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Admissions director to retire after spring

BY LINDSEY TRIBA
Staff Reporter

Lou Hirsh, director of admissions at the university, announced he will retire at the end of this academic year, after more than 25 years of service.

A part of the university since 1984, Hirsh has worked with students in the Honors program as an academic adviser and later as an assistant director of the program. He went on to work exclusively in the admissions department in 1986 and was named director in 2003. He said the opportunity to work with students, parents and colleagues has made his job memorable.

"You'll learn that you touch people's lives in this job in a way that not everybody is privileged to do," Hirsh said. "That kind of memory is just something that will stick with me for the rest of my life."

Although he said he will miss working at the university, Hirsh looks forward to enjoying free time in place of 70-hour work weeks, a full appointment book and hundreds of emails in his inbox.

"It's a very demanding job, and you're working very long hours for a good portion of the year," he said. "I'd like to have time when I'm simply not as pressured by the sheer volume of it."

Hirsh said he plans to stay involved in academics in his retirement with part-time work, particularly tutoring.

"Education is what I care most about," he said.

Peggy Bottorff, associate provost for administration and enrollment services, has worked with Hirsh for 10 years. She said his enthusiasm for admissions has assisted him in continuously building a quality student body.

"He has a very thoughtful and principled approach to everything he does," Bottorff said. "He thinks all the time about what is best for students and what is best for the university."

Hirsh's ability to consider an issue from all angles has allowed him to make valuable contributions to the university, she said.

During Hirsh's tenure as director of admissions, the university eliminated the early decision process and became Common Application-exclusive. Bottorff said Hirsh played a large role in making these changes.

"He doesn't just give a quick answer, he doesn't just change his mind depending on which way the wind is blowing," she said. "I really respect that he thinks hard about



Hirsh

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University, city celebrate annual Taste of Newark

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Recent football game attendance lowest since 1998

BY TIM MASTRO
Managing Sports Editor

Saturday's paid attendance of 16,789 marked the lowest crowd for a regular season football game at Delaware Stadium in 13 years.

The last time the Hens' had such a meager attendance was Nov. 28, 1998 against James Madison when 16,371 were in the stands. Saturday's number came after 18,011 attended the Sept 10 game against Delaware State.

Delaware head coach K.C. Keeler said at his Sept. 19 press

conference he just wanted to see the stands full again. He could only describe his feelings of attendance for the Old Dominion with one word Monday at his press conference.

"Being an alum I'm disappointed," Keeler said. "Being the head football coach I'm disappointed. For the kids, I'm disappointed."

It was Old Dominion's first CAA game since resurrecting its football program in 2008 after it had not played since 1941. Monarchs' head coach Bobby Wilder said he was looking forward to his team finally

getting the experience of playing on the road in front of a tough crowd.

Wilder had past experience playing at Delaware Stadium as both a player and a coach for Maine. He was very surprised at what he saw on Saturday.

"I was really shocked by the crowd, I've never seen a Delaware crowd like this," Wilder said. "I've never looked at an attendance sheet and seen 16,000. I'm amazed by that."

Saturday's game was an early

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File photo

Saturday's game at Delaware Stadium saw a paid attendance of 16,789 people.

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A student gears up to kick a football during halftime at Saturday's game against Old Dominion at Delaware Stadium. THE REVIEW/Christos Philippou



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A mushroom emerges from the ground after heavy rains this week.



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YoUDee makes an appearance at Sunday's annual Taste of Newark celebration in Clayton Hall.

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Community reacts to Palestinian bid for statehood

BY CHELSEA CALTUNA

Managing Mosaic Editor

After months of international debate, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas submitted a bid to the United Nations Friday, requesting globally-recognized statehood for his country and membership to the U.N.

The bid, which will be voted on by the U.N. Security Council, was the product of more than six decades of conflict and unsuccessful peace talks between Palestine and Israel. The Middle Eastern countries have long battled over their respective borders and for control of Jerusalem, which both regions claim as their capital.

For some students, the conflict is a personal issue. Student group UD Advocates for Israel held a "Talk Israel" event on The Green Wednesday afternoon, inviting students and community members to ask questions about the country and its conflict with Palestine.

Junior Allison Becker, co-president of UD Advocates for Israel, stated in an email message that the event's purpose was not to take sides in the political discussion. Instead, the group hoped to highlight aspects of Israel as a country, including its environment, culture and diversity, she said.

"We wanted to create a conversation with students on campus about Israel, and that is exactly what happened," Becker said. "The 'Talk Israel' tent was not a political event. However, if students wanted to have a conversation about the Palestinian bid for statehood, we were able to engage them."

Abbas, following the submission of his bid for statehood, said in a speech to the U.N. that the core of the conflict is the confiscation of Palestinian lands for Israeli settlements in areas of the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. He said these settlements have caused the demolition of homes and displaced Palestinian landowners.

"The reports of United Nations missions as well as by several Israeli institutions and civil societies convey a horrific picture about the size of the settlement campaign, which the Israeli government does not hesitate to boast about," Abbas said.

Palestine's bid claimed all the land in the West Bank, including the Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem, which would be their capital.

Less than an hour after Abbas' speech, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu spoke before the U.N., arguing that the Palestinians had thus far refused to negotiate, ignoring several proposals set forth by Israel.

He said in 2005, the Israeli government agreed to revert back to its 1967 borders under international pressure, vacating settlements in Gaza and giving Palestine control over the area. After approximately four months, the Palestine National Authority was uprooted by Hamas, a terrorist organization with ties to Iran, turning Gaza into a military operations base for Iran and deploying missiles into Israeli territory, he said.

Netanyahu said he is willing to pursue suggestions made by

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THE REVIEW/Hanan Zatlhoff

Student group UD Advocates for Israel held a "Talk Israel" event on The Green Wednesday afternoon.

Local police attend funeral of slain officer

Lieutenant remembered for service to New Castle County department

BY TOM LEHMAN

Managing News Editor

Nearly 400 police officers participated in funeral services for slain New Castle County police officer Lt. Joseph Szczerba on Friday.

Szczerba died Sept. 16 from knife wounds he sustained while arresting a suspect. He was the first county officer killed in the line of duty in four decades.

An 18-year veteran of the force, he was posthumously honored with the Medal of Honor and promoted from a sergeant to the rank of lieutenant Thursday.

Delaware Gov. Jack Markell discussed Szczerba's death during his weekly address, and said Szczerba will always be remembered for his sacrifice in the line of duty.

"We grieve for his family, his friends, his fellow officers," Markell said. "His death is a tragedy but his life an inspiration. When we think of him today, and when he is remembered for years to come, let us reflect on his strength, let us recall his courage and let us answer with the clarity and conviction he commanded

each day."

Police departments across the region honored Szczerba and university police chief Patrick Ogden said it was crucial for his department and other agencies to participate in the funeral services.

"It was very important for us to be there," Ogden said. "Police, in general, is a brotherhood, and when a tragic event like that happens, we try to be there for the family and the department."

Newark police spokesman Lt. Mark Farrall said his department coordinated with university police to contribute to funeral services and police duties throughout the county on that day.

Farrall said he was pleased with the support shown at the funeral by police, who participated in a lengthy procession of service vehicles, and from Delaware residents, who gathered along the route to pay respects to Szczerba.

"The police community is a pretty tight knit community," Farrall said. "It was important to rally around that agency and their family to support them."

New Castle County spokesman Cpl. John Weglarz Sr., who was a

member of Szczerba's department, said support from regional police organizations was impressive. Representatives of agencies from Maryland, Pennsylvania and Chicago, among many others, participated in the funeral.

Despite the sadness surrounding Szczerba's death, Weglarz said he was pleased with the outpour of support that the New Castle County police department received.

"The overwhelming support from all of our agencies, Public Safety, Delaware state police—I don't want to leave anyone out, but everyone did an outstanding job," Weglarz said. "I think Lt. Szczerba and his family were proud."

He said Szczerba will be remembered after his death for his faithful service to the police force during his career.

"Obviously, no agency wants to go through what we experienced this past week," Weglarz said. "But with that being said, officers put their lives on the line every day, and Joe made the ultimate sacrifice in doing something he loved doing."



Courtesy of New Castle County Police

New Castle County police officer Lt. Joseph Szczerba was killed in the line of duty Sept. 16.

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police reports

Burglary reported on North Chapel Street

A burglary was reported at a residence in the first block of North Chapel Street Sunday morning, according to Newark police spokesman MCpl. Gerald Bryda.

While the three residents were out of their home, an unidentified person entered the house between 11:45 p.m. Saturday night and 2 a.m. Sunday morning, using a fire escape to reach an unlocked second-story window, Bryda said.

When the three arrived at their home, they noticed a window was open and the back door was unlocked, he said.

After further inspections, the victims realized various electronic devices were missing and someone had rummaged through their rooms, Bryda said.

There are no suspects at this time. The charge would be second-degree burglary and three counts of theft under \$1,500.

Man trespasses into Newark home

A female student discovered an unknown man in her living room early Monday morning, according to Newark police spokesman MCpl. Gerald Bryda.

At 1:54 a.m. Newark police responded to a 911 call regarding a trespasser in the 100 block of South Chapel Street, Bryda said.

The victim said she was woken up by the sound of someone opening the back door of her house. She then saw a man on the first floor of her residence. She tried to confront the suspect, but he did not respond, Bryda said.

Officers arrived at the house and found the back door open and no intruder. After an extensive search of her home and the surrounding area, officers were unable to find the man, Bryda said.

The charge would be first-degree trespassing.

Bushes uprooted at Washington House

Several bushes and a rain pipe were uprooted in an alley between The Washington House and The Learning Station on Main Street Saturday night, according to Newark police spokesman MCpl. Gerald Bryda.

Residents discovered 11 bushes and a damaged plastic water pipe left on the sidewalk in the alley Sunday morning, Bryda said.

Police believe the crime occurred between 11 p.m. Saturday night and 9 a.m. Sunday morning, Bryda said.

Bryda said there were no witnesses in the area at the time of the crime. The charge would be criminal mischief under \$1,000.

—Martin Martinez

This week in history:



Oct. 1, 1991 - Senior Thomas Edwards celebrates his victory in the Delaware Valley Natural Bodybuilding Championships.

photo of the week



THE REVIEW/Hanan Zatliff

A photo captures the moon waning in the night sky over campus this week.

in brief

New phishing scam aimed at university students

A new phishing scam has appeared in university students' emails as of Friday morning. This attack is aimed specifically at university students that have an account with PNC Bank.

The emails contain a link that, when clicked, will display questions asking for students' personal information.

The university's IT department urges students to delete the email and not click on the link. Clicking the link may leave the user vulnerable to having their personal information stolen.

For more information on spotting phishing scams, visit the IT department's website.

Main Street Mile scheduled for Oct. 1

The Main Street Mile will be held on Saturday, beginning at 8 a.m., to benefit the Newark Police K9 Unit.

The Main Street Mile committee will also donate \$5 to the Cancer Support Community Delaware, an organization dedicated to those affected by cancer, for each person wearing a pink shirt.

Those who register before Sept. 29 will pay \$18 and those registering after will pay \$22.

Those who pre-register will receive a free Main Street Mile T-shirt. Walkers are welcomed in this year's event.

Fall Career Expo to be held

The Fall Career Expo will take place Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Bob Carpenter Center.

The Expo gives university students the chance to meet potential employers and talk about desired qualities of potential employees.

Those attending are advised to bring multiple paper copies of their resumes to give to representatives of the 200 companies at the Expo.

The Expo is open to all majors and degree levels.

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Tuesday, Sept. 27

2011 Fall Career Expo

1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Bob Carpenter Center

Wednesday, Sept. 28

National Agenda Lecture: "Handicapping the Race" with Chris Lehane and Steven Schmidt

7:30 p.m., Mitchell Hall

Thursday, Sept. 29

Latino Heritage Month and Beyond: "Voices Across Generations" Panel Discussion

5:30 p.m., Trabant University Center Theatre

Friday, Sept. 30

Riot Acts Presents: The Homecoming
8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Bacchus Theatre

Saturday, Oct. 1

IndiaFest 2011

11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Bob Carpenter Center

Sunday, Oct. 2

35th Annual Coast Day

11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sharp Campus in Lewes, Del.

Monday, Oct. 3

Academic Enrichment Test Taking Workshop
3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Gore 117

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THE REVIEW/Hanna Madsen

The university will receive \$200,000 to \$300,000 annually for up to five years for program expansion.

UD engineers awarded \$1 mil

U.S. Department of Energy re-approves funding for program

BY HANNA MADSEN
Staff Reporter

The university received \$1 million from the U.S. Department of Energy to allow more than a dozen engineering students to assess energy efficiency in regional factories.

The university was one of 24 American schools awarded for developing energy efficiency programs.

The students will work with the university's Industrial Assessment Center program, which provides students with hands-on experience in evaluating industry energy through a national network under the Department of Energy.

The award was a re-approval of funding for the program, which started six years ago.

University professors Keith Goossen and Ralph Nigro founded the Industrial Assessment Program in the College of Engineering in 2008.

"For the university, it provides a path to student training in energy efficiency that is otherwise unavailable," Goossen said.

The university will receive \$200,000 to \$300,000 annually for as many as five years to support and expand the program, he said.

The program serves businesses in New York, New Jersey, Delaware and outside of Washington, D.C. Clients include AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals,

Purdue Farms and Dogfish Head Brewery, Goossen said.

Students perform 15 to 22 evaluations per year. They will work with companies to provide immediate solutions to conserve energy. Goossen said industries begin saving money on energy spending within two to three years, and some companies see the change instantaneously.

He said the funding would help them continue to build an efficiency center and allow for expansion through auditing and research.

Sen. Tom Carper (D-Del) said in a statement that the grant will allow students to continue their energy efficiency program, which will benefit both local businesses and students.

"This funding will not only allow the students to gain real-world expertise in their field, but also provide savings to the manufacturers they assist," Carper said. "That's what I call a win-win for businesses and Delaware's next generation of engineers."

Goossen said he thinks the program received funding because it is closer to major manufacturing areas like New York.

Mark Barteau, senior vice provost for Research and Strategic Initiatives at the university, said students' work is important because the manufacturing industry remains the largest energy consumer in the United States.

"It's all part of a larger

picture," Barteau said. "The energy challenge is enormous. It's the challenge of the century."

He said the university is heavily involved in energy conservation efforts. Research ranges from developing energy efficient lighting systems to partnering hybrid cars with electric grids.

The university has received three major awards from the U.S. Department of Energy within during the past month, including a \$9.1 million grant for solar research.

"UD is a major player in the energy field," Barteau said.

Goossen said students' suggestions, no matter how small, can make a large difference in energy consumption. A change in lighting or retouching a furnace with special paint can save thousands of dollars, he said.

"Energy efficiency is just a matter of looking," Goossen said. "It's about paying attention and understanding basic principles."

Senior Nicole Suto, who is involved in the Industrial Assessment Center program, said she is amazed by the amount of energy that the group can save companies. She said she has helped Exxon Mobil, TA Instruments and Pepco Holdings, and enjoys working with the program.

"I feel like I have a real skill I can offer," Suto said.

Politics Straight, No Chaser

Capital punishment debate reignites

On July 17, 2007, Troy Davis was scheduled to be executed. On Sept. 23, 2008, Troy Davis was again scheduled to be executed. On Oct. 27, 2008, Troy Davis was scheduled to be executed for the third time. At 11:08 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on Sept. 21, 2011, Troy Davis was declared dead after a lethal injection in prison in Jackson, Ga.

This is the brief timeline of a story that dates back to 1989. On an August night that year, a white off-duty police officer, Mark MacPhail, was working as a security guard at a Burger King in Savannah, Ga. An altercation broke out in the parking lot and MacPhail was shot in the chest and head, and killed instantly. Four days later, 20-year-old Davis, an African-American, was arrested for the murder after being implicated by a witness.

Davis plead not guilty, and the case went to trial with the prosecution seeking the death penalty. Davis took the stand during the trial and maintained his innocence. In less than two hours of deliberation, a jury comprised of seven blacks and five whites found him guilty and recommended the death penalty. Davis was sentenced to state execution by lethal injection.

In March 1992, Davis' first request for a new trial was denied, and Georgia's Supreme Court upheld the conviction and sentencing in 2003. Eight years later, in 2001, Davis still sat in a Georgia prison and filed an appeal with U.S. Federal District court that claimed seven of the nine original witnesses had decided to recant their testimonies and made accusations of prosecutorial misconduct and unfair jury selection. This appeal was denied in 2004 and the ruling was upheld in 2006 by a Circuit Court. Davis' first execution date was set.

Appeals for a stay of execution rained in from all over the world, notably from Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Pope Benedict XVI. At the last minute, the state granted Davis' a 90-day stay of execution. The Georgia Supreme Court then declared a "discretionary retrial" on the grounds of mistaken identity, but then denied the new trial by a 4-3 margin. Davis' second execution date was set.

A court again intervened at the last moment—this time the United States Supreme Court—just 2 hours before the execution was set to begin, but they ultimately decided not to consider Davis' appeal. A third execution date was set.

Davis then filed for habeas corpus, seeking relief from unlawful imprisonment, with the state of Georgia and the U.S. Supreme Court. The writ was defeated in Georgia by a 2-1 margin, but after rallies and protests around the country, the U.S. Supreme Court ordered the Savannah federal district court to open a new hearing in 2009, which was considered a controversial move. Finding full proof that only one of the original witnesses was willing to recant, this order was dismissed by a Georgia judge. A fourth execution date was set for Sept. 21, 2011.

All last-minute efforts to delay Davis' execution were unsuccessful. The U.S. Supreme Court unanimously

denied a final petition, which postponed the execution for four hours. After more than 20 years of appeals and controversy, Davis was strapped to a gurney peering at his family, and the brother and son of the slain officer MacPhail. In his final words, he maintained his innocence, saying he was not carrying a gun that night in 1989 and was not the shooter. Speaking directly to MacPhail's son and brother he said, "All I can ask is that you look deeper into this case so you can really find the truth."

His last words were directed at the prison officials who were preparing his injection. "May God have mercy on your souls," he said.

The first injection was administered at 10:53 p.m. and by 11:08 p.m. Davis lay dead.

Davis' execution picked the scab off of the ongoing debate surrounding capital punishment and the death penalty. Twitter lit up with comments from those supporting and lamenting the state execution, while liberal and conservative pundits engaged in heated feuds. "RIP Troy Davis" was trending nationally until the following afternoon.

Often the issue of capital punishment falls along political lines with liberals against it and conservatives in favor. This case was no different, but there were some dissenting opinions. Sen. Bob Barr (R-Ga.), a death penalty supporter, spoke out against the Davis execution. In a CNN editorial last week he stated that, "imposing a death on the skimpiest of evidence does not serve the interest of justice."

Many legal experts condemned the execution as a grave miscarriage of justice. Maintaining he had just witnessed the execution of an innocent man, Davis' attorney said "the innocent have no enemy but time, and Troy's time slipped away tonight." MacPhail's family has repeatedly claimed they believe Davis to have been the killer on that night 22 years ago, and asserted their desire to see him executed.

It is the hope of many that, regardless of personal views on the nature of the death penalty, we can agree that our legal system has become cluttered and dysfunctional. It is in no way appropriate or acceptable that either an innocent man was held in prison for 22 years and then wrongfully executed, or that the family of a murdered police officer had to wait so long for what they considered justice. With a shred of doubt about a man's innocence, the system seized up and became comatose to react. Davis' supporters are seeking redemption in the hope that legal reforms will come as a result of his story. As Davis' attorney put it, "This case struck a chord in the world, and as a result the legacy of Troy Davis doesn't die."

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Restaurants, community savors Taste of Newark

BY MARTÍN MARTINEZ
City Editor

The smell of crab cakes, taquitos and chicken basil paninis wafted through Clayton Hall and into the parking lot outside on Sunday afternoon, as attendees flocked to the 8th annual Taste of Newark.

Every year, the event is held by and in benefit of the Downtown Newark Partnership and the university's department of hotel, restaurant and institutional management. The event is held to showcase different eateries in Newark, including fine dining establishments, burger joints and local bars.

Lizette Torres, a manager at Klondike Kate's, said the restaurant uses the event to help formulate their menu.

"We get a lot of customer insights at these events," Torres said. "We try new items and things here and if they go over well, we add them to the menu."

She said the event is valuable for networking with customers.

"I love it when we see a lot of our regulars, but it's also nice to see a lot of new faces as well," she said. "Events like this show that Newark isn't just a college town, and that it's actually a really good tourist town."

Newark Mayor Vance A. Funk III, one of Taste of Newark's creators, said this year's event is the best he has experienced.

"I was really worried because

we already had a line out the door and it wasn't even noon yet," Funk said.

He said the event gives him a chance to interact with those he normally wouldn't have the opportunity to talk with.

"I'm amazed at what kind of people come out and say hello," he said. "I met a couple who used to live here, but now fly up from Naples, Fla. to enjoy it."

Funk said he believes Taste of Newark helps the city promote a positive image that attracts people from around the area.

"People from Philly and Baltimore are here because they heard about it through someone else, so it's not just Newark residents," Funk said.

Larry Chen owns Banh-Mi Boy, a restaurant specializing in Vietnamese-style hoagies coming to Main Street. He said that even though his restaurant doesn't open until November, he approached the mayor and asked if they could have a booth.

"We basically talked to the mayor and asked him if it was OK and he told us to get it on," Chen said. "He was really helpful."

Chen said while he thinks students will be more interested in their fare than residents, he has received a lot of positive feedback from members of the city community.

"We are promoting a fast, easy-to-get and cheap sandwich, and we've gotten a lot of positive response at today's event," Chen

said.

William Sullivan, managing director of the Courtyard Marriott on Laird Campus, is part of both the committee that plans Taste of Newark and the university's HRIM department. He said the event gives considerable financial help to the department.

"We help the students pay for any kind for trips or projects they might want to do, and it really helps them out," Sullivan said.

Sullivan said the event assists to foster a positive relationship between the department, Courtyard Marriott and the city.

"It's just really great to work with [the city officials], because there is just so much support from them," he said. "The university has also been very accommodating, especially with allowing us to use Clayton Hall within two days' notice."

Sophomore Maria Trasolini, who volunteered at the event, said it was interesting to see the restaurants present themselves to the community.

"Even though I haven't gotten a chance to go out and try the food, it's really great to see all the different kinds of food and all the different restaurants," Trasolini said.

Newark resident Stephanie Symons, 36, said she has been trying to come to the event for a long time.

"Every year they sold out of tickets, and now we finally got a chance to be able to come to this

thing," Symons said. "It's great that it's really local and that you can see all these places that are in the area."

Newark resident Derek Haines, 36, said that the tables reflected what it's like to dine at all the different establishments.

"One restaurant's best isn't necessarily another restaurant's best, so what you basically get is an accurate representation of what Newark restaurants have to offer," Haines said. "It really is a taste of Newark."



THE REVIEW/Nick Wallace

The Taste of Newark event is held each year to benefit the Downtown Newark Partnership and the university's HRIM department.



THE REVIEW/Nick Wallace

Community members peruse food and wine tables at Sunday's festivities in Clayton Hall.



THE REVIEW/Nick Wallace

A guest waits to sample a glass of wine at Sunday's celebration on Laird Campus.

Off-campus recycling difficult, students say

BY LINDSEY TRIBA
Staff Reporter

Every morning, senior Meghan Powers leaves a little extra room in her bag for empty water bottles.

Powers, a resident of the Main Street Plaza apartment complex above The Learning Station, said she and her roommates struggle with the lack of recycling options at their apartments. She brings what she can to the recycling bins in her classrooms, but most of her bottles and containers go to waste.

"We end up throwing everything away," Powers said. "It's really sad. I feel guilty every time."

For those students who don't live in university housing, some say recycling becomes a challenge. Many off-campus apartment complexes do not provide the necessary receptacles for their residents, leaving students with the options of either bringing recyclables to another location or dumping them in the trash.

Angela Tsionas, property manager and owner of Tsionas Management Inc., said she does not provide recycling bins at any of her buildings. She owns five properties in Newark, including Astra Plaza on Main Street and Continental Court on South Chapel Street.

Tsionas said she is in favor of recycling, but the process of implementing a system at her properties has not been easy. She said she cannot provide the receptacles at her buildings because of cost and space issues.

"We looked at it a couple of times and it was a little bit more difficult than usual," Tsionas said. "You have to take up more space to put in another big container like that. But our ultimate goal is to have them right on-site."

Rich Lapointe, director of public works for the city of Newark, said apartment complexes in Newark do not have a recycling program provided by the city. However, Delaware state legislation will require all multi-

family residential complexes to provide a recycling option by January 2013.

Lapointe said he is hoping to have an apartment recycling program implemented by April 2012. He said that 50 locations in Newark would fall under the multi-family recycling program once it is implemented.

"We're trying to get a feel for what is needed at each site," Lapointe said.

He said individual family residences use recycling carts provided by the city, while multi-family complexes, like those owned by Tsionas, would use dumpsters. According to a quote from five years ago, the cost to use either a cart or dumpster at a residence in Newark would fall between \$600 and \$1200. Lapointe said now the prices might be a bit higher.

Pricing has also been a challenge for Lang Development Group, a company whose managers operate 12 residential and commercial properties in Newark, including Main Street Plaza, Center Square and Abby Court on Main Street.

Jurgita Saldunaite, an assistant property manager at Lang Development Group, said while none of the company's buildings currently provide recycling, she is in the process of negotiating with the city's public works department to implement a new waste management program.

Saldunaite said all of Lang Development Group's properties will offer tenants the option of recycling starting in early 2012 with the city's new multi-family program in place.

"I think it's so vital for the environment that we do this," Saldunaite said. "Especially with the lifestyle we have now, we consume so much of everything and we just care less about recycling."

Saldunaite said she has received several tenant requests for recycling receptacles, and she hopes a new recycling initiative at Lang Development Group



File photo

Senior Meghan Powers, a resident of the Main Street Plaza apartments above The Learning Station, brings recyclable items with her to class because her complex does not have recycling bins for residents.

properties will encourage other real estate companies to take similar action.

"Even though it looks little, I think in the big picture if everybody starts doing it, it's huge," Saldunaite said.

Senior Caroline Peeke, who lived in Main Street Plaza last year, said she is pleased Lang Development Group plans to accommodate tenants who want to recycle. She said having receptacles on the properties will save students the hassle of bringing their recyclables to another location.

"Many college students aren't going to have the time to go to a place and drop and organize all their recycling," Peeke said.

Jim Tweedy, associate director of Residence Life, said recycling in residence halls is a priority because it contributes to a sustainable campus. He said students should put more pressure on real estate companies to implement recycling at their buildings.

"If our students start to demand it as customers, we will see the off-campus market changing very quickly," Tweedy said. "A simple change in what you're asking when you're looking for a place off-campus to rent can make a major difference here."

Jessalyn Phillips, director of sales and marketing at the Studio Green apartments on Elkton Road, said she and other staff members

are looking to increase the recycling options they currently offer residents.

Phillips said there is only one large dumpster designated for recyclables on the property, in addition to smaller receptacles inside the complex's recreational building. She said while many residents recycle on a regular basis, others are unaccustomed to the process.

"For some students, they really believe in it so they're constantly recycling because it's a personal life decision they've made," Phillips said. "But if you live somewhere where it's not required, then it's one more chore you would have to do."

Ag dean resigns, plans to remain in faculty

BY LAUREN COSTELLO
Staff Reporter

After a decade of service, Robin Morgan resigned from her position as dean of the College of Agriculture & Natural Resources this month.

Morgan will remain at the university as a professor next year.

She said she stepped down from the position to focus on new

research and teaching endeavors.

"I want to offer a course that is in demand and needed," Morgan said.

She will remain dean of the college until July 2012, according to Provost Tom Apple. Apple said university officials will use the remainder of the year to find a new dean.

He does not yet know if they will hire someone from within the university.

"We will conduct a national search with a search committee made up of faculty and administrators and we will use a professional search firm," Apple stated in an email message.

He said Morgan positively influenced the college during her

time as dean.

"She dramatically improved the research profile of the college," Apple said. "She was instrumental in establishing [the Delaware Biotechnology Institute] as the powerful center it is. She also hired many great faculty."

The Biotechnology Institute seeks to advance research in biotechnology and the life sciences.

Morgan also founded the UDairy Creamery after a few students had the idea to open a small ice cream shop.

Professor Susan Barton of the department of plant and soil sciences, who has worked closely with Morgan, said Morgan was understanding and encouraging as

dean.

"She allows the faculty and staff in the college to have the freedom to pursue good ideas and encourages them with resources and moral support," Barton said.

Barton works with Morgan in the Center for Public Horticulture, which provides training and education about the science of plant cultivation.

While horticulture is not Morgan's primary field of work, she enjoys working in areas that aren't her specialty so she can broaden her research.

"It is very much a privilege to be involved in projects that were outside my area of expertise," Morgan said.

Janice Seitz, associate dean of

the Cooperative Extension Service Department since 2003, said she worked closely with Morgan over the last few years, and knows she will be missed in the department.

Cooperative Extension helps to funnel university research and resources toward public needs.

"It has truly been my privilege to work for and with her over these past eight years," Seitz said.

Morgan said her experience as dean helped her become more well-rounded.

"I have learned so much," she said. "It expanded my view and sometimes you take more from things than you give it. It was a period of great personal growth."

UD to test gender-neutral housing pilot in 2012

BY DANIELLE DEVITA
News Features Editor

This spring, the university will begin a pilot program for gender-neutral housing on Laird Campus. The proposed housing option will offer suites with a single bedroom, and let students share a bathroom and common space.

Michael Gilbert, vice president for Student Life, said gender-neutral housing will be available for upperclassman students during the 2012 fall semester.

Residence Life officials are choosing between Independence Hall, George Read Hall and Thomas McKean Hall for the location of the pilot program.

Senior Matt Coogan, public relations chair for the student-run LGBT group Haven, said the potential housing option takes a more realistic stance on roommate policy.

"It's more of a service to people with gender identity issues," Coogan said. "It's not always a clear cut thing that you would be living with someone with the same gender."

The effort to introduce gender-neutral housing was spearheaded by alumnus and former Haven president Dan Cole, along with members of the Committee for Gender Identity and Expression Non-Discrimination and Haven.

"LGBT students have a whole other set of identity obstacles and stress just because of their sexual identity," Cole said. "They are more often delayed in development as

college students."

According to Cole, a lack of roommate options for students living on campus does not foster a beneficial relationship between the university and LGBT students.

Current policy requires transgendered students to live in single dormitories on campus, which could cause students to feel isolated and ostracized, said Haven president Colleen Dougherty.

Gilbert said that the new housing policy will be built around student choice.

"What I have asked the Student Life staff to look at is where we might make those kind of housing accommodations available to all students," Gilbert said. "We told them to let us know who you would prefer to live with."

When the pilot program begins, Gilbert plans to organize meetings with students choosing to live in the gender-neutral housing to evaluate the model's progress. This includes determining how many students would be interested in gender-neutral housing for the fall semester.

Comparable universities with gender-neutral housing include University of Connecticut, University of Michigan and Rutgers University's New Brunswick campus.

"Other schools have piloted different choices," Gilbert said. "We wanted to draw on that and learn from their approach. We think we're putting an attractive choice in front of students."



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Some think the proposed gender-neutral housing on Laird Campus takes a more realistic stance on roommate policy.

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A survey conducted last spring shows students would rather start classes at 8:30 a.m. instead of 8 a.m. during the week.

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Survey reports student opinion on class schedule modifications

BY JESSICA KLEIN
Staff Reporter

A proposal to eliminate Friday afternoon classes and begin class schedules at 8:30 a.m. appears to have received approval from students, according to a report by faculty members.

In order to alleviate scheduling conflicts, a Faculty Senate ad hoc committee evaluated the current class schedule last spring and proposed two alternate timetables to students and faculty.

The committee surveyed students last semester on two alternatives to the current scheduling system. Responses from 3,064 students indicated that most want to come in later on Fridays and end class earlier, but have longer afternoon classes on Monday and Wednesday.

English professor Peter Feng, an ad hoc committee member, said the committee studied the current scheduling situation when formulating alternate scheduling options.

One option suggests starting classes at 8 a.m. and ending at 2:15 p.m. on Fridays. The second option offers to start classes at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 1:40 p.m. A majority of both students and faculty prefer the latter option, according to the report.

"The results of the survey

did not surprise the committee," Feng said. "Classes that start at 8 a.m. don't typically enroll as well as later classes. However, just because students prefer Option B more doesn't mean that students who wouldn't sign up for 8 a.m. classes will suddenly start signing up for classes that start at 8:30 a.m."

Provost Tom Apple said alterations to the current class schedule may present a solution to scheduling conflicts because students may enroll in the earliest class sections of a course.

"We have little flexibility in classroom utilization during the middle of the day," Apple said, citing that in the start of this semester, there were 95 available classrooms during the Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8 a.m. class slot, yet there were zero open from 9 a.m. until noon on those same days."

Committee members are still assessing potential drawbacks of schedule alterations. Apple said they discovered some groups of students could be negatively affected if classes were to have a later start.

"Shifting the day a little bit to a later time can cause an interference in athletics, and also for professional people in the working world who don't get off from work until [5 p.m.]," Apple

said.

The Faculty Senate will host an open hearing for the university community on the proposed schedule changes and may formally introduce them for voting in a November meeting.

Apple said he is hopeful that modifying the scheduling structure will stop students from worrying about not getting into classes they want.

"I would hate to have students take a class just because it fit in their schedule, as opposed to taking a class that they actually would want to take," he said.

Sophomore Alyssa Norfleet, who has taken 8 a.m. classes in the past, said she supports a later start for early morning lectures.

"In college, you really can't get that much sleep because you're up late studying, and when you have to wake up that early, it's hard," Norfleet said. "That early, no one is really paying attention. We're just up because that's when the class is scheduled and that's what fit in our schedule."

However, she said 75-minute classes may be too long.

"I prefer 50-minute to 75-minute classes," Norfleet said. "I don't care if they meet more times a week. Even after just 30 minutes, most students are no longer engaged. An hour and 15 minutes is just too long."

UD music department partners with university in Colombia

BY MAIA MCCABE
Staff Reporter

Students at the university and Colombia's Pontificia Universidad Javeriana may soon be making sweet music together.

University professors and alumni utilized an \$18,000 grant received over the summer and recently traveled to Colombia to solidify plans for a new music department study abroad program.

Alumna Catherine Short de Arce worked to secure the grant, and said it helped pay travel costs for the officials who finalized study abroad details. Undergraduates will be able to take part in full semester programs and programs over winter session, while graduate students can complete a dual degree by spending one year in Colombia and one year at the university.

"The goal is to have these continue and expand into a vibrant program," Short de Arce said. "We envision joint concerts, faculty and student visits to the universities in Colombia and UD, and establishing semester abroad opportunities."

She said the university's

engineering department has had ties to Colombia since 1997, which makes the development of the music department's program easier.

Gonzalo Arce, an electrical and computer engineering professor who began the engineering program in Colombia, said university officials will begin collaborating with Javeriana Universidad, but plan to expand outside of that university.

"This partnership will provide an opportunity for students in music to go to Colombia, perform with faculty and learn more about Colombian music," Gonzalo Arce said. "[Javeriana Universidad] is one of the best private schools in the entire country. We will start collaborations with them and grow the partnership to other schools. We've already made contact with two other schools."

Lawrence Stomberg, a music professor, played cello with seven Colombian students during a concert while on the grant-sponsored trip. He said Colombia diverse culture provides an ideal location for study abroad programs.

"South America is sort of untapped and there is a lot of

energy and commitment to the arts in South America," Stomberg said. "It's a good time to be making connections."

Short de Arce said the infusion of Colombian culture will enhance students' experiences at the university, even if they do not travel there.

Gonzalo Arce said future plans include holding a joint concert this spring and a concert next fall at the university.

Freshman music major Jamie Snyder said she hopes to go to Colombia in the future.

"I think it's a great experience," Snyder said. "It will really help our music department grow."

Senior music major Rachel Clark said there is a shortage of study abroad opportunities for music majors.

"The chance to fulfill some of these credits outside of the country would be an awesome opportunity," Clark said. "The UD music department already has a great relationship with many Chinese universities, so I am happy to hear that we are working to expand our international relationships."



Courtesy of Catherine Short de Arce

University alumna Catherine Short de Arce helped secure an \$18,000 grant to fund a trip for members of the music department to Colombia this summer.

University partners with nat'l energy supplier

BY DANIELLE BRODY
Administrative News Editor

The university solidified a partnership with national energy supplier NRG Energy on Monday, to develop a technology that allows electric vehicles to deposit energy back into the electricity grid while they charge.

David Weir, director of the office of economic innovation and partnership, said the collaboration will allow NRG Energy to license and manage the technology.

"The strategic partnership between NRG and UD provides the opportunity to tap this enormous potential thereby enhancing energy security, facilitating integration of renewables and lowering the cost of electricity," Weir said.

The new partnership includes eV2g, a company that will pay electric car owners who use the technology because they are redistributing energy back into the power grid.

Professor Williett Kempton, of the School of Marine Science & Policy, researched and patented this technology. Kempton said this will help balance energy and reward consumers for owning electric cars.

"The battery is being used to help the power system balance generation of power with use of power," Kempton said. "It's a way of electrical vehicle owners getting some revenue which then helps pay for the cost of an electric vehicle."

Kempton said the university

has three cars that are able to use the technology, and the state has four more.

Lee Davis, senior vice president and regional president of NRG, said the company will expand the technology to more electric vehicles. He said his company benefited from the university's ability to research the technology first.

"For a company like ourselves, we don't have the resources that University of Delaware does to be able to prove out and test this technology, so having this type of partnership with someone that knows how to implement this into a vehicle is exciting," Davis said.

Weir said the technology has the potential to change how America uses oil. He said if all cars were electric, the energy put back in the grid could power America for half a day.

Denise Wilson, executive vice president and president of NRG's alternative energy services, said this can lead to cleaner energy. She said she thinks it will inspire more people to buy electric vehicles because they are receiving money.

"EV2g is going to provide us the ability for consumers to find another way to benefit economically from owning an electric vehicle," Wilson said. "It's part of a mini power plant that can actually provide supply back to our power grids and also take a load off our power grids when there's ample supply. We see it as really beneficial for the country as a whole."



Courtesy of University of Delaware
University President Patrick Harker signs off on papers partnering the school with NRG Energy Monday.

UD aligns with Apple brand

BY TOM LEHMAN
Managing News Editor

An Apple store in the new university bookstore will link the popular brand to the university's own marketing campaign, officials said.

University spokesman David Brond said officials specifically chose to incorporate Apple into the university bookstore. The new building already contained services from popular services such as Barnes & Noble and Starbucks.

He said Apple and other prominent businesses now associated with the bookstore were chosen because of their potential positive impact on the university.

"We're trying to associate ourselves with companies with the same kind of quality," Brond said.

He also said the brand itself was a valuable addition because it is one of the most popular and successful brands. Forbes listed Apple as the most valuable company in the world in August.

"It's got a lot of appeal to it," he said. "It's a cool brand and it has a lot of cache value."

Despite the company's association with the bookstore, Brond said the partnership does not encourage students to consider Apple-only products.

"There's no conscious decision," Brond said. "It's not a case where students should not buy PCs and buy Apple instead."

Richard Gordon, IT Communication group manager at the

university, said he believes as many as 20 to 25 percent of students are using Apple computers.

Out of 223,387 visits to the IT department website, approximately 25 percent were from Apple computers, according to Gordon. He compared it to a report from Gartner, a technology research group, that said Apple currently holds approximately 10 percent of the national market share.

Although the department will research students' computer preferences this fall, Gordon said he has seen enough anecdotal evidence to suggest that more students are using Apple technology.

"From my own observation in the class I teach, over the past three years I have seen a rapid increase in the use of tablets and iPads," Gordon said. "In my class yesterday, I saw a dozen laptops and five of them were tablets. That was out of 40 students."

While the presence of Apple computers appears to be increasing within the university community, many departments, such as accounting and engineering, strongly recommend that students purchase computers that run Windows.

Freshman Charlie Becker, an engineering major, said he owns a Microsoft computer because the software required for his courses is more compatible with Windows' operating system.

Before his freshman year, Becker considered purchasing a Macintosh, but read on his major's website that

he should use a Microsoft computer instead. Because of the warning, he kept a laptop that he used before college.

"I did look at Macs for a bit, but when I saw that I should stay with a PC, I decided to keep it," Becker said.

As an employee in the Student Multimedia Design Center in Morris Library, Becker helps students use equipment, which includes Apple computers available for student and faculty use. The center features an instructional room that contains 19 Macintosh desktops.

Although the center contains both Microsoft and Apple devices, he said most students who need to create video or multimedia projects choose to use Macintosh computers because of their selection of programs.

"Macs are totally more useful when you're trying to create products," Becker said. "The software on there is much more capable of editing an image or video."

Sophomore Pauline Zilch, who has used her MacBook since high school, said she is considering getting a new computer, and planning to stick with Apple.

As a communication-interest major, Zilch said she has not encountered any major compatibility issues with her classwork and computer aside from minimal issues with file conversion.

"I feel like visually, the programs are a lot simpler to navigate on a Mac," Zilch said. "I quickly picked up on it."



THE REVIEW/Amelia Wang
The Apple store in the university bookstore on Main Street offers Mac technology at a discounted price for students and faculty members.

Conflict: 'Stop negotiating about the negotiations,' Israeli president says

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American officials to renew peace talks, despite his reservations about aspects of the proposal.

"We have to stop negotiating about the negotiations," Netanyahu said.

Rabbi Eliezer Sneiderman, the director of Chabad Center for Jewish Life on campus, stated in an email message that Hamas' influence in Palestine is a violation of the U.N. pledge to pursue peace. He said the U.N. often overlooks terrorist activity and human rights violations in member countries or, in Palestine's case, countries that are applying for membership.

"Out of all the nations of the world, Israel is selected as the brunt of world displeasure," Sneiderman said. "The number of U.N. resolutions against Israel is overwhelming. Dictators, on the other hand, don't merit a mention in this body."

Sneiderman said President Abbas' speech to the U.N. emphasized Palestine as "the Holy Land" while downplaying the history of the Jewish people.

"A 3,000-year connection to the land is not even hinted at," he said. "The inability to understand the narrative of someone else is essentially the source of the conflict." Sneiderman said the term "Palestinian" once referred to the Jews in the region. Palestine as a nation did not exist until 1967, when Israel took control of the Gaza Strip from Egypt and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, from Jordan in the Six-Day War.

"I think the Palestinians have been very effective in selling their narrative," he said. "One thinks of them as indigenous natives pushed aside by colonial powers. This injustice needs a resolution."

Graduate student William Aquilino, who studies Middle Eastern politics, said Israel and Palestine will only achieve peace through direct negotiations with American oversight. He said Palestine should first accept Israel as a state, and then work with Israel to craft security arrangements in Palestine.

"If a future Palestinian state poses no direct or indirect threats to Israel, Israel has no reason to reject Palestinian statehood," Aquilino said. "A peaceful Palestinian state would do wonders for Israel's security and economy."

Palestine will receive statehood if they prove willing to work with Israel to combat terrorism and extremism and ensure the region's security, he said. Both Israel and Palestine must also recognize the other's state sovereignty before mutually beneficial negotiations can take place, he said.

Aquilino said President Barack Obama must support Israel or risk losing the Jewish vote in the 2012 presidential election. The outcome of Palestine's bid will have far-reaching effects, and Americans should have a basic understanding of the issue, he said.

"Having to adopt two foreign viewpoints to understand two sides of this conflict remains a daunting task

for Americans to take up," Aquilino said. "[But] both the process and the outcome of this situation could either stabilize the Middle East or severely destabilize it."

He said if Palestine's move for statehood ends poorly, the results could also have effects on the global economy.

"An implosion of Israeli-Palestinian relations would rock the world oil market, sending the price of a gallon of gas up at a time when Americans are barely making ends meet," Aquilino said.

Political science professor Stuart Kaufman, who specializes in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, said Palestine's bid for statehood will likely end badly for both parties.

"The Palestinians have a reasonable case, but the practical consequences of doing it the way they're doing it are going to be bad for them," Kaufman said.

He said the Obama administration faces immense political pressure to veto Palestine's bid in the Security Council, and Congress will likely insist on cutting off financial support to Palestine if they continue to pursue statehood.

"Meanwhile, the Israelis will just become even more convinced that the rest of the world is against them and therefore they shouldn't listen to anybody," Kaufman said. "Once it becomes clear that all this diplomatic maneuvering isn't going to get anywhere, then the Palestinians will probably resume violence."

He said American support for Israel is one of the most significant causes of anti-Americanism around the world and a major motivation for terrorism.

"The more uncritically the U.S. is supportive of Israel, the more isolated the U.S. will be internationally," Kaufman said. "That's what's at stake for us."

Kaufman said many Americans overestimate how much they understand the situation, and their opinions are skewed by political views.

"If you're a Republican, you are certain that you completely understand the situation, and that involves uncritical support of Israel no matter what," he said. "And if you are a Democrat, then you are certain you completely understand the situation, and that involves, more or less, support for President Obama."

Kaufman said Israel, as the more powerful entity, does not seem interested in seriously pursuing a peace agreement. The Palestinians are frustrated with the negotiating process and are appealing for statehood as a last-ditch effort, he said.

"At the moment, the Israelis aren't really negotiating in good faith," he said. "This most moderate of Palestinian leaderships is kind of choosing a desperation ploy. Even though it's not going to work, they will gain some popularity for trying."

Anne Ullizio contributed to this article.

Band plays tunes for free in Perkins



THE REVIEW/Megan Krol

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Activist seeks to unify local animal rights movement

BY SARA PENCHINA
Staff Reporter

Hetti Brown, vice president of the political action committee Delaware Votes for Animals, visited the university Wednesday to speak about the improvement of animal rights in Gore Hall.

Brown, who represents the state's first and only PAC dedicated to animal welfare, asked university students to support legislation that would result in widespread change.

"To change our society, not only in the legal realm, but attitudinally, we need to say that this kind of cruelty cannot go on, cannot persist," Brown said. "Animals do not have a voice, so we have to stand up and give animals a voice, because when we do, politicians listen."

Delaware Votes for Animals work includes lobbying for new legislation and endorsing of political campaigns that align with its cause. Group members also work closely with the other animal protection groups.

Brown said the group wants to unify the state's community of animal lovers and create one cohesive voice that can influence Delaware policy-makers to advance animal rights.

She said more than 9 billion livestock animals are raised and killed annually because of financial interests. She said the great demand for food produced from livestock can cause companies to overlook certain US Department of Agriculture standards on mistreatment.

She said a gap exists between public awareness of animal rights

and the laws enacted to protect living creatures.

"The majority of the public would be surprised if they truly learned how little animals are protected in the legal system," Brown said.

Brown said existing legislation does not protect all of the creatures that need protection.

She said the Humane Slaughter Act, a 1958 law, regulates industry meat-packing regulations but does not protect poultry. She also said federal laws designed to protect wildlife only protect critically endangered animals.

She said 2012 will be an important year for the PAC and for students supporting the cause, because they can ensure that animal-friendly politicians are re-elected.

Brown was invited to speak at the university by the Vegetarian Students Association, a registered student organization that promotes animal welfare awareness.

Junior and VSA member Jenny Menzel, a vegan, said more people should be exposed to information that was in Brown's presentation.

"I have a lot of friends who, if they saw this presentation, would think about changing the way they eat," Menzel said.

Freshman Daniel Bodine said he eats meat but does not believe in the mistreatment of animals.

"I think that animal protection is an important issue, but I do eat meat," Bodine said. "I think humane treatment of animals is important, but it does not bother me that some of it is processed through slaughterhouses."



THE REVIEW/Amelia Wang

Hetti Brown, vice president of the political action committee Delaware Votes for Animals, spoke Wednesday in Gore Hall about raising awareness on campus about animal rights.

Hirsh: 'He takes a personal interest in the success of people,' friend says

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things and he does things for reasons which he will explain."

University spokesman David Brond said Hirsh has expanded the university's influence across the globe. This has allowed for a more diverse student body and a higher academic profile of each incoming class, he said.

Hirsh said he hopes to see a steady increase in diversity in the years following his retirement.

"That's a part of education that you can't program any other way except by putting people in contact with each other and letting them celebrate diversity," Brond said.

Brond said Hirsh's commitment to helping students has allowed him to excel at his job.

"He's intellectual and he's a caring person," he said. "He takes a personal interest in the success of people."

Bottomoff said university officials will be deciding how to conduct the search for a replacement in the coming weeks.

Brond said the university will consider both internal and external candidates for the position.

"He's going to leave significant shoes that need to be filled in terms of how we go about continuing the positive momentum that he's helped to create for our undergraduates' enrollment," he said.

Hirsh said he has enjoyed working at an "amazingly student-oriented campus" with a high level of morale.

"I've always sensed that this is a much more optimistic campus than most other college and university campuses nowadays," he said. "People seem to take a real pleasure in learning."

Hirsh is confident that university graduates will go on to lead successful lives. He recalled one particular commencement, during which a student turned to him and said, "Thank you, Mr. Hirsh, for taking a chance on me four years ago."

The student had been wait-listed during the admissions process and was accepted to the university after interviewing with Hirsh.

"Quite honestly, I was deeply moved, I really was," Hirsh said. "It almost brought tears to my eyes. That's what this is all about."

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Students gather to watch Deltones 'sing off' on nat'l TV



THE REVIEW/Megan Krol

University a cappella group, the Deltones, advanced to the next round of NBC's "The Sing-Off," which aired Monday night at 8 p.m. Students gathered in the Scrounge to watch the show. "The Sing-Off," hosted by Nick Lachey, pits various a cappella groups from around the country in a reality contest.

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UD branding tactics too extreme

Association with Apple unfair to those that need PCs

With the addition of an Apple store in the new university bookstore on Main Street, the university has associated itself with the Apple brand. This association symbolizes the university's attempt to establish a distinct brand, but it takes more than a corporate partnership to enhance an institution's ranking or reputation.

For some students, the partnership may seem counterintuitive. The university prides itself in its strong engineering program, and engineers often prefer PCs to Macs, since much of the software they use runs better using the Windows operating system. Some programs are only compatible with Windows. Even though Macs can run Windows-specific operating systems, using the dual boot software can be problematic. By connecting with Apple, the university is alienating those who prefer PCs, and especially those who require them. The separation between the business and

academic side of the university can negatively affect students who have little choice in the type of computer they need.

An Apple store on campus is very convenient, especially since a greater number of students do use Macs, and it is easier for students to buy computers or bring them in for repairs. But the same courtesy of being able to purchase a PC on campus should be extended to those students who would like to, since a considerable portion of the school population still want or need to use Windows.

Apple computer use has grown significantly in recent years, and the university seems to be looking for a way to strengthen its brand and let the community know that other brands find the university equally attractive. By good college brands are built over time, and not in a year. Apple should be coming to officials looking for marketing opportunities, not the other way around.

Donations vital for football team

University needs to clarify where funds are headed

An intense game on Saturday between the university and Old Dominion was not enough to fill Delaware Stadium. In fact, the 16,789-person attendance was the lowest at a home game since 1998. A new mandatory donation to the university's athletic fund required with the purchase of season tickets may be the culprit.

It is no secret that university athletic departments need money to fund new projects, and it is not unreasonable to ask for money. But university administrators should be clearer when defining where the money from the fund is actually going. Alumni and members of the local community may be less inclined to donate money when they don't know concrete plans for its use. Having a definite idea would reassure many people their money is not being suspended indefinitely in a

general fund.

Nonetheless, season ticket holders and potential buyers need to realize that in order for the university's football program to stay a conference power, new facilities need to be built, and this cannot be done without funding. Money needs to come from many individuals.

In fact, this practice is very common at Bowl Championship Series schools, such as the University of Georgia, Auburn University and Louisiana State University. This school's facilities pale in comparison to the facilities of rival schools, like Towson and Old Dominion. Having the largest stadium in the conference does not make it the best stadium, and for the football program to thrive, the university needs to upgrade its facilities.

Editorialisms



THE REVIEW/Megan Krol

"Dare to use Macs."

Letter to the Editor

A reflection on the James R. Soles Lecture

With reference to Darren Ankrom's front page story "VP Biden visits UD, Univ. alum donates senatorial papers" (The Review, Vol. 138, Issue 4), by way of addition, this is a double thank you from Yaroslav Bilinsky. All tickets to Biden's inaugural James R. Soles Lecture on the Constitution and Citizenship on Sept. 16 were gone within 15 minutes after the box office opened in the Trabant University Center Monday, Sept. 12.

A student and his friend graciously presented me with two tickets "to go and enjoy the lecture." I would like to thank him in The Review.

Secondly, the vice president insisted that if I attended the lecture, I be seated in the first row. I was. Vice President Joe Biden shook my hand twice, first from the stage and then when passing my new seat, 101. Initially, I had been up in the balcony of Mitchell Hall.

I had joined the university's department of political science/history, as an assistant professor Sept. 1, 1961. My initial salary was \$6,000.

A senior member of our

department and, as I recall, former Rhodes Scholar, the historian Marshall Knappen, so liked my being outspoken at a public lecture in Wilmington on the Berlin crisis, that he recommended to the department Chairman Ralph E. Purcell that my salary be adjusted by another \$300. This was done within weeks of my joining UD.

The vice president did not take any of my courses. In his James R. Soles lecture, he referred to the late professor Paul Dolan. Professor Dolan had endorsed his political career. He also quoted at length Dr. David E. Ingersoll, who is retired and now lives in California.

The vice president also said that he had learnt about international relations from professor Bilinsky. I rose and thanked him for the "supreme honor."

As a senator in early October 2000, Joe Biden received a group of UD students, whom a fellow-student and I had driven on a field trip to D.C. I was moved when the senator left the Senate floor and pending legislative business, and for more than an hour passionately talked to the 12 of us about Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia, who had just been overthrown in Belgrade. He had confronted him

earlier and called him a war criminal to his face. He discussed what chances the United States and our Western allies had for bringing democracy to the Balkans. A UD student called Biden's unscheduled passionate lecture "the experience of my lifetime."

It is likely that my thank you letter from October 2000 will be available in the vice president's senatorial papers. Furthermore, throughout my career at the UD, I have written letters to the editors of the New York Times, the Washington Post and the Wall Street Journal. I have always sent courtesy copies to our sole congressman from Delaware and to our two senators, most notably to Biden.

Finally, after the lecture by the vice president, I was approached by the Delaware Secretary of State, who had been one of the lecture's organizers. The honorable Jeff Bullock had taken my course in comparative government. He liked it, together with my anecdotes.

Thank you for your kind attention to a long letter.

-Yaroslav Bilinsky, Professor Emeritus

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Animal right activism should be more commonplace

Chelsea McFadden

Guest Columnist

Animal rights movements are more than tossing paint on fur coats.

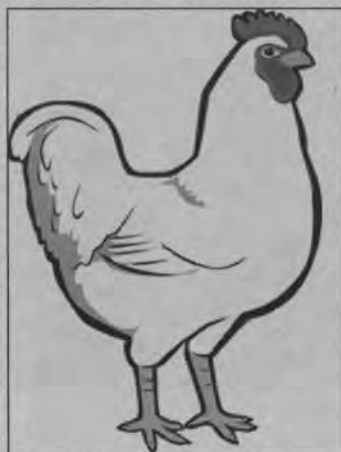
When I tell people I am an animal rights activist, it's hard not to notice the eye-rolling, the wide-eyed stares and quizzical looks. Over the years, I've supported animal rights and been vegetarian, I've gotten used to dealing with the stereotypes and expectations that strangers hold when they learn of my atypical way of life. I understand that these stereotypes are often the unfortunate result of seeing images of or having experiences with angry, confrontational people who believe shoving a point of view into someone else's face is actually an effective method of argument.

The best I can do is demonstrate to curious people that vegetarianism and animal rights are not about being self-righteous or inflammatory toward everyone who eats meat. Rather, they're about trying to make decisions that most ethically aligned with one's sense of values.

My particular value system tells me that it is wrong to unnecessarily hurt or kill a creature that can feel pain and suffer—therefore, I don't participate in activities that result in that outcome.

Yet what I still have trouble understanding is why in American culture it is viewed as ridiculous or unreasonable to acknowledge that sentient animals feel pain and don't want to suffer unnecessarily. Moreover, it seems hypocritical for most Americans to dismiss animal rights activism to the realm of extremism.

Modern science and psychology have proven empirically that animals such as cows and chickens feel physical pain and can experience deep psychological distress as much as companion animals, like dogs and cats. Despite such information, Americans support industries that mercilessly abuse animals each year. Our culture has created a hypocritical system of ethics in which some animal lives are valued and protected, while others are simply disregarded as meaningless.



National organizations, such as the ASPCA, are applauded by most Americans for helping animals, but these same Americans line up to give KFC money to mercilessly slaughter chickens. It's terribly ironic that the abuse endured by billions of animals on factory farms would result in criminal animal cruelty charges if it were committed against dogs or cats in our communities. So it appears that while they are willing to avoid hurting animals when it is convenient, most people are also more willing to continue enjoying hamburgers than acknowledge they are participating in cruelty against farmed animals.

The animal rights movement seeks to bridge the gap in our culture between protecting companion animals from cruelty and apply the same thought to protect the lives of all animals. Unlike the images of confrontational people throwing red paint on fur coats, animal rights activists are simply part of an organized movement that seeks to protect animals from cruelty in every form. Some people may

feel threatened because the animal rights movement brings light to the hypocrisy between our culture's love of some animals and our insistence on supporting the abuse and slaughter of others, but feeling threatened by a different point of view is never reason enough to dismiss that perspective. Some people like to argue that although it is objectionable to hurt animals, it must be done because people have to eat meat to be healthy—but this is simply not the case. Countless certified medical sources, including the American Dietetic Association, have stated for decades that vegetarian diets are healthy for every stage of life and may even offer health benefits.

People don't need to hurt animals to live healthy lives, and most people in our culture already support the idea that animals shouldn't be abused unnecessarily, which is the basic tenant of animal rights. Given these factors, it really should not be so far-fetched in American culture to support animal rights—the movement at the forefront of improving animal welfare legislation in this country.

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Public displays of affection need to have some limits



Leah Sininsky

Sininsky Speaks

PDA get graphic at inappropriate times on campus.

As my roommates and I walked home from a meeting Tuesday night, a young couple strolled in front of us, entangled in some heavy lip action. At first, I was unaffected by their behavior. In fact, I found it endearing. Moments later, however, I saw something so perverse that it remains ingrained in my mind. The young man slid his hand down the pants of his female companion and visibly squeezed her posterior. On Main Street. Before 8 p.m.

Now, I am not easily offended. I am not squeamish and I do not take a particularly strong stance against public displays of affection. I have but one request: keep it above the belt. Actually, come to think of it, keep it above the neck.

One thing I used to hate about the university in the spring is that seemingly, as the temperature rises, so does the frequency of PDA. Campus starts to overflow with

happy couples holding hands and frolicking about. As a senior, I am more mature and not quite as cynical about love. Regardless of the season, I am now touched by the romance that is commonly seen at our university.

That said, there is a time, a place and a limit to what is appropriate concerning PDA. Take for example an off-campus party setting. For many students, the weekend brings out a collective need to unwind and release the pent-up stress that builds during the weekdays. At these Friday and Saturday night gatherings, whether or not alcohol is involved, hormones begin to rage. It is not uncommon to see couples expressing their affection by claiming a couch on which to make out.

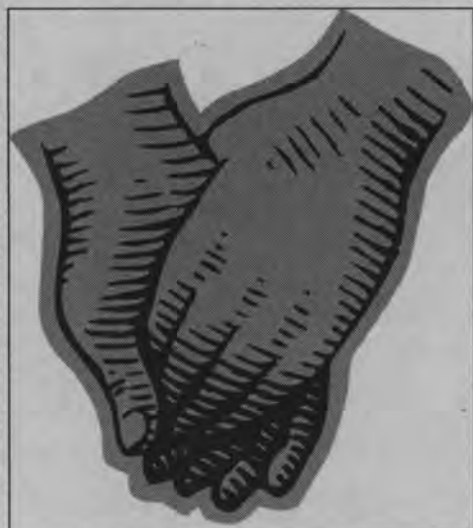
For some, it is hard to stomach the picture of two people kissing for hours on

end in the background of a party. Calls of "get a room!" resound through the house or apartment. However, kissing is fairly innocent. Provided it is not accompanied

by excessive groping, it is one of the purest ways for two people to demonstrate their fondness for one another. I think that on weekend nights, we have a responsibility to accept the actions of lip-locked lovers.

For those who attend off-campus parties, witnessing make out sessions seems to come with the territory. There are however, golden rules to party PDA. First, hands should not grope. Secondly, hands should not move downward.

Thirdly, hands should not wander underneath clothing, and lastly, clothing should not come off. If you bear witness to a violation of any of the aforementioned rules, you reserve the right to politely ask the



guilty couple to retire to a more private setting.

When it comes to outdoor, on-campus PDA, different rules apply. First and foremost, couples must evaluate their surroundings. For instance, in the daytime, nothing further than handholding and an occasional peck on the lips is acceptable. Conversely, when the sun sets, sustained kisses are OK, as long as they last no longer than approximately 20 seconds.

The lesson here is really this—when you and your partner engage in PDA, you may be immune to those around you, but we are not immune to you. So those who commit PDA, be respectful and follow the cardinal rules above. Those disgusted by it, realize that while love has its limits, there is a lot of it in this world, and PDA is inevitable.

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Derby girls duke it out in skating rink

BY VANESSA DI STEFANO
Staff Photographer

A rhinestone cowboy with an eyebrow piercing, a pint-sized skater with Alice Cooper makeup and a referee wearing a glittery helmet and pink zebra-striped knee highs were among the fans that crowded into the Christiana Skating Center Saturday night, waiting for the Diamond State Roller Girls to take the rink.

"Come on Christiana, scream for me," yelled the announcer, as skaters and onlookers gathered to watch the Roller Girls, Delaware's only all-female roller derby team, compete against their fiercest rivals, the Shore Points Boardwalk Brawlers from New Jersey.

The Diamond State Roller Girls was started in March 2006 by four Wilmington residents and is owned and operated by the skaters. Team captain and league vice president Stephanie Shamrock, 27, of Wilmington, who goes by the alias Lucky Charm, says any woman is eligible to play on the team as long as they are willing to attend the twice-weekly practices, with an optional third practice.

While this may seem counter-intuitive, this lesser-known league feels it has a responsibility to make sure all the teams are thriving so the sport can stay alive.

"We call new skaters 'tots,' or 'fresh meat,'" Shamrock says. "We have a whole 'tot' program, where we have a dedicated 'tot' coach who then works with them on developing their skills."

Once a "tot" finishes the training program, she completes a basic skills assessment and begins practicing with the other team members. The team is composed of 35 women, but only the 14 best members are selected to compete in each match.

Shamrock says even the members who do not actively compete play a role on the team.

"The neat thing about derby is that even if you didn't make the roster, we have other jobs for you to fill," she says. "We all wear many hats."

While the women may wear many hats as part of the Roller Girls team, each member is always seen on the rink wearing four-wheeled

roller skates and jerseys. The rest of the outfit is left up to each competitor—costumes included fishnet tights, booty shorts and helmets personalized with stickers.

During a bout, six women from each team are on the track at a time: four blockers, one pivot and one jammer.

Blockers attempt to knock their opponents out of bounds. The pivot is the head blocker on the team, responsible for organizing the blockers' strategy and conveying any changes that may happen on the track.

The jammer is the main point scorer for the team—it's her job to lap members of the opposing team without incurring any penalties. Head referee Thomas Gears says penalties can happen when a player throws an elbow or shoves another player from behind, causing them to lose their balance.

"The biggies that we call the most are probably elbows and back blocks," Gears says. "Girls aren't allowed to use elbows, in spite of what people may have seen in movies."

Allison Johnson, 28, of Newark, is known as Victoria Wreck'em to her teammates. Once the girls are together, Gears says, nicknames become the primary form of identification. He admits he doesn't know many of the girls' real names.

Johnson says she knows the consequences of a penalty hit all too well.

"I had my nose broken the week of my wedding," Johnson says. "I went down like a sack of bricks."

Shamrock says in a contact sport, injuries are part of the package. No one joins football without expecting to get tackled, which is why the girls spend many hours practicing how to deliver and receive hits and how to take a fall.

The Shore Points Boardwalk Brawlers are Roller Girls' toughest competition, Johnson says, and the Diamond State Roller Girls' 157-38 loss on Saturday did not come as a surprise.

"Skill-wise, we're very equally matched, but we are a newer team so we still have yet to click as a team," she says.

Rachel Meholic, 23, of

Wilmington, aka Calamity Roo, says the teammates are close personal friends and have what they call "Derby Wives."

"A derby wife is a person that you click with on the team and you

know that you can talk to them about anything that's going on," Calamity Roo says.

Shamrock agrees that the roller derby team is comparable to a family. "We really are a family, you

know we fight, like brothers and sisters," she says. "The neat thing about the team is the comradery, and just the will to want everyone to be the best that they can be and the willingness to help each other."



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The Diamond State Roller Girls competed against the Shore Points Boardwalk Brawlers.



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Six members from each team are on the rink at any given time.

Eccentric outfits and accessories are common features of roller derby bouts.

'LOTR' fans celebrate hobbit birthday

BY PAT GILLESPIE
Senior Reporter

Past the Dungeons & Dragons memorabilia that lines the narrow hallways of The Days of Knights on Main Street, nearly 30 people broke bread Thursday night to celebrate one very special centenarian's birthday. Bilbo Baggins had turned 111 once again.

For 32 years, The Days of Knights owner John Corradin has invited friends and family members to the "Bilbo Birthday Party," a celebration open to fans of J.R.R. Tolkien's "Lord of the Rings" trilogy.

This particular birthday is quite special to "Lord of the Rings" fanatics. It commemorates a scene in "The Hobbit," the trilogy's prequel, in which Bilbo welcomes friends and family to his 111th birthday celebration.

"The thing that struck me about Bilbo's birthday party in the novels was that instead of getting presents on your birthday, the person whose birthday it is

gives presents," Corradin says. "It seemed like a nice thing for the store to do as a way to thank our customers for their patronage."

Guests in medieval clothing enjoyed a buffet-style dinner with turkey, salted salmon and "poor man's pie," which is a traditional pie stuffed with red beans. Fully bearded men addressed women as "wenches," and many people adopted Irish accents for the evening as they chatted and belted cheery songs. Guests played trivia games written in riddles, a tribute to "The Hobbit," in which riddles play a pivotal role.

Lee McCormick, an events coordinator for the university, hosted the inaugural Bilbo birthday celebration in 1979 in Daugherty Hall in Trabant before it was transformed into a study area for students. McCormick became fascinated with the "Lord of the Rings" series because Tolkien built a world around languages he created himself, such as Elvish, making the fantasy seem believable.

"For me the world was real. If



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Guests at The Days of Knights rang in Bilbo's birthday with songs and games.

I'm going to go to a fantasy world and experience a story, I want to be able to believe in the world while I'm there," McCormick says.

He says he asked attendees of the first party more than 30 years ago to list their favorite character. Corradin chose Shelob, a menacing spider that attacks Frodo, the ring-bearer and central character of the trilogy in the second book, "The Two Towers."

"When he went over the list [of characters] he went, 'Who the hell likes a giant spider better than anybody else in the book?'" Corradin says of McCormick. "He searched me out and we became fast friends after that."

Along with several shareholders who helped open The Days of Knights, Corradin and McCormick operated the store

at its first location on Main Street, which opened in the fall of 1981 where Delaware Book Exchange is currently located.

Corradin currently runs the store at its new location, in between Ali Baba Middle Eastern Cuisine and U.S. Male Barber Shop, with his wife Mica. The story that helped inspire The Days of Knights keeps this close-knit network of Newark "Lord of the Rings" fans together.

"Around here, we believe we're proud to be geeks, proud to be nerds," Corradin said.

Although most attendees of Bilbo's birthday bash were middle-aged adults, Melanie Woosley, 20, a family friend of Corradin, joined the crowd for dinner. She said the "Lord of the Rings" volumes were read to her as a child, and Bilbo's birthday is

an annual tradition for her.

"It is a strange event, but that's what makes it fun," Woosley says.

Despite the folkloric atmosphere at Thursday night's feast, people were not aloof to reality. Guests say they know fantasy is not a lifestyle, but rather an occasional escape from the daily grind.

"It keeps me young," McCormick says. "When I'm at my house, I'm 59 years old, almost 60 years old, and like I said, I have all those problems. I have taxes. I have all kinds of hassles. When I escape like this, I can be somebody else—I can be anybody else I can imagine."



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A "wench" serves salted salmon to 30 guests.



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Melanie Woolsey, 20, celebrates Bilbo's birthday every year.

sights & sounds

"Abduction"

Lionsgate

☆☆ (out of ☆☆☆☆)

Director John Singleton, famous for the 1991 film "Boyz n the Hood," has stepped out of the urban drama genre and into the teen action genre with "Abduction." It's a valiant effort, but the film's clichéd plotline and halfhearted ending show that Singleton is out of his element.

In a world where information can be so easily accessed, identity is sacred. Certain measures must be taken in order to keep your identity safe. In "Abduction," Nathan Harper (Taylor Lautner)'s sense of identity is turned upside down when he discovers he is actually Steven Price after seeing his photo on a missing persons website.

After witnessing the murder of his supposed parents, who are actually CIA agents, Price goes on the run with high school crush Karen (Lily Collins). With the CIA and Russian thugs on their tails, both with different motives, the audience is treated to intense fight scenes and

Lautner showing off his brawny biceps.

Most viewers probably already know about Lautner's martial arts prowess, but viewers may find it funny that each and every character demonstrates impressive combat skills in the film. Lautner is clearly trying to break out of his "Twilight" role, and turns out to be the highlight of the

film—even if only for his fighting skills.

The ending is cheesy, with every loose end immediately tied up. The film unravels pretty nicely, but the audience won't be left with anything profound to think about in the end.

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Courtesy of Lionsgate

"Moneyball"

Columbia Pictures

☆☆☆☆ (out of ☆☆☆☆)

"Moneyball" is a film about a baseball team trying to overcome its low payroll to beat richer teams like the New York Yankees and the Boston Red Sox. Instead of focusing on the actual game of baseball, however, the movie examines a revolution in statistical-based scouting with intelligence and wit.

The movie follows Oakland Athletics general manager Billy Beane (Brad Pitt) and his attempts to field a winning team without the funding to obtain star players. Fresh off a defeat in the playoffs, Beane must find a way to replace the contributions from three talented players lured away from the A's by large contracts from higher-profile clubs.

Beane adopts a new strategy developed by young executive Peter Brand (Jonah Hill), who ignores traditional scouting techniques and uses statistics to find the most undervalued players in baseball. He believes the team can succeed with members dismissed by other teams.

The film's acting is, overall, fairly solid. Pitt's portrayal of Beane as a sharp,

unconventional thinker with a few personal demons is convincing. Hill does an adequate job as Brand, who is geeky yet creative, and brings a fresh outlook to the game. Philip Seymour Hoffman, who plays the team's manager, is one of the film's few disappointments, appearing largely apathetic about his role.

One of the movie's most significant faults is the omission of key figures in the A's history. Baseball fans will recognize the absence of players such as Miguel Tejada, who won league MVP. For a movie based on a true story and a nonfiction book, it is somewhat disheartening to see important details fall by the wayside.

The movie's structure is also somewhat flawed, jumping from different moments

throughout the season but hardly acknowledging an actual game. Aside from an occasional update in the A's standings, the film focuses on front-office drama and doesn't effectively show the players demonstrating the skills the film revolves around.

However, despite its faults, "Moneyball" is entertaining. On a superficial level, it won't disappoint audiences, and serves as a heartwarming tale of success in a flawed game. Although it is a Hollywood production and not an entirely historical account, the film humanizes a boring subject and sheds light on the behind-the-scenes action of America's favorite pastime.

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Courtesy of Sony Pictures

OFF THE RECORD

Dredg

I saw one of Dredg's music videos my sophomore year of high school and was instantly hooked. They have received occasional airplay on television stations like Fuse and MTV2, but they remain one of the more obscure bands in the rock 'n' roll circuit.

None of the four members have classified themselves as part of any particular musical genre, but I would call them art rock. The majority of their records have been concept albums based on creative works ranging from a Salvador Dali painting to a letter written by Salman Rushdie.

The music is completely different on every album, but guitarist Mark Engles adds an overall ethereal reverberation effect that completes their distinct sound.

The messages behind the songs are abstract and existential, with lyrics such as, "I'm not your star, I'm not that beam of light / Here to save your life, to make your wallet fat while mine's on a diet." Dredg is a group that forces people to think in a more profound manner, while the songs still hook listeners with catchy beats.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

"Ode To The Sun," "Same Ol' Road," "Lightswitch"

TV on the Radio

The next band on my list of lesser-known groups hasn't gone entirely under the radar. The band has grown in popularity significantly over the past decade, and is one of the best indie pop/rock bands out there today, in my opinion.

TV on the Radio has had the occasional radio-friendly hit, such as "Wolf Like Me" in 2006, but the band has maintained its musical integrity despite falling under the spotlight a few times—which certainly cannot be said about many mainstream bands today.

The only way I can describe their sound is electro-indie pop with a splash of neo-soul. Lead singer Tunde Adebimpe belts out some impressive notes with his deep voice, then jumps a few octaves to an immaculate falsetto register. The group writes lyrics that perfectly describe taboo topics such as sex, race and terrorism. Considering the multiracial group formed in response to 9/11, it seems only natural that their lyrics would address such controversial subjects.

They have taken the indie pop experience and given it a soulful aura.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

"Caffeinated Consciousness," "Staring At The Sun," "New Cannonball Blues"

Tally Hall

If there is any band on the rock 'n' roll circuit that can be considered up-and-coming, it is unmistakably Tally Hall. Its loyal fan base is composed of a decidedly smaller pool than that of other bands, but its listeners are more dedicated than any others.

The group has an upbeat musical style complemented by sets of peculiar and eccentric lyrics. For instance, the band members introduce themselves with, "We're stereo sonic, we're animatronic/ We're rapping with the robo-'lectronic ebionics." Tally Hall toys with robotic vocals and loves to incorporate some of the oddest instruments and sound effects, even in their most mainstream-sounding tracks. Every so often they will throw in Nintendo-esque melodies, adding to their unique repertoire of progressive techniques. Some of their chord progressions are almost haunting, while others have a feel-good vibe that can lighten up any tough-luck situation.

Tally Hall stands out from any other band that I have heard—for this reason I feel it is virtually impossible to categorize it in one specific genre.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

"Welcome To Tally Hall," "Taken For A Ride," "The Bidding"

Under the Radar, Into the Spotlight

Conversations about music these days have taken on a whole new

style. It seems that now it's cool to know about bands that no one else has ever heard of.

"Oh, you haven't heard of them? They're pretty underground," seems to be the response of choice by those who introduce friends or acquaintances to a new group they claim is "so different" than anything they've ever heard. These bands, however, are worth a listen for their musical genius and cutting-edge techniques.



Ethan Barr



ODDS & ENDS

Other under-the-radar artists:

Biffy Clyro

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Day Trippin':
With Jen Rini

Quaint Chestertown, Md.

One of my friends made the astute observation that Chestertown, Md., is reminiscent of "Dawson's Creek" with its rickety, sun-kissed docks and calm ocean waves. The only things missing were the raging hormones and Paula Cole's theme song "I Don't Wanna Wait" as the soundtrack to our escapades.

Less than a hour away and many miscellaneous signs later (such as "Analtech," "Cooch's Bridge" and "Sassafras"), we made our way to Chestertown, a sleepy community on the Chester River leading into the Chesapeake Bay. The town is home to tiny antique shops, Victorian-style houses and the small, but quite lovely, Washington College.

One antique shop in particular caught my eye and brought me back to my Star Wars (well, Hayden Christensen)-obsessed days. The windows were lined with Chewbacca, Obi-Wan Kenobi and Darth Vader himself in mug form.

In addition to colonial-style shops and charming streets, Chestertown is home to a replica of the famed Schooner Sultana, a British Navy ship originally constructed in 1768. This ship is one of the pride and joys of Maryland. She's a real beauty, 59 feet to her rig and 40 feet long, crafted from the hardwood of Douglas fir trees.

Shipping and maritime activity abound in this region. From Oct. 27 to Oct. 30, the Tall Ship and Wooden Boat Festival will be held at the Chestertown Marina.

While wandering around the

docks, it became clear that we had just missed some sort of event. The light twang of a banjo led us through the grass and sleek rows of boats to a farmer's market type of gathering, which came complete with a giant duck waddling around in a purple tailcoat, a table of slightly aggressive female basketball players from Washington College selling baked goods and a cardboard boat regatta.

Earlier that day, students from the college had participated in a race that involved making a cardboard boat, racing across the river and then having the boat sink. The boat names were fantastic—I wish I could have seen the "Sea Biscuit" and "Flop for Life" battle it out on the water.

Now, what would a trip to the waterfront be without indulging in some seafood? The waterfront restaurant Fish Whistle overlooks the marina and serves heaping plates of fresh seafood. The open-faced smoked salmon sandwich was served with succulent salmon, herb cream cheese and cucumbers piled on toasted whole wheat bread, with potato salad and coleslaw on the side. It was heaven.

If you like seafood, boating, historic house hopping or just plain and simple meandering around new places, check out Chestertown.

The marina, gentle waves and historic boats have an ethereal, serene sense about them, so next time you need a break, escape the inland and go to a city by the bay.

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Chestertown is home to seafood restaurants and a picturesque view.

THE REVIEW/Jen Rini

Fashion Forward:

Everything old is new again



Megan Soria

The most influential figures in a person's life are often those responsible for his or her upbringing. In my case, that's entirely true, even when it comes to fashion. Elegant silhouettes, ladylike lace and antique jewelry

usually grab my attention at first glance. I'm a sucker for anything vintage, and I'm drawn to everything floral. My taste for old-fashioned pieces isn't just a phase. I've been this way for as long as I can remember—and I blame my grandmother.

My grandma has been a huge influence on the development of my personal style, and she is the reason I fell in love with fashion in the first place (even though she continues to question why I'm not taking up a career in the medical field). She helped raise me, and some of my earliest memories consist of endless hours watching her sew. The most important moments of my life took place while wearing dresses she made for me. I performed in a pink tea-dress with a lace overlay for my first piano recital, and I wore a white off-the-shoulder gown for my First Holy Communion. We designed a sweetheart neck chiffon gown for my senior prom and no Halloween costume was

inconceivable thanks to my grandma. I've been lucky to have such a creative influence in my life, and her classic taste will always be an inspiration.

So when it comes to style icons, look to your grandmother, because Granny has never been so chic. The trend has been circulating for years now, and vintage revivals have been flooding stores like Forever 21, Urban Outfitters and J. Crew. Thrift shops hold fashion's finest treasures and runways always carry classic pieces.

This month at Mercedes-Benz New York Fashion Week, Anna Sui channeled '40s- and '50s-inspired fashions for her spring/summer 2012 ready-to-wear collection. Sui stayed true to her quirky character with her signature purple prints, but the collection was done in a vintage-inspired way. Many of the old-fashioned looks included classic cuts and old dressmaker touches like contrast trims and piping that accentuated dress details. The looks were completed with '40s-inspired head wraps and bright red lacquered lips.

Many grandma trends consist of pleated skirts, bright retro prints and darling silk blouses. Peter Pan collars and neck bows add a sweet touch to an outfit, while oversized sunglasses create the classic Jackie O look. It looks like grandma's closet is all ready for spring, but with fall right around the corner, who can resist incorporating the trend into their wardrobe?

Oversized cable-knit cardigans are

a comfy and cute addition to anyone's wardrobe. They're warm, cozy and look adorable in a number of different ways. Wear the oversized sweater with skinny jeans or leggings for a balanced look, or pair with a high-waisted skirt and tights for a bigger throwback.

Now, there's a fine line between granny-chic and geriatric. Looking "grandma" doesn't have to be a negative thing if it's done right. Try mixing up vintage-inspired pieces with modern-day fashions, like your great fitted skinny jeans with a flowy silk blouse or a pretty floral dress with a leather jacket. Pay attention to the way the garment looks on your body. If the proportions aren't right, don't force it. If a dress is awkwardly long, add height with wedges or heels. One of my favorite blogs, stolenfromgrandma.blogspot.com, is a great reference for inspiration.

For me, grandma-chic will never get old. Over the years, my inspirations have branched out to menswear, music and everything else that's affected my life, but essentially I always fall back in love with what I started with—fashion. This month my grandma turned 90, and she still continues to critique my outfits. And for this, I am eternally grateful. Because when it comes to words of wisdom (whether they're about fashion or about life), grandma always knows best.

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Did you know?

Did you know there are more than 10 types of religion practiced in Delaware alone?

For being a scant 96 miles long, the second-smallest state in America reflects cultural and religious diversity among its nearly 898,000 residents.

The majority of practicing Delawareans are affiliated with Christianity, according to the Association of Religion Data Archives, a data collection agency focused on American and international religion. Types of Christianity include Baptist, Methodist, Evangelical and Presbyterian denominations, with more than 20 churches in the Newark area alone.

Roman Catholicism is the leading denomination, with over 150,000 members throughout the state. Protestant churches come in a close second behind Roman Catholicism with more than 100,000 members in the state.

Other religious traditions such as Judaism, Islam, Baha'i, Hinduism, Buddhism, Unitarianism and Sikhism are practiced by approximately 10 percent of Delaware's population. There are three

Jewish synagogues in northern Delaware, including Temple Beth El in Newark. There are approximately five mosques in Delaware and the Islamic Society of Delaware is located in Newark. A Hindu temple dedicated to the Goddess Lakshmi is located in Hockessin, a 20-minute drive from the university.

The university itself is home to more than 25 religious and spiritual student organizations, including the Baha'i Club, Chabad Center for Jewish Life, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Unitarian Universalist and the Muslim Student Association. So if it feels like there's nothing to do in teeny-tiny Newark, remember that within 27 minutes of the town are 35 synagogues, mosques, churches and temples available for ideological exploration.

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Chefs battle it out in third annual competition

BY SARAH PECK
Staff Reporter

As a crowd of attendees ate and mingled at the eighth annual Taste of Newark festival Sunday in the Clayton Hall auditorium, five area chefs faced off in a culinary competition fit for Kitchen Stadium.

The Battle of the Chefs contest, modeled after the Food Network show "Iron Chef," has taken place at Taste of Newark for two years, and this year's competition featured pork tenderloin as the secret ingredient.

Participants in the contest included Lupe Aguilar of Timothy's in Newark, Erin Finegan of Kildare's Irish Pub, Dick Schmidt of the Blue Crab Grill, Jeovany Valle of Caffé Gelato and special guest chef Raymond Williams of the Newark Senior Center.

"I've been a chef going on 40 years," Williams says. "I chose it because I fell in love with it in middle school and when I got to high school, I was really encouraged by one of my teachers to pursue it."

As soon as the timer was set, pans sizzled as savory aromas filled the air. Onlookers watched as the chefs focused on creating their customized first and second courses, and the chefs used their varied culinary backgrounds to craft their dishes.

The chefs worked with an assistant for one hour to prepare dishes for the four judges: Delaware Beach restaurateur Matt Haley, Christine Herman, owner of Herman's Quality Meat Shoppe in Newark, Spark Magazine editor Matt Sullivan and last year's winner, Vita Nova chef Joseph DiGregorio.

According to Sullivan, the

contestants' dishes were judged based on four factors: taste, appearance, originality and use of the secret ingredient. The chefs were told what the secret ingredient would be on Saturday.

Finegan won the "Iron Chef" title, with Valle in second place and Schmidt in third. Upon hearing his name, Finegan hugged his assistant.

Sullivan says he was anticipating a fierce battle between the chefs this year.

"After doing this for a few years I think they know what they're doing," Sullivan says.

Schmidt says he was curious to see what his competitors would cook up, since they only had 24 hours to think of a signature creation with the versatile ingredient.

"Pork tenderloin lends itself to a lot of flavors," he says.

When the cooking time was up, onlookers and chefs alike watched the judges taste and critique the dishes.

Kristin Keith, 33, of Hockessin, Del., says this was her second year attending the Taste of Newark event.

"Last year we had a blast so we came back again," Keith says. "We liked that it took place outside. It was easier to walk around but it's nice that the competition is being held inside."

Senior Jesse Marino says he looked forward to attending Taste of Newark after volunteering at the event in past years.

"It sounds expensive, but what you get is unbelievable," Marino says. "A few of these restaurants haven't opened yet, so it's exciting that we get to try them before they open."

Finegan, the "Iron Chef" of 2011, describes his cooking style as



Pork tenderloin steals the show in dishes created for a panel of four judges.

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simple, rustic, fresh and local.

"I've been a chef now for 22 years," Finegan says. "I am passionate about my first job as a dishwasher, where I saw all these prestigious chefs and knew that's what I wanted to do. I've been very fortunate over the years to work with some of the best-known chefs, which has kept my fire lit, and I just love it."



Chefs had one hour and one assistant to prepare dishes featuring the secret ingredient.



Five area chefs compete for the title of 'Iron Chef.'

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Playing with puppies helps students unwind

BY REBECCA MCCOLL
Staff Reporter

Every few weeks, senior Margaux Wright trades in studying and writing research papers for floppy ears and squeaky toys. She and her friends spend a few hours in local pet stores unwinding with puppies that are up for adoption, which she says is beneficial for the students and canines alike.

"I originally found out about it from my roommate, and now all of my roommates do it," Wright says. "It relieves stress and gives me the puppy fix that I can't get living in dorms or an apartment."

Wright is one of several students at the university who have found a way to wind down with canine companions, without the added stress of training or picking up after a puppy.

The concept of leasing puppies to students as a stress reliever sparked national attention last spring when Yale University's law library began lending out more than just books. Yale students could "check out" Monty, a hypoallergenic certified therapy dog, for 30 minutes at a time.

Sophomore Moriel Singer-Berk, a pre-veterinary and animal biosciences major, feels the time she spends with her family's dog Midnight at home in Canton, Mass. is a great way to unwind. Singer-Berk recommends playing with animals, especially dogs, to help students alleviate anxiety.

"I definitely think it's a good option," Singer-Berk says. "There's so many alternatives, but it's definitely something worth trying."

Willis Howard, an employee at Pet Kare II in Pencader Plaza off



THE REVIEW/Hanan Zatlhoff

Furry friends provide students with a distraction from their busy schedules.

Route 72, says students have been coming in to play with the animals more frequently over the last few years. Howard says playing with any animals, notably puppies, can be a welcome distraction from a tiring daily routine.

"They're cute and cuddly and fun, and anything to take your mind off of schoolwork or your job is good," Howard says.

He says although students frequently come in to spend time with the animals, very few

actually purchase one since pets are prohibited in campus dorms and apartments except under special circumstances.

Wright feels the interaction between students and puppies is mutually beneficial.

"I don't know how the pet stores feel about it, but I think it's good for the puppies too," she says.



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Students rarely purchase the puppies after a play date.



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Puppies at Pet Kare II in Pencader Plaza allows students to spend time with puppies that are up for adoption.

EATER'S DIGEST

Unveiling the science behind the scoop

I scream, you scream, we all scream for... frozen foam? That's right, ice cream enthusiasts, that



Abby Engel

creamy treat you covet is nothing more than foam, a substance formed by trapping bubbles of air in a liquid. Ice cream is frozen foam composed of a small amount of tiny liquid ice crystals and air pockets. Without

the perfect balance of these components, ice cream significantly decreases in quality.

It's often hard to think about ice cream containing liquid because it's a semi-solid substance, but the liquid part of ice cream actually contains dissolved salts, sugars and milk proteins. The dissolved sugars lower the freezing point and allow ice cream to remain a liquid, even during the freezing process. These sugars prevent the ice cream from becoming a solid block of ice and allow it to remain scoopable. The dissolved sugars and salts give ice cream its flavor and calories, while proteins provide volume and aid in the foaming process. The ice crystals stabilize the foam by keeping the other components of ice cream in their respective places. The air cells separate the solid, ice crystal portions of ice cream from the liquid portions. This gives the dessert its light, soft texture.

Ice cream without the proper amount of air is extremely difficult to bite into.

The best way to tell if you're getting quality ice cream is to check the fat content and overrun. Overrun is the amount ice cream expands in volume during production or, put more simply, the amount of air inserted into the ice cream. The maximum amount of overrun allowed in commercial ice cream by federal regulation is 100 percent, meaning the ice cream has doubled in volume. Federal regulations also specify that in order to call a product "ice cream," it must contain at least 10 percent milk fat. As one might guess, ice cream with a higher milk fat content is a more high-quality product. The highest milk fat content ever found in ice cream is approximately 16 percent. A reduced fat content may also result in frozen treats with a coarse texture because there are fewer fat globules to prevent ice crystals from joining together into larger crystals. A lower overrun also indicates a better ice cream. Ice cream with a high overrun is lighter in weight, so a quick way to figure out which ice cream to buy is to hold one container from each brand and choose the heavier one.

Have you ever had ice cream with a strange aftertaste? This is probably a result of emulsifiers, which combine ingredients that don't naturally mix, added to the formula to mask the low fat content. The average person can tell premium ice cream from its cheaply made counterpart by concentrating on the temperature and texture of the dessert. A gritty texture and a warmer temperature



indicates a lower budget product.

Ingredients are only half the battle—making ice cream is a complex process. The three basic steps to ice cream production are preparing the mix, freezing and hardening. The mix is made by combining cream, sugar, flavorings and other ingredients (cookies, cookie dough, nuts, fruit, etc.). Then the mixture is made into a liquid. Heat is often used during this process to dissolve the sugar and kill bacteria that may survive the freezing process. During the freezing process, the mixture is brought well below 32 degrees Fahrenheit to freeze enough of the water to create a semisolid product. Timing is crucial in this process. The slower this limiting temperature is reached, the larger ice crystals become, creating a gritty ice cream. A fast-freezing process combined with churning creates the best product. Once the mix has become thick and cold, it is placed into the coldest freezer available to freeze further, a process known as hardening. A home freezer is usually approximately zero degrees Fahrenheit, but commercial freezers used for ice cream hardening can be as cold as -50 degrees Fahrenheit.

Ice cream may be an old standby, but next time you grab a cone, appreciate the journey your ice cream has taken.

Have an idea or recipe you would like to share? Email amengel@udel.edu or follow @AMAEEngel

HODGEPODGE

-MEGAN KROL

Events

Taping of The Biweekly Show Season 18 Premiere

Pearson Hall 101C (Student Television Studio)

Tuesday, Sept. 26, 9:30 p.m.

Chess Night

Newark Free Library

Wednesday, Sept. 28, 6:30 p.m.

Little Black Dress Party

Deer Park Tavern

Thursday, Sept. 29, 10 p.m.

Katie Dill Matinee Show

Mojo Main

Friday, Sept. 30, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

REP Presents "The Little Foxes"

Thompson Theatre, Roselle Center for the Arts

Friday, Sept. 30, 7:30 p.m.

Haiti Fest

137 W. Main St.

Saturday, Oct. 1, 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Apple Harvest Weekend

Milburn Orchards

Sunday, Oct. 2, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Across

3. Sydney beach
4. Sealed with a kiss
7. "Born Free" artist
8. Light at the end
9. "An Adventure 65 Million Years in the Making"
13. Giraffe cousin
14. ACME customer
16. Bureaucratic hinderance
19. Fleur-de-
20. Cinematic psych drama
21. Cartoon collectible
23. The Muffin Man's Lane
24. Green-eyed one
25. '97 film, "___'s Gold"

Down

1. Warrior Princess
2. Congressional coinage
3. Beatlemania, etc.
4. Poet, Silverstein
5. Proverbial backbreaker
6. hint
10. ___ Paulo, local band
11. Head ornamentation
12. 34-31 upset
15. Waist-crushing fashion
17. "Hymne à l'amour" singer
18. M.C. artist
19. Friday Night Light's Minka
22. Tazo product

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Across

1. Dwarves
4. Human
8. Maleficent
11. Quasimodo
13. Woody
14. Jane
15. Darling
16. Kevin
18. Bambi
20. Rafiki
23. Rescuers
24. Prince

Down

2. Rajah
3. Aristocats
5. Atlantica
6. Fantasia
7. Cave of Wonders
8. Mickey
9. Frying pan
10. Gaston
12. Hellfire
17. Eels
19. Merry Men
21. Tramp
22. Meg

Alumni, student band perform at Mojo Main

BY ANDREA LA BELLA
Staff Reporter

University alumnus Jamie Newitt and his band The Heavy Pets made an appearance Saturday night at Mojo Main as part of the band's East Coast fall tour. The Fort Lauderdale, Fla.-based group teamed up with Tweed, a Newark band comprised of four university students.

Newitt, the drummer for The Heavy Pets, says he and guitarists Jeff Lloyd and Mike Garulli, keyboard player Jim Wuest and bass player Justin Carney were excited to join forces with the four young band members of Tweed after hearing about their lineups from other university students.

"It's a very nostalgic feeling to get back and play in Newark at a venue so close to my heart," Newitt says. "Last time we played at Mojo Main it was a sold-out show so we're pretty excited about that."

Wuest agrees that the band members looked forward to returning to Delaware as part of the tour.

"We had a really good Delaware show last time in town so our band is definitely excited to come back to Mojo Main and start the party," Wuest says. "It's a date we've had circled on the calendar for a while now."

Tweed's members include A.J. DiBiase on guitar and vocals, senior Joe Vela on drums, continuing studies student Paul Braden on bass and vocals and senior Jon Tomczak on guitar, synth and vocals. The local band, nearing its one-year anniversary, produces a sound that is a mix of jam, funk, electronic and experimental rock.

"Their music is rage-tastic—it's good, clean fun that simulates the experience of psychedelics," senior Nick Faircloth says.

The Heavy Pets are on the road every season touring in cities

like New Orleans and Austin, and performed in the Bonnaroo Music Festival in 2009 in Manchester, Tenn. They will perform on the six-day Jam Cruise in January, sailing around the Caribbean to Haiti. The cruise is a project of the organization Positive Legacy, which links musicians to community outreach projects around the world.

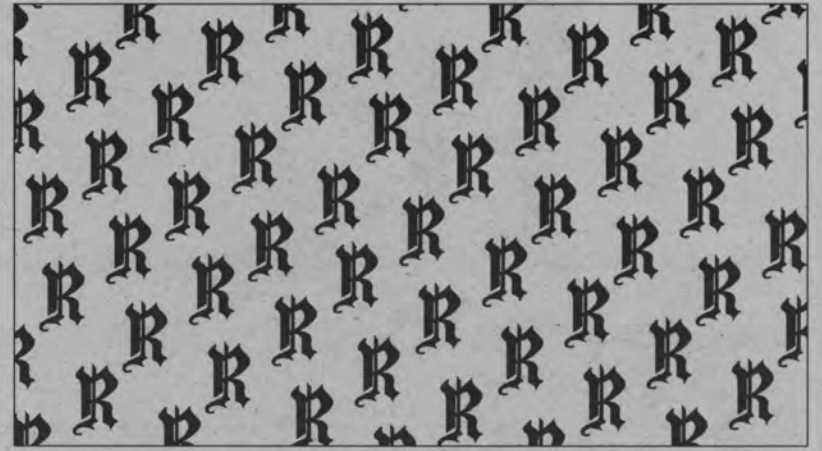
"To be honest, this is the most proud I have been about my career so far," Newitt says.

The Heavy Pets will release its third studio album with 102° Records, "Swim Out Past The Sun," on Oct. 22 in Miami. A

portion of the proceeds from record sales will be donated to Positive Legacy.

With the release of their live album and an upcoming performance at Brick House Brewery in Long Island, N.Y., Tweed hopes to draw in fans from the Delaware, Philadelphia, Maryland and New York areas.

"We just want to really gain momentum and shoot for the skies," DiBiase says. "Our goal is to continue playing a lot and hopefully go on tour this summer at local music festivals and create an awesome experience for our listeners."



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THE REVIEW/Nick Wallace

Sociology professor Eric Tranby says music bridges the gap between professors and students.

Music engages students, makes class material stick

BY HANNA MADSEN
Staff Reporter

On the first day of class, sophomore Kathena Siegel and her classmates were shouting “f—” as loud as they could. A few minutes before, their English professor Deb Bieler had asked the class to sing along to “F— You” by R&B artist Cee Lo Green. Bieler stopped the music just as Green was about to drop the f-bomb, causing the class to go silent.

Bieler continued the song and encouraged the class to sing it again, this time with “f—.” The students sang louder with each swear. This was the beginning of “English Language: Rhetorical and Cultural Contexts.”

Sociology professor Eric Tranby says music is a way for students to focus on the day’s lesson. Learning can quickly get stale, since he says students ages 18 to 22 have an attention span of approximately 30 minutes.

By breaking his class up with videos or songs, Tranby holds students’ attention more thoroughly. Over the past three years, he has played music from Mumford & Sons, Kanye West and Norwegian singer Ida Maria in order to more colorfully demonstrate his lesson.

Tranby says sociology is about taking something personal and putting it into a broader social context, and music can accomplish that. On the first day of his introductory sociology course, Tranby’s predominantly freshman class entered the room to West’s “All Falls Down.”

Tranby then used the lyrics about a girl dropping out of school to highlight the wider social pressure of attending college.

“I’m constantly looking for ways to help students learn,” he says. “It’s a way to keep minds fresh and open to ideas. If you are going to do something, it should have a teaching purpose.”

Siegel has taken classes with three professors who play music before class—Bieler, Tranby and English professor Julian Yates. She says she automatically connects the songs, wherever she hears them, with the lessons she learned in class.

Sophomore Jamie Winder says the music not only helps her to understand the day’s lesson but to connect with other students in the class. The wide variety of music that Yates plays before class opens her up to new artists and puts her in communication with students that have similar musical tastes.

“I thought it was unusual at first,” Winder says. “But it’s interesting—it grabs your attention.”

Yates started to play music before his classes last year. For the first month of class, he chooses the songs for the day. Later on in the semester, however, he encourages students to get involved and suggest songs. The only rule is the music must relate to the lesson.

Yates says music provides a platform to compare older literature to modern-day perceptions and makes the material more accessible to students.

“It blows a little dust, or apparent dust, off the text,” Yates says.

Siegel says Yates’ music choices also reflect his teaching style and personality.

“Yates is quirky, so he plays stuff like the ‘Monty Python’ song,” Siegel says. “Tranby is about sociology everywhere, so every song relates to sociology.”

Tranby says the music allows him to understand what students are thinking versus what he is thinking.

“It serves both teaching purposes,” Tranby says. “And everybody likes a little music in the morning.”

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Did you know?

Hens' quarterback Tim Donnelly was named CAA Offensive Player of the Week.



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Ex-Major Leaguer returns to Delaware

BY DAN MOBERGER
Managing Sports Editor

Relief pitchers are some of the least publicized baseball players on any given roster. The ones who make headlines are often the closers, but there is a supporting cast that fills out the bullpen on each team. That being said, only an avid baseball fan, more likely an avid Arizona Diamondbacks fan, has probably ever heard of Mike Koplove.

Koplove, a former university student, has bounced around baseball for more than 10 years now from college to college, team to team. He even made a quick trip overseas a few years back to represent his country. Koplove spent one quick season playing baseball at Delaware in 1998. He's been gone ever since.

Thirteen years later and he is back to finish up what he started. Koplove returned to school this semester to finish his psychology degree after traveling wherever his professional baseball career took him ever since he left Delaware in the late 1990s.

Koplove didn't begin his collegiate baseball career in Delaware. Although he was born in Philadelphia and graduated nearby Chestnut Hill Academy in 1995, Koplove chose to take his baseball talents to Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

He began as a shortstop at Northwestern. His coach wanted him to move his focus to pitching, but he wanted to play shortstop too. Ultimately, he left Northwestern for a trip back to the East coast and

continued playing both positions for then head coach Bob Hannah with the Hens.

"Coach Hannah said that I could play shortstop and pitch," Koplove said. "I was closer to home. It seemed like a good opportunity, so I came here."

One season at Delaware was enough to get Koplove drafted by the Diamondbacks in the 29th round of the 1998 draft.

"I wasn't really a high draft pick, but I decided to start playing and as it turned out, it was the right move," he said.

A few years later and after some time in the minor leagues, he got the call from the big club. Koplove debuted for the Diamondbacks on Sept. 6, 2001 with one and a third innings of scoreless relief against the San Francisco Giants. He finished that first year in the majors with a 3.60 ERA and 14 strikeouts in 10 innings pitched.

He would play in the big leagues in the six subsequent seasons, each year with the Diamondbacks, save for his final year in 2007 when he played in five games with the Cleveland Indians. Since then, he has moved around with a few different AAA teams, but never made it back up to the majors.

"I felt like I did a pretty good job, and always felt even once I got sent down that had I gotten called back up, I would have continued to do that," Koplove said. "Once you get sent down and you're a little older—I was 30 or 31 when I got sent

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THE REVIEW/Christos Philippou
Sean Baner tied a school record Saturday with four field goals in Delaware's 27-17 victory over Old Dominion.

Special teams down Old Dominion

BY TIM MASTRO
Managing Sports Editor

The Hens had maybe their best day on special teams in a long time, head coach K.C. Keeler thought. The only problem was some isolated mistakes by those same special teamers who put Delaware in a losing position in the fourth quarter.

But the Hens battled back. How? More big plays by special teams.

Delaware rallied to win its conference opener 27-17 over Old Dominion behind a record-tying day by kicker Sean Baner, a career-best punt return day by Rob Jones and a late kickoff return by Travis Hawkins to set the stage for the go-ahead touchdown.

"It was like watching a football team grow up in front of your eyes,"

Keeler said of the comeback.

The Monarchs took the lead with 9:50 left in the fourth quarter on a nine-yard touchdown catch by Antonio Vaughn. That drive was kept alive when their punter Jonathan Plisco ran 15 yards on a fourth down conversion with a fake punt.

Old Dominion quarterback Thomas DeMarco seized the momentum after the fake punt and only needed five more plays to put the Monarchs in the lead.

Delaware immediately took it back with Hawkins' 60-yard return on the ensuing kickoff.

It was almost a disaster.

Hawkins mishandled the ball and dropped in as the Monarchs closed in around him. But the drop caused them to slow down and Hawkins used his quick acceleration

to burst by them and down the field.

"When I dropped the ball I was like, 'Yo, damn, they're probably gonna be right on me,'" Hawkins said. "When I got it, I turned around and saw a little daylight."

Hawkins could have taken it all the way back for a score. Wilkins was able to drag him down at the Monarchs' 32-yard line by Hawkins' shirttail.

"Next time I'll tuck my shirt in," Hawkins said.

Delaware went for the homerun play on its first snap of the new drive.

Junior quarterback Tim Donnelly picked out an open Jones across the middle just before the end zone and Jones fell across for the game winner.

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Gimenez's late strike gives Hens win in conference opener



THE REVIEW/Christos Philippou
Evans Frimpong (10) races by Georgia State defenders on Saturday.

BY TIM MASTRO
Managing Sports Editor

Delaware's early undefeated streak wouldn't have meant anything if the Hens lost their CAA opener Saturday night.

Georgia State came into Delaware Mini-Stadium and made it difficult for the Hens, undefeated and off to their best start since 1985. The game looked to be headed for overtime.

In the 89th minute sophomore forward Roberto Gimenez saved the Hens and gave them an

all-important conference win. Delaware held on in the final minute to defeat the Panthers 1-0 and improve to 6-0-1 on the year, extending its winning streak to four games.

"I don't think we played that well tonight," captain John Dineen said. "To get a win when you're not playing well is always important."

The goal came off a late corner kick. It was deflected out and found freshman defender Kyle Nuel on the right flank.

Nuel sent a cross into the box which bounced around before

slipping out to Gimenez on the edge of the box. He fired it low and into the bottom right corner and the crowd of more than 500 erupted.

"Around the box he becomes a lethal weapon for us," head coach Ian Hennessy said of Gimenez.

Gimenez is in his first year with the squad since coming over from Calle Calatrava, Spain. He leads in goals with six and assists with four. He is ranked in the top 10 nationally in points per game.

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Thursday, Sep. 29

Women's Soccer at Northeastern
3:30 p.m.

Friday and Saturday

Women's Tennis at
Saint Joseph's Tournament

Friday, Sep. 30

Field Hockey vs. William & Mary
5 p.m.
Cross Country at Paul Short Invitational

Saturday, Oct. 1

Football at Maine
3 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 2

Men's Tennis vs. Drexel
10:30 a.m.
Volleyball at Hofstra
1 p.m.
Field Hockey vs. Old Dominion
2 p.m.

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Men's Golf: The team held third place after day one in the Cornell Invitational. Fourteen teams played in the tournament, with Columbia in first place, and Binghamton in second after the first day. Senior Stephen Scialo scored two under par 70 on the par 72 in the opening round. In the second round, he shot three over par 75. After the first day, he finished ninth in the individual standings. His score was one over par 70-75-145.

Field Hockey: The team beat Saint Joseph's on Saturday with a close score of 5-4. At the Hen's away game, they were scoreless until 7 minutes and 29 seconds left on the clock when Taylor Claybrook scored a shot one-on-one with Saint Joseph's goalie. The girls continued to rack up the points, resulting in five scores. On Sunday, the girls lost 7-1 against Wake Forest at home. Sophomore Kasey Prettyman scored the only goal for Delaware. The score was Prettyman's third goal of the season. The Hens will host William & Mary on Friday night. Two days later on Sunday afternoon the girls will play Old Dominion.

Women's Soccer: The team's game against UNC Wilmington on Friday was postponed because of weather. The Hens fell 2-1 to Georgia State on Sunday. In an overtime loss, the team ended a three-game winning streak. Ali Miller scored the only goal for Delaware. Senior goalkeeper Breanna Stemler totaled four saves during the game. The team plays Northeastern next in Boston this Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

Women's Basketball: The upcoming season's schedule for the team has been announced. The Hens will face ten teams who went to the post-season last year. The Hens open the season at home in the Bob Carpenter Center versus Rhode Island on Nov. 11 at 7p.m.

commentary



"STOP THE MADNESS" BY TIM MASTRO

I hate change. Absolutely despise it.

When Facebook changes its layout, I'm annoyed for a solid three weeks whenever I log on. When I get new sneakers, I'm uncomfortable for about a month. When my deadline gets moved up, I am straight-up furious.

I still use the same backpack I had my freshman year. I wish we still used MyCourses instead of Sakai (anyone else remember MyCourses?).

I'm also a big believer in tradition. It's something special to me.

Now, sometimes I do understand change is good. But only when something has been proven to be broken. Like when Omar Minaya ran the Mets into the ground, to use a sports example. He needed to go, something had to be changed.

The current college football landscape is in such a state of flux right now. There's too much change. It's impossible to tell who will be in what conference anymore in a couple of years.

College football is broken, but this is the complete wrong way to fix it (a playoff would be a good idea, but that's a different column for a different day). What's going on now is all about money and greed.

It seems like only a select few (Thank you, Texas!) share my views of tradition and are trying to stop it from turning into a complete disaster.

The BCS system is such crap. The powers that be and the conferences which receive automatic bids to the BCS want to keep it. And even worse, they want to make a monopoly of it.

Since the announcement of Pittsburgh and Syracuse moving to the ACC, it seemed like we are moving toward a world where there are four super conferences made up of 16 teams each. One will be in the West, called the PAC 16. One will be in the center of the country called the Big 16. The other two are looking to be the SEC and the ACC.

All the other schools will be left out in the cold and possibly left out of all the money and exposure from the BCS system.

Recently the PAC 12 announced its intention to stay at 12 teams for now. If true, it does give a little hope back to conferences like Conference USA, the WAC, the MAC, the Mountain West and even the Big 12 and the Big East.

How will all this movement affect Delaware?

As I wrote last year, Delaware should be happy with staying at the FCS level for now. The only way it makes sense to move up to the FBS would be if a BCS conference offered. The ACC and the Big East are really the only possibilities to do this.

Now, the Big East looks to be slowly dying and, who knows, maybe it won't even have a BCS bid after everything shakes out. The ACC clearly is looking at higher caliber teams than Delaware, so expect them to try hard to grab West Virginia and perhaps UConn from the Big East.

Everyone made a big deal about Villanova's impending move to the Big East for football. But now, who cares anymore?

If the Big East can't rebound after this, schools like Rutgers, USF, Louisville, Cincinnati and Villanova might be screwed in terms of football purposes. Some might try to latch on to the ACC or try to get into the "Big Numbered Conference."

Here's an interesting scenario to ponder: what if the super conference thing does happen? What if all those schools in the smaller FBS conferences do get locked out of all the BCS money and TV deals?

Do they say, "This doesn't make sense anymore to be spending money on 90 scholarships for this, let's drop down to 60 and go to the FBS where they have a real way of deciding a national champion?"

I find that highly unlikely, but maybe the MAC and Sun Belt would do it. It would be a great thing for FCS if it happened.

Bottom line is, Delaware needs to be conscious of what's going on. Some schools are still going to try to move up to the FBS like UMass announced last year. Look at what Old Dominion is doing, and James Madison's new stadium. As K.C. Keeler said, they didn't do that to stay where they are.

Maybe Delaware builds the stadium and moves up to the FBS. Maybe they stay at the FCS level, but the CAA dies out and Delaware, along with Richmond and William & Mary, find a new conference. Maybe some FBS teams drop down to form that new conference.

Either way, I'll still hate any future change.

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About the Teams:

About Delaware: The Hens moved up to No. 6 in the recent FCS polls after their 27-17 win over Old Dominion in their conference opener Saturday. The win improved Delaware's record to 3-1 on the season. Junior quarterback Tim Donnelly is once again expected to start. He is coming off a career-day, throwing for two touchdowns including the game winner.

About Maine: The Black Bears are having a solid start to their season. They are not ranked but are receiving votes in the polls. They are coming off a bye-week with a 2-1 record including wins over Bryant and Albany. Their one loss was to FBS team Pittsburgh. They played the Panthers tight, only losing 35-29.

underp Review: Delaware vs. Maine

Time: Saturday at 3 p.m.

Location: Alford Stadium

Why the Hens can win:

The way Delaware is playing makes them one of the best teams in the CAA as of now. Truthfully, that statement says a lot more about the state of the conference than the Hens' overall ability. Maine is one of those teams Delaware should beat. Last year, the Hens played probably their worst game of the year and still won over the Black Bears 26-17. The Hens experienced offensive line should be key and look for Tim Donnelly to be turned loose even more than he was against Old Dominion if Andrew Pierce isn't 100 percent.

Why the Hens could lose:

Maine is a tough place to travel to. This game is a little tougher than Delaware's most recent game and Old Dominion had its chances to win that one. The Hens need to get rid of those mistakes like fumbles and missed tackles in the secondary as fans saw against the Monarchs. Maine played Pittsburgh so well and won't be backing down from the Hens.



The Numbers:

10-3: Delaware's all-time record at Maine.

304: Yards Delaware quarterback Tim Donnelly passed for last week against Old Dominion, his career high.

95.3: Maine's pass efficiency defense, the best number in the CAA.

The Prediction:

Maine has been impressive this year and are one of those CAA teams looking to take advantage of a weaker conference than usual this year. I still think the Hens will pull it out. I'll go out on a big limb and say kicker Sean Baner wins it with a last second field goal.

**Delaware 20
Maine 17**

-Tim Mastro

Soccer: Showdown at No. 15 ODU awaits Hens

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"I couldn't imagine this environment, like the emotions," Gimenez said of his experience so far at Delaware. "It's incredible for me and my team."

Delaware had plenty of chances earlier, but could never find the back of the net. Evans Frimpong had the best chance of the first half when he broke free and forced a low save from Panthers' goalie CJ Cochran.

"We had some chances," Dineen said. "We just couldn't get in behind them, we found it tough. Roberto pulled us out of jail at the end there."

The Panthers took control of the second half, and Delaware wrestled it back after Hennessy made two substitutions. He brought on two midfielders, junior Ben Raymond and freshman Mark Garrity.

Raymond forced two saves from Cochran. The first he was

almost able to get a header on goal but it deflected on the keeper's arm and out for a corner. The second was a blast from 25 yards out, but was saved by Cochran moving to his left.

Garrity gave the Hens an element they were missing on the right side. He pushed forward to delivery cross after cross into the box and was combining with Nuel down the flank.

"It's a testament to the squad approach we have here," Hennessy said. "This is our third game in a week, our legs were heavy. Tonight maybe didn't flow as much as I would like to. You always ask your subs to make you better, and tonight [Garrity] certainly did that."

The Hens have not allowed a goal at home in their last six home matches.

Their last four conference wins have all been by the same 1-0 scoreline, something expected from Delaware's 4-2-3-1

formation.

"Sure you want to attack—I'd love to have three forwards or four forwards—but you just can't do it in this conference because you'd get opened up," Hennessy said. "It's working for us at the moment, so I'm not touching it."

Delaware continues conference play Friday night at Old Dominion. The Monarchs are ranked No. 15 in the country. Last year, they received an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament and reached the second round, knocking off defending national champion Virginia in the process.

The Hens beat Old Dominion in the team's lone meeting last season—a 1-0 overtime win in Newark.

The Monarchs were picked to finish first in the CAA in the preseason poll.

"It's huge but we got nothing to be afraid of," Hennessy said of the upcoming matchup. "We're just as good as them."



THE REVIEW/Hanan Zlatoff

The volleyball team beat Del. State and Penn. last week, but lost to Towson.

V-ball eyeing NCAAs

BY JUSTINE HOFHERR

Staff Reporter

The Delaware women's volleyball team continued their run of successful matches by defeating in-state rival Delaware State in straight sets on Tuesday. As the season begins to heat up for the Hens, head coach Bonnie Kenny emphasizes each facet of the game as vital to the team's success.

"Every point counts," Kenny said. "Every set counts."

This is Kenny's 10th season leading Delaware's volleyball program. Her 179 career wins are second all-time for Delaware behind Barbara Viera, who coached 27 seasons from 1973 to 1999.

Tuesday's match started out slowly for the Hens. With only a two-point lead, the Hens found their stride and after a 4-0 run, they held a commanding 11-5 lead.

"We play Del. State every year, so we just focus on everything going smoothly," junior outside hitter Alissa Alker said.

Alker's 11 kills were second on the team to sophomore Katie Hank's 16. Although she is only a junior, Tuesday's match brought her career total of kills to 608. Alker was recently named CAA defensive player of the week for the first time in her career.

"I wasn't expecting it," Alker said. "It was a really good feeling."

The Hens finished the first set with a 25-15 win. They sustained their dominance in the second set with an effective offensive set-up and won by 25-14.

As the third set began, Delaware State could not alter their defense to set up an offensive attack on the Hens. Delaware finished off the Hornets in the third set with a 25-9 win.

"We've been gone for the past weekend so this proved we could come out strong and get the job done," senior Renee Tomko said.

Tomko is in her first year as the starting setter this season, replacing last year's senior captain Jess Chason.

"It's always important to win home games, especially Del. State because it's an in-state rivalry," said sophomore Cara Rosehill, who plays defensive specialist and libero for the Hens.

Kenny said the decisive win

against Delaware State reinforced the team's confidence about upcoming conference play.

"This was an opportunity to play at home and get ready for our conference," Kenny said.

The Hens have had a difficult but rewarding season playing five challenging teams who all found spots in the 2010 NCAA Tournament.

"We had one of the toughest schedules in the country," Kenny said.

The Hens have proved they were up to the task by securing victories in four out of five matches leading up to the CAA tournament. In addition to their triumph over Delaware State, the Hens defeated Temple, Kent State and Pittsburgh this season.

"Last week we had a good win against Pitt and that was a confidence booster," Alker said.

Over the weekend, the Hens went on the road to play Towson and Penn. Friday's league game against Towson ended with a disappointing, 3-0 loss.

Saturday's matchup with Penn was the complete opposite as the Towson game. The Hens came home with a 3-0 victory over Penn, but go right back on the road with two more CAA games against Northeastern and Hofstra.

"I'm really excited for the away games. Our conference is always tough," Tomko said. "I think we're ready."

Alker said she looks forward most to playing Northeastern and VCU.

"I'm looking forward to tough matches against them," Alker said. "Hopefully we will be coming out with a win."

She believes the team's solid dynamic will help them with the upcoming conference schedule.

"Everyone is coming into their roles nicely," Alker said. "Our biggest challenge right now is playing at a consistently high level."

As the Hens stare down the gauntlet of challenging teams, they remain optimistic about playing some of their top-tier opponents.

"Our ultimate goal is to play our best and hopefully win the conference again and go on to NCAA," Tomko said.



THE REVIEW/Christos Philippou

Roberto Gimenez is the Hens leading scorer. His goal in the 89th minute gave them a 1-0 win in their CAA opener.

Seats: Delaware's streak of averaging more than 20,000 fans per season now in jeopardy

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start at 12 p.m., it was televised and there was poor weather.

Another possibility could be the mandatory donation to the university's athletic fund on top of season ticket fees. The practice just started this season.

Keeler would not venture any theories for the decline in attendance to begin the season.

"Not my pay grade," he said. "I'm just trying to win football games. That's really all I can do. But I'm gonna tell you honestly I am disappointed because there's no better feeling than coming out

in a packed house."

Delaware is consistently at the top of the charts for attendance at the Football Championship Subdivision level. The Hens have averaged more than 20,000 fans for every single year Keeler has been at the helm. This season marks his 10th.

That streak may end this year. "I'm in dire straights, I think that's in jeopardy right now with the last few crowds we've had," Keeler said. "It's disappointing, there's no question."

The lack of fans has had an effect on the atmosphere at games Keeler said. He said the team

is "not feeling that electricity," which he called a "shame."

Keeler said one of the allures of coming to Delaware is to play in that atmosphere he was referring to.

"When we recruit, we recruit the great college town, we recruit the great education, but boy we recruit the tradition, the history and the atmosphere more than anything else," Keeler said. "It's vital to us be successful. I'm just hoping this is a little bump in the road and we find a way to get them back in there but we have to. We have to get this place packed again."

Football: Hens jump to No. 6 in FCS, travel to Maine next

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"Half that touchdown should go to the return team and Travis Hawkins," Donnelly said. "Then the other half should go to the line and Rob. Rob made a really nice catch and the line gave me all day."

The Monarchs went three and out on their next drive and then had another chance to get back into the game but failed to convert on fourth down with 2:25 remaining.

Baner stretched the Delaware lead out to 10 with his 43-yard field goal as the Hens ran the clock out. It was his fourth field goal of the game after missing an earlier attempt wide right from 25 yards and having a 48-yarder blocked.

The sophomore's four field goals tied the Delaware record for most field goals in a game. His other three makes were from 20, 39 and 40 yards.

"I had no idea that was a record," Baner said. "That just pumped me up even more."

Jones had a career day returning punts. He had four returns for 69 yards, including a personal best 31-yard return.

The Hens trailed at first thanks to a botched punt. The snap hit Michael Atunrase, one of the up blockers, in the hand and punter Rauley Zaragoza

could not fall on the loose ball in time.

Chris Lovitt picked it up and scored for the Monarchs with a 18-yard fumble recovery.

"We were a classic example in the first half of how to lose a football game," Keeler said. "The thing I was most impressed with our kids was the poise they showed. There never was any ounce of panic."

Delaware took the lead back right before halftime. Junior wide receiver Nihja White, who led all receivers with 117 yards, outjumped his cornerback in the corner of the end zone to catch a Donnelly lob for a seven-yard score.

Donnelly threw the ball 39 times for 304 yards on 26 completions. Delaware started to throw the ball more when its ground game was not working. Andrew Pierce rushed for only 21 yards on 14 carries after rushing for more than 100 in the three previous games.

"We knew they were going to key in on AP and try to stop the run," White said. "Coming into the game we knew the receivers had to get open."

Pierce left the game with an injury in the third quarter but Keeler said he should be back practicing by Wednesday.



Rob Jones (5) snags a pass from Tim Donnelly over the middle for Delaware's game-winning touchdown.

Koplove: Pitcher back for psychology degree

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back down—it's tough to make your way back up at that point. They have younger guys who they're looking at and so it's kind of swimming upstream."

The minor leagues were advantageous for Koplove in one respect, he said. Because the Olympic baseball team picks from minor league players, and he was in the minors at the time, he was selected to the Olympic team in 2008.

"That was the one bright spot of not being in the major leagues was that the Olympics select minor league players," Koplove said. "Walking in for the opening ceremonies, it's a dream come true for every kid that's an athlete growing up to be in the Olympics."

Koplove made four strong appearances for Team USA. He pitched five and a third innings, struck out six batters, and didn't give up a hit during the entirety of the games.

His performance on the international stage helped the team win a bronze medal in the Beijing Olympics. Koplove's time in China was what he calls, "the greatest thing I've ever gotten to experience."

"It blew me away at the time

and still does," he said of his time up on the podium. "It's like you see on TV. As they're putting it around your head, I'm like, 'I can't believe this is happening.' You watch the flag go up and it's like, 'This can't be real.'"

Koplove has moved around often since his steady gig with the Diamondbacks. He's been signed by the Marlins, Dodgers, Phillies, Pirates, Mariners and Padres, in addition to the Indians, since he left the desert of Arizona. After all the moving around, Koplove still remembers that first quick stint at Delaware fondly.

"I always think of that year and say it was one of the best years of my life," Koplove said. "I had a great time. The team was great. We had a bunch of great guys on the baseball team and we won a lot of games."

In his second go-around at Delaware, Koplove is having a much different experience than he did back in the late '90s. He still lives in Philadelphia, but he's now 35 years old. He and his wife Samantha recently had their first child, a four-month-old girl named Vivienne.

"I'm coming from a completely different perspective," he said. "I sit in a class and there are all these 20-, 21-year-old kids that I used to be, but I'm not anymore. For now it's kind

of just come here and do my classes and head back home, get back to the real world."

Koplove is still working on his psychology degree, but is unsure of what the future holds for him and his family. This past year, he played his first season with the Camden Riversharks, a team unaffiliated with Major League Baseball.

Like many professional athletes, Koplove realizes he needs to have the foresight to see past his playing career.

"I had a good year and I feel like I can still do it, but it's just kind of up in the air," he said. "I'm not sure what the next step is. Maybe coaching, maybe something like that, or maybe something entirely un-baseball related."

Soon enough he'll receive his psychology degree from the university, although he jokes he has no idea what he's going to do with it.

"Maybe a baseball team psychologist or something like that," he said with a smile. "I'm not sure how I'm ever going to use that once I leave, but it's what all my credits are in, so I might as well finish there and decide once I'm done playing baseball."



THE REVIEW/Christos Philippou

Junior quarterback Tim Donnelly threw for 304 yards and two touchdowns.



THE REVIEW/Christos Philippou

Paul Worrilow (10), Jake Giusti (11) and Travis Hawkins (1) go for a tackle.



Courtesy of Mike Koplove

Mike Koplove, seen here with the Arizona Diamondbacks, spent seven years in Major League Baseball.



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