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# Senior Day bright despite gloomy weather

## Future graduates celebrate with jousting, moon bounces

BY BRITTANY TALARICO

Senior News Reporter

The heavy rain did not prevent the class of 2008 from celebrating together one last time before graduation. The sixth annual Senior Day, normally held on the North Green, took place in the Trabant University Center Multipurpose rooms Friday afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m.

The Student Government Association and Student Centers Programming Advisory Board co-sponsored the event. Seniors wore sparkly, gold 2008 sunglasses as they listened to Kristen and the Noise, ate free hotdogs and soft pretzels, jumped around in an inflatable moon-bounce, competed in jousting competitions and mingled with old friends.

Marylyn Prime, director of the Student Centers and SGA adviser, said 1,100 students registered for the event, which is a lower number than in the past.

"It is hard to gauge the number of seniors in attendance," Prime said. "A lot more people tend to participate than register."

She said it would have been a lot better to have the event outside.

"A sunny day, blue sky, people on the grass listening to music — bringing it inside loses that kind of excitement," Prime said. "But students are still having a great time. I see a lot of happy seniors."

Students who registered online were also eligible to win a wide assortment of prizes, including gift certificates to various Newark restaurants, a mountain bike, a Gateway monitor, TiVos, and a flat-screen TV. The grand prize was a red, two-door Pontiac G5 from NuCar Pontiac Buick GMC, she said.

"The very first Senior Day we had a car, and then that option wasn't made available until again until this year," Prime said.

Senior Nicole Horne was shocked when she won the car.

"I was in the moon bounce when they called my name," Horne said. "I don't know what I'm going to do with it, but it's still really nice."

She said she found Senior Day fun and entertaining.

"I went last year because I am a fifth year senior, but this year was much better because I won a car."

Comedians Todd Blass and Seth Kirschner, university alumni from the class of 2005 and former members of the Rubber Chickens, emceed the event. The pair was energetic and entertained the crowd with their comedic antics as they announced the winners of the various prizes in between the band's sets.

Blass, one of Conan O'Brien's personal assistants and a performer at the Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre since 2005, said Mike "The Miz" Mizanin from MTV's *The Real World* emceed his Senior Day.

"I remember him constantly having two different girls on his arms," Blass said.

Kirschner plays Brook Shield's assistant, Josh, in NBC's series *"Lipstick Jungle,"* performs at the Upright Citizens Brigade comedy club in New York City and appears in several nationally televised commercials, including the "Magical Amount" for the "Truth" anti-tobacco commercial. He said he and Blass were honored and also shocked when the university asked them to emcee Senior Day.

"We were like, 'Really? You want us? Are you sure you have the right people?'" Kirschner said. "Eventually after deliberation we said, 'Let's do it. Let's have fun.'"

He said the crowd was responsive and supportive of his and Blass' skits.

"As cliché as it sounds it is good to see the friends we have that are graduating," Kirschner said.

Blass said he and Kirschner originally planned to come to Senior Day dressed in tuxedos pretending to emcee a day for senior citizens.

"We were going to play games associated with senior citizens and play old music, but it would have seemed too planned," he said. "We were like, 'This is about them, not us.'"

Senior Kate Tuoni took part in one of Blass and Kirschner's skits. She competed in a jousting competition and won a box filled with prizes from the comedic duo.

"I never jousted before, but I thought it was fun," Tuoni said. "I have a broken toe, but I still did it."

The box contained a balloon, a banana, two candy bars, pictures of Kirschner and two "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" tickets, she said.

"I thought the box was going to be filled with a bunch of silly things, but there is some really fun prizes," Tuoni said.

Besides taking pictures with friends, spinning a prize wheel and jumping on inflatables, students also joined the university's new,

online alumni community, UDconnection.com.

Sandy Tilford, university alumna from the class of 1995 who works in the office of alumni relations, said the online community launched at the university forum on May 10, and 400 seniors and alumni have since signed up.

"We are really hoping UDconnection will make it easier for us to keep in touch with recent graduates because young alumni engagement is a priority for the university and for the UD alumni association," Tilford said.

Rob Gibson, 1997 graduate who works for IT User Services, said students could register at Senior Day with their name and class year, and the program returns their record confirming their identity. Students are able to edit profiles as they move and become employed.

"I call it Facebook with the face," Gibson said.

Senior Abby Dechillo said it was easy to sign up on UDconnection.com, and she thinks it is beneficial to be part of the online alumni community.

"I think it is cool because I'm going to Texas, and I think it's important to find other UD alum," she said.

Senior Mike DeRienzo, president of SCPAB, said organizing Senior Day is a work in progress from the beginning of the year and a group effort is made between SCPAB, SGA, the student centers and the university public relations department.

DeRienzo said SCPAB booked Kristen and the Noise last semester and is proud to have Blass and Kirschner emcee the event.

"It's cool, especially because it's Senior Day, to see two graduated, UD alums come back for this," he said.

This year, underclassmen were eligible to win a Nintendo Wii, DeRienzo said. The prize was an incentive for students to come out and support the Class of 2008.

SCPAB has co-sponsored the event for the past two years, DeRienzo said.

"Every year I have worked on it, it has been getting bigger," he said. "This is the first year someone is actually going to win and walk away with a car."

"It is very exciting for us."

Due to the weather, organizers of the event had to cut back on the number of inflatables, DeRienzo said. Entertainment, prizes and activities were not affected by the weather.

Junior Casey Patriarco, SGA president, said SGA has always helped run the event.

"We want to continue the tradition and make sure seniors celebrate the accomplishment of four years," Patriarco said.

It always puts a damper on things when outdoor events are brought indoors, she said.

"It's a good crowd and an exciting atmosphere despite the weather," Patriarco said.

Senior Lee Edelstein, SGA faculty senator, said this is his third year planning Senior



Courtesy of Office of Public Relations/Jon Cox

Christina Lindemer (left) and Alessandra Gloriosoen enjoy the festivities of Senior Day.

Day.

"My job is to make sure everyone is on the same page and to coordinate everyone's efforts," Edelstein said. "It has been weird planning my own Senior Day."

He said he thinks there was a substantial turnout regardless of the weather.

"It took a little bit of creativity to move inside, but it was out of our control," Edelstein said. "We always reserve the rooms just in case."

Junior Gina Bizzoco, current secretary and incoming president of SCPAB, said she was in charge of taking care of the band, the novelties and the emcees as well as helping to run the event.

"I just wanted to make sure the seniors have one last hurrah," Bizzoco said. "I'm glad everyone still came out despite the weather. It shows their dedication to us."

Senior Eddie Wilson said he enjoyed the inflatable jousting ring.

"My friend Rich and I are competitive in sports, so we decided to try out the jousting," Wilson said.

Senior Pacey Oken said the university should have advertised more for the event.

"I know a lot of people who didn't know about it," Oken said. "I would ask people if they were going and they would be like, 'What Senior Day?'"

Senior Rebecca Dorough said she was shocked when she won the flat-screen TV and TiVo set.

"I never win anything," Dorough said. "I brought playing cards because I thought I was going to sit here the whole time and just play with friends."

"I left class early and thought I was going to sit here for three hours and walk away with nothing."

Senior Kim Clanet said the event was still fun despite the inclement weather.

"There is so much fun stuff to do that it is great in here," Clanet said. "It's just fun to be with everyone. It brings everyone together without drinking."

As she packed up from her last set, Kristen Qwolek, lead singer of Kristen and the Noise, said the band loves performing at university events.

"There is no crowd like the UD crowd," Qwolek said. "They are nuts — in a good way."



Courtesy of Office of Public Relations/Jon Cox

YoUDEe jousts with a soon-to-be graduate.



# Alumni decide: in loyalty they stand?

BY DIANE CIPRIANI

Staff Reporter

On May 31, each student in the graduating class of 2008 will automatically become a member of the University of Delaware Alumni Association. After that date, despite any official membership titles the graduates earn, they will have to decide for themselves if and how they want to remain part of the university community.

Senior Pooja Aysola, a Spirit Ambassador, assists with various alumni events, including Homecoming, the Alumni Hall of Fame, graduation commencement and the Golden Garden, which celebrates alumni who graduated fifty years ago or more.

Aysola said the new administration is trying to attract younger alumni back to the university, especially those who graduated in the last one to four years. Next year, the university is planning several activities for this age group during Homecoming, including a bowling night. She plans to get involved with alumni activities after graduation and participate in planning, which she said may be easier living in Newark, her hometown.

"UD was my last choice school," Aysola said. "It wasn't a place I thought I could excel in because it was so close to home and my brother graduated from here," she said.

Now, she said, everything she has been a part of at the university has impacted her and she hopes to stay connected with the university after graduation.

"It's definitely a rewarding experience," she said. "The university has definitely done a lot for me and this is my way to give back."

Aysola said she is also a member of the Senior Class Gift Committee, which organizes and raises money for the graduating class to give something back to the university. This year's gift, funding a carbon footprint study of campus, will help the university assess its environmental impact and work with a university professor to reduce carbon emissions.

"If seniors donate to the class gift, they are more likely to feel involved with the university and stay involved," she said.

Senior David Tully, co-chair for the speaker's committee in the Senior Class Gift Committee, through which he reaches out to Residence Life, registered student organizations and Greek chapters, said he has seen a positive response from seniors. Students like the class gift because it is different and not tangible like the gifts in the past. Students are also more concerned about the environment and realize they need to do something, he said.

Tully said seniors can get involved in two ways — by serving on the committee and getting their voices heard, or by contributing financially. Approximately 35 students are involved with the committee and seniors have given on average \$20.08 toward the senior class gift, a suggested donation that is representative of the year 2008.

"It is the start of my involvement," Tully said. "I am going



Courtesy of Sandra Tilford

Spirit Ambassador Rita Chang poses with Dorothy Sutherland Anderson (left) and Gail Antoine O'Sullivan (right), both graduates of the class of 1936.

to stay involved with volunteering and planning."

He said he is looking forward to Homecoming Weekend and being involved with the Greek Alumni Association.

Steve Simone, a 2007 graduate, said his closest ties with the university are with the Blue Hen Ambassadors, since he was a BHA at the university and with his friends still on campus.

"Getting involved with the Alumni Association is something I would think about after getting settled into my career," Simone said.

He said he still feels a long-lasting connection with the university because it played such a major role in his life. He said he appreciates the way the university has been trying to keep in touch with him, through mail — generally asking him to join things and give money — and through newsletters. He recalled receiving information about an alumni meeting and getting updates from the history department, from which he graduated.

Simone said he does not recall specifically talking to any of his friends about being involved with the university after graduation.

"If we've said anything, it was joking around about how we don't have money or time to get involved," he said.

Senior Shawn Cullin said he might donate money to the Alumni Association, but he will not personally get involved with the university after graduation.

"I'll probably just come back for Homecoming and

Chapelfest," Cullin said.

Senior and Spirit Ambassador Ben Binder-Macleod said the level of commitment to the university after graduation depends on the level of involvement as a student.

"If you got involved in college, you're much more likely to get involved and to come back to see the clubs and organizations you were involved in," Binder-Macleod said. "If you didn't get involved, you're pretty much, 'That part of my life is done.'"

He said after graduation, a student's education is not complete and remaining connected to the university can further one's career down the road. He said the UD Forum: Path to Prominence on May 10, is an example of the educational and social networking opportunities available to alumni.

Amanda Archer, a senior from California, said she hopes to stay connected to the university despite the distance between home and the university.

"I'd love to be involved for the rest of my life basically, but it is going to be so hard being away from campus," Archer said.

She said she plans to keep in contact with professors and friends at the university and to stay updated on the new changes she expects to see in the next few years. She plans to return for Homecoming this year and attend the university's regional alumni events.

Sandy Tilford, a 1995 graduate and Alumni Club Coordinator for the UD Alumni Association, said she manages the regional club programs across the country in cities from Philadelphia to San Francisco, supervises the spirit ambassadors and coordinates meetings and outreach activities. She also plans the presidential rollout events where university President Patrick Harker is introduced to alumni at the various regional clubs.

"We try to take the university to them," Tilford said. "I immediately thought of 'Rediscover UD' as the theme for the presidential rollout events."

She said she has seen alumni who graduated in the 1940s and 1950s who were excited to see information at the exposition tables set up at the regional events. They like to hear more about the various colleges, programs and improvements on campus, she said.

On May 10, the new online community called UDConnection was launched to connect all university alumni, allowing them to network with other alumni, post and read information about their graduating class, learn about updates and upcoming events and get involved with the Alumni Association.

"Now more than ever before is an exciting time to be a Fighting Blue Hen," Tilford said.

## Prof. union, university negotiate new contract

BY KAITLYN KILMETIS

Administrative News Editor

On May 5, the University of Delaware's chapter of the American Association of University Professors and the university administration concluded renegotiations concerning a two-year contract for professors at the university. The contract will be voted on by AAUP members to determine whether or not it will be approved as the final version.

Danilo Yanich, associate professor in the school of urban affairs and vice president of AAUP at the university, said the AAUP is an important resource for university professors.

"It is the bargaining unit of the faculty here at the University of Delaware," Yanich said. "It's the union of the faculty here at the university and like any union it works as a collective to protect the rights and privileges of that class. The AAUP's core values have to do with the integrity of the academic pursuit of the institution, pure and simple, and to make sure that that activity and function of the university is kept

whole."

He said the Collective Bargaining Agreement outlines the relationship that exists between professors and the university.

"The activities between the university and the AAUP are governed by the CBA," Yanich said. "It's published so everyone can go and look at it and see what rights, privileges and benefits are part of the CBA."

Maxine Colm, vice president for administration and chief negotiator on the university's behalf, said the CBA covers a broad spectrum of issues concerning university professors.

"We negotiate terms and agreements of bargaining, nothing substantive, but terms and procedural issues, salary and

"There's nothing we are involved in that the faculty doesn't know about and that they didn't previously ask for."

— Danilo Yanich,  
vice president  
of the AAUP  
at the university

benefits," Colm said.

Yanich said a number of alterations, in categories such as salary, retirement benefits, promotions and professor reviews, were made to the CBA in order to encourage lucidity.

"Often times what we end up doing is making the language and the understanding clearer," he said.

Yanich said the changes made are reflective of suggestions proposed by faculty members through an extensive survey. For this reason, he said he anticipates the contract will pass with a majority.

"There's nothing we are involved in that the faculty doesn't know about and that they didn't previously ask for," he said.

Discussions began on Feb. 18 and the bargaining committee debated for 13 sessions, Colm said. Though discussions occurred over the course of four months, the extended time period is not a reflection of problems during the renegotiation process, she said.

"This lasted longer than usual but it wasn't difficult," Colm said. "Thirteen sessions was a little bit longer but it wasn't acrimonious in any way."

She said though a number of disagreements may have arisen during discussions, the final contract is successful as a result of cooperation on behalf of both the administration and the AAUP.

Yanich said he also credits the success of the contract to the constructive actions of both parties working toward a common goal.

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# Main Street businesses to raise money for disasters

BY JOSH SHANNON

Managing News Editor

Several registered student organizations and Main Street businesses are joining together today to raise money for those affected by two recent natural disasters in Asia.

As part of the event, participating businesses will donate a portion of their sales to the Red Cross to help victims of the disasters in Myanmar and China.

Junior Kavi Chokshi said he organized the event, called Get Out on Main Street Day, after reading articles about the lack of donations worldwide and realizing the university community was not doing much for the victims.

"Nothing was going on on campus," Chokshi said. "I don't usually get involved, but I didn't see anything else that was being done."

According to The Associated Press, approximately 78,000 people have died and another 55,000 are missing as a result of the May 2 cyclone in Myanmar, formerly Burma, in southeast Asia. Hundreds of thousands more are in danger due to a lack of food and shelter, but the country's military junta is restricting aid to the country.

On May 12, a 7.9 magnitude earthquake hit central China, killing approximately 29,000 people and leaving millions more homeless.

Chokshi said after he heard about the need in Asia, he wanted to do something to help, but was not sure what to do. He e-mailed the heads of several RSOs asking for ideas.

After learning holding an event on the Green was not feasible, he said he decided late last week to organize a fundraiser on Main Street. Chokshi said he already had a relationship with some business owners because of a project he worked on last semester as president of the Blue Hen Marketing Club.

He said most businesses he asked were willing to help. Eighteen stores signed up to participate.

"For the most part, if I got the chance to talk to them, they were pretty willing," Chokshi said. "Only a few said, 'No, our margins can't allow that,' or 'That's too much work for us.'"

Several student groups, including the Blue Hen

Marketing Club and the Business Student Advisory Board, signed on to help promote the event.

Chokshi said he has been trying to spread word of the event through e-mail and Facebook and by hanging posters around campus. He said he will be distributing fliers in Trabant University Center today.

In order for their purchases on Main Street to qualify toward the donation, customers must either show a flier at each store or mention they are there for the charity event, Chokshi said.

He is also asking participants to wear black clothing in memory of the victims.

Since Chokshi began planning his event, other student groups have had their own fundraisers.

Graduate student Liang Gu, a member of the Chinese Students and Scholars Association, said his group has been collecting money for victims of the earthquake at a kiosk in Trabant since Thursday. The group has collected approximately \$5,000 for the Red Cross, Liang said.

Liang, who was born in China and moved to the United States two years ago to attend graduate school, said students have been willing to donate to the cause.

"It's about human life," he said. "Americans are very generous people."

Bill Dill, manager of Delaware Book Exchange, which is giving 10 percent of its qualifying sales today to the Red Cross, said there is immense need in China and Myanmar.

"I'm inclined to think if I can help in any small way, then that's worthy," Dill said.

Like Chokshi, he said he was concerned about the lack of attention being paid to the victims of the disasters.



THE REVIEW/Josh Shannon

Liang Gu (right) hands out fliers to spread awareness of the Asian disasters.

"There's been a lot of attention, but the attention is on the lack of what is being done internally," he said. "The need is both dramatic and severe."

Rico Della Monica, who owns both Margherita's Pizza and Two Brothers Chicken & Burgers, said he is donating 10 percent of qualifying purchases from both businesses to the Red Cross.

"It looks like a good cause," Della Monica said.

He said he expects to raise \$500 to \$700 today.

Chokshi said he hopes the event will raise at least a couple thousand dollars. He said if it is successful, he would like to see it become a regular event.

"This could be like an annual day where people go out and support a different cause each year," he said.

## Bringing the lab to the lawn

BY JENN MARSH

Staff Reporter

With the university currently attempting to transform its ways and go green, Albert Matlack, professor of chemistry and biochemistry, decided to create a course in an attempt to broaden the minds of future generations — a course on green chemistry.

"Environmental chemistry is [looking at] what man has put into the environment that really shouldn't be there and how to detect, measure and remediate it," Matlack said. "Green chemistry deals with how to prevent the problems in the first place."

He said he teaches his students to study both sides of a question or problem.

"I try to get them to analyze a problem carefully in a holistic view in the context which it occurs," Matlack said. "I want them to innovate and be curious and ask questions. Could it be better in a different way?"

Beth Duceari, a former student of Matlack and current analyst of Energy Efficiency Research, said she would highly recommend the course to future students.

"I loved it," Duceari said. "It was really good, but really challenging. It's a small class with a lot of high-level people in it. Dr. Matlack is an inspiring advocate for green chemistry."

She said the course is a cutting-edge way to think about things.

"Because I had a bachelor's degree in chemistry and a master's in environmental engineering, I felt it was a really good way to combine the two topics in terms of using less hazardous chemicals and finding alternatives," Duceari said.

Matlack said he has been an environmentalist for a long time and is interested in natural history, the ecology of different habitats and the loss of bio-diversity.

"I hope that I can do a little good in steering us towards better policies — get [my students] enough background so they can make intelligent choices when they vote," he said.

Duceari said she believes this course is important for chemistry students because they deal with choices about the chemicals they use and the companies they support.

"Having a perspective of the alternatives would be a good point of view for people to stop and think about," she said.

Junior Madison Goldberg said she had no idea the school offered this type of class.

"I'm extremely interested in learning new ways to improve the environment," Goldberg said. "It's good to know that students can learn how to use safe and effective methods through this course."

Junior Brooke Colgan said she would like to see a course like this

offered at a lower level.

"Because I am not a chemistry major, the material may be too advanced for me," Colgan said. "If there was a 200-level green course that non-majors could take as an elective, more students would be able to take advantage of such a great class."

Matlack said he believes green chemistry might be able to stimulate the American economy if cheaper, non-polluting processes are developed for making chemicals.

"We need to reduce consumption in the developed countries," he said. "You can't get health and happiness by buying more material goods. We are trying to make the world a better place to live in."

Duceari said Matlack's course has not only broadened her perspectives, but also deepened her interest.

"He really works hard to keep the material current and is very much into answering questions," she said. "He is more than willing to research any question if he doesn't already know the answer."

Matlack said he believes the world is going downhill because of certain chemicals and overuse of resources.

"There is something called a precautionary principle," he said. "If there's a lot of information suggesting that something is bad, you don't have to wait for the last nail in the coffin to do something about it."

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## who's who in Newark

# A few paintings, with a 'Cherry' on top

BY ANTONIA DONATO

Staff Reporter

University seniors can be often found scrambling to find a job. But few can say three years later they have built a career that is on its path to fame and recognition.

This is the case for Kristen Margiotta, a university alumna of the visual communications program. Margiotta is currently an illustrator in Newark. She creates fantastical characters in her illustrations, some of them which she created while at the university.

Margiotta said her experience at the university allowed her to learn more about illustrating and inspired her to take her career to the next level.

"UD was awesome," Margiotta said. "I knew when I was applying to UD that I wanted to focus on illustration and the visual communications program. I worked with great instructors. My internship helped as well."

She said she interned with Deborah Walsh, an artist out of Philadelphia who taught her the business aspect of illustration.

Margiotta said that she has many inspirations for her work. One of those inspirations came from a university study abroad trip to London.

"London itself is inspiring. It's such a dark, gloomy place with lots of iron gates," she said. "We met with so many different designers and artists."

Margiotta said her other inspirations come from things around her.

"Most of it comes from me deciding I want to get back to some of the work that I enjoyed growing up," she said. "The Renaissance Masters was a big influence on me. Bach is another influence."

Lots of Margiotta's characters are cute, wide-eyed creatures filled with emotion and wonder. One of her favorite characters to use in her paintings is Cherry, a sweet young character whose eyes are bigger than her body.

"I created her when I was at UD," she said. "One of my



Courtesy of Kristen Margiotta

Kristen Margiotta started her career as an illustrator while at the university.

illustrations is called 'Cherry's Closet', where Cherry goes into a closet, and it becomes a portal where she comes into contact with different characters. Most of my characters are

exploring society; they are coming into contact with the unknown, exploring their fears as well."

Margiotta said she sees great things for her future and has many different goals for the road ahead.

"I want to illustrate a children's book," she said. "I would like to have a series of children's books based on Cherry. I am also working on an online store that is actually going to be out this year. I am open to so many options, whatever people want to throw my way. We'll see what happens."

Margiotta said her favorite experiences at the university were being around creative people and cultivating relationships.

She said that the interaction with her professors allowed her to get feedback on her work.

"It becomes more difficult when you finish school because you have to rely on yourself more," Margiotta said. "In a way, this is good because it forces you to be critical, but I do miss being surrounded by so many creative types."

She said that her most successful moment to date was a solo exhibition that opened in Wilmington.

"It was great receiving so much positive feedback from people attending the show and to see that people were really enjoying my work and how excited it made them," Margiotta said. "This is the most fun part of exhibiting."

She also gave advice for those students aspiring to become artists or illustrators.

"You have to be focused and willing to sacrifice," Margiotta said. "By sacrifice, I mean you have to give up nights on your weekend, or the entire weekend sometimes, to make sure your work is complete and the best it can be. You have to be ambitious; nothing is going to come to you. I've had to work for everything I've accomplished so far."

"Most importantly, you have to be willing to learn. If you act like you know it all, you're not going to make it or learn anything new. By accepting constructive criticism, you will be constantly willing to improve your work. I'm always striving to make my work better and different."

## Students, postal workers stamp out hunger

BY DANIELLE WILLIG

Staff Reporter

On May 10, the Stamp Out Hunger food drive successfully collected thousands of pounds of food from doorsteps all over New Castle County. Stamp Out Hunger is the largest one-day food drive in the nation. As part of the annual event, letter carriers collect non-perishable foods from the households along their normal mail delivery routes. The food is then sorted into boxes and loaded into a tractor trailer and brought back to the local food bank.

Member agencies, such as Ministry of Caring and food kitchens, then purchase canned goods from the food bank at a low cost and distribute accordingly.

According to the National Association of Letter Carriers' Web site, the Stamp Out Hunger food drive is in its 16th year.

The drive was first conducted in Phoenix, Ariz. Two years later, the drive went nationwide successfully collecting 11 million pounds of food, and these numbers continue to increase, according to the NALC Web site.

Kim Kostas, community relations manager at the Food Bank of Delaware, said with gasoline prices higher than ever and the nation's economy possibly in recession, the food collected is especially needed.

"Every little bit helps," Kostas said. "Whatever we can get can help the community."

Al Castagno, president of Delaware State Association of Letter Carriers, said there has been a substantial decrease in food

collected in New Castle County each year since 2005.

Letter carriers collected 158,687 pounds in 2005, but only 74,042 pounds in 2007, Castagno said.

"We feel the employment and the economy is playing a huge role in the decline," Castagno said. "Each year, our goal has been to collect more pounds of food than the previous year."

He said a preliminary count shows 77,975 pounds were collected this year.

Freshman Jaime Mills, who volunteered at the post office in Newark, said she helped sort and load the food into a tractor trailer.

"I was so overwhelmed by the amount of food that came in," Mills said. "I love helping out. I had a lot of fun and met a lot of great people willing to donate their time, even on a Saturday."

Kostas said the success of this year's collection could be due to recent media coverage of the nation's economy and the rising prices of essentials such as food and gasoline.

"These issues have been prevalent in people's minds, possibly causing more people in the community to give to the cause," she said. "I see it every time I look in the newspaper."

Mills said she feels there should be more advertisement for the drive.

"I would not have known about the drive if I hadn't been looking for a community service project on the Food Bank of Delaware's Web site," she said.

Mills said university students are part of the future and should be aware of economic and national issues.

"I think this an important issue for the entire nation to shine light on," she said.

"Everyone should be aware of hunger in the U.S. and the world. Students should be encouraged to donate their time."

Beth Schwenk, a graduate student and volunteer for the Food Bank, said it is important to notice the proximity of the Food Bank of Delaware.

"It is right in the university's backyard, which should make it easy for students to lend a helping hand," Schwenk said. "Without dealing with people's basic needs, you can't fix anything else."

Kostas said residents and students should be aware of hunger issues.

"You need to

eat in order to survive," she said. "Food is a necessity. You can always go without a car and use public transportation, but you cannot survive without food."



THE REVIEW/Josh Shannon

Early counts show that approximately 78,000 pounds of food have been collected as a result of the Stamp Out Hunger food drive.



# Superdelegates' role remains in question

BY NICOLETTE LOTRIONTE

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As the race for the Democratic nomination draws to a close, superdelegates are expected to play a decisive role in determining who will be the final Democratic candidate, Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-NY) or Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill). With five more primaries left, superdelegates may not have as significant a role in the nomination process as first expected.

Joseph Pika, a political science professor, said superdelegates are officially recognized by the Democratic National Committee as unpledged delegates. The superdelegate system pertains to delegates who are not required to commit their support to a particular Democratic presidential candidate before the Democratic National Convention in August.

Joe Sheeran, communications director for the Delaware Democratic Party, said unpledged delegates are delegates who are not locked in to their decision based upon their state's proportion of the vote.

Each state, as well as Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands, sends a certain number of delegates to the convention. A presidential candidate must win a majority of the delegates' votes to secure the nomination, Pika said. He said 20 percent of all delegates at the convention are unpledged.

Sheeran said Delaware has 23 delegates — 15 pledged and eight unpledged. Pledged delegates are committed to a candidate and are selected every four years based upon the primaries and caucuses in each state. Unpledged, or superdelegates, are typically members of Congress, party leaders and elected officials who are selected before the political season begins. They do not have to commit to a candidate until the actual convention.

Pika said many superdelegates have committed early as a way to strengthen their candidate or show which candidate will most likely be the winner. Other superdelegates plan on committing after the primary process, with few waiting until the actual convention takes place.

"It's a bad idea to wait until the convention because the candidate won't be able to start campaigning in June, July and August," he said. "Many delegates feel pressured to choose a winner now."

Four of Delaware's superdelegates have already chosen a candidate.

Karen Valentine, the national committeewoman of the Delaware Democratic Party, said she committed to Clinton after her first choice, Sen. Joe Biden (D-Del), withdrew from the race.

"I made the decision to commit at the time because I felt very strongly that I needed to be involved in the process," Valentine said. "I wanted to do it before we actually voted here because I did not want my choice to be decided by the voters after the fact. Not that I don't listen to the voters — but I wanted to say, 'This is how I feel and this is where I stand.'"

She said the choice to make an early commitment to a candidate is a personal preference that enables a superdelegate to vote independently from the results of a state's primary. On the other hand, some superdelegates do not endorse a candidate until the close of the primaries.

Senator Biden's press secretary, Alexander Snyder-Mackler, said, Biden, another superdelegate, will not make an endorsement until after the convention. Senator Obama is currently leading the Democratic primaries with the popular vote and the most number of committed delegates, according to The Associated Press.

Pika said the superdelegate system is often viewed as an undemocratic process because a delegate's vote is not required to correspond with the outcome

of the primary vote. However, he said he believes the process is not as undemocratic as many people think because the opinions of the superdelegates can provide a new perspective on a presidential candidate.

"Professional politicians and elected officials bring a different lens to looking at candidates," he said.

Pika said the process of superdelegates was created by Democrats and first used during the 1984 election. It enables elected officials to have a louder voice in selecting and reviewing their party's candidates, a system which was nearly silent during elections in the '70s.

"It was a way to try to repair some of the excesses they felt had been created in the '70s," he said, referring to the DNC's broadening of the popular vote. "Opening the nomination to broader participation had reduced opportunities for elected officials to evaluate candidates. So, it was intended to offset the extremes of public participation."

Sheeran said in past primary elections there has been a clear candidate with a "surmountable lead." As other candidates typically drop out of the race, superdelegates tend to flock toward the leading candidate.

"This time we have a very odd situation. The [primary election] has never gone much past Super Tuesday," he said.

However, Sheeran said he does not think the role of the superdelegates will be any different from the past. "There is still a couple of states left," he said. "Once those states are finished up with their primaries I think you're going to have a clear nominee and the role of the superdelegates won't be as significant."

However, Pika said superdelegates still could make a difference at the end of the primary season.

"They'll play a decisive role," he said. "Neither Democratic candidate has been able to win enough committed delegates to win the nomination so far."

Allie Scheer, president of College Democrats, said she is not concerned by the role of the superdelegates in the election process.

"Usually the closer the race is, the larger the role the superdelegates have in selecting the nominee," Scheer said. "This race between Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama has been really close, but lately the superdelegates have been trending towards the candidate who has won the majority of pledged delegates, which is Obama. If they were to overturn the will of the majority of Democratic primary voters around the country, then I'd be concerned."



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Sen. Joe Biden(D-Del.) is one of Delaware's superdelegates.



THE REVIEW/Jenny Lin

The Newark campus received approximately \$5,000 to take part in a pedestrian safety project.

## Plight of the pedestrians: City addresses jaywalking

BY AARON HOLM

Staff Reporter

Officers in the Newark Police Department are stepping up their presence at crosswalks this year.

The state Office of Highway Safety has selected pedestrian safety as an area of concern and has provided more than \$50,000 to police departments around the state to make improvements.

Lt. Susan Paley of the Newark Police Department's Traffic Division said the police department received a grant from the state to focus on pedestrian safety.

The officers will focus their attentions on the crosswalks at North College Avenue and West Main as well as the one on Academy Street in front of Perkins Student Center, Paley said.

According to an OHS financial report, the Newark Police Department received a grant of \$2,700 to take part in the pedestrian safety project. The university's Newark campus received \$5,187 and the Sussex County campus received \$5,470.

Paley said OHS disburses money around the state.

"It decides where the money should go," she said.

The project requires Newark police officers to enforce pedestrian laws against both drivers and pedestrians at times and locations where accidents have occurred in the past, the report stated.

According to the OHS financial plan, the university's Community Traffic Safety Program is supposed to promote Walk Smart, the OHS pedestrian safety campaign.

Senior John Pyle said this may not be the best use of the government's money.

"My gut intuition is that they could be doing something a little bit better," Pyle said. "People are going to want to cross the street any way they can. With that kind of money, if they're really concerned with pedestrian safety, you'd be better off improving a lot of the crosswalks."

University alumnus Stephen

Walls said that jaywalking is an efficiency issue, not a safety issue.

"Around noon when all the classes are letting out, it gets crowded," Walls said. "If there was someone to conduct the pedestrian traffic, it may flow better."

Paley said the department sends out officers to enforce both pedestrian and motor vehicle laws.

"There have been a few tickets, but we've mostly been giving warnings," she said.

Walls said he is uncomfortable with a sudden change in the enforcement of jaywalking laws.

"If they're going to start doing that, I think they should start by giving warnings," he said.

"It's not the pedestrians that are the problem, it's the people driving 50 mph down Delaware Avenue."

Pyle said he sees the same problem.

"They have street signs that say 'Yield to pedestrians' and people just blow by those," he said. "Getting people to actually stop at those signs and getting the traffic to move through there better would be a better use of their time and money."

According to the OHS Web site, in the state of Delaware, an average of 16 pedestrians are killed each year in motor vehicle accidents. Approximately half of those accidents are alcohol-related. Of the more than 200 pedestrian injuries that happen each year, the victims tend to be children between the ages of 5 and 19.

"With all the duties and complaints we normally have, jaywalking is not usually an issue," Paley said.

Paley said some Newark pedestrians are the ones complaining about the issue.

"We do receive complaints from drivers and bicyclists," she said.

Walls said spending \$50,000 of taxpayers' money on pedestrian safety is a poor choice.

"I don't know, it's kind of like throwing good money after bad," he said. "It is just as effective to give warnings as tickets."



# Student group gets green on the Green

## Annual Greenfest promotes environmental awareness

BY NICK MADISON

Staff Reporter

With the sun finally shining through a cloudless sky, the North Green was transformed into a green block party on Saturday. Greenfest, sponsored by the university's Students for the Environment, brought together live bands and environmentally charged student organizations to promote environmental awareness on campus.

Jackie Weidman, a junior at the university and vice president of S4E, said the event can be educational for students.

"It gives students a chance to learn about things that they don't have exposure to," Weidman said.

Steve Hegedus, advisor for S4E and a scientist at the university's Institution of Energy Conversion, said he hoped the event brought the community together.

"It's an opportunity for all the different organizations, not just on campus, but in the community, to come together around a common theme of sustainable living," Hegedus said.

Weidman said one of the goals for the event was to foster cohesion between all the groups and organizations on campus and around Newark. Approximately 20 organizations and groups were present at Greenfest, including Green Delaware Recycling, Citizens for Clean Power and Newark Natural Foods Co-op.

"I think a lot of people are doing their own thing, environmentally speaking, and they don't necessarily know what other groups are doing," she said. "Greenfest allows them to get together and talk about it."

Hegedus said it is ironic the event was held on the same Green that is sprayed with 2,4-D, a pesticide some say is harmful.

"It has to be somewhere and it has to be fairly centrally located," he said. "It's been on the Green for several years."

Hegedus said S4E's main campus issue right now is trying to reduce the university's carbon footprint through the use of wind power.

Weidman said S4E is now in the final stages of a two-year campaign for wind power that has taken them to meetings with Executive Vice President Scott Douglass and officials from the



THE REVIEW/Steven Gold

One of the goals of Students for the Environment is to campaign at the university for wind power.

city of Newark.

"We want the university to buy 8 percent wind power, which makes us eligible for the Energy Star wind power competition," Weidman said. "Most major universities who buy alternative energy buy the 8 percent."

She said the plan may be complete within a year, in addition to not having major additional costs for students at the university.

"The way we estimate it, funding for the initiative would only cost students a \$2.26 raise in tuition," Weidman said.

Though steady progress has been made to make the university more sustainable, Weidman said she believes the school

could do more.

"We're really far behind a lot of universities in terms of sustainability and I think it's awesome that the university is making it a priority now," she said. "We can definitely make progress with the goals that they have now, but if we really want to get to the president's overall goal of becoming carbon neutral, they really need to hire someone to make sure we get there."

Katie DiMichele, junior and secretary for S4E, said she thinks hiring a specialized task force should be the next step taken by the university.

"If they hire someone whose job it is specifically to go around and find out ways to green the university, I think that would be the only way they can do it," DiMichele said. "If everyone is looking out for different causes, then it might be a little bit harder."

Sophomore Greg Specht, who attended the event, said students should be more aware of how they are treating the environment and the green options available to them.

"Recycling is definitely a major key to helping the university and city of Newark to be a sustainable community," Specht said. "It seems that the idea of recycling isn't pushed enough throughout the campus. The city of Newark needs to step up and mandate a visible recycling program."

Hegedus said he believes it is not about what one buys but how people function on a daily basis.

"What our society wants you to do is be a green consumer," he said. "They try to get you to be green through what you buy," he said.

Hegedus said he thinks a stronger initiative must be taken. "You can do that through individual action, but you need to be organized and you need to push the institutions of our country — the university, our local government, our national government — to have broad sustainable, energy policies," he said. "We're not going to do it through everyone buying a Prius and cruel-free cosmetics. You have to push for social and political change."

# State proposes waste fee toward recycling fund

BY MADDIE THOMAS

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A bill passed by the state's general assembly earlier this month may increase the level of voluntary recycling and the amount of proper disposal of solid waste materials within the state of Delaware, if it is passed by the state Senate.

The goal of House Bill 159 is to establish more public and private recycling programs within the state. This would be achieved through the creation of a recycling fund, according to the Delaware General Assembly's Web site.

Although it was first introduced nearly a year ago, H.B. 159 was passed by the state's House of Representatives on May 7. The bill is currently in the state Senate's Natural Resources & Environmental Control Committee, where it has yet to be voted on, the Web site stated.

If passed by the state Senate, the bill's recycling fund would support an education and outreach program dedicated to promoting recycling awareness, aid municipalities with start-up costs, fund private sector initiatives and assess the potential for increased commercial-waste recycling.

According to the bill, money for the fund would be derived from a \$3 per ton tax on all solid waste products collected and disposed of in the state.

Jim Short, representative of the solid and

hazardous waste management branch of the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, said the \$3 per ton fee would apply to trash haulers only, not residents. He said the only financial effect residents would experience should H.B. 159 pass is an increase in their monthly trash collection fee of approximately 38 cents per month — a recovery cost for the trash-hauling companies.

In the course of a year, Short said the tax on the trash haulers could generate a substantial amount of money toward the fund, which would be distributed throughout the state.

Rich Von Stetten, senior manager of statewide recycling at the Delaware Solid Waste Authority, said he believes H.B. 159 will be difficult to enforce in terms of collecting fees from trash haulers and creating new recycling programs not already in place.

"Anything that can increase recycling, I'm all in favor of that," Von Stetten said. "But administratively, they've got a large task in front of them. I may be biased, but I think we do a heck of a job, but if they think we could do better, then that's fine too."

Short said one benefit to having a statewide recycling fund is that it would create a target recycling rate for the state.

"Basically for the first time, we would have laws that there are goals for recycling rates," he said.

Von Stetten said he estimates the state currently recycles approximately 23 percent of

its total waste products. He said he would ideally like to see the state increase its recycling rate into the 30th percentile.

"It's going to be very difficult to get to that number if we don't have mandatory recycling," he said.

Although a mandatory recycling bill was proposed by state Rep. Pam Maier (R-21st District) last May, it was defeated in the House.

Maier said she feels disappointed her simple approach to creating mandatory recycling was not embraced by the state. She questions how H.B. 159 will help encourage others to start recycling when the bill still makes it optional for commercial and residential property owners.

"I'm just hoping we just increase our recycling rate," Maier said. "With this, I don't see much change, except the fee is imposed. I don't think this bill helps — it's just kind of a grant program."

Freshman Ivana Petrich said while a

mandatory recycling bill may be more convenient, any bill passed with a goal of increasing recycling on statewide level is still important.

"I think making it mandatory is a good idea because some people just don't have that environmental awareness," Petrich said. "This new bill though, would still be making such a huge impact for such a small price per family. It's all about increasing awareness, really."



THE REVIEW/Melanie Hardy

A new bill would impose a 38 cent fee on all Delaware residents.



## AAUP to vote on contract

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"There are heated discussions but everybody understands the parameters," he said. "We can function within these things because what's important is the university as an institution. Sometimes we disagree, that's absolutely the case, and we'll go through the CBA disagreeing on things so there are discussions. But it's done civilly with respect for both sides."

Yanich said both parties are willing to hear each other out and also understand the importance of compromise during the renegotiation process.

"There is no future if folks are going to the barricades," he said. "Sooner or later you have to come off the barricades. That's not to say there are not heated discussions but there is reasonableness and that's why I think it's worked for so long."

Yanich said the university and the AAUP work well together through the renegotiation process because each participant's goal, whether a member of AAUP or the administration, is to improve the university.

"The relationship between the administration and the AAUP has been cordial for a long time and the reason for that is that folks understand it's in the best interest of the institution and the faculty for reasonable changes in the Collective Bargaining Agreement," he said. "To use vernacular no one is trying to get one over on anyone."

Colm said she thinks the CBA is fair to both the faculty and the administration and expects this will be reflected in the tallying of the votes. She said she believes this is a result of mutual understanding by both groups.

"On our campus, we are collegial in our approach and both sides listen to the other and try to reach an accord that benefits both groups," Colm said.

Russell Murray, associate professor of music and a member of the AAUP steering committee, stated in an e-mail message that he is satisfied by the renegotiation, the first under university President Patrick Harker's administration.

"I'm pleased that, as in the past, they went smoothly," Murray said. "We were fortunate during President Roselle's administration to have negotiations that operated from a position of respect from both sides. It seems like the same is true with the new administration. I see that as a positive sign."

He said he thinks the open dialogue between the AAUP and the administration encouraged by this process has a number of positive effects on the university community as a whole.

"Universities are not corporations with managers and workers," Murray said. "We are cooperative institutions where the faculty has a great deal of say in everything from curriculum to personnel," Murray said. "I think this is one of the factors that have made American colleges and universities the vibrant and exciting places they are. The open dialogue that these negotiations create I think help foster that idea of common ownership."

## The things a criminal record can do to your future ought to be a crime

What's the value of a clean record? Employers, graduate schools, the military services, professional licensing boards, immigration authorities-- the gate keepers to a lot of the good stuff in life-- look carefully at your record. Exactly how much a criminal record will affect your life, no one knows. What is known is that many students-- because of stepped up efforts to control alcohol, occupancy of private residences, or noise-- will be arrested this year.

Most things for which you receive citations from the University or Newark police are reported as criminal arrests in national and State crime reporting. Convictions of City ordinances are reported as criminal convictions. They are not like "parking tickets". And an arrest record will turn up in the future. On background searches for employment. In FAFSA applications. When you request a passport. Or want to do military service. Or apply to graduate school. And an arrest can result in University discipline, up to and including expulsion. Even if you complete PBJ successfully after an arrest, the arrest will still show on your record unless it is expunged. Scrutiny of criminal records for all these purposes has increased dramatically since September 11, 2001, as reported in the Wall Street Journal.

If you have been arrested in the past--or are arrested this year--don't panic. Maybe you were arrested in the past, and would like to talk about expunging your arrest record. Maybe you have charges pending now. You have the right to legal representation. I served as Newark City Prosecutor for many years, and have since that time represented many students in the Delaware courts. If you have been arrested and have questions about your pending case, or your past arrest record--contact us. You, or your parents, or both, can consult with me by phone at no charge.

The things a criminal record can do to your future ought to be a crime. If you have questions, call or e-mail.


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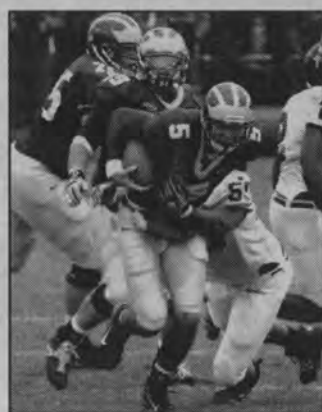
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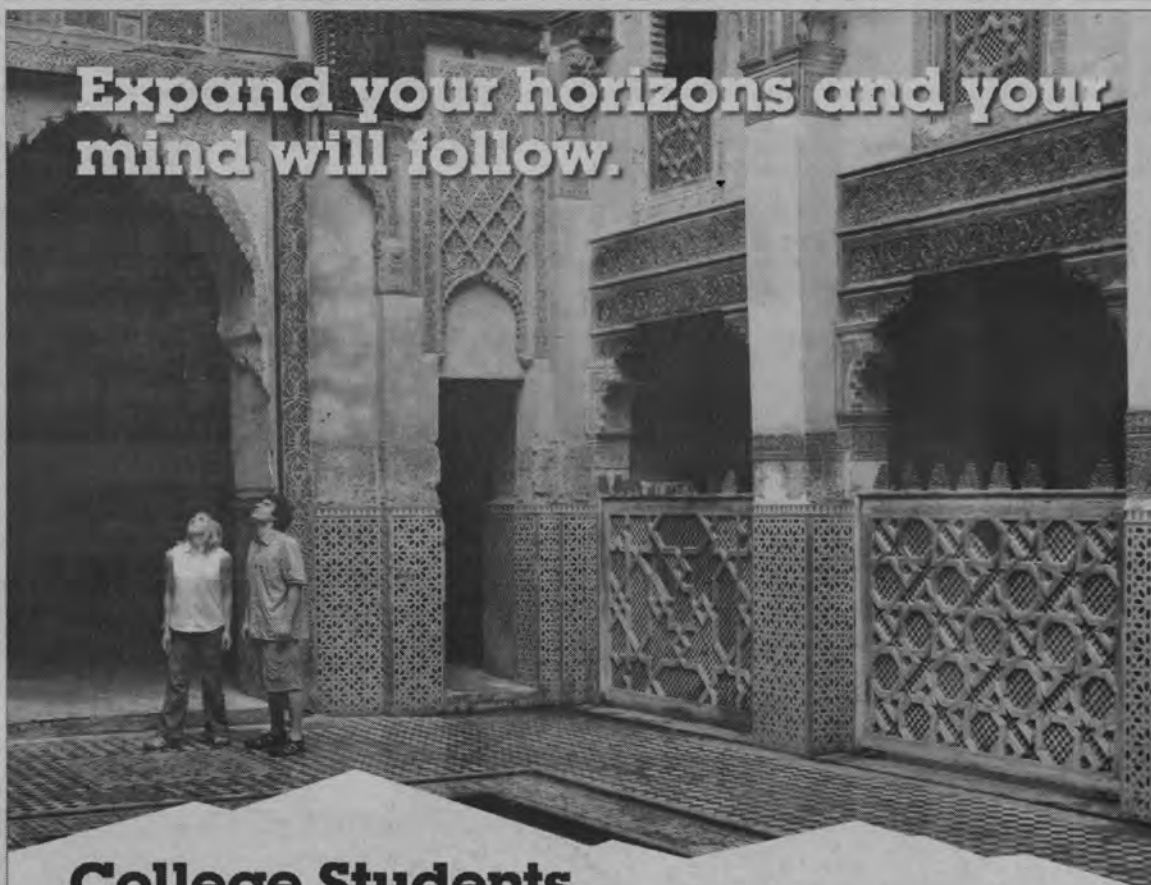
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# State to upgrade 911 system to include text messaging

BY JORDANA ZIRPOLO

Staff Reporter

A new emergency contact system, which will be able to process voice communication and data, text messages and voice messages from Blackberries, will be made available in the Delaware area in late 2009.

Patrick Halley, government affairs director for the National Emergency Number Association, said during recent tragedies, victims have not been able to communicate with emergency systems effectively.

"In the Virginia Tech massacre, people were trying to text each other to alert people of the shootings but they couldn't text 911 for help," Halley said. "With Next Generation 911, this is now a possibility."

People are not communicating the same way they did in the past, he said. Due to this, a new emergency contact system had to be created.

"It's essential that our 911 system is able to accept communication with people in the way that they normally communicate," Halley said.

Halley said Delaware is one of the first states taking the initial steps to prepare for the implementation of this new system in addition to the current "legacy system," the traditional voice-to-voice communication system.

Terry Whitman, emergency 911 administrator, said the old legacy system was sufficient for the last 30 years nationwide. However, it still needed to be updated.

"There was hardly any down time and it's a very dependable system," Whitman said. "Our existing systems are not keeping up with the technological challenge."

He said the first part of the equation is the Customer Premacy Equipment, the back room that enables the equipment to run.

"You have to have the equipment available that accepts the technology," he said. "We are transitioning into our first installment of this technology in Seaford and Rehoboth Beach."

This change will not only increase public access to 911 emergency dispatchers, it will also enhance prosecution, Whitman said.

"We get a call from an alarm company that they're watching a break-in right now and we'll have the capa-

bilities to say, 'Here's our pipeline ID address, send us video,'" Whitman said. "They will be able to send us the streaming video in real time and we will also be privy at what is occurring at current time."

With NG911, patrol cars will have the ability to receive information as a BETA packet, he said. The packet allows patrollers to attach the picture or video to the computer system, allowing the patrollers to use a picture or video as a physical record during prosecution.

"When you get someone on a camera that has made a violation, it's an open and shut case," Whitman said.

The implementation of NG911 does not come without challenges, he said.

"We need to make sure we've covered all the bases and we get a system that we're used to operating with," Whitman said. "This means a secured and redundant network with no downtime and the flex that it will give us in our operations day to day."

Rick Jones, operations issues director for the NENA, said the 911 system will cover most of the communication methods the public uses. Police can send evidence to each other from their patrol cars via text messages, streaming live video and camera phone pictures.

Because there is no national 911 system, NG911 will follow nationalized standards, Jones said.

"Across the country, you can use various pieces of equipment from different vendors that will all work together," he said.

Junior Alana Klein said her only concern about NG911 is the casual nature of text messaging, which has the potential to be misused.

"By being able to text 911, kids may be more likely to play pranks and call in false emergencies," Klein said.

She said she would prefer to be physically told what to do in case of an emergency than rely on a text message system.

"I personally wouldn't use it because when you send a text message you don't know who is on the receiving end of it," Klein said. "You may be waiting around for a response that won't come."

## in the news

### SAME-SEX MARRIAGE IN CALIFORNIA STILL AN ISSUE

Opponents of same-sex marriage said they will ask the California Supreme Court to delay the implementation of its ruling allowing gay couples to wed in the state as those on both sides of the debate gear up for a November ballot measure aimed at undoing the court's decision.

In approximately 30 days, when the court's ruling becomes official, same-sex couples throughout the state will no longer be denied marriage licenses. But a motion to extend the waiting period to November will

be filed soon.

In addition, a petition for a November ballot measure that would ban same-sex marriage by amending the state constitution has collected 1.1 million signatures — far more than required — and has been handed over to election officials.

Lawyers and strategists disagree on how this debate in California will end. But they do agree that things have changed since California voters passed a similar ballot measure eight years ago banning same-sex marriage through state statute.

### CHINA ANNOUNCES DAYS OF MOURNING FOR VICTIMS

As health concerns intensified and aid poured in from across China and the world, Beijing on Sunday announced three days of mourning to commemorate the likely 50,000 deaths from the massive earthquake in Sichuan. Monday afternoon, exactly one week after the 7.9 earthquake destroyed so many lives and communities, China will ask its 1.2 billion people to observe three minutes of silence before sounding their car, truck, train, ship and air-raid horns in a collective cry of grief.

China also said it would order all flags to be flown at half mast and

would suspend for three days the Olympic torch relay, which is on a marathon domestic tour.

Sunday, China raised the death toll to 32,476 in what has become a daily grim ritual of moving 3,000 to 4,000 from the missing column to the dead column.

Three more people were reported alive after being pulled from the rubble Sunday. They'd been buried for at least 139 hours. But the momentum inexorably was shifting from finding the missing to caring for the injured, ensuring that epidemics don't break out, and clearing roads.

### GOV'T MAKES CHANGES TO HELP RISING OIL PRICES

The Bush administration Friday halted purchases of crude oil for the nation's Strategic Petroleum Reserve, reversing its policy on the emergency reserve three days after Congress voted overwhelmingly in favor of suspending the purchases to ease upward pressure on oil prices.

The Energy Department announced that it would not sign contracts to buy up to 13 million barrels of crude that would have been delivered to the underground salt caverns on the Gulf of Mexico coast in Louisiana and Texas between July and December.

Just 17 days ago, President Bush had asserted the importance of continuing to pump oil into the reserve

because of the risk of a terrorist attack on oil facilities. He noted that the purchases for the emergency reserve were less than 0.1 percent of world oil demand.

Oil experts, economists and lawmakers from both parties had argued that the 76,000 barrels a day of crude oil being bought for the reserve was needlessly adding to upward pressures on prices, especially for the high-quality, so-called light crude oil used as a benchmark on the New York Mercantile Exchange. They also said that the size of the reserve, which has 702.7 million barrels, or enough to replace U.S. oil imports for 52 days, was adequate for now.

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

## police reports

### PEEPING TOM SEEN ON PARK PLACE

Two female victims called police Wednesday evening to report a peeping tom. Cpl. Paul Keld, of Newark Police Department, said.

The victims reported hearing a noise outside of their bedroom window in the 300 block of East Park Place at 10:33 p.m. One victim opened the window to find the suspect crouched on top of a trashcan looking at them through the window. The victims yelled at the suspect, who walked away without further disturbance, Keld said.

Keld said the suspect is described as a white male, 30 to 50 years of age, thin build, bald, with a white, scruffy beard and wearing a short sleeve shirt, khaki shorts, white socks and sneakers.

Police responded, but so far no suspects have been found matching the description, Keld said.

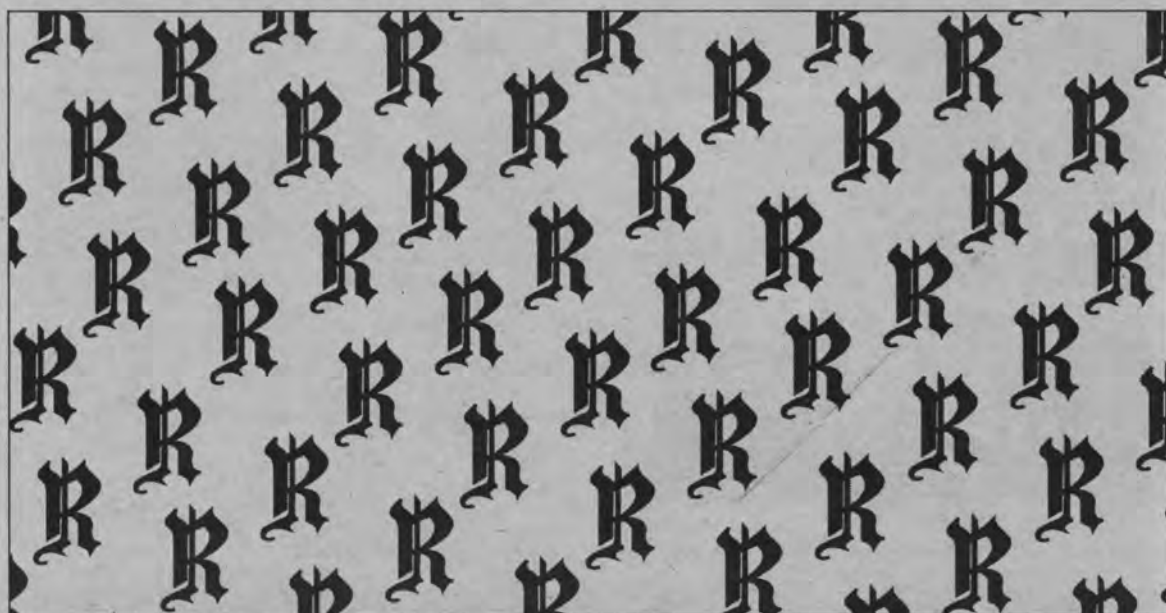
### IPOD AND LAPTOP STOLEN

A 20-year-old female university student was robbed Saturday evening, Keld said.

An unknown suspect entered the victim's car and took both an iPod and a Dell laptop. The theft was reported Sunday between 10 a.m. and noon when the victim noticed her belongings were missing.

Police surveyed the car for fingerprints but were unsuccessful. So far, no suspects have been found, Keld said.

— Lydia Woolever



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## Bill imposes charge on trash

New proposal will not increase recycling in Delaware

The state of Delaware is proposing a recycling bill that would charge residents 38 cents to have trash collected from their homes. The charge is being added in hopes of raising money to increase recycling by municipalities throughout the state.

The extra 38 cents added onto citizen's bills is unnecessary and will not improve the recycling situation in Delaware. By adding on money, the state is proposing mandatory fundraising. While 38 cents is not a lot of money, the fact the state feels it can force people to pay this extra money when it won't benefit the majority of people is wrong.

If the recycling bill was to pass, everyone would have to pay extra. However, some areas of the state have already implemented successful recycling programs. These areas should not be penalized for being ahead of other cities — positively inflicting change. They should be rewarded for being ahead in a state that should have instated a proper recycling program years ago.

In addition, if a municipality were to begin a new recycling chapter, it should not be based on charging people for trash.

Imposing the charge will not motivate people to want to recycle and the instatement of the bill does not guarantee the recycling status will be changed.

If the state adds this charge onto bills, it will receive extra money to supposedly motivate potential recyclers. Since it is assessed in different areas, it will be difficult to see if the charges will actually be helpful. Starting to enhance a recycling project in the northern area of the state will have no effect on the southern area. The state could also raise the charge at any time without any definitive evidence it has helped.

There are other ways to raise awareness about recycling and fund curbside programs. By simply educating people about the benefits of recycling, the state would accomplish more than it would than by asking for an extra 38 cents from each household.

While this is an unproductive way to increase recycling, it is a positive step in recycling becoming a forefront project in Delaware. Recycling is necessary for this community and hopefully this bill will start to open doors about what should be done to help recycling in this state.

## Student's efforts to help victims

Main Street fundraiser brings attention to international disasters

On Dec. 26, 2004, one of the deadliest tsunamis in history devastated the people of Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India and Thailand. Millions rushed to aid the thousands left injured and homeless.

Within the past three weeks, there were two more natural disasters — a cyclone in Burma and an earthquake in China — and while there was not a complete lack of attention and relief given to both countries, it was nowhere near the amount given to the countries affected by the tsunami in 2004.

When junior Kavi Chokshi heard about the two disasters, he was bothered by the lack of fundraising and awareness of the issue and decided to take matters into his own hands.

Within two days, Chokshi organized a fundraiser involving 18 local businesses and several registered student organizations. By simply mentioning the fundraiser at participating stores, 10 percent of each purchase will be donated to the Red Cross.

Chokshi, participating businesses, RSOs and all other parties involved should be applauded for their prompt work in getting the

fundraising effort together and off the ground so quickly. Their involvement not only raises awareness about important global issues, but also gives students and Newark residents a way to help and get involved.

Chokshi's fundraising effort is proof that you don't need a lot of time, money and power to make a difference — just an idea and a purpose.

Chokshi has said he hopes to continue the fundraiser in years to come, possibly choosing a different charity each year. This is something to be strongly considered. By making the fundraiser an annual event, it would only increase awareness of important issues, promote student involvement and even inspire others to follow his lead and start their own charities.

Saying and doing are two very different things. Many people often see something about the world they want to change and say they are going to do something about it, but never follow through. The fact that Chokshi found a cause he supported and took action to make it better is reason enough to support his cause.

## Shrub Toons



"You're in the shrub."

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Shell protestor was not "arrested"

I appreciate the thoughtful content of The Review's report on the protest incident at Global Agenda on May 7.

For the benefit of readers who may not be aware of all the facts, I wish to note that the protestor was not "arrested" inside the Mitchell Hall auditorium. I agree with the "bystander" quoted by The Review who said, "as students we should have the right to question what's going on." Universities are places where that sort of dialog is encouraged, and it's the principle on which the Global Agenda program is based. All speakers are required to submit to Q & A with the audience.

On May 7, many students and other members of the Global Agenda audience did precisely that

— vigorously questioning and challenging the Shell Oil president's expressed views during the course of the event. Finally, as a journalist, I'm surprised and disappointed that The Review would publish an allegation of "excessive force" without also including a response from the university's Public Safety office.

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### Attention paid to track and field

I love to read The Review. I always pick it-up on my way into the Field House to practice. I noticed cross country and track and field coverage is missing from the sports section. I am a member of both teams and it pains me to see what little recognition we get in the

paper. I remember the paper interviewing my twin teammates and the story on them seemed to be done not because they were good, but because they were twins that ran.

I often feel the sports section neglects the talent that we have on both teams. Track and cross country might not be bringing in as much money as football, but we at least deserve some acknowledgement. We work just as hard. I'm not saying to throw out all of your stories about other sports. I'm just suggesting that you try to represent all sports in your paper. With that said, I still like to read The Review for the other sections.

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## LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Do you think more primaries increase interest in the election?

54% Yes  
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## Big East conference does not need Blue Hens



## Bland Writings

Brian Anderson

The university would suffer defeats if it moved to harder competition.

On May 10, my perception of university sports changed forever. It wasn't from watching a team or any individual player. It wasn't from hearing a coach speak or listening to fans.

It was a simple piece of paper.

On one side, the paper read, "Make A Difference. Real and Perceived. UD into Big East — Football and more. Strategically Plan for 2012!!"

The other side, "Big East Football. Rutgers = 1995. UConn = 2004. South Florida = 2005. Delaware 2012 — WHY NOT??? UD into Big East — football and more. Take the Next Step!!!"

These simple words, along with pictures of YoUDee slamming a basketball down a net and a Delaware football helmet, along with the Big East logo, all changed my opinion of the university's sporting life forever.

There's no way the university should move

up a conference and fully into Division I. Forget the level of competition for a second. The money part of the equation really sticks out in my mind.

I love the Big East. Both Seton Hall University and Rutgers University are a few miles from my hometown, so I feel some local ties to the conference. I've also always enjoyed watching St. John's University basketball and the underdog story of the Southern Florida Bulls in football.

Still, this is no place for the university right now.

The Big East is made up of schools in the Northeast, Southeast and Midwest. Schools in the Big East include University of Connecticut, Georgetown University, University of Notre Dame, Rutgers University and Syracuse University.

**In some respects the university would fit right into the Big East. It has similar enrollment and athletic experience to other athletic teams in the conference.**

A few championships here and there and the university fits in well with the other schools.

Still, problems arise. The university's facilities would need to be expanded and not just by a few seats. Delaware Stadium seats approxi-

mately 22,000 fans, the Bob Carpenter Center holds approximately 5,000 and Fred Rullo Stadium, home of the field hockey and lacrosse teams, seats 2,000.

Mountaineer Field, home of the West Virginia football team, holds 60,000 people. Rutgers is increasing the capacity of their football stadium to 56,000. This isn't even including some basketball arenas, which get as big as 50,000 with Syracuse's Carrier Dome.

In order to move up to the Big East, the university would need to expand its facilities, and sadly, there's little space to do this. A bigger football stadium or arena would result in more parking lots, bigger and more practice fields and bigger training facilities. With Newark already crunched for space, it'd be difficult to increase facilities by a lot and still keep that college-town feel.

It would also increase the one thing no one wants to raise — tuition. The money would have to come from somewhere, and grants and donations would not be enough at first. Other schools have higher tuitions than what the university charges for in-state and out-of-state students. South Florida has similar tuition figures, but almost twice as many undergraduates.

If we really want to see the university's athletic teams move up to a bigger conference, our pockets would be the first thing affected.

Additionally, scholarship money and the number of scholarships would need to be raised

to help attract better recruits. But these recruits want big stadiums, the best workout facilities and state of the art equipment. Again, where is this money going to come from?

In theory, university athletics moving up to the Big East is a great idea. In reality, the plan falls short as of now.

The Big East is one of the most established basketball conferences in college athletics, dominated by teams like Connecticut, Syracuse, Villanova and Georgetown. Delaware can't compete against teams in the CAA and can't even sell out the basketball arena. How can we expect to compete against teams that win NCAA men's and women's tournaments?

Sports are a major part of this university. Football is a big draw and basketball still has a solid following. Unfortunately, moving to the Big East would mean we would be the laughing stock of a major conference for several years.

Moving up to the Big East would give Delaware athletics a national spotlight and a lot more media coverage. But at what expense are we willing to get our 15 minutes of fame or our spot in the sun?

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## 'True Life:' I'm a chronic television addict



## Cass-in Point

Sammi Cassin

Love for TV shows began at a young age, but continues to grow.

Hello, my name is Sammi Cassin and I'm an addict.

It's something that I've been dealing with for quite some time now, and while I can only blame myself for the continuing severity of the problem, I can't seem to remember when my addiction got so out of hand.

Despite my best efforts to spare my family and friends the unfortunate side effects of my condition, I have never been able to hide it from them very well and fear my problem is becoming a distraction, if not a disturbance, to those around me.

I think it all started when I was a toddler. I don't actually remember my first encounter with the object of my affection, but after watching various home videos of my 2-year-old self standing at the foot of the television, squealing at the prospect of an hour of uninterrupted "Sesame Street," it is obvious that my love for TV began at a very young age.

At first, I'm sure I was only in it for the bright colors and fun noises. At such a young age, TV provided me with hours of mindless entertainment — although I'm not sure how far I have progressed since then — and a stepping stone on which to build my now vast repertoire.

As my comprehension grew, so did my thirst for better and more developed shows to satisfy my intellect. That's where Nick Jr. came in.

"Gullah Gullah Island," "Eureeka's Castle," "Muppet Babies" — I couldn't believe that so many different types of shows could actually exist. And I couldn't get enough of them.

My gamut continued to grow.

When middle school hit, I was faced with a new set of complications.

Like most people, middle school was a confusing time for me, and not just because of my glow-in-the-dark braces and hair the size of a small country.

**I had discovered MTV, which, to me and everyone I knew, was the coolest of the cool in terms of television networks.**

Shows like "The Real World" — when it was more than just pretty people with problems — and "Say What? Karaoke" simply blew my mind. On what other network would you ever be able to see two strangers (picked to live in a

house) go skinny-dipping together in Hawaii within the first five minutes of meeting each other? I was hooked.

But inside I was conflicted. I was growing up, and that meant ditching the little kid shows I loved so much for edgier, more age-appropriate ones. But there was no way I was willing to give up "Salute Your Shorts" and "Are You Afraid of the Dark?" just yet. I still needed the old Nickelodeon stand-bys that introduced me to the wonderful world of television in the first place.

It was at this point I realized I had reached a level of obsession. I refused to settle for one or the other. I needed to have the option of flipping between three to six different channels during the span of one half-hour-long show in order to avoid commercials.

It wasn't until I got to high school and college that my addiction started to become a serious problem. I had actual work to do and real-life matters to attend to. The sheer fact that a thought like "My college applications can wait until after 'Friends'" would pass through my mind is a testimony to just how far gone I actually was.

Somewhere along the way, I learned how to balance my time and multitask and, for the most part, have since been able to keep my obsession contained. But when it comes to certain shows — "The Office" or anything that was on Nickelodeon from 1989 to 1998 — some-

times my manic behavior makes an appearance and I just can't help but get a little over-excited.

I do realize there are more important things in life than television. We are in the midst of one of the most exciting elections in history, there are new advances in modern medicine everyday and it seems like the hole in the ozone layer gets bigger every time someone takes a breath. All of these issues deserve more attention than a new dating show with a title like "I Hate my Life but I'm Looking for a Wife," or something equally offensive and trivial.

But alas, this is my vice, and I have come to accept it.

What I would give to get my hands on the full series of "Wild 'n' Crazy Kids" or the original 2ge+ther movie on DVD is a little pathetic, but I have come to accept that too.

I'm sorry to say my addiction has only gotten worse with time and there still aren't many shows I won't watch. But I feel good now that I have gotten this off my chest and into the open — although the admission of my not-so-well-kept secret probably comes as a shock to exactly zero people who I have ever met.

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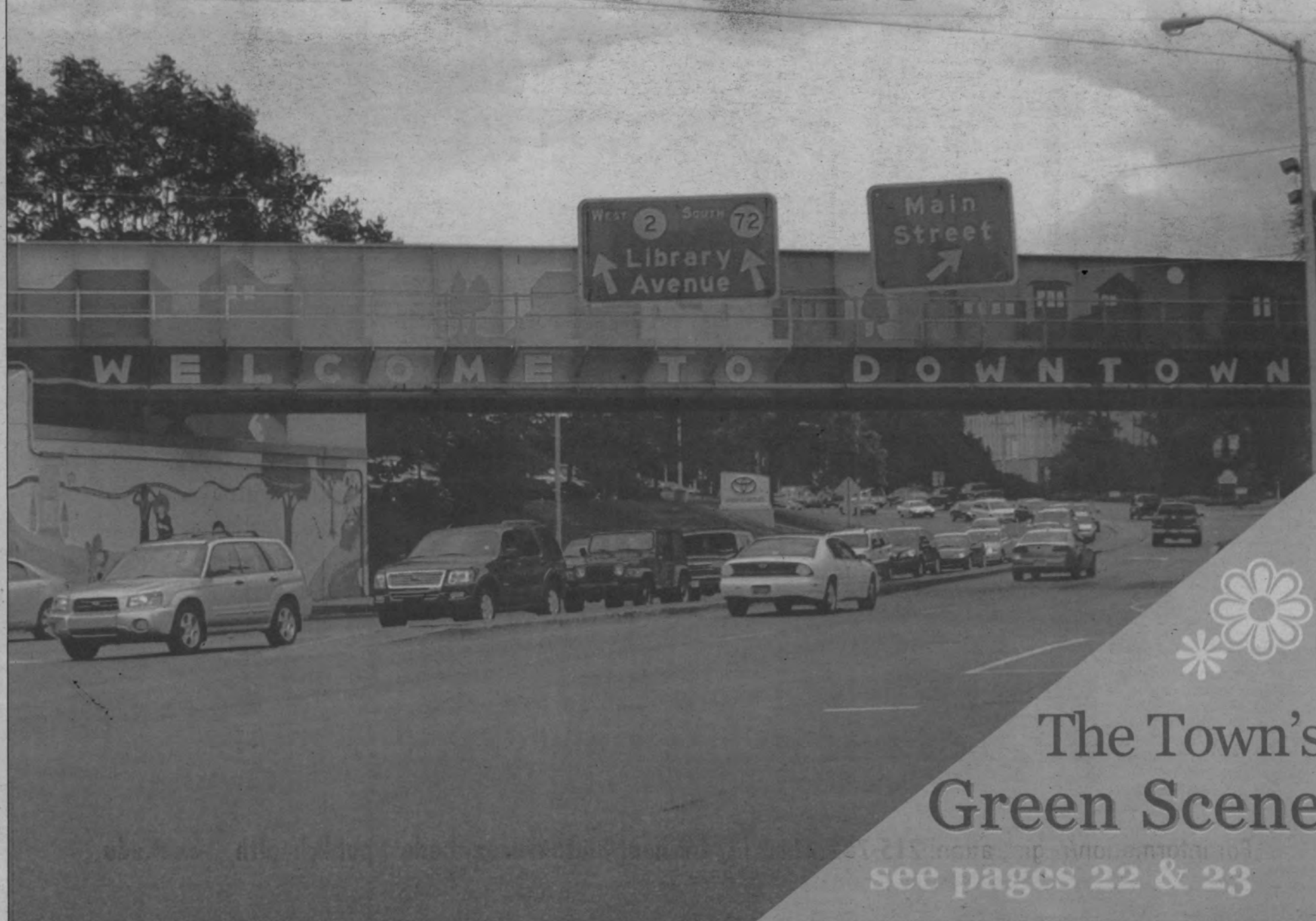
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# Mosaic's Best Of Newark



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# Best Bartender: Ioana at Grotto Pizza

BY JEFF RUOSS  
Contributing Editor

There are a few things everyone wants when they arrive at the bar — a good time, a strong drink and great service. Not many places can promise the first two, but if you stroll into Grotto Pizza on the right days, you'll be guaranteed the third.

When Ioana Candea is working, the famous \$2.25 25-ounce Bud Lights, for which Grotto's is so well known, are speedily delivered.

Senior and long-time Grotto Pizza patron Mike Weiss says the speed at which Candea can bring his drinks makes him wonder how she finds so much energy.

"Sometimes it's like, before I even put my empty glass down," Weiss says. "Ioana already has another one sitting on the table. I come here a lot and I'm still amazed each time I see her running around the bar."

Any long-time bar supporter can agree that good service isn't just about speed and efficiency, although they are important. One attribute that truly makes Candea a successful bartender is her cheerful attitude.

Even when told she has one, she still remains modest with a smile on her face.

"This has to be a mistake, right?" Candea jokes. "I bet people only voted for me because they felt bad for the foreigner."



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**Ioana Candea keeps customers coming back for more at Grotto Pizza on Main Street.**

The tiny Romanian ball of energy entwines a friendly smile, quick service and an all-around joyful personality to help make any outing with friends the best it can possibly be.

Senior Dan Martin says this is one of the main reasons he continues to return to Grotto Pizza day after day.

"The drinks are

always good and the atmosphere is great," Martin says, "but what really keeps me coming back are people like Ioana who remember my name and make it almost like 'Cheers,' you know, like we really belong there."

So the next time you're strolling down Main Street on a sunny afternoon and see a flash of black hair running around the tables, take some time out of the day to stop in and join the hordes of people spending their afternoon on the deck.

Even though Grotto's can't guarantee everything people expect when entering the bar, Ioana will do her best to make sure patrons get everything they need, while keeping a smile on her face.



THE REVIEW/Katie Smith

# Best-Kept Secret: Bennie Dollard

BY SARAH NILES  
Contributing Writer

Newark's best-kept secret can be found approximately halfway down Main Street, in front of the National 5&10 in a small, portable cart. Inside stands Bennie Dollard, grilling anything from a cheese steak to a kielbasa.

For the past four years, Dollard has occupied the sidewalk space, creating affordable, delicious breakfast and lunch options for Newark's community.

Dollard's menu is expansive, ranging from a simple hot dog to his own elaborate creations.

"The Hustler" is a basic Philly cheese steak with a twist — including two eggs and sautéed onions on top of the usual steak and cheese. Although he says it varies from day to day, "The Hustler" is probably the most frequently ordered menu item.

Aside from his innovative spins on classic sandwiches and renditions of old favorites, Dollard's food is affordable for those on a student's budget.

Dollard says he offers many specials that include a bag of chips and a can of soda

for \$5 or less.

While the prices and taste gain people's attention, it's his upbeat and outgoing attitude that keep them coming back for more. Dollard says his favorite part of the job is meeting people.

"I've been here for four years," Dollard says. "Everybody's like family now."

His love for his customers is

evident when he greets regulars, without even needing to take their orders.

His passion for barbeque can also be tasted and purchased for \$4 in the form of his own homemade sauce. "Bennie Dollard's Love Barbeque Sauce" has his motto, "Everything needs a little love," printed on the side of the bottle.

Although Dollard enjoys working in his cart, he says it's not nearly as easy as he thought it would be when he started. In the future, he hopes to create something a little better than campus dining, like a café for students on Main Street.

Whatever type of food he goes on to make, it's clear his relationship with his customers will still be most important.

"I'd like to thank my customers who I have called family for the last four years for coming," Dollard says.

While his cart may be Newark's best-kept secret, after talking with Dollard for just a few minutes, one thing's no secret — he puts love into everything he makes for his second family of customers.



THE REVIEW/Steven Gold

**Bennie Dollard's cart is a Main Street staple.**

# Best Tattoo and Piercing Parlor: Alliance Tattoo and Body Piercing

BY AMY PRAZNAK  
Features Editor

Students don't have to take a trip into Philadelphia or Wilmington to get tattooed up — and many are choosing not to with Alliance Tattoo and Body Piercing on Kirkwood Highway.

Owner Jessie Cowden says his store is the place to go for "clean, solid tattoos," with prices starting at \$50.

Cowden, who's been a piercer for 15 years and a tattoo artist on and off for approximately 9 years, says his store is equipped with three tattoo booths and two tattoo artists.

He says Alliance's clientele is



THE REVIEW/Ricky Berl

extensive, ranging from students to senior citizens, and the store covers all kinds of tattoos, whether the request is Japanese-style, black and grey or a full-color custom tattoo.

Sophomore Sarah Cornwell, who recently got her own tattoo from Alliance, says she heard about the shop through word of mouth.

"It's pretty popular for people who have tattoos on campus," Cornwell says. "They have a really good reputation."

So no need to travel too far to get quality ink done. As it says on Alliance's MySpace, "Good tats ain't cheap — cheap tats ain't good."

# Best Late-night Food: Wings to Go - Freddy's Pitas & Wraps

BY TED SIMMONS  
Entertainment Editor

William "The Refrigerator" Perry is on the Wings To Go Web site, endorsing the restaurant and saying, "Nobody does authentic, buffalo-style wings like Wings To Go."

So naturally, when taste buds the size of his are paired with late-night munchies, Wings To Go - Freddy's Wraps & Pitas is an easy choice for most students' fourth meal.

Manager Brie Allen rationalizes that choice.

"It's open late, we've got a cool staff and who doesn't like fried chicken at night?" Allen says.

But Wings To Go offers more



THE REVIEW/Justin Bleiler

than just the standard hot wings, as hungry patrons have their choice of 16 different sauces, as well as any of the wraps, subs or sandwiches Freddy's offers.

Allen says she sees business pick up once late-night hours begin, as Wings To Go's proximity to Klondike Kate's influences its post-midnight boom.

"Once the bars pour out, we absolutely see an increase in sales," she says. "We're the one stop shop."

So whether it's an order of five or 100 wings, Wings To Go - Freddy's Wraps & Pitas offers that perfect after-dark meal, or just a snack to save in the fridge.

# Best Hangover Food: Newark Deli & Bagel

BY TED SIMMONS  
Entertainment Editor

Anyone going for Saturday morning breakfast at their favorite green-awning deli knows to expect a sizeable wait.

And it's no surprise, as Newark Deli & Bagel has won Best Bagel for the past three years in *Delaware Today's* "Best of Delaware."

Employee Nathan States sees so many students come in after nights spent partying that he's convinced "Newark Deli & Bagel is on the route of the walk of shame."

States ventures a guess as to what attracts so many students during the weekend a.m. hours.

"It's the bacon," he says, jokingly. "It gives you that nice foundation."

Whether it's bagels after beer, whole-wheat after whiskey, or bacon, egg and cheeses after Jäger, car and sake bombs, it's clear that waking up drowsy with a headache

has no better remedy than a little NDB.

With call-ins and free wireless Internet, Newark's favorite deli and bagel store is the best all around experience, as customers can satisfy their hunger, news and Web needs.

"I'm proud that Newark Deli is viewed as an asset to the Newark community," States says.

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# Best Dinner Date: Caffé Gelato

BY LIZ SEASHOLTZ

Contributing Editor

Spring is in the air — the birds are chirping, the bees are buzzing and college students are coupling off as school nears an end.

Luckily, Main Street restaurants like Caffé Gelato are perpetually ready to accommodate these starry-eyed couples.

Ryan German, owner of Caffé Gelato, is well aware of the sophistication needed to set the mood for a great date.

"There's an elegance associated with going on a nice date," German says. "We are one of the few restaurants on Main Street that doesn't have a bar scene also, so it's more of a dining restaurant."

Due to its recent renovations, Caffé Gelato has added new factors to enhance the date atmosphere, German says.

"We now have candlelight dinner, so there's a warm glow," he says. "Also, high-backed, curved booths are really good for dates and we used to have four, but with the renovation there are now eight total."

He has noticed an increase of people coming to Caffé Gelato with the renovations complete, including parties of two. There is now more room in the restaurant, which allows for more space between the tables and the porch now seats 13 tables, instead of eight or nine like



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Caffé Gelato, a northern-Italian, Mediterranean restaurant, is a popular date destination.

Reservations are recommended, but Caffé Gelato now has enough space for walk-ins. "Sometime spontaneous is romantic," he says. "Like if you're walking down the street and say 'Hey, we should stop.'"

And to top off the night, couples can take delight in the restaurant's namesake dessert — gelato.

One bowl, two spoons, of course.

last spring.

To further amp up the ambiance, Friday and Saturday night features a live violinist. Candlelight, high-backed booths and violinists — an overall recipe for romantic success.

"All that being said, it's not super fancy where you don't feel comfortable being casual," German says. "The setting still allows for good conversation."

In addition, Caffé Gelato's northern-Italian, Mediterranean-inspired menu matches the style of the restaurant.

Popular dishes on its regular menu include prosciutto-wrapped veal chop, roasted rack of lamb and pan-seared tuna. The recurring special, day-boat diver scallops, is also a hit, as well as the special preparation cut of meat, like strip steak or filet.

# Best Florist: Main Street Florist & Plant Shop

BY CAITLIN BIRCH

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Tucked away between the nostalgic steel streetcar of Korner Diner and the metaphysical mysteries of Crystal Concepts, Main Street Florist & Plant Shop is an escape from the bustle of downtown Newark.

Average afternoon wanderers can slip in and find themselves at once removed from the crowded Main Street sidewalks and steady stream of hurried traffic. The dim, cool atmosphere welcomes visitors against a backdrop of peaceful silence. Here, a fresh flower business has thrived for 22 years.

Bryan Greim, owner of Main Street Florist & Plant Shop, started out delivering flowers while growing up in Newark.

Greim says he apprenticed with a florist who owned two shops and when the florist decided to sell the one on Main Street, Greim purchased it. Since then, the flowers have moved eastward, a few storefronts down Newark's business hub.

"We used to be in the movie theater building that got torn down when Grotto's went in at The Galleria," Greim says. "It was called the State Theatre and there was a flower shop and a deli and then the marquee out front."

Main Street Florist & Plant Shop moved to its current downtown location in 1987. Greim says Newark was always the place for him, because he wanted to remain close to family and his hometown.

That town has since become a part of his shop. Greim welcomes the work of local artists onto his walls through a partnership with the Newark Arts Alliance.

"They use our space and they rotate artists through every month," he says, "so we just donate our wall space to local artists that work through the Arts Alliance."

This month, the shop has donned handmade quilts on its left-hand wall. Greim says 10 to 12 Main Street businesses participate in the art exchange and his is one of the larger locations for exhibits.

The shop provides another artistic display in the murals that sprawl across its walls. Customers are greeted by splashes of bright yellows and deep oranges — colors that adorn the petals of floor-to-ceiling flowers, painted by Greim's childhood friend, muralist Michael Schwartz.

The fresh décor echoes Greim's business practices. Unlike many florists, Greim says his shop never stocks anything artificial. Only fresh-cut flowers and green plants



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The florist has been at its Main Street location since 1987.

are sold, and the variety Greim carries at any given time can approach 30 different kinds. Through his Wilmington distributor Ways Greenhouses, Greim supplies plants from Central America, South America, Hawaii and locations.

With top sellers like roses, sunflowers, tulips and Gerber daisies, Main Street Florist & Plant Shop provides flowers for all kinds of special events and holidays. Greim says students have plenty of occasions for flowers, but considers for a moment what those most commonly are.

"Other than apologies?" he says with a laugh. "Yeah, that's a big one."

Relationships might be at the center of a student's flower needs, since Greim says anniversaries are also times when students seek out his services.

Regardless of the time, he says he abides by his commitment to quality.

"Usually we would try to buy the best flowers that we could buy," Greim says, "even if they might have to retail for a little more expensive, rather than trying to get a deal on a volume of something that would be cheaper."

With premium flowers, a calming atmosphere and a dedication to variety, it's likely Main Street Florist & Plant Shop's 22-year tradition will continue to blossom.



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Main Street Florist & Plant Shop provides fresh flowers to the community.



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## Best Coffee shop: Brew Ha Ha!

BY SABINA ELLAHI  
Features Editor

Just call them "coffee-evangelists," Brew Ha Ha! proudly states in its motto. The coffeehouse with a fun name to pronounce has 12 locations in Delaware and Pennsylvania. It was



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Brew Ha Ha! serves a variety of caffienated drinks.

opened  
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founder Alisa Morkides after gaining inspiration from a trip to the Tuscan countryside in Italy years ago. Intrigued by the charming Italian coffee bars and the number of people who gathered together to drink cappuccinos, Morkides wanted to bring this same ambiance back to the Delaware Valley.

"My vision was to recreate the experience I had in Italy back home in the Delaware Valley, where I believed I could fulfill my life's purpose — to create heavenly coffee beverages, equal to or superior than those of the finest cafes in Italy," Morkides says on the Brew Ha Ha! Web site.

Andrea Fakis, the general manager of Brew Ha Ha! in the Main Street Galleria, says what makes the coffee unique is the special roasting process that only this shop can offer.

"We do all of our own roasting under our own specifications," Fakis says. "We get our beans from a single farm and create many blends that other coffee houses won't be able to offer."

Fakis says along with distinct blends, Brew Ha Ha! baristas get innovative with their creations, taking simple coffee beans and making various flavors to intrigue taste buds.

"We try to make coffee into an artisan craft," she says. "We want to make our drinks personal for each of our customers."

Fakis says they constantly change their menu to offer customers new kinds of drinks. This summer, Brew Ha Ha! plans to expand beyond coffee specialty drinks, creating a menu with ice cream floats and milkshakes in flavors like espresso or chai.

"The summer menu will bring us to a new level of specialty," she says. "We are constantly making unique drinks to offer to our customers."

With the mix of the college crowd and local citizens, Brew Ha Ha! brings together people from different communities in Newark.

Fakis says this attraction may be from the customer service, which is what she believes makes Brew Ha Ha! stand out from the rest of the coffee houses on Main Street.

"We want to make sure we are people-friendly and keep that small-town feeling alive," she says. "We throw in that extra ingredient of love with the espresso."

## Best Salon: Cat's Eye

BY TED SIMMONS  
Entertainment Editor

For some women, hair is no laughing matter. When students leave trustworthy stylists behind with hometowns, the business of finding a new salon can be a dangerous experiment.

Cat's Eye owner Nick Biklarian understands that plight.

"I hear of students who've had bad experiences, and are scared to get their hair done here," Biklarian says. "But they hear the word of mouth and they realize they can trust another salon that isn't their hometown one."

Three-year employee Christy Deaver says the staff at the unisex salon is skilled, as well as "very laid back."

Biklarian appreciates recognition of the salon's success.

"The hard work and dedication has paid off," he says. "We just want to be able to take care of people here."

## Best Barber Shop: U.S. Male

On any given day, U.S. Male is filled with men of all creeds and colors, either taking their turn under the buzzer or waiting with a magazine in hand.

Manager Doug Crossland credits the store's location and staff for the shop's success.

"We're pretty particular who we hire," Crossland says. "We have a young crew that interacts with the college crowd well."

That crowd is coming from all around the tri-state area. He says his staff is familiar with all the cuts customers request.

"They know what the styles are — everyone's well-versed," Crossland says. "Even the tape-downs and blow-outs kids from New York and New Jersey like — we know how to do those better than some barbers up there."

That expertise is what turns first-time customers into regulars. Crossland says business doesn't wane in the summer months and he's used to seeing some people come in every two weeks.

Perhaps the door stays open because he can't keep it closed.

## Best On-Campus Housing: Harrington Hall

BY AMY PRAZNAIK  
Features Editor

Despite the addition of numerous new residence halls on campus, it looks like the classic halls are still student favorites — and Harrington is No. 1.

With accommodations for approximately 350 students, a convenience store, a computing site, a fitness center and the ever-popular "Beach" — soon to be a lot of AstroTurf — Harrington offers a unique experience that's often memorable.

Jacqueline Winslow, complex coordinator of Gilbert and Harrington, says the fact that Harrington is a traditional double-room residence hall aids residents in branching out socially. Their doors are constantly open to meet new people.

"Traditionally, I think a lot of students have wanted to relive their freshman year and the place to do that has been Harrington," Winslow says. "They are like-minded in what their goals are socially."

Junior Amy Jaramillo says her experience in Harrington was a great one. "The social aspect was phenomenal," Jaramillo says. "It was co-ed, and it was great — you make amazing friends."

## Best Off-Campus Housing: Main St. Apartments

Whether you want to live above Panera Bread, Cucina di Napoli or the Learning Station, Main Street is full of options for students to find off-campus housing through popular rental companies like Lang Development.

For students who chose to live in rental areas available above shops on Main Street, it's mostly about convenience.

Junior Marcella Sontheimer currently lives in the apartments above the Learning Station and says she plans to do so next year as well.

"I usually lived far away, like with Dickinson and then Harrington, and now it's like a five minute walk to class so it's so much better," Sontheimer says.

Sontheimer says it's also great having access to services on Main Street, such as Happy Harry's, that other students would usually have to take a long walk or car to visit.

She feels secure living on a street that's usually patrolled by police.

## Best Bookstore: Rainbow

BY SAMMI CASSIN  
Editorial Editor

Money is always an issue for college students. Books, food, housing, not to mention tuition — there's hardly ever enough left over for anything fun.

But there's a place on Main Street, packed away between the coffee shops and tanning salons, under the familiar bright red awning, where the bass is always pumping, the shelves are always packed, the goods are cheap and the doors are always open.

Rainbow Music and Books is Newark's best bookstore not only because of the massive and affordable selection of books, CDs, DVDs, vinyl and other paraphernalia, but also because it's a community staple.

Chris Avino, owner of Rainbow Music and Books since 2005, says the best thing about Rainbow is the friendly atmosphere it provides and its ability to differentiate itself from other stores in the area.

"Other bookstores around campus are pretty much geared toward textbooks," Avino says. "It's different from everywhere else. It's a great place to stop by and meet people — a good chunk of customers just come

in  
to browse."

Avino first started working at Rainbow during his time as an undergraduate 15 years ago. He says one of the best things about the staff members is their approachability and the friendly atmosphere they create.

"It's nice because it's a smaller, more intimate place," he says. "The staff is always on the floor and they are just really knowledgeable. Everyone works here because they want to work here."

Rainbow's variety of everything from the most current and popular albums to obscure vintage vinyl is one thing to which Avino attributes the store's success.

"We've got a lot of stuff you can't find anywhere else, especially books," Avino says. "They are all really inexpensive — around \$2 to \$5. Lately, we have a really large vinyl and used DVD selection."

Avino says he came back to Rainbow after he graduated because a family friend who

owned the store was going to sell. Avino was already thinking about opening his own music and book store in New England, but decided to move back to Newark when he found out Rainbow was for sale.

"It sure beats working for somebody else," he says. "I wouldn't want to do anything else."



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Rainbow provides an affordable selection of books.



# The best of The Green Trends

## Best Green Getaway: White Clay Creek State Park

BY JAMES ADAMS SMITH

Entertainment Editor

Between the students rushing across campus and local residents fighting for parking spaces downtown, Newark is far from a "sleepy college town." For those in need of a little fresh air, an escape to nature lies right beyond Laird campus, up North College Avenue.

Since its founding in 1968, White Clay Creek State Park has grown from its original 24 acres to a sweeping 3,384 acres of natural beauty. Hikers, fishers and mountain bikers visit the park regularly to escape the hustle and bustle of urban sprawl.

Rich Hartz, a massage therapist from Wilmington, prepares his Trek mountain bike for morning rides on the park's trails.

"It's a little mix of everything, as far as scenery goes," he says. "On a dry day, this trail would be packed with

bikers and hikers. There are two ponds out this way. In some parts you can get lost. It's pretty phenomenal."

Hartz says the trails are well kept. He comes out to the park every two weeks and sometimes once a week.

According to the park's Web site, it has a partnership among the state government and private groups to conserve the natural environment and keep it clean.

A group of six, all wearing yellow reflective vests, walk one of the park's highways picking up trash. Karl Kaminski, with his group from Newark Lions Club, volunteers three times a year through the Department of Transportation's Adopt-a-Highway.

"Everybody gets about a two-mile stretch," Kiminski says. "Our group is a little bit older, so we don't want to be doing something like 295. Working in this park is safer. We want to make the parks clean."

The park has 37 miles of trails, such as the Twin Valley Trail, which leads to the Arc Corner Monument — one end of the curved boundary between Delaware and Pennsylvania.

Other recreational activities in the park include camping, disc golf, geocaching, horseback riding, bird watching, hunting, swimming and surf fishing. Winter activities include sledding and cross-country skiing.

Local sheet metal mechanic Lance Sentman says he often escapes from work to go fishing in the park with friends.

"I come fishing here from April until October," he says. "It starts out with the trout season and as it starts getting sunny, you start getting bass."

To these visitors of the park, White Clay Creek State Park is an obvious getaway.

"It's well taken care of," Sentman says. "It's a beautiful park."



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Home Grown Café features an organic menu.

## Best Green Restaurant: Home Grown Café

BY BRIAN ANDERSON

Executive Editor

With a quick walk down Main Street, it's clear there are a variety of options to fill up an empty stomach. Pizza, bagels, wings, wraps and fine dining all seem like great options when a stomach is growling.

If going green is on the mind, the best spot on Main Street to get a delicious bite and think organic is Home Grown Café.

Brett Tunstall, a general manager at Home Grown, says the restaurant began as a vegetarian option, serving no meat and a selection of salads and wraps. The restaurant has always been known as a place for vegetarians, winning many awards sans meat.

Since then, Home Grown has expanded its menu and now includes chili, steak, chicken and seafood, in addition to the salads and wraps, he says.

Tunstall says Home Grown uses organic meats, fruits and vegetables in many of the dishes served. Home Grown even hired a company to convert the restaurant's fryer oil into bio-diesel fuel.

Additionally, he says the jewelry sold in Home Grown is organic, using rocks for many of the designs.

Because going green is such a trend now, many restaurants are using the word organic in their advertising, Tunstall says. Home Grown still uses many organic products, including local fruits and vegetables, organic meat, farm-raised salmon and fresh scallops.

"Other places throw around the word organic because it's such a general term," Tunstall says. "But there is USDA-sanctioned organic stuff and that's what we use."

When the restaurant can't get organic products because of high prices, he says they'll bring in local products, including area cheeses. Tunstall says many restaurants buy organic food when the price is right, but no other restaurant uses organic products in the capacity they do. Sometimes restaurants get organic products because they're the freshest or best looking, but Home Grown has always been known for using many organic products.

He says though using these products might be more expensive at times, the difference is easy to notice, especially on the tongue.

"You can really taste the freshness when you go organic," Tunstall says.





# Best Green Groceries: Newark Natural Foods

BY LARISSA CRUZ

Managing Mosaic Editor

Newark Natural Foods is not an average grocery store. Unlike big-name supermarkets' fluorescent-lighted aisles of processed foods, Newark Natural Foods is a modestly sized grocery that carries organic and natural foods from a variety of companies and local businesses.

General manager Karen Taylor says she believes Newark Natural Foods makes a difference in the world in a positive way.

"We buy local — we know the farmers," Taylor says. "We do community outreach. We recycle everything we can — our last resort is the trash can. And that's just to start."

Located next to Blue Hen Comics on Main Street, Newark Natural Foods is also a cooperative — it's owned by members of the Newark Community Cooperative with a governing body of a board of stewards. According to Newark Natural Foods' Web site, they "make business decisions based on sustainability and the impact we have on our earth and our community."

Aside from its goal to be as green as possible, Newark Natural Foods has many of the same items a conventional grocery would stock, which makes switching to an organic lifestyle easy. They also offer a wide array of organic fare to buy in bulk, such as coffee beans, flax seeds, flour, nuts and dried fruit and they special order, if desired.

Taylor, who's been a vegetarian for 20 years, says organic is simply a better option.

"Organic food is better for you — it is also better for the Earth, the animals and the next generation to come," she says. "With the rate of cancer and other health issues in this country, we need to slow down and pay attention to what we are doing for the planet and ourselves."

Customer Angelo Vernacchio, 18, knows the benefits of eating organic food first-hand. He says he began buying organic food when his friend was diagnosed with cancer. He says his friend recovered after chemotherapy and now eats

only healthy and organic food.

"I try to eat natural because I don't like the other stuff they put in food, like in fast food," Vernacchio says. "I don't want to die from a crazy disease."

There are other advantages to shopping at Newark Natural Foods. Buying from local businesses not only ensures fresh, homemade products, but is also more environmentally friendly.

"Buying local is so important, because it uses less fuel and supports local farmers," Taylor says.

Food isn't the only item customers can purchase from this healthy haven.

Natural and cruelty-free body products, herbal extracts, vitamin supplements and household cleaning supplies help customers become greener in all areas of their daily routines.

Newark Natural Foods is currently doubling the size of its store in order to expand its retail floor space, and on Sundays, it extends its organic goodness by creating a Farmer's Market in the parking lot.

For more than 30 years, Newark Natural Foods has provided the community eco-friendly and wholesome grocery experiences with whole foods. As for the rest of the town, Taylor says she thinks the quest to be green is unending.

"There are some good practices in place, but there is always room to do more," she says.

So when debating whether to buy weekly groceries from Newark Natural Foods or a neighboring supermarket, choose the greener of the options — the grass is always



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Newark Natural Foods is an eco-friendly option.



THE REVIEW/Katie Smith

BY ALICIA GENTILE

Undressed Columnist

The university welcomed a zero-fuel emission bus onto campus on April 9, 2007 through the College of Engineering. Ajay Prasad, director of the university fuel cell research and bus program, says fuel cells benefit the environment.

"A fuel cell emits only water at the point of use, so it is a zero-emissions vehicle," Prasad states in an e-mail message. "Hence, the bus does not pollute and is environmentally friendly."

According to *UDaily*, "the hydrogen fuel cell bus project is supported by a \$1.7 million grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration, matched by private financing from companies working in partnership with the university."

Hydrogen cell buses take hydrogen and convert it into water, according to government Web site Transport for London. It's one of the cleanest forms of energy, as well as one of the best for the environment.

"A hydrogen-powered bus uses hydrogen as its fuel instead of diesel," Prasad says. "Also, instead of using an internal combustion engine, our bus uses a fuel cell, which is

about two times more efficient than a diesel engine."

The process of converting hydrogen into energy isn't as complicated as it might seem.

According to Transport for London, "a fuel cell works like a battery. As hydrogen gas flows into a fuel cell, the hydrogen combines with oxygen and is converted into water. In the process it produces electricity and this powers the electric motor which drives the bus."

Researchers from the College of Engineering conceived the idea for the hydrogen cell bus, according to *UDaily*. The bus serves two functions for the university — to serve as a public education tool, as well as a research tool for engineering students.

Douglas Brunner, a 2006 alumnus and current member of the maintenance and research team for the bus, assisted Prasad, professor Suresh Advani and the engineering department in their quest to bring the bus onto campus.

There's an aspect about the university zero-fuel emission bus that makes it stand out from other hydrogen buses. According to *UDaily*, a majority of other bus projects use large fuel cell stacks that are 100 to 200 kilowatts or higher, while the university bus has a fuel cell that's only 19 kilowatts. This is relatively cheaper than other buses of its kind.

"The bus costs \$20 per kilogram and runs 11 miles to the kilogram," Brunner says.

He says the fuel is purchased from Air Liquide, a French company that supplies industrial and medical gases all over the world.

Prasad says the hydrogen bus operates every day from 10 a.m. to noon on the express route from Laird campus to the main campus and approximately 100 students ride it every day.

"The university has plans to purchase another bus this coming summer and hopefully several more in the next couple years," Brunner says.



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The zero-fuel emission bus converts hydrogen to water and travels the Laird campus express route regularly.

## Best Green Mode of Transportation: University Zero-fuel Emission Bus



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## Best Music Venue: Deer Park Tavern

BY ADAM ASHER

Contributing Editor

The floor on the second story of the Deer Park Tavern isn't the sturdiest support system ever built. Bargoers regularly shake the foundation of one of Newark's oldest establishments, rhythmically jumping up and down and dancing to the beat of whatever drummer is pounding out '90s favorites on that particular night.

However, customers aren't scared or concerned with space issues. The biggest concern is, instead, the wait to get a fresh drink or find relief in a bathroom or cigarette break. It all adds to the ambiance of Newark's best place to find live music.

Kristen Kwolek, the pony-tail-swinging lead singer of Thursday night's steady act Kristen and the Noise, says Deer Park has a distinct feel.

"It's that UD vibe," Kwolek says.

She takes a long drink of water as she walks off stage in Trabant University Center's Multipurpose Room. The band is taking a quick break in the middle of its Senior Day set, playing to a crowd not so different from the one it saw the night before.

"Now that the Balloon is gone, Deer Park is the only place to go,"

Kwolek says.

Bass player Pete Ahern chimes in.

"It's a disgusting-great mess," Ahern says.

One can hear the music while standing in the lengthy lines outside the door on live music nights — just another average sight walking down Main Street after 10:30 p.m. Once inside, the line to get upstairs is just as common. Upon triumphantly reaching the top of the stairs, where the band is visible, it's all worth it.

"I think it's more intimate," Kwolek says.

The band, like many other cover bands in the area, can usually be found playing catchy sing-alongs, ranging from current hits to '90s pop.

The Noise drummer Chris McClure says variety works for the student audience.

"The UD crowd is pretty diverse," McClure says.

Popular songs like Lit's "My Own Worst Enemy" and Blink 182's "All the Small Things" often remind the crowd of their blissful middle school days. The entire group agrees on a favorite though.

"Rage!" they all say

together.

"Some clubs won't let us do it," Kwolek says, before she hits the stage one last time to close with the crowd-pleasing "99 Red Balloons."

However, the Multipurpose room is no Deer Park. The stage is more than a foot off the ground, there are no drunk girls dancing with the band and, of course, the friendly bartenders are nowhere to be found. Deer Park may be one of Newark's oldest establishments, but the music keeps the party going for live music fans of all ages.



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Deer Park Tavern hosts live music acts.

## Best Ethnic Cuisine: Ali Baba

BY JAMES ADAMS SMITH

Entertainment Editor

Families sit on ornated cushions below earthy tapestries. Between ordering hummus and falafel, they fill the dimly lit room with more than one language. This could be a scene from the film "Casablanca," or even a Food Network special set in the Middle East. The exotic getaway Ali Baba, a restaurant offering Moroccan, Lebanese and Israeli cuisine, is no farther than Main Street.

"We've been in the restaurant business since we came to this life," owner Bachar Albarouki says. "This is a family business. We, as a family, take care of everything from buying the stuff, to cooking it, to serving it to the people. That gives it a different taste and a special kind of service. Plus, the atmosphere plays a big role."

The interior, modeled in a Moroccan décor, gives the restaurant a foreign ambience. Customers can choose to sit on either cushioned seating, traditional seating or even on the newly added outdoor patio, where they can smoke hookah — a long Eastern smoking pipe with flavors such as grape and apple.

Albarouki says, "It's very cozy and authentic. We brought in most of the stuff from Morocco and a

Moroccan guy helped us with the design."

Highlights of the menu include Moroccan chicken, kafta kabob and tatziki, a yogurt cucumber salad. A popular desert, baklava, is phyllo dough stuffed with pistachios and honey, served best with Lebanese coffee.

Albarouki says the restaurant has a set of regulars, mostly local residents and professors who add to the atmosphere, as well as students taking a break from the books for an exquisite taste.

"Students being here is very helpful," he says. "Especially now that we started the Hookah bar." Junior Deb Rebarber enjoys Ali Baba for its uniqueness.

"It's a change in scenery from the typical Newark," Rebarber says. "I like to sit outside now that they have the porch. They have good options. I like Middle Eastern food — it's the only Middle Eastern food on campus."

Whether it's students circled on the patio smoking hookah, intellectuals in the back choosing from the wine menu or local families lined up at the door looking to try something new, Ali Baba offers a unique experience.

"Things have been good so far," Albarouki says. "But hopefully soon we will be expanding."

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For the first time since 2003, the women's soccer team has had three players honored as CAA All-Conference selections.

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## the best of 07-08

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### weekly calendar

Tuesday, May 20

Wednesday, May 21

Thursday, May 22

UD Men's Athletic Awards Luncheon 12 noon (BBC)

UD Women's Athletics Awards Dinner 5p.m. Trabant University Center

Friday, May 23

Men's Outdoor Track @ NCAA East Regionals (Florida State)

Saturday, May 24

Men's Outdoor Track @ NCAA East Regionals (Florida State).

Sunday, May 25

## Varsity teams

### Male

BY PAT MAGUIRE  
Sports Editor

#### First Place — Football (11-4, 5-3 Colonial Athletic Association)

The Hens finished their season nationally ranked No. 2 in the Football Championship Subdivision after losing the title game to Appalachian State.

Delaware had something to prove after finishing 5-6 (3-5 CAA) the previous fall. Every player wore a shirt emblazoned with the motto "never again" on the back, vowing not to have another losing season.

The team met and exceeded all

expectations, resulting in one of the most successful seasons in school history.

After defeating Delaware State in one of the more lopsided games of the playoffs, the Hens went on to beat Northern Iowa and Southern Illinois on the road before finally being defeated in the national championship game.

Keeler's squad was led by a high powered offense, featuring senior quarterback Joe Flacco, who was selected 18th overall in the 2008 NFL draft, and senior running back Omar Cuff, who scored a record breaking 39 touchdowns on the season.

#### Second Place — Swimming (11-3, 4-1 CAA)

The Delaware men's swim team had one of its most successful seasons ever this past winter, finishing a program best third place (11-3) at the CAA championships and earning national recognition.

#### Third Place — Tennis (10-7, 3-1 CAA)

The men's tennis team had its fair share of success this year and set the pace for years to come, with a young and improving squad.



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The football team takes the field during the 2007-2008 season.



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The Hens entered the NCAA tournament on a 10-game win streak.

### Female

#### First Place — Volleyball (31-5, 12-2 Colonial Athletic Association)

The volleyball team stepped up its level of play and dominated their CAA competition in the 2007 season. While Delaware certainly had its fair share of individual standouts on the roster, the team's best quality was its chemistry, which allowed it to work as a well-rounded, cohesive unit.

The Hens emerged from a 2006 season in which they went 21-9 and 11-7 in the conference, finishing fifth in the CAA tournament. With something to prove coming into the 2007 season and a more experienced roster, Delaware

blew their competition out of the water, going 31-5 overall and 12-2 in the CAA, earning conference champion honors.

The Hens were led by senior standout Colleen Walsh, the all time kills leader in school history. She earned CAA Player of the Year for her season performance.

Megan Welch earned the honor of CAA Setter of the Year and Stephanie Barry was named CAA Defensive Specialist of the Year.

Despite losing in the second round of the NCAA tournament, Delaware established itself as a true contender in the CAA during the 2007 season.

#### Second Place — Tennis (12-3, 5-0 CAA)

During the 2007-2008 season, it was difficult to beat the Delaware women's tennis team. In fact, for all CAA squads, it was outright impossible. The Hens finished the season 12-3 and an undefeated 5-0 in the CAA.

#### Third Place — Swimming (12-5, 3-4 CAA)

The Female Blue Hens swimming team ended with a solid finish, a 6th place spot in the CAA championships, and a 12-5 overall record.

## Best athletes

Male: Omar Cuff

BY PAT MCGUIRE  
Sports Editor

Senior tailback Omar Cuff led the Hens with 234 points and helped take Delaware to the national title in the Football Championship Subdivision.

Against William & Mary, he had 244 rushing yards, 52 receiving yards and seven total touchdowns, tying an NCAA single game record.

His 1,945 season rushing yards are a school record, while his 288 yards against Delaware State in the first round of the playoffs broke the school's single game rushing record. Cuff also shattered the previous FCS mark of 31 total touchdowns with his 39 scores on the season.

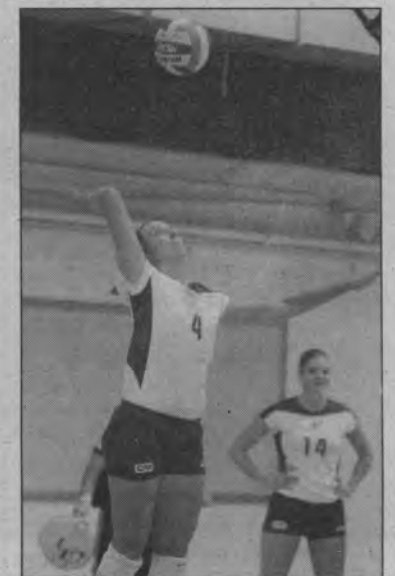
Female: Colleen Walsh

There were high hopes for volleyball senior captain Colleen Walsh at the beginning of the 2007 season.

Despite the pressure, the Hens' outside hitter exceeded expectations in more ways than one, leading her team to a 31-5 record and a conference title.

She broke the school record for most career kills finishing the season with 1,856 total.

In addition, Walsh was named the CAA Player of the Year. Her 564 season kills were a CAA best. She also contributed with a .267 hitting percentage, which was third on the team and sixth in the conference.



Courtesy of Sports Information

Walsh led the Hens to a CAA title.



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Omar Cuff eludes a West Chester defender during his historic season.



# Rookies of the year



Courtesy of Sports Information

Fenimore found success at both singles and doubles.

## Best Male Rookie

### First Place

**Alphonso Dawson, Men's Basketball:**

The energetic Dawson made a major impact as a freshman, starting all 31 games for the Hens, averaging 11 points per game to go along with 30.5 minutes per game.

Offense was not the only part of Dawson's game, as he finished fourth on the team with 38 assists. He led the Hens in points scored six times during the season, including a team-high 25 points February 9th against Virginia Commonwealth.

Dawson was honored as CAA Rookie of the Week four times and was named to the CAA All-Rookie team.

### Second Place

**Anthony Walters, Football:**

Walters became the Hens' starting cornerback as a freshman and quickly became a force on the defensive side of the ball. He led the team with three interceptions and nine defended passes to go along with a team leading two fumble recoveries.

The big (6-foot-1-inch, 190-pound) and fast Walters showed his potential to be a superbly well-rounded defensive back in the future, placing fourth on the team with 49 solo and 63 total tackles.

BY RYAN LANGSHAW

Managing Sports Editor

## Best Female Rookie

### First Place

**Courtney Fenimore & Ivana Petrich, Tennis:**

Fenimore and Petrich earn a tie for best female athlete after both women contributed heavily to the team's successful run to the Colonial Athletic Association quarterfinals this season.

Fenimore posted an overall record of 19-6 this season, including a 6-3 record at No. 1 singles.

Petrich more than held her own, earning a 21-4 record in singles matches, while playing mainly at No. 6 singles.

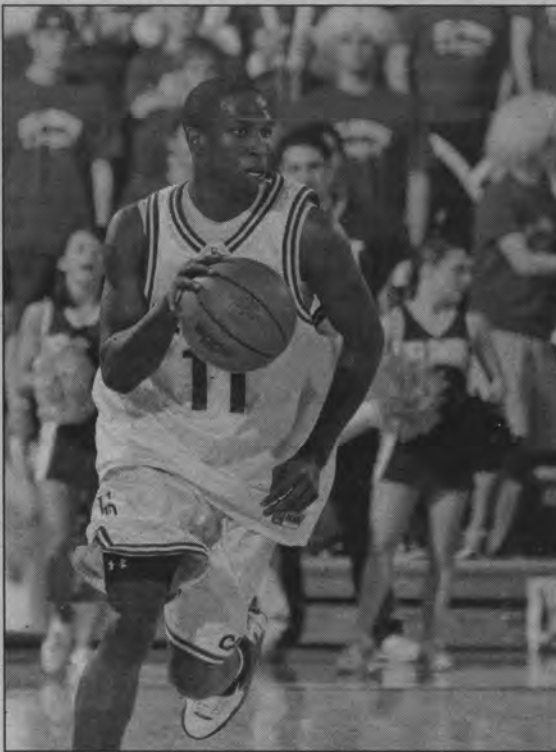
Perhaps most impressive was Fenimore's success in doubles tennis, as she and senior Susan Pollack posted a record of 17-8, playing all their matches as the team's No. 1 doubles pair.

Petrich was also successful in doubles, posting a 16-5 record along with partner sophomore Elena Berry.

### Second Place

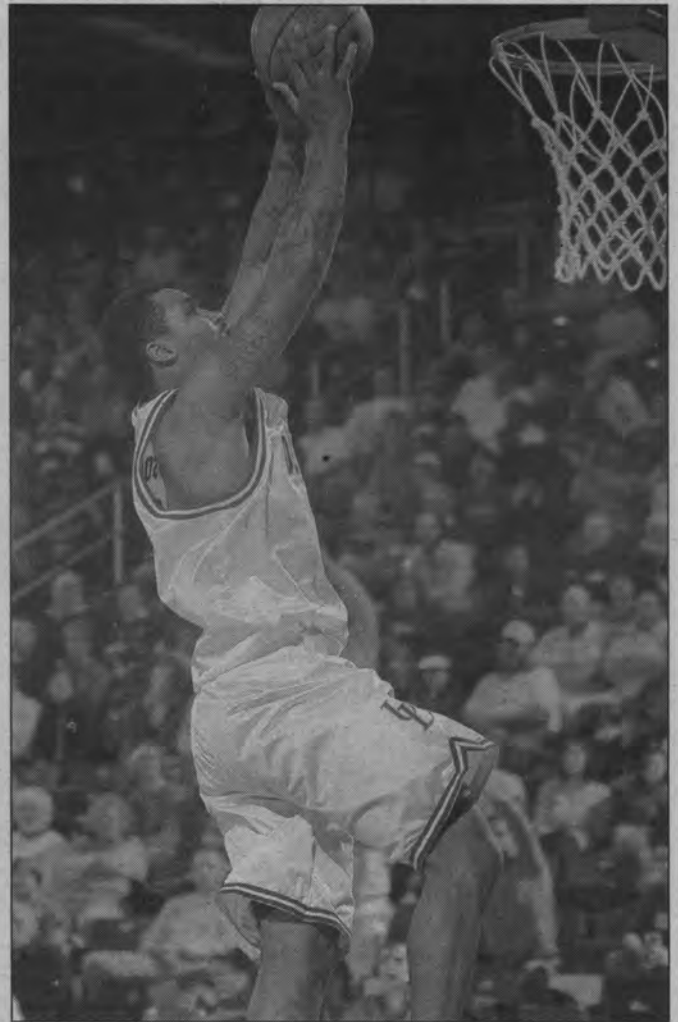
**Paige Erickson, Volleyball:**

Erickson's contributions as a middle hitter for the Hens' volleyball team provided key support in the team's run to the CAA title. Erickson started every game this season for the squad, while also placing second on the team in blocked shots.



Courtesy of Sports Information

As a rookie, Dawson averaged 11 points per game.



Courtesy of Sports Information

Egerson, a former Hoya, helped turn his new team around.

## Best transfer: Marc Egerson

BY ALEX PORRO

Sports Editor

**Marc Egerson, Men's Basketball:** After appearing in only 13 games for the Georgetown Hoyas during the 2006-2007 season, the 2003 and 2004 Delaware High School Player of the Year transferred to his home state to play for the Hens.

Due to NCAA rules, Egerson could not play for the Hens until the Fall 2007 semester ended. After making his first start against Central Connecticut, Egerson started every remaining game, including during the Colonial Athletic Association tournament. He was often Delaware's top scorer and put in some hard work on the glass, grabbing a team-high 6.9 rebounds per game for a season total of 165. Egerson also recorded 73 assists and 25 steals while helping Delaware improve to 14-17 overall after a disastrous campaign last season.

Perhaps Egerson's finest moment came on February 27 against Hofstra, when he scored a team high 24 points and pulled down 11 rebounds to lead the Hens to a 74-69 victory.



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Baseball finished No. 9 in the conference.



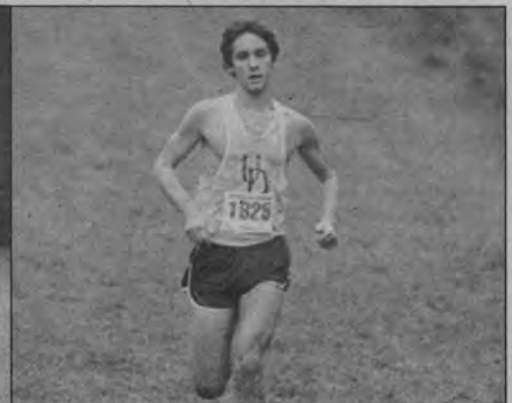
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Kyle DeHaven led the nation in steals.



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Curtis Dickson made the All-CAA First team.



Courtesy of Kyle Schmid

Cross country senior captain Kyle Schmid.



# Best male and female coach



## Bonnie Kenny, Volleyball

BY RYAN LANGSHAW  
Managing Sports Editor

### Best Female Coach

#### First Place

**Bonnie Kenny, Volleyball:** Entering the 2007 season, the women's volleyball team hoped to build on last year's positive finish and Colonial Athletic Association semifinal birth. Under the guidance of Kenny, the team posted a 31-5 overall record, including a 12-2 record within the CAA. The Hens did not stop there, however, as Kenny led her team to the school's first-ever conference title and was also named the CAA Coach of the Year. The team earned a berth in the NCAA tournament, making it to the second round after defeating a favored Princeton squad.

#### Second Place

**Laura Travis, Men's and Women's Tennis:** Travis plays double duty for the university's tennis program, coaching both men's and women's tennis. Under her guidance this season, both teams made the quarterfinals of the CAA tournament for the seventh straight year. Perhaps the best testament to Travis's coaching this season was her ability to lead both teams despite returning only seven seniors between the two squads.

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Kenny guided the volleyball team to Delaware's first conference title.

## K.C. Keeler, Football

### Best Male Coach

#### First Place

**K.C. Keeler, Football:** Keeler's sixth year as the Hens' coach brought back memories of the fabled 2003 season, when the team won the Football Championship Subdivision title. Entering the season, many experts predicted Delaware would have to fight for respectability, with a preseason poll ranking them No. 21 in the CAA, but under Keeler's guidance the team exceeded expectations and fought all the way to the FCS championship, before falling to Appalachian State. Keeler's hard work as coach earned his team many accolades this season. Along with being named the Maxwell Club Tri-state Coach of the Year for a second time, his Hens were also named the Eastern College Athletic Conference Team of the Year.

#### Second Place

**Monte Ross, Basketball:** When Monte Ross completed his first season as men's basketball coach in 2006-2007, the coach found himself the subject of criticism for the team's lackluster 5-26 finish and first round elimination in the CAA tournament. What a difference a year makes, however, as this year's team exceeded expectations, posting a 14-17 record and winning their first tournament game under Ross. He also brought in key players who contributed to the team's run this season, including transfer Marc Egerson and freshman Alphonso Dawson.



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Keeler almost won his second national FCS title as the Hens' coach.



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Men's rugby is a very popular club team.



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Field hockey ended the year No. 5 in the CAA. Sobhan Tadjalli now plays pro indoor soccer.



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## Quotes

BY SEIF HUSSAIN  
Managing Sports Editor

### First Place

"To me, it was kind of an insult that we were not [ranked first]."  
—Sophomore lacrosse attack  
Nicole Flego

When the womens lacrosse team was ranked No. 2 in a Colonial Athletic Association preseason coaches poll behind No. 1 ranked James Madison, the Hens' squad was not very pleased, prompting Flego to utter this preseason gem.

The team returned its entire starting lineup from last seasons 11-6 (5-2 CAA) squad, which lost to JMU in the CAA Tournament semifinals. The outlook was bright for the season, with many around the squad expecting the team to be better with another year under its belt.

Flego said she believed the team had the talent that would carry them to the top of the conference. Unfortunately for her and the rest of the team, the starting lineup was decimated by injuries and even Flego missed the majority of the season.

By the time the tournament arrived, Delaware was ranked No. 4, overtaken in the standings by George Mason, William & Mary and Towson.

The season ended on a sour note. For the second-straight year, the team was defeated in the first round of the tournament. William & Mary killed the Hens' momentum in the second half, knocking them out in the drawn out 15-14 loss.

### Second Place — Tie

"I'm not going to lie, it pretty much destroyed my exam week, but it was worth it. Five years from now am I going to regret doing a little worse on my exams, or regret missing my school go to the National Championship?"

—Senior Mark Belluz

"My parents were like, 'You have no [Eagles] Super Bowl or Phillies World Series coming up. Go to the Delaware National Championship. Go now, or you'll regret it for the rest of your life.'"

—Senior Elizabeth Hutchinson

During its emotional and exciting run to the Football Championship Subdivision National Championship game in the 2007 season, the Hens' football team had the unbridled support of its fans until the very end.

After dominating Delaware State 44-7 in the two teams' historic inaugural match-up, Delaware was capturing the attention of the nation. The spotlight shone especially bright on stand-out senior quarterback Joe Flacco and senior running back Omar Cuff, who together ensured each game in their final collegiate season was a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Many fans were left angry when they were unable to support their team in Chattanooga, at the bitterly disappointing loss to defending champion Appalachian State, when tickets ran out.



# Best picture



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Joe Flacco walks off the field during his last season as quarterback.



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### First Place

*Delaware's football team finally plays downstate neighbor Delaware State.*

After years of controversy, including accusations of racism and elitism, fans finally got to watch No. 13 Delaware and No. 10 Delaware State settle things on the football field.

On Nov. 23, the two teams met at Delaware Stadium in front of a post-season record 19,765 fans in the first round of the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs.



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Delaware faces off against the Hornets for the first time.

Ultimately, the issues that surrounded the game were swept aside as Delaware beat the Hornets 44-7.

Quarterback Joe Flacco completed 11 of 20 passes for 189 yards and one touchdown. The senior from Audobon, N.J., made several spectacular throws throughout the game, finding his receivers on the run after being swept out of the pocket, all while shrugging off the DSU defenders.

### Second Place

*Volleyball wins the Colonial Athletic Association Tournament, earning themselves an NCAA berth.*

After dropping only four matches during the regular season, Delaware came into the CAA tournament as the No. 1 seed and promptly dispatched No. 5 James Madison and No. 3 Hofstra en route to the CAA title. The Hens' powerful attack was fueled by senior Colleen Walsh, who registered a team-high 33 kills during the tournament, and was backed up by a stout defense led by sophomore Stephanie Barry, who recorded 35 digs.

In the first round of the NCAA tournament, the Hens dropped Princeton 3-1, outscoring the favored Tigers 32-30, 30-27 and 30-22 in their three victories. Four players notched at least 10 kills, but Kelly Gibson had a match-high 19, along with 20 digs and two aces.

Barry recorded 35 digs, her sixth 30-dig performance of the season and senior Megan Welch finished with 51 assists.

### Third Place

*Men's basketball pulls starters, but still defeats UNC-Wilmington at the buzzer in surprising Febuary 6 victory.*

The Hens trailed rival UNCW by as much as 15 points in the first half, and seemed headed toward their fourth consecutive loss.



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The volleyball team poses after winning the CAA title.

Coach Monte Ross called a timeout, unhappy with the effort from his starting lineup. He decided to sit starters Herb Courtney, Marc Egerson, Jim Ledsome and Alphonso Dawson and give the ball to his bench.

The tables quickly turned on the Seahawks as D.J. Boney, Pau Geli, Marco Cooper and Edwin Santiago out-worked and out-hustled their surprised opponents to close the gap to only six points.

Ross finally brought the starters back into the game with only 10:40 on the clock, but still Delaware could not take the lead.

Following a missed Seahawk's free-throw that left the game at 67-65, Delaware moved the ball up court and with 2 seconds remaining, Herb Courtney hit a three point shot to give Delaware the win, 68-67.



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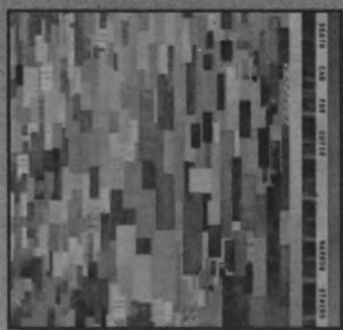
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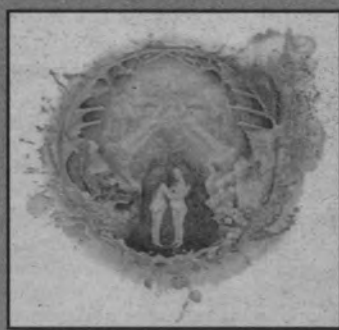


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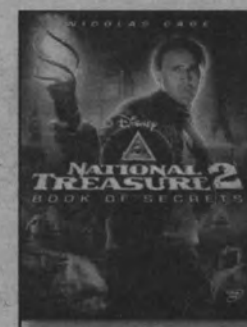


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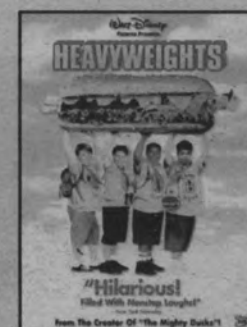
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