loved them as far back as I can remember and still do."

While the Backstreet Boys are not on their reunion tour like the Spice Girls were and New Kids on the Block are now, it seems these groups' glory days were when they were on stage, performing at huge amphitheaters to delightfully screaming and dedicated fans like Miller and Ervin. But the groups are filling the seats with not just the old fans, but a newer generation.

Even though they aren't playing sold-out shows to crowds of thousands at massive arenas, it's safe to say the Backstreet Boys still have a solid fan base. While the numbers may not be what they used to circa 1999, many fans are still swooning at the voices of Nick, Howie, Brian and A.J. — sans Kevin Richardson, who left the group in 2007.

I was surrounded by the new generation of fans, which, depressingly, made me feel quite old. Danielle Walton, 16, of Reading, Penn., was sitting in the row behind me, gushing in anticipation about when the boys would finally take the

"I've been a fan for maybe 10 years," Walton says, giggling. "So that means I was only 6 when I started liking them. I've basically grown up with the Backstreet Boys."

To the left of me was 13-yearold Tara Gotler of Philadelphia, who was proudly wearing a vintage Backstreet Boys shirt from the 2001 "Black and Blue" tour.

"I love them so much," Gotler says. "They're so talented and so cute. I think they're the best group of our time."

As the lights went down and the boys gallivanted their way onto the stage, girls belted out their loudest and highest pitched screams.

I didn't feel embarrassed by being at the concert, but more so embarrassed for the boys themselves. I have to hand it to them, though—their pelvic thrusts and choreographed moves are still as up to par as they were in 2000.

Being the huge fan I am, there were times I found myself as the only one in the section who actually knew all the words to the new songs — and each of the boys' respective solos — which wouldn't have been the case 10 years ago. Still, the boys belt it out regardless of the audience's participation, and even make small talk with the audience throughout the concert.

"If we had the time, we would come up and give each of you a big, juicy kiss," A.J. McLean told those in the crowd, who all immediately screamed with delight.

I'm sure we wouldn't mind that at all, A.J.





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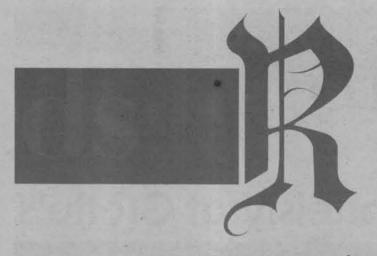
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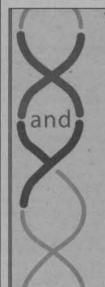
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Sunday November 9

Philly phanatics get pheisty at Grotto's

BY ADAM SAMPLES

A car horn blared as traffic rolled past on Main Street. That night, the horn was not meant for a bad driver, but for the hundreds of red and white clad bar patrons. If it was not clear at first, the four people cheering out of the car windows re-energized the already jubilant

The horn signified euphoria, not irritation, as the Philadelphia Phillies clinched a World Series title on an array of high definition televisions at Grotto Pizza.

Game resumed five Wednesday night after being postponed due to rain two days earlier. People dressed in Phillies attire packed the sports bar from wall to wall, eyes glued to the televisions.
All week, Grotto Pizza

All week, Grotto Pizza swelled with baseball fans as the bar televised the World Series. Jackie Lovett, a bartender and Phillies fan, did not watch the games at the bar even though she worked at Grotto's for each one.

'I was one of the busiest people there," Lovett said. "I wanted to watch but I couldn't."

Lovett said she tended the side bar and was kept busy by the hundreds of customers she had to keep track of during the course of the night. The noise alone made it difficult for her to do her job.

A roar erupted from the fans after each run or strikeout. The level of intensity increased from the regular season to the playoffs. Big plays became bigger, and mistakes became more costly. The Phillies won their first World Series since 1980, an accomplishment not taken for granted by 21-year-old Newark native Brian

"It's like a culmination of my childhood dreams," Shawl said.

Shawl was part of the raucous crowd that



"I lost my voice yelling over Grotto Pizza was one of many Main Street bars which held celebrations during the Phillies World Series win. the crowd," Lovett said.

yelled and clapped all through the last three and a half innings of game five. The bar became crowded to capacity once the game advanced to the bottom of the ninth inning.

Strike after strike, the excitement dimin-ished any chance to hold an audible conversation. Packed in like sardines with red caps, everyone watched as Phillies closer Brad Lidge pitched to Eric Hinske of the Tampa Bay Rays, needing one out to ensure victory.

Strikeout. Then pandemonium.

A collective, deafening scream exploded out of the sea of red. All sorts of alcoholic beverage took flight, drenching the ecstatic people. Lovett and her fellow bartenders sprayed champagne as they did for the previous three victories

Phil Wright, one of the establishment's bouncers, looked at the scene with chagrin.

"There is a lot of clean-up after these games," Wright said. "I don't like all of the yelling, either.

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the time it all finally came together.

During each round of the playoffs, the socalled "experts" always picked the Phils to lose,
and Mother Nature even tried to derail my World Series dreams. For the first time in recent memory, these things did not come to fruition, and for once it finally worked out the way every Phillies fan wanted it to.

Instead of always seeing replays of Tug McGraw's leap into the air during 1980 — as good as it is to see every time — or Joe Carter's kid-like trot around the bases after his home run in 1993, I can look back on the 2008 season as the time I first felt the excitement of a championship with my close family and friends, and saw a city come

That is a replay that never gets old.

Ryan Langshaw is a Managing Sports Editor at the Review. Send questions, comments, and a DVD-copy of that guy getting beaned in the head with a Grey Goose bottle at the Phillies parade to rlangsh@udel.edu.

commentary



RYAN LANGSHAW "Phield of Dreams"

There I was sitting in my basement, surrounded by my friends and family about to witness a moment 28 years in the making. The rank taste of Joe Carter's home run that ended the hopes of so many during the 1993 season was about to fade away into a distant memory

As Phillies closer Brad Lidge got Tampa Devil Rays pinch hitter Eric Hinske to swing and miss, the years of championship frustrations for the city of Philadelphia were put to rest.

As my first taste of a championship, it went down extra sweet. Seeing my favorite players go down in history as champions and witnessing it first hand, the feeling was indescribable.

People can say what they want about Philadelphia fans (I know you want me to bring up a Santa Claus reference again) but no city wanted a championship more than ours. I must confess I did not intially expect the Phillies to win their first championship in nearly a quarter century, consider-

ing the city's recent history of bad luck.

When the Eagles finally made it to the Super Bowl after three unsucessful tries, they managed to run into football's modern dynasty in the New England Patriots. Had it been any other team, the Eagles may have won that year and gone down in the city's lore.

This year's version of the Phillies found the exact opposite situation, and that was one of the main reasons this team was able to deliver. For once, our ball stayed fair when it needed to stay fair, we got the strikeout when the bases were loaded and manager Charlie Manuel did not lose more games for the team than he won.

Luck played a factor in how the team came together. Chad Durbin, the former Detroit Tigers castoff, posted a 2.87 earned run average this season after racking up a 4.72 ERA last year for the

Pedro Feliz, who signed right before spring training after being released by the San Francisco Giants, was thought to be finished as a regular by many people around baseball. Although Feliz did not light it up offensively, his defense proved to be invaluable to the team during the stretch run.

I will always remember this championship as





BYRYAN LANGSHAW

About the Teams:

The Hens:

The team is coming off a 41-7 drubbing by No. 1 James Madison. The Hens' offense once again relied on seniors Robbie Agnone and Aaron Love to quarterback the teams depleted offense, despite the fact neither play began the season playing the position. The Hens managed only 169 total yards on offense, and surrendered 385 total yards, including 309 on the ground.

The Tigers:

Towson enters this week's game with a 3-6 overall record, and have posted a disappointing 1-4 record in the conference. The Tigers suffered a 34-14 loss to William & Mary last week. The team is led offensively by quarterback Sean Schaefer and wide receiver Steve Holmes. Schaefer has thrown for 13 touchdowns this season, while Holmes leads the team with 35 receptions. Defensively the Tigers are anchored by line-backer Jordan Manning, who recorded a team high 11 tackles in last weeks loss

underpReview: Delaware vs. Towson

Time: Noon Location: Tubby Raymond Stadium, Newark Why the Hens can win:

Nowhere to go but up:

After last week's embarassing loss to James Madison, the Hens hit rock bottom as a team. They were dominated on both sides of the ball, and gave up an astonishing 185 rushing yards to James Madison quarterback Rodney Landers. However, Towson has struggled nearly as much as the Hens have this year, and the Hens faced their toughest competition of the season last week.

Why the Hens could lose:

Musical Chairs:

If Robbie Agnone and Aaron Love are called on once again this week to play quarterback, the team will probably not stand much of a chance against Towson. Not only do both players lack the experience and ability to play the position, taking them away from their natural positions for another week will give Towson an advantage on defense, which will probably be enough to give them the win.

Air Attack: Towson quarterback Sean Schaefer is one of the top quarterbacks in the CAA. He leads the conference in passing yards and is tied for fourth in the conference in touchdown passes. The Hens have had trouble all year stopping elite quarterbacks, and there is no reason to think this week will be any different, especially considering the team is beaten up in the secondary.



The Numbers:

3-6: The Hens sit at 3-6 after their crushing defeat by James Madison, making a winning season impossible for just the second time under head coach K.C. Keeler.

The Prediction:

Both teams have seen their share of struggles this season, and have managed only 6 wins combined. The Hens will once again be tested this week to throw together another patchwork offen-

sive game plan.

Coupled with the team's elimination from playoff contention, there is good reason to think they will not show up in this one. If the offense can avoid turnovers, the defense should be able to force a few a few of their own. The Hens will come away with their fourth victory of the year, but it will be a nail-biter.

Hens 14 Towson 10

Young players serve up some sweet success

BY TARA SHEEHY

After a five-game winning streak, the Hens' volleyball team suffered a disappointing loss this weekend to Virginia Commonwealth and has seen injuries to many of the senior players. To offset these losses, the team's freshmen and sophomores have had to step up their game to carry the team and keep the intensity on the court.

Sophomore Paige Erickson, the Hens' starting middle hitter, knew she had to contribute if the team was going to win the CAA tournament and move on to the NCAA tournament again this year. She also said that the freshmen understand

they need to step up as well.

"When the freshmen are on the court, they're not considered freshmen— they're starting players on a Division-I team," she said. "They are doing a good job of playing with

confidence and realizing that."

Sophomore Katie Dennehy, a outside hitter with the Hens, initially thought that with younger players, the team would gain experience for next year and they would not necessarily make the tournament. But now, after their current success, she thinks everyone is starting to do their part.

Sophomore Jess Chason, setter for the Hens, knew she was in for a demanding season.

"Our senior setter last year won the Player of the Year award, so I knew I had big shoes to fill," she said. "I expected a bigger role on the team and all the girls have helped each other a lot to make sure we are living up to our poten-

Chason said the pressure of having to play a bigger role does not affect their game in a negative way, and if anything, it makes them work harder.

Athletes excel under pressure. It helps me rise to the occasion and play harder knowing people are counting on me," she said.

Freshmen outside hitters, Meghan Bonk and Kim Stewart have made valuable contributions to the team this season. Bonk said the coaching staff talks about how hard it is to win at this level of play, so she knew she was going to have to give everything she had to the team.

Stewart said she had to get used to the speed of Division-I volleyball but she liked the change because she

likes playing at a faster pace.
"I haven't really felt pressure because our coaches don't really put pressure on us." she said. "They just say give all we got and that's all we ask for, so as long as I work my butt off in everything I do, they're happy with me and that's all I can do

Stewart said the team has the potential to reach the tournament again if they continue to perform at their current level and do not let the injuries become an obsta-

"I feel that even with the incoming class, everything is just going to keep going how it's going and getting better and we are going to be one of the top teams and now we are just letting people know who we are, Stewart said.

Hens coach Bonnie Kenny said she knew early on the sea-son was going to be a struggle because of their tough schedule and difficult preseason.

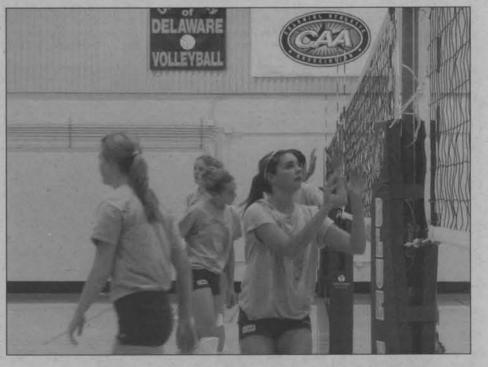
I knew it was going to take time for the group to evolve."

Kenny said. We knew we were With its youth, the volleyball team is in a good position for a few seasons to come. going to depend on the freshmen and sophomores pretty heavily,

but it has come along nicely and they're working hard-our biggest concern is to keep them confident.'

She said the freshmen and sophomores have made a positive impact on the team and that their youth does not hinder the team's abilities and will be particularly beneficial in the future.

"I'm not a coach that says, 'We're young.' Every college kid is young. College is young," she said. "These girls are playing and getting better and training hard."



Kenny said she had to pick girls she knew were going to give her quality time while they were in games.

She believes the team can win the tournament again this year if they continue to play with the intensity seen in the past few matches.

"We're a month away from our conference tournament and if we get there we have the chance to win it," she said. "The team has good chemistry and the freshmen and sophomores are getting to play a lot and as fortunate as they are for that, they're just as fortunate they keep improving.



Equestrian team making strides

BY LEXI AMBROGI

Michael Jordan wore his University of North Carolina shorts under his Chicago Bulls uniform during every game. Nomar Garciaparra of the Los Angeles Dodgers adjusts the straps on his batting gloves between every pitch.For James Hobbie and the other 120 members of the university's equestrian team, the connection between an athlete and their equipment runs much deeper.

"The balance beam is always the same," Hobbie said. "The football, the baseball, they're always the same. But you and the horse—you're a team."

The equestrian team, the

largest club sport program at the university, is divided into showing members — riders competing with other teams in the region and non-showing. The showing squad competes against 10 other universities in the region every fall for top honors in two styles of riding, Western and English, of riding, Western and English, club president Sarah Korn said. "We're really competitive," Korn said. "We've sent the team

and individuals to nationals since I've been here.

In Western riding, horse's gait is slower and more controlled and the rider dresses in chaps, a vibrant shirt and a cowboy hat. For English riding, the rider wears beige pants, or joppers, a navy blazer and a

A horse in the English competition may also jump fences, Korn said.

New additions to the showing team, which won a national title in 1997, are placed in a bracket for competition according to standards from the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association. The IHSA bases its rankings on showing history, the height of fences the rider clears and amount of



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In English riding, the competitions involve fence jumping, which is scored for style.

formal riding instruction.

At the competitions, a judge scores riders on equitation, or how the rider positions his or her body on the horse. Judges look for good upper body pos-ture, proper hand placement and little movement in the rider's legs, Korn said. For a course with jumps, the horse must clear the fences in the correct order for maximum points.

Bryan Bradley, owner of Granite Springs Stables in Worwick, Md., coaches the team and offers weekly riding lessons to its members. Because of the wide variety of skill level on the team, his instruction varies from rider to rider.

"For beginners, we teach them control and body position," Bradley said. "As lessons advance, we do more on strategy, jump courses and different ways you can appear better looking to

Although the team practices on Bradley's horses at his stable, compet-ing members do not know until the morning of their show which horse they will ride. Each rider selects the name of horse from a hat and must quickly familiarize his or herself with the horse's movements and style, said Bradley.

"You have to watch the whole group warm up in the morning and hope that you see your horse in there," he said. "You watch to see if it's fast, if it's slow, if it pulls."

Last year, Hobbie, the only male on the team, qualified for nationals in Los Angeles and learned the identity of his competition horse in true West Coast style, instead of drawing names from a hat, each rider selected a sandal, inscribed with a horse's

identity, from a sandbox.

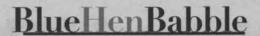
The best part about the competitions, Hobbie said, is the strength and depth of the team.

Some of the teams show up with 10 or 12 riders," he said.
"We'll show up with 70. We're
competitive, and yet we all have so much fun.

Because of the low-budgeted nature of a club sport organization, the equestrian team often holds fundraisers to keep the program alive. They also give back to the community in the form of therapeutic riding for people with physical and cognitive disabili-

With all the activities the team participates in outside of competition, Hobbie said, it's more of a lifestyle than just a club.

"College for me really is the equestrian team," he said.



Obama-Biden vs. McCain-Palin. Two on two beach volleyball. Who would win, and why?



"McCain is too old and out of shape. Palin is definitely not tough enough. Barack is really athletic, so him and Biden would win."

> Alyssa Pollack (left) Junior

Samantha Cowley (right) Sophomore

"McCain-Palin would win. Palin is the more athletic of the two and McCain would just be a distraction. We could really see some crazy action especially if he ripped his shirt off. Plus you can't discount the fact that he was a POW. If would be very distracting playing against Sarah Palin in a two-piece swimsuit. Anyway, it may not look good if the Democrats beat a woman."



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"I think probably Obama-Biden. I saw a pic of Obama online in a bathing suit, and he looked pretty buff, so I would have to choose him.

> Liz VanWie Senior

Obama-Biden. Obama is pretty amazing at basketball, so he'd be good, and he's got some ups. I don't think McCain could lift his arms high enough either.

> Madeline McGinn (right)

Matthew Cook (left) Freshmen





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The Western style riding competitions are taken much slower and have unique dress.

letes of the Issue



Hans Gillan -Men's Swimming

Gillan broke the university record in the 100-butterfly during the teams last meet last week.

Gillan posted a time of 50.36 seconds, beating Rich McCormick's best mark of 51.13, set in 1988.

Gillan also finished first in the 100 meter freestyle during the event.

A junior at Delaware, Gillan is a Boca Raton, Fla., native.



Alli D'Amico -Women's Soccer

D'Amico scored the game winning goal against Drexel last week in the team's season finale. Along with leading the team in goals with five, D'Amico also lead the team in points, with 13.

D'Amico will leave the program hav-ing scored 54 goals during her Hens career, and led the team to its tenth season in a row with more than six wins.

World Series fever hits Grottos

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Wright started working at the restaurant in September and said the Phillies clinching game had the highest turnout of any game he

Though the celebration meant more clean-up work for some, 22-year-old Scott Wright found it moving.

"It brought everyone together and I even saw some people crying," Scott said.

He said there was an excitement in Newark throughout the playoffs, and more people sporting Phillies gear.

Shawl said the excitement of being in a large group with a common interest in a team is why watching sporting events at a

bar is so appealing.

"Adults don't usually get to jump and shout like 7-year-olds like they can at a sports bar," Shawl said.

Beer, tears and sweat-soaked patrons poured into the street chanting "Let's go Phillies" after hugging each other and coming down slightly from adrenaline highs. Some stayed and drank in celebration.

Despite being able to lounge in a La-Z-Boy and watch in the comfort of one's own home, people still flock to restaurants and bars to stand and enjoy sports with their peers. Phil Wright said there are always regular customers, but some new ones show up to cheer their favorite teams to victory each

week.
"I guess they just like the whole bar experience," he said.



Fans were soaked from flying drinks after the big win.

Oh, where have all the quarterbacks gone?

BY DAVE THOMAS

When the Blue Hens' offense looked behind center at Hofstra, they saw a familiar sight — a quarterback taking snaps, ready to make a play. The difference, though, was who was back calling the shots for the Hens.

Tight end Robbie Agnone and wide receiver Aaron Love were at the helm. The two All-American pass catchers split time at quarterback for the Hens in both a win over Hofstra and Saturday's loss at James Madison University. With starting quarterback Robby Schoenhoft still bothered by the lingering effects of a concussion, back-up Lou Ritacco nursing an eye injury and third-stringer Sean Hakes unready, the Hens' coaching staff made the decision to platoon two of their seniors behind center.

Offensive coordinator Brian Ginn said while it was a difficult decision to move a second team All-American tight end and an All-American candidate wide receiver, the entire coaching staff believes putting Agnone and Love at quarter-back is the best move for the team, given the current situa-

"These are guys that we trust," Ginn said. "Two guys that when we game plan we say, get them the ball."

The duo led the Hens to a 17-0 win at Hofstra, combin-

ing to throw for 77 yards on eight of 11 passing. Against JMU, the two combined to finish seven for 12 passing for 75 yards, but failed to score any points on offense. The No. 1 ranked Dukes defeated the Hens 41-7 and kept the offense off balance throughout the game.

While Ginn has never seen anything like this at the university, he said the offense had been preparing for the situation since the summer just in case it should ever arise. Love took some snaps over the summer and throughout the beginning of the season, often in a direct snap formation similar to what Darren McFadden, a first-round NFL pick of the Oakland Raiders, made famous at the University of

The direct snap, also known as the Wildcat formation, is a play that entails hiking the ball directly to a position player instead of the quarterback, thus allowing the team to place

the ball in the hands of its best athletes.

While neither Love nor Agnone had played any significant time at quarterback prior to the Hofstra game, both had experience at the position. Love began playing quarterback at Southfield High School in Michigan when his older brother, the starting quarterback, broke his arm, but by his junior year had developed into a top-flight receiving threat and was

an honorable mention All-State wide out as a senior.

"I played on the high school JV team because my brother broke his arm and he was the starter," Love said. "He told the coaches that I could play, so I did and I won my first

Agnone played well enough at quarterback his sen-ior year at Pennsylvania's Red Land High School to earn All-State honorable mention at the position. He was recruited to play quarterback at the University of Pittsburgh, a Football Bowl Subdivision school, where he was a teammate of Joe Flacco. He would go on to see action in only one game there before transferring, along with Flacco, to Delaware, but to

Agnone downplayed the difficulty of playing quarter-back for the Hens. He said he has relied on both his experience as a high school quarterback and his understanding of the Delaware playbook to ease the transition.

"I have a real good grasp of the ase," Agnone said. "I know all the routes, and as for being quarterback, it's generally the same stuff you do in high school."

While both Agnone and Love were up to the challenge of leading the team from under center, they both said neither really expected anything like this to occur.

"They told me Monday," Agnone said.

They brought me into a meeting and asked me how my arm was feeling.

Love was equally surprised.

"They called me on my cell when I was doing an internship at the Boys and Girls Club," Love said, recalling his disbelief. "I thought they were kidding."

While both Love and Agnone are enjoying their time playing quarterback, the question remained why third-stringer Sean Hakes was not called upon. Ginn said the coaching staff believed he would need more time to learn the offense before being ready for

Due to his situation here, being ineligible," Ginn said, referring to a problem that arose when Hakes transferred from Orange Coast Junior College, "he hadn't gotten a lot of reps in the offense, so we decided we'd go with seniors that know the offense.

Although Hakes was disappointed with the coach's decision, he understood the choice made by the coaching staff

"I feel like I could contribute," Hakes said, "but I know the coaches are right in whatever they do.

Hakes, who led his Nolan Catholic High School to consecutive 6A state championships in Texas, showed nothing but enthuWide receiver Aaron Love has been taking snaps out of the wildcat scheme.

siasm to one day play in front of the raucous crowds at Delaware Stadium.

"It's like recess. I just always want to play," he said. "I would never show frustration because I know the coaches are just doing what's best for us.

As for the team's current quarterbacks, they are having fun with the rare opportunity to be on the other end of the passing cycle.

If only the coaches enjoyed it as much.

"It is definitly a unique situation," Ginn said. "One I hope we're never in again.





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