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# Newark set to lose significant tax revenue as university prepares to acquire Courtyard Apartments early

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Senior Reporter

As the applications for student housing next year begin to stream into the university, many are hoping to secure a spot in the soon-to-be university-owned Courtyard Apartments. However, unanswered questions and concerns remain about the legal and economic timeframe which the university has produced.

In 1999, Ambling Companies Inc., the developer which sought to construct the University Courtyard Apartments (UCA) in Newark, entered into a contract with the city government regarding the construction and regulation of the new property. At around the same time, Ambling entered into a separate contract with the university and the Collegiate Housing Foundation (CHF) which stipulated that the former would acquire UCA after a period of 30 years. This period represented the time Ambling would take to pay back the Delaware Economic Authority Bonds, which were provided to fund the project.

However, the university is now set to acquire the Courtyards by July 1, 2019, ten years early. The university claims that the contract with CHF and Ambling allowed them to retain the right to acquire the property early, and thus that the decade-early acquisition is well within their right.

"Per the contract, the University has always retained

the right to acquire the property sooner than 2029," Andrea Boyle Tippet, the university's director of external relations, said. "As the university's infrastructure ages and student population grows, it made sense to accelerate the timeline.

The proof for this claim has not been substantiated. The contract between these parties

has not been made available to the public but has been referenced by university officials regarding their right in the accelerated acquisition.

According to Newark City Councilman Jerry Clifton, it is hard to take the university's word on such an issue. Once UCA is acquired by the university, he said, it will become "educational

property" and will no longer provide taxable income to the city.

"What it means is a loss of revenue of \$77,000 a year, over ten years that's \$770,000," Clifton said. "Each year we would have to have over a 1.25 percent tax increase for each of our residents in order to compensate for this loss."

The Review was unable to confirm the figures cited by Clifton.

The councilman also expressed concern over the university's alleged failure to notify the city that the 30-year timeframe could be shortened. He said that when the contracts were formed, the city was unaware of the possibility that UCA could be acquired prior to 2029, and that the university never informed any of the Newark officials.

According to Boyle Tippet, the City government had been notified of the early acquisition of UCA earlier this year.

"Despite the fact that there was no requirement to alert city officials, University officials did, in fact, make City leaders aware of the decision in April before publicly announcing the plans in September," Tippet said. "A major reason for the early notification was to provide ample time before the City began its annual budget planning process."

There is no documented mention of a provision for the university to acquire UCA prior to 2029 in the transcripts of City Council meetings or in the agreements the city signed with Ambling in 1999. All of the

references by councilmen to the acquisition of UCA was after a period of 30 years, and none of the references indicated an understanding that it could be any time sooner.

It is likely then, that the only document which provides or makes mention of the university's ability to acquire UCA earlier than 30 years is the contract between the university, CHF and Ambling. However, under Delaware's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), only university records that relate to the expenditure of public funds are records available to the public under the act. As defined in the FOIA, public funds are "those funds derived from the State or any political subdivision of the State."

Therefore, the university is not required to provide the information, and has declined a FOIA request for the documents that would disclose the legality of an accelerated acquisition of the University Courtyards, which is still set for this upcoming summer.



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# Blunt Rochester sticks to moderate script in debate against a volatile Walker

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Editor in Chief

The 2018 Delaware Debates kicked off this evening with U.S. House Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester facing a familiar opponent, Republican U.S. House nominee Scott Walker, although this time from different sides of the partisan line.

In the 2016 elections, Walker ran against Blunt Rochester as a Democrat, having since changed his views on topics such as gun rights and abortion following some "meditation on the facts." Although running as a Republican, Walker has been publicly disavowed by the Delaware Republican Party.

"I don't need their help," Walker said. "I run my own campaign."

The moderated debate took place in Mitchell Hall, co-hosted by the university's Center for Political Communication (CPC) and Delaware Public Media, taking questions from students at the university and Delaware State University.

Student concerns surrounded gun control, sexual misconduct and climate change. While both candidates endorsed accountability in cases of sexual misconduct should be taken seriously, their views differed widely elsewhere.

Blunt Rochester noted the recent galvanization of woman voters and candidates and cited ongoing efforts in Congress to include more workplace training and combat workplace non-disclosure agreements. Walker,

similarly, said that although the problem of sexual harassment was "much worse when I was growing up," women remain underpaid and that he supports the #MeToo movement.

Concerning climate change, the two advanced disparate positions. Walker, who sees climate change as a byproduct of "political speech," said that there is no statistical evidence in support of climate change.

"We don't know what climate change is," Walker said.

Walker noted that statistics courses are taught at the university, seeming to cite them in support of his claims. The university offers numerous courses that accept scientific findings in support of anthropogenic climate change.

Blunt Rochester, by contrast, condemned those who "don't believe in science," and believes that the U.S. sent the world the wrong message by pulling out of the Paris Climate Accord. She cited the myriad economic benefits to accepting climate change — such as new markets for green technology that could serve as economic boons — and noted concerns about an unpredictable, warming climate expressed by farmers and other Delawareans.

Delaware, a low-lying state close to sea level, is at particular risk for flooding due to rising sea levels.

The candidates also vouched for opposing views on federally funded, universal health care, which has been a major topic nationwide throughout the 2018 Midterm season.

To Walker, healthcare for

all comes at a cost, and, in his opinion, incentivizes laziness and an unhealthy lifestyle. Walker noted that America is the unhealthiest nation on earth or "dam close to it," and claimed that if citizens eat and live right, they won't have any need to go to the doctor.

Blunt Rochester, by contrast, expressed her support for the Affordable Care Act (ACA), claiming that the law, while with its imperfections, advances her basic view that healthcare "should be a human' right."

She warned of the dangers of repealing or weakening the ACA, which would threaten the healthcare of nearly 23 million people who have been given healthcare access that they did not have before.

With respect to gun control, an especially controversial topic in the wake of the Parkland shooting last spring, Blunt Rochester said that "Congress has a real role to play," endorsing a ban on assault weapons, as well as investment in research, particularly in the arena of mental health. She also questioned the altered position of Walker on gun rights.

"Where were you at when you ran as a Democrat?" Rochester asked.

Walker reiterated his support for the Second Amendment, also claiming that citizens in the "poorest neighborhoods of Wilmington" that he has spoken with want guns.

The debate turned to other matters of relevance to college students, such as protections of "Dreamers," students previously protected under DACA but whose status has been precarious

under the Trump administration. Rochester cited nearly 50 Dreamers at Delaware state who have been threatened under the Trump administration, noting that DACA protections are a bipartisan effort that has been thwarted under Speaker of the House Paul Ryan.

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skirting around direct comments on Walker's troubles, encouraged voters to approach their votes with a certain mentality.

Blunt Rochester closed with the message that she was always told to run for the people not against someone else.



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Walker, while saying that the status of Dreamers is a concern, stressed that immigration and border security more generally ultimately ought to be addressed before focusing on Dreamers, supporting a "virtual wall" at the border.

The debate closed with comments on recently revealed information about Walker, such as code violations and unsettled legal troubles. Walker said that his constituents care about these matters.

Blunt Rochester, while

# Arlett takes hits at Carper in Senate debate

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Editor in Chief

For much of his political career, U.S. Sen. Tom Carper has dealt with, and often settled, allegations of domestic abuse from his first marriage, publicly admitting to and apologizing for the incident that took place decades ago.

Rob Arlett, however, the Republican U.S. Senate nominee for the 2018 Midterm elections, did not find the matter settled. Before a full Mitchell Hall audience at tonight's Delaware Debates showdown, Arlett mentioned the incident, eliciting a fiery response from Carper in just one of what would be a evening of pointed attacks between the two.

The two U.S. Senate candidates met for the second installment of the 2018 Delaware Debates, with election day looming just 20 days away, to debate topics ranging from civil rights, to universal healthcare to climate change, in which candidates responded to questions submitted by university and Delaware State University students.

One major topic of debate concerned the civil liberties of the LGBTQ community, which has faced ongoing uncertainty and fear under the Trump administration, particularly in the realm of education, where accommodations for LGBTQ students have been threatened.

Arlett, citing family members and friends who are members of the community, said that he is supportive "with regard to the gays."

Carper's support, when asked if he supports rights for LGBTQ students, was less elaborate.

"I do," Carper responded.

With respect to Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) students, known as "Dreamers," whose safety and status in the country has been precarious since Trump took

office, Arlett does not believe that Dreamers should receive financial aid that others do not.

"That would be called discrimination," Arlett said.

On the topic of Dreamers and illegal immigrants more generally, Carper voiced his support, noting that many immigrants receive their education here, work here and are devoted to the country, and that it would be "economic insanity" to deport hundreds of thousands who are willing to work currently unfilled jobs.

Arlett consistently sought to frame Carper as an outdated, establishment politician, much as Carper's primary opponent, progressive Democrat Kerri Harris, did previously. Citing Delaware's sufferings from the opioid crisis and the vast power of Big Pharma in the healthcare sector, Arlett criticized Carper's campaign funding sources, which can be traced to pharmaceutical companies.

Carper — who did not deny the funding, noting that his campaign financing is public and fully disclosed — did promote amending the Constitution to overturn Citizens United, and argued that, because of the current structure of campaign financing, "dark money can seep into campaigns."

Recent controversy over Brett Kavanaugh's nomination and confirmation to the Supreme Court has also sparked many to rethink the confirmation process and the possibility of term limits for justices, which Carper appeared to endorse. Carper pointed to successes with the state judiciary in Delaware, which has 12-year term limits for judges. Arlett also supported term limits for judges at the Supreme Court and federal level.

Carper has received criticism throughout his campaign over his vote to approve Kavanaugh's appointment as a federal judge 12 years ago. According to Carper, who did not support Kavanaugh's



Supreme Court nomination, trusted colleagues had convinced him that Kavanaugh was a qualified nominee years ago. He warned that Kavanaugh has not demonstrated that he believes in the right of agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to regulate, and that Kavanaugh has "voted the wrong way 90 percent of the time."

Arlett, by contrast, expressed sympathy for Kavanaugh, who he believes was wronged in a last-minute political stunt by Democrats to advance allegations that Kavanaugh sexually assaulted Christine Ford in high

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school.

"That poor man and his family underwent a lot," Arlett said.

Both candidates, though, agreed that "no president is above the law," responding to a question about how sexual misconduct allegations against Donald Trump should be dealt with.

Recent speculation over the findings of the Special Counsel Robert Mueller have introduced questions about whether sitting presidents are subject to normal legal standards.

Regarding the environment, Arlett said that the U.S. should not be a "police agent" for world

environmental policy, but later confessed that he does "not know the details" of the Paris Climate Accord.

Carper, citing the recent torrent of natural disasters, ranging from hurricanes to wildfires, advocated strong, immediate measures to address a warming climate.

"Something's happening here, and just what it is is pretty clear," Carper said.

Both candidates agreed that the Second Amendment, another divisive political topic for the 2018 midterms, should not be repealed. Arlett believes that the Constitution already provides the means to enforce safe gun legislation. Carper, however, equipped with a copy of the Constitution in violation of debate rules, read the Amendment, finding no evidence for the legality of assault rifles and other firearms currently permitted for use in America.

While Carper believes in "common sense" legislation to regulate firearms, Arlett argued that the problem lays in the shooters, not what they shoot with.

"It's not the gun, it's the person," Arlett said, claiming that "anyone doing harm to another is mentally ill."



# City of Newark residents and university students respond to Delaware Debates 2018

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Despite all tickets being sold out for Delaware Debates 2018, Mitchell Hall was noticeably empty at the beginning of the debate between Democratic U.S. House Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester and Republican U.S. House nominee Scott Walker.

With a noticeably aging audience, it seems university students missed out on the action that went down as Walker promoted a “virtual wall” to stifle illegal immigration and challenged “social media moguls,” such as “Jeffrey Zuckerberg,” whom he named as the founder of Facebook and Blunt Rochester challenged Walker’s oscillation between the Democratic and Republican Party platforms over the past couple of years.

City of Newark residents and university students seemed to overwhelmingly believe that Ralph Begleiter, the moderator of both debates, demonstrated

favoritism toward Blunt Rochester and Democratic incumbent Sen. Tom Carper, who debated against Republican U.S. Senate nominee Rob Arlett in the second half of Delaware Debates 2018.

“It was pretty biased by the University of Delaware and I think they were pretty much in favor of Carper,” Jon Sherman, a City of Newark resident, said. “I think their questions were pretty slanted. I think the University of Delaware’s Center for Political Studies [Communication] is a leftist organization.”

But accusations of partiality were not limited to City of Newark residents. Sherman’s attitude toward the university’s Center for Political Communication (CPC) and Begleiter, the founding director of the university’s CPC, found reverberation in the thoughts of Cara Gannon, a junior at the university.

“One candidate was definitely challenged more than the other,” Gannon said. “But it was refreshing to see an average, common person from Delaware

stand up and hold their own in a debate.”

Concerning Walker’s candidacy, Gannon and John Wehmeyer, a senior at the university, both agreed that his identity as an outsider will appeal to voters who are frustrated with the influence of money in politics, the hyperpartisanship that grips Washington D.C., and the increasingly left-leaning Blunt Rochester.

“Walker’s appeal is being a centrist and that can help him in the general election,” Wehmeyer said. “I think on some points Blunt Rochester has been leaning a bit too far left, maybe a little bit away from the average voter in Delaware.”

Another trope Delaware Debates 2018 could not escape was mentioning President Donald J. Trump just as often as Blunt Rochester, Walker, Carper and Arlett.

“I wish they did not address every question in relation to Trump because we already know what Trump stands for and I’m

interested in what they [Blunt Rochester and Walker] stand for, how they would do their job, and not so much as how Trump does his job,” Gannon said. “I think people are more in the center and if we’re going for the average, median voter, Walker’s going to draw in more people rather than going to the right or left. Walker is a little more open to more ideologies.”

Laura Jacob, a junior at the university, saw Blunt Rochester’s rhetoric as a remedy for the same hyperpartisanship in Washington D.C., brought up by Gannon and Wehmeyer.

“I liked Congresswoman Rochester’s quote about how she’s not running against someone but she is running for something,” Jacob said. “Politics is so divided. She made it seem like she’s representing people, not just fighting the opposite party.”

With regard to debate topics that were left untouched, Daniel Walker, an alum of the university, wished that Blunt Rochester and Walker had more explicitly

discussed education.

“I know where the Congresswoman stands on it [education] and I know where Scott Walker stands on some issues, but education isn’t a real sexy topic,” Daniel Walker said. “Public schools are not as much of a sexy topic as they used to be. We talk about job creation, but you can’t have job creation without an educated workforce to fill those jobs ... in Delaware we have a lot of computer science jobs, but we do not have people filling those jobs because our current education system is simply not preparing people for those jobs.”

Max Grozovksy, a junior at the university, was upset by Arlett’s explicit linkage between mental illness and mass shootings.

“Total disgust with Mr. Arlett,” Grozovksy said. “Never before have I seen a politician more brazenly or remorselessly scapegoat people with mental illnesses.”

The Delaware general election is on Nov. 6.

## Analysis: Breaking down the major voting rights controversy in Georgia

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Just a few weeks from election day, the gubernatorial election in Georgia is embroiled in a major controversy regarding voting rights.

The race pits Brian Kemp, the Republican incumbent secretary of state, against Stacey Abrams, the Democratic former minority leader of the state House of Representatives. It also already has historical implications, as Abrams is the first black woman to be the nominee of a major party for governor in U.S. history.

The election is very tight as it is. An Oct. 17 poll by Ipsos shows that, of registered voters, 47 percent will vote for Kemp and 46 percent for Abrams. FiveThirtyEight rates it as a toss-up and predicts the margin of victory will be less than a percentage point — 49.7 percent for Kemp, 49.1 for Abrams.

In the last gubernatorial election, in which current Governor Nathan Deal was elected, 2,550,216 voters cast ballots in total. Even though turnout will likely be higher in this election, using the 2014 total and the FiveThirtyEight prediction for this election, the predicted

difference in votes would be about 15,000 votes.

That number is very relevant because of what Kemp is being accused of.

As Georgia’s secretary of state, he oversees elections that take place in the state. Abrams contends that Kemp running in a statewide election while overseeing those elections is a conflict of interest, and that he should resign because of it. Kemp disagrees and has not resigned his office.

The situation is a little fishy to say the least.

American Public Media (APM) reported that 107,000 voters have been purged from the voter rolls under the states “use it or lose it” law, without any notification, because they had not voted in past elections.

APM also reported that on a single day in July 2017, over half of a million voters were removed. That adds up to 8 percent of the state’s entire population of registered voters. That day was also eight months after Kemp announced his bid for governor.

Under all methods used, according to an Associated Press (AP) report, Kemp’s office has cancelled 1.4 million voter registrations since 2012, with 670,000 of those coming in 2017

alone.

Additionally, 53,000 Georgian voter applications have been put on hold by Kemp’s office as a result of an “exact match” law.

According to Politifact, the law requires all information on a voter registration application to exactly match the applicants government-issued identification (such as a driver’s license or a social security card). If even a hyphen or apostrophe is different or there was even some entry error, the application is left pending, and the voter is notified. The voter then has 26 months from when the original application was submitted to resolve the dispute.

The voter can still cast a provisional ballot on election day if their application is pending (with proper identification), but observers say that many voters do not know that, and those who have been notified of an issue will think that they can not vote, which is an obvious problem.

The other, especially controversial issue with this “exact match” law and the pending applications is that in a state where the population is 32 percent black, of the 53,000 pending applications, almost 70 percent are from black voters, according to the AP report.

A federal lawsuit filed because of that discrepancy further claims that 80 percent of the 53,000 are from black, Latino and Asian-American voters.

Kemp has responded by saying that the controversies are manufactured by his opponent for political purposes. He pointed out that Georgia has broken its all-time voter registration record this year with a total of over 6.8 million registered voters. He also pointed out that those who have their applications pending can still vote, and that his office was always complying with state law.

According to an AP report in the Washington Post, Kemp seemed to blame the very high amount of pending black applications on the New Georgia Project, which is a voter registration organization founded by Abrams five years ago.

Kemp said that the law applies equally to all demographics and that the organization “did not adequately train canvassers to ensure legible, complete forms.”

Whether or not that explanation is realistic or adequate is truly up to the voters of Georgia.

To bring back the fact that this election can very possibly be decided by less than a percentage point, all of the pending

applications and the registrations that have been wiped off of the rolls could easily swing the election either way, dramatically.

On Nov. 6, the decision on who to elect governor — Abrams or Kemp — should be up to all Georgians.



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# Delaware Debates 2018 analysis: As Delaware as it gets

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The 2018 midterm election season has thus far displayed the deep ideological trenches dug out on both sides of the aisle, yet tonight’s debates at Mitchell Hall saw the candidates occasionally venture out into a bipartisan no-man’s land.

At times, Delaware Debates 2018 appeared to be a referendum on partisanship; although the candidates disagreed more often than they agreed, they each couched their rhetoric in the idea that partisanship was a barrier to political progress.

Republican U.S. Senate candidate Rob Arlett claims he does not “drink the Kool-Aid” of his party.

“I won’t compromise on my principles, but I can compromise on my policies,” incumbent Democratic Sen. Tom Carper said, quoting former United States Senator Ted Kennedy.

At a glance, the debate between Carper and Arlett in the latter half of the evening was far more confrontational than the relatively impersonal policy arguments between U.S. Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester and Republican candidate Scott Walker earlier in the evening.

During a debate on whether public officials ought to be held to account in the #MeToo era, Arlett brought up accusations against Carper which allege that the Senator was guilty of spousal abuse and involved in a taxpayer-supported “slush fund” to silence victims of sexual assault by Congressional legislators. Carper admitted to “mistakes” decades ago but maintained he treats his family well.

Arlett was not invulnerable to personal scrutiny, however. The moderator, Ralph Begleiter,

pressed him on his treatment of his gay primary opponent Gene Truono, who attended the debate. Previously, Arlett had made the sexual orientation Truono, a former PayPal executive, a central point of contention.

Arlett had claimed during the primaries that the greatest contrast between himself and Truono was that “I’m married to a woman and he is not.”

Blunt Rochester, Walker, Arlett and Carper all vocalized support to pass legislation which would extend more legal protection against discrimination to LGBTQ students.

When Begleiter questioned Arlett, Arlett spoke at length about people of all sexualities being “children of God,” yet appeared to dodge the discrepancy between his actions and his debate rhetoric was discussed.

Additionally, Arlett denounced legislation to ban assault rifles or impose universal background checks on firearms consumers as a violation of the Second Amendment. In response, Carper inexplicably produced a pocket copy of the U.S. Constitution and told Arlett that the Second Amendment had no language prohibiting background checks.

The myriad of these minor gaffs on Arlett’s part, including a confession that he did not know any “details” about the Paris Climate Accord which he opposes, did not secure his victory in the debate over Carper.

Carper, 71, a Delaware senator for 18 years, occasionally seemed confused as he gave long answers which were seemingly unrelated to Begleiter’s questions. When asked about whether or not he supported term limits for all federal elected officials, Carper went off on a long diatribe

about nominating Republican and Democratic judges in equal parts during his time as Governor.

In the House of Representatives debates, Walker appeared to be proud of running a dysfunctional campaign against Blunt Rochester.

Walker, whose campaign is currently staffed by a veritable

was not towing the party line of the political Right.

Walker jumped between social liberalism to fiscal conservatism. Walker, who describes himself as a self-taught civil rights law expert, held firm against any suggestion by Blunt Rochester to pass regulations on social media, believing such proposals to be tantamount to politically

candidacy was brought up by Blunt Rochester, who asked how Walker, if elected, would swear to uphold the law while allegedly delinquent on tax payments and convicted of numerous code violations on properties he rented to the homeless, drug addicts and those with mental illnesses.

Despite having been disavowed by the Republican Party, Walker managed to defeat the party favorite, Lee Murphy, by two thousand votes. He presented himself at the debates as a centrist in order to curry favor with Democratic voters.

Walker agreed with Blunt Rochester, for example, that sexual assault is an endemic problem in American society which legislators ought to do more to address. He also agreed that party battles in Congress unnecessarily delayed bipartisan legislation addressing so-called “DREAMers,” the children of illegal immigrants.

Ultimately, the candidates disagreed on most subjects, but it seems as though each one sought to distance themselves from their party affiliations. In an era of hyper-partisan entrenchment, claims to independence appear to be the choice method for winning debates.

“We have a choice in 20 days, to looking to the past: partisanship, politics, career politicians, what’s wrong with Washington D.C.,” Arlett said in his closing statement. “I think we need to focus on the future.”



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skeleton crew of volunteers, pitched himself as a humble centrist and an outsider to Washington D.C. who does not “prostitute himself” for campaign donations.

“People see me out working, out on the streets, out driving around in 95 degree heat,” Walker said. “People like that, they like it because I’m one of you. I’m not above you, I’m one of you. My income’s \$1,000 a month, I drive a \$1,000 car. And yet here I am running for Congress.”

Blunt Rochester’s initial rhetoric focused on the upcoming midterms as a referendum on the Republican Party in control of the Federal Government, but her opponent

motivated censorship.

Blunt Rochester said it is inappropriate for candidates and officials to use social media to shame others or push policy, as the president and other legislators have done. She offered only vague justifications for regulating such platforms, claiming that doing so would remove “bullying” and “misinformation.”

Additionally, Walker took a fiercely libertarian stance on gun rights and rejected proposals for so-called “common sense” gun legislation. Blunt Rochester pointed out that in the last election cycle, when Walker ran as a Democrat, he called for some gun safety regulations.

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## Valerie Biden Owens on Girl Power

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Some have referred to this past year as the “Year of the Woman.” And indeed, with an unprecedented number of women running for public office this year, the climate is changing for women in politics.

Valerie Biden Owens was on campus on Thursday, Oct. 18 at the Biden Institute to discuss women in power and politics. It was an open and free event and set up as a conversation between Biden and Owens and those attending.

She introduced herself as Joe Biden’s sister, but was quick to clarify that there’s more to herself than that.

“But on my own I am one hell of a woman,” Biden Owens said.

This set the tone for the rest of the conversation.

She spoke of a young girl who lived 20 or 25 miles down the road with three brothers. The girl and her older brother had a special bond, as she described a scene of them playing baseball with neighborhood friends.

“From the time that she could remember the big brother told her that whatever he could do, she could do better,” Biden Owens said.

The pair was soon revealed

as Valerie and Joe. She listed her accomplishments along the way, including being Joe’s campaign manager.

“The most rewarding of all, is that it has given me the opportunity to help the next generation of young women leaders to find confidence within themselves,” she said.

Biden Owens also mentioned Nobel Prize winner Edith Wharton’s idea that there are two ways to shed the light — one is to be the candle and the other the mirror that reflects it.

“I think it goes both ways,” Biden Owens said. “Sometimes you’re the candle, and sometimes you’re the mirror, but the message is the same. We all have a responsibility of spreading the light.”

“I don’t believe it comes stamped in our DNA.”

She spoke about confidence as one of the keys in being an influential female leader.

“You have to find your own true north,” Biden Owens said. “You have to figure out the things you won’t stand for.”

As for more specific advice and guidance for young women at the university, she started with voting.

“If you don’t engage, you can’t complain,” she said.

Then she spoke about the importance of risk-taking. “Practice risk now,” she urged. She further explained that now

is the time to do so because the more successful you become, the more there is to lose.

Students and other spectators had the opportunity to ask Biden Owens questions and for insight on her personal experiences.

Gillian Williams, President of the American Association of University Women, who helped organize the event said, “I was proud of the number of people in attendance and the engagement in the crucial conversation. Mrs. Biden Owens inspired the audience to do what we want to do and be who we want to be. I hope those who attended gained confidence and feel compelled to be changemakers of not only the future but the present.”

## GRITTYWATCH: Gritty is Gritty, fans go wild for Philadelphia’s favorite ‘bully’

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Gritty shows no sign of losing momentum, and fans have continued to share their love.

Monday morning, Gritty tweeted at Lady Gaga, mentioning that he had seen her most recent film, “A Star is Born,” over the weekend. Gritty displayed his infectious self-confidence, telling the singer-songwriter that he has also been called the “songbird of my generation.”

Saturday, there was a Gritty Sandwich Showdown in Philadelphia, where three food vendors battled to determine which sandwich will honor the city’s hero. Mike’s BBQ, Joe’s Steaks and City Tap House competed at City Tap House’s University City location for the title of the best “gritwich.”

Joe’s Steaks won the competition with a sandwich that contains cheese whiz, onions, fries and cheetos.

That same night, the Flyers played the New Jersey Devils, and during the intermission, as fans were running around

on the ice in bubbles, Gritty delightfully pushed them over.

Gritty’s beautiful mug has also graced a lucky couple’s wedding cake.

The cake was made by Kia’s Cakes & Café, which is based in Lansdowne, Penn. The baker has also expanded to other Gritty-themed baked treats, including individual cupcakes, with the bodacious beast’s grinning face.

Even babies are getting in on the Gritty love. One parent made a Gritty costume for her child in anticipation of Halloween.

Gritty fans of all ages can get on the costume train, too, if they want. The Philadelphia Inquirer’s reporter Bethany Ao is featured in a video that shows how folks at home can make a simple but funky costume for a very Gritty Halloween.

Ao wrote an accompanying article with more detail on becoming the best Gritty one can be.

“Don’t be shy about busting out your best goofy dance moves,” Ao wrote. “Stir up trouble in the same way that Gritty does.”

After all, there is no time like the present to get Gritty with it.



# EDITORIAL

## Editorial: Lisa Blunt Rochester for Congress

Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-Del.) is a strong, respectable politician who has proven her merits in her first term as a U.S. Congresswoman. Scott Walker, her Republican opponent, is a total mess.

The Republican candidate is running for Delaware's at-large Congressional seat in the U.S. House against Democratic incumbent Blunt Rochester. Walker also opposed Blunt Rochester in the 2016 Congressional race, but that time as a Democratic candidate. He has been disavowed by the Delaware Republican Party and, earlier this month, live-streamed himself being kicked out of an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at a church via Facebook Live.

While his foolishness starkly contrasts Blunt Rochester's rational and respectable nature, it's important not to take Blunt Rochester's perceived advantage for granted. The Review endorses Democratic candidate Lisa Blunt Rochester for Congress and strongly encourages eligible students to vote in the upcoming November elections.

Walker's proposed policies are ridiculous and offensive. He believes that healthcare for all incentivizes laziness. His views on gun control are troubling in light of an increase in school shootings across the country, and Walker's blatant denial of climate change is outright ridiculous. Ultimately, Scott Walker is an opportunist, attempting to maximize votes without having a strict set of beliefs or principles. He is a joke that has become a bit too serious and one of many half-baked candidates unfortunately running for governmental office, which are all too familiar in our current political climate.

Blunt Rochester's debate approach was, essentially, to pretend Walker doesn't exist. At last week's Delaware Debates, she asserted that she is running for the people and not against someone else. Blunt Rochester seems to believe that the negative attention that Walker has been garnering throughout the course

of this campaign cycle will not translate into votes; however, we've seen this mindset before.

Hillary Clinton's 2016 presidential campaign approach

logical choice for the Delaware Congressional seat. She advocates for the concerns of students and citizens alike. She believes in climate change and champions

take facts into account and who does not have an established set of principles governing his candidacy.

No matter how painful it



toward Republican candidate Donald Trump was not much different — and look how that turned out for her. Furthermore, people are, apparently, deciding to vote for Walker as a joke. The predominantly liberal belief that a candidate shouldn't have to campaign against their immature counterpart only seems to heighten the likelihood of their opponent being elected to office. Lisa Blunt Rochester is the

healthcare for all and common sense gun reform. Blunt Rochester has repeatedly voiced her support for Planned Parenthood and funding for women's health. She has sponsored or co-sponsored over 200 bills, and serves on the House Committee on Agriculture and the House Committee on Education and the Workforce. It is embarrassing for such a reputable candidate to have to campaign against someone who does not

may be, we have to TAYLOR NGUYEN/THE REVIEW take candidates like Scott Walker seriously and remind ourselves that political leaders like Lisa Blunt Rochester do not grow on trees. For this reason, it is especially important that people get out and vote in the upcoming election. Even a small number of votes can make a difference.

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# Caleb's Corner: The university's creepy, misleading marketing campaign

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CALEB OWENS  
Editor in Chief

To conclude his presentation at this month's Faculty Senate meeting, Dennis Assanis treated his audience to a one-minute dose of propaganda — nothing too unusual — highlighting the central importance of "IDEAS" at the University of Delaware. The video assaults its viewers at a steady pace, marked by

the aggressive eighth-note strum of an electric guitar, borrowing from the pump-up tactics of Gatorade commercials and 2006 NFL games. Ideas, the video notes, are "powerful." They "create the future." And, perhaps most ironically, ideas, as the video informs us, "break free."

I have several concerns. For one, it strikes me as odd that the university, one of hundreds across the country, is attempting to differentiate itself by pointing to its "ideas." Yes, we have ideas. As do all higher education institutions. As do all linguistically conscious organisms.

And, according to the video's carefully selected shots, our ideas are in no way unique. While I don't doubt that much of the footage, whether of labs or jubilant African children, was taken by students

and faculty, it certainly didn't have to be. Generic stock material on Creative Commons, as a quick search will demonstrate, provides near replicas of the shots included in the video, as do the admissions pages of any other university. But the university makes sure to take its ideas a step further. We don't have any old ideas — our ideas "get BIGGER" and "become GIANT." This occurs when the "curious connect with the possible," an intercourse that makes our ideas get big, and a sequence of words that could just as well have ended up on a pack of sexual enhancement products.

Perhaps most confusing are the forced representations of the football team. Just as the video concludes, a terrifying image of YouDee leaps onto the screen, the viewer provided with no warning of the big blue chicken flapping violently on the football field. Earlier shots show cheerleaders cheering and the football team charging through a cloud of smoke. Curiously, these shots fail to reveal the audience or stadium, two important factors that the university has an understandable interest in leaving unseen.

And thus, after enduring this painful vacillation between football and science, the viewer gains a complete picture of the University of Delaware.

Production perplexities aside, though, how is it that a conspicuous, unapologetic piece

of propaganda can make any claims about the power of ideas to "break free"? I, for one, believe that ideas have liberating power, insofar as they allow us to escape the sway of propaganda like this. But those don't seem to be the ideas that the university is interested in. Disturbingly, this video is only part of the larger scheme.

In what seems to have been an overnight makeover (much as when bushes and flowers suddenly appear across campus on the first sunny day of March each year), the university initiated its latest marketing campaign in late August, amounting to a hideous desecration of our campus architecture.

You may have noticed several prominent examples — for instance, the large photos splattered onto our brick buildings, peering over you from behind as you do homework on the Morris patio. The murals, normally featuring students in lab gear and accompanied by all-caps, pop-out font containing messages similar to those in the video, follow you, watch you, designed to make sure that your ideas are the same as the university's.

It's completely nonsensical. This is all just further evidence that the university has fallen victim to its own propaganda, deluded with fantasies about our football team, our academic prestige and an unattainable vision for the future.

Its obsessive desire to become a Big 10 school permeates its every piece of fabricated nonsense.

Rather than focus on its current students, many depressed, anxious, drunk, utterly uninterested in football, without adequate advisement and saddled with debt — in other words, rather than address reality — the university seems to prefer the masturbatory reverie of fiction, a glossy varnish that obscures all student plight.

Rather than focus on the good — our teaching tradition, small class sizes, honors program and humanities departments, our nice bricks — the university claws desperately toward its plagiarized "visions," seeking to emulate schools twice our size, with classrooms twice the size, that excel in a flawed ranking system.

Universities are supposed to promote free, independent thought and the pursuit of truth. They're supposed to equip students to see through the propaganda that invades our social and political life, particularly today. Universities are not supposed to engage in campus-wide, Big-Brother-esque efforts at numbing our critical faculties, bombarding our minds with false representations of reality. While the propaganda promotes the plural "ideas," its real aim is the imposition of one singular, pretty, inspiring and ultimately false idea of the university.

## Letter: The university can do more to help struggling students

According to a study performed by the American College Health Association, two-thirds of students who are struggling with mental health do not seek treatment. If we apply this statistic to the 24,120 students at the university, that means that a little over 16,000 students on campus are struggling with mental health, and are not seeking treatment. That is a large, scary number. That's 16,000 students who are fighting, alone, against an enemy that stays with them wherever they go. These students are not only fighting in their dorm rooms, but also in their free time, classes and exams.

The university has implemented some methods in solving this issue. In first-year seminar classes, freshmen are

informed on methods for seeking help involving mental illness. Posters hang across campus giving out the numbers and information on hotlines here at the university. There is even a counseling center on campus devoted to helping student development. Despite the numerous amounts of help around campus, I still feel that the university could be doing more. We could still potentially have 16,000 students who aren't reaching out for help. I would suggest implementing more events, workshops and classes that are devoted to pushing past the taboo of mental illness, and encourage conversation about the real issues and problems that face college students. Even providing more accessible services may cultivate a mindset among students that is more comfortable with sharing issues. We need to have safer and healthier Blue

Hens.

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## Letter: Laundry day at the university

As a freshman, one of the biggest annoyances so far has been laundry. At home, I had the convenience of my own washer and dryer just down the hall from my bedroom. However, the best part was that laundry never cost me money before coming to college.

Since week one here at the university, I've been frustrated whenever I have up to four loads of laundry. Those four loads at \$1.50 each end up costing me \$6 just to have clean clothes, sheets and towels for the week! I understand that colleges need to make money and that each dorm room cannot be allotted their own laundry machines, but I would strongly encourage schools to find a different way to make up this money. College alone is a difficult adjustment, and adding on an additional expense for a necessity like laundry has only increased my stress.

Another inconvenience of

laundry days is the concept of people taking out laundry that doesn't belong to them. I've never encountered this yet, but I've seen loads of laundry left in machines for hours, and it's frustrating. It goes both ways — nobody wants their laundry taken out, but it's also important to be responsible and empty your machines within a reasonable time frame.

After talking with many freshmen, it seems laundry is a common issue, but I definitely see various ways in which we can work together to make it less of a problem on campus.

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# Immigration: We're not so different, you and I

FRANCISCA MORENO  
Staff Reporter

Political rhetoric has created a narrative involving “us and them” regarding immigration policies and how to fix them. Do they need to be fixed? Or instead, do we need to start thinking of the individual lives being impacted, giving faces and platforms to these immigrants who “infest” the country, as President Trump said in one of his tweets.

I am one of those faces. My father fled from El Salvador following a coup and consequently the Salvadoran Civil War that left 75,000 civilians dead at the hands of government forces. The war itself lasted a total of 12 years, from 1980 to 1992.

My father, a very reserved man, does not talk about his childhood often, but there is one anecdote my mother told me and my sister that stuck with me. During the middle of the night, my father’s father and grandfather were kidnapped from their beds and, although they were found a few hours later, the traumatic event prompted my father and his brothers to flee the country.

In order to escape that same fate and to hopefully generate an income to send to back his family, my father left, at the ripe age of 13, and began his trek to the United States alone. He came to the U.S. on the basis of asylum, and eventually attained a naturalized citizenship many years later.

Talking about people you do not know or have never come into contact with is easy. It is easy to assign numbers to people’s families and history, to lack empathy for them. Let us not forget that this is hardly the first instance of the United States’ unwillingness to accept immigrants. It is a recurring theme. Every time there is a new wave of immigrants, there is pushback and defiance toward these new outsiders.

Freshman Yulimar Colon, who came from Puerto Rico, has noticed some distinct differences between the U.S. and Puerto Rico. Physically, the streets are cleaner in the U.S. and there is more organization; she recounts having to wait one hour in line at the grocery store,



FRANCISCA MORENO/THE REVIEW  
The voyage from El Salvador to the United States can be very difficult, but it can be the same story for every immigrant in the U.S.

while in the U.S. convenience is everywhere. Everything is faster.

She also noticed that even the way people greet each other is less intimate. While she is accustomed to hugging people as a way of greeting people, that kind of intimacy is not found in the U.S.

Recently, there has been a plethora of videos depicting people getting attacked or ranting at for speaking in Spanish while in public.

“There was this one time, it wasn’t really here, but in like the airport,” Colon says. “We started speaking Spanish and these girls would be like, ‘Why do you have to do that? We can’t understand you.’”

Instead of focusing on the differences we share with one another, it would be more productive to foster an environment that recognizes and celebrates those differences and what

we have in common.

Simply put, Colon says, “They’re people, they’re the same as you.”

Ali Alalou, a professor of French and pedagogy, immigrated from southern Morocco in 1990. He came to the U.S. for his studies and to have a better life, as most immigrants do. He too noticed social differences as well as differences in values. In particular, Alalou noticed differences in the way families operate.

“Family can sometimes be overwhelming, particularly after living in the U.S. for so long. You have basically learned to live the American life and when I go back I feel invaded by my family members,” Alalou says. “You are part of the group, the group is overwhelming. People tend to say follow the group, the individuals are looked upon as weird.”

Social solidarity is common in other cultures while individualism is highly valued in the U.S., a difference Alalou appreciates.

“I love the country [United States], I have spent nearly 28 years here, I have raised kids, I am very happy,” Alalou says.

Nonetheless, Alalou also recognizes the turbulence surrounding conversations on immigration. Earlier this year images were released of younger children being kept in cages at the border in southern Texas. These images re-amplified an already burgeoning campaign to reform the maltreatment of immigrants.

Immigrating to the U.S., especially illegally, is risky. “Los Olvidados” is a film from 2014 about immigration and has become a common used phrase coined to mean

“the forgotten.” It is used to narrate the people who never made it to the border, their family never to know what happened to them. There are also financial risks. A coyote is someone who smuggles people across the border for a great deal of money. It is no surprise that people get taken advantage of and are scammed of their money and opportunity.

Songwriter Juan Luis Guerra’s song “Visa Para un Sueño” captures the trepidation that immigrants feel while trying to attain the American Dream. There are many more films, novels and songs similar to Guerra’s that express similar sentiments.

There is no easy solution. This country was founded on people who immigrated here. Issues with immigration have been ongoing for centuries, and yet we still haven’t found a solution. In spite of this, one change we can collectively make as a country is to show more compassion. Show these people who have risked everything to come here to lead better lives some humanity. When all is said and done all of us are simply striving for happiness.

“You have hardworking people, people who work very very hard and they have families, they go to churches or synagogues or mosques, or wherever they go. Why would you look for trouble to harm them. This is horrible,” Alalou says. “You are basically farming people who are going to say, ‘The U.S. doesn’t care about us, why should we care about the U.S.’”

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# ICYMI: Mosaic's guide to Delaware Debates 2018

OLIVIA MANN  
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Political campaign debates end, but sound bites are forever.

The first installment of Delaware Debates 2018 kicked off Wednesday evening with incumbent U.S. House Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-Del.) facing Republican U.S. House nominee Scott Walker.

U.S. Sen. Tom Carper (D-Del.) and Republican U.S. Senate nominee Rob Arlett met later in the evening for the second installment of Delaware Debates 2018.

Both debates were moderated by Ralph Begleiter, founding director of the university's Center for Political Communication and a former CNN journalist.

With election day looming just 18 days away, we here at The Review felt obligated to perform our civic duty by compiling a list of the most memorable — and memeable — moments of Delaware Debates 2018.

**Begleiter is an AI sass master**

With lines like "One of you is in office, one of you... is not" and "You answered it the way you wanted to answer it," it was almost as if Begleiter was crafting a portfolio to run the official Wendy's flame-throwing, savage Twitter account. Ralph, where'd you get this saucy? CNN?

**Move over, Mark Zuckerberg**

In response to a question asking if social media companies, such as Google, Twitter and Facebook, should be "held accountable" for the content they carry on their platforms, Walker incorrectly

referred to the founder of Facebook as "Jeffrey Zuckerberg," adding that he "can't count the number of times they [Facebook] have shut me down."

**Let's get factually meditated**

In the 2016 election, in which Walker ran against Blunt Rochester as a Democrat, Walker was against the Second Amendment. But after some "factual meditation," Walker realized the Second Amendment is necessary. Is there a more curious phrasing than "factual meditation"?

**Stay away from flour**

Walker said he would support an education-based universal health care, claiming if one eats right, exercises and rests, "you don't need to go to the doctor." Which is not how it works but OK, Scott. So, "national healthcare for all... in the form of education" is pretty much code for Walker's crusade against white bread, flour and plus-size models.

**"The gays"**

On the topic of laws protecting LGBTQ students, Arlett straight-up said "with regard to the gays." Easily one of the most unusual speech

tics of Delaware Debates 2018, the definite article "the" — as a distancing expression — perpetuates the "othering" of queer folk. No thanks, Arlett, says this gay.

**Arlett's Asian wife**

With the amount of totally unprompted times that Arlett brought up his Asian wife, he would fit in great with the "I can't be a racist — I have a black friend" crowd at the university.

**Arlett angers Carper**

About midway through their hour-long debate, Arlett brought up the fact

that Carper slapped his first wife about four decades ago. Undoubtedly the most uncomfortable moment of Delaware Debates 2018, it was kind of akin to when your friend's parents start arguing in front of you.



LOUIS MASON/THE REVIEW  
Begleiter's spice left Walker thirsty.

## Breast cancer awareness month: What can we do beyond wearing pink?

RACHEL MILBERG  
Senior Reporter

It's the month of wearing pink, of pinning ribbons to your clothing and of marching with women and allies to raise breast cancer awareness.

Yes, there is support in donating and in sporting pink attire, but, to some, these ways of supporting lack the true motive of October's cause: education.

"It's great that a lot of attention gets put on breast cancer in general, but from my perspective, it's all clumped together as a single disease instead of really educating people that there are multiple forms of breast cancer," Kenneth L. Van Golen, an associate professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at the university, says.

Van Golen has dedicated countless years to studying inflammatory breast cancer, a rare form that affects women as young as 12 years old and has vastly different symptoms from the traditional form of breast cancer.

"Wearing the ribbons is not enough," Van Golen says. "We need to go beyond that. We're aware at this point. Let's start educating. Because education really is what is behind saving lives. It's really what's behind recognizing the disease as an early disease."

Normally, women begin getting mammograms and breast screenings around the age of 40 unless there is a family history of breast cancer which would warrant sooner attention, but as college students, there are many ways to begin self-advocating awareness and education early

on.

"I start recommending self breast exams to women in their early twenties. I encourage

healthcare and education. Organizations like Planned Parenthood Federation of America offer a variety of

there's anything of concern to them," Lytle-Barnaby says.

Planned Parenthood offers a number of services, from annual

more.

"The university is a perfect setting for this education. You've got multiple organizations interested in this type of area and you have a captive audience," Van Golen says. "I think it's great when the sports teams wear the pink and stuff, but there can be some things associated with education, like information pamphlets on different forms of breast cancer. I think we have to start moving it up a step."

To reduce cancer risk now, university students should maintain an active and healthy lifestyle. But to support the cause and raise awareness in ways that are more effective than simply wearing the color, the university can begin to educate, Van Golen says.

"We lose high school students to inflammatory breast cancer every year and a lot of that is because they're not comfortable, so I think part of education is getting people comfortable with understanding what's normal and what's abnormal," Van Golen says. "I know for a fact that education helps save women's lives. Because it's the women that understand when something isn't right with their body."



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Beyond the pink ribbon, what does breast cancer awareness look like?

women to be familiar with their own anatomy so that if they find something that's different or new, they're going to know that it's different because they've been checking themselves" Carolyn Haines, a nurse practitioner at the Nurse Managed Primary Care Center, says. "In addition, young women can not smoke, try to keep their weight within a normal BMI limit, do self breast exams and see primary caregivers for a physical every year so that they can have a clinical breast exam."

There are many resources that provide women with free

health services that are easily accessible and affordable. Ruth Lytle-Barnaby, the president and CEO of the Planned Parenthood of Delaware (PPDE), believes that breast cancer awareness cannot be limited to a month of conversation, but rather is a long-lasting educational movement.

"We look at awareness not just as wearing pink or buying something to support research, but as essential healthcare, and so we need to make sure that all women understand what to look for, what to feel for and to be able to come back to us if

visits, to pap smears and cancer screenings, to birth control, abortion services and STD/HIV testing, to education about any lumps or bumps one might have. They also offer overall health assessments just to make sure all is healthy. According to Lytle-Barnaby, the PPDE's Newark center will be up and running again in early December, but until then, university students are free to visit the PPDE's Wilmington center, which will work to accommodate university students without transportation.

As for the university, Van Golen explains that it can do



# The ugly side to beauty products: How personal hygiene items can harm the environment

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Glancing down the makeup and hygiene aisles of any local drugstore, thousands of products promise consumers beauty and cleanliness. But a quick read of the ingredients used to make these products reveals the ugly secrets behind countless makeup and hygiene products: many contain formaldehyde, are tested on animals and contain other toxins and preservatives that are detrimental to both humans and the environment.

While moves to ban animal testing have persisted for years, a recent awareness of the cleanliness and environmental consciousness of the ingredients in makeup and hygiene products has been growing. In spite of this recognition, navigating the challenging world of environmentally friendly makeup and hygiene products can be overwhelming. Consumers may find themselves confused, having questions about the best kind of packaging or the ingredients to avoid at all costs.

However, understanding the environmental impact of such products and making informed choices during a trip to the drugstore does not have to be complicated: a little education in the area goes a long way. According to Meghan Bennett, a senior environmental science major and the president of the Earth, Ocean and Environmental Club, being cognizant of the packaging products use is a great place to start.

"I think the biggest thing is people's issue with



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According to Balasa, ingredients such as formaldehyde and preservatives are present in everyday, drugstore foundations.

buying things and thinking, 'Oh, it's recyclable,'" Bennett says. "That's great that it's recyclable, but recyclable should be an alternative. First you should find something that can do the same thing again."

Jessica Balasa, a junior who is studying English and has done research on toxic products in makeup, agrees with Bennett. She also cautions consumers to be wary about what they recycle, as many "recyclable" makeup products contain makeup residue — which is considered a contaminant — therefore making it im-

possible to recycle safely. According to Balasa, despite their "recyclable" and "environmentally friendly" labels, these products ultimately meet the same fate as their counterparts: the landfill.

In terms of the actual product itself, Balasa says the best place to turn is to the ingredients label.

"There are hormone disruptors [in makeup]; there are also parabens, which are preservatives," Balasa says. "The FDA doesn't have any regulations against parabens or using any type of preservative. Also, there are things like

formaldehyde — which is used to preserve dead bodies — and that's in foundations, mascara and eyelash glue."

The impact of these ingredients does not end on users' faces and bodies. Dr. Anastasia Chirnside, an assistant professor in the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology, says that these ingredients eventually cycle back into the water, where they can impact entire ecosystems.

"It [the makeup products] go through a waste treatment center, which really isn't designed to handle

compounds like that," Chirnside says. "When wastewater is treated and gets released, these compounds get into surface water in areas that they shouldn't be."

For those looking to reduce their environmental footprint, there are countless products available that promise consumers will be able to use them with a clear conscience. However, these products tend to be extremely expensive and out of many younger consumers' price range.

"Price is a huge problem," Balasa says. "When I did my research, [I found] the reason why we're going to the drugstore and buying \$5 mascara that is bad for the planet and for our face is because price is an issue. It's a challenge for people who are economically unable to afford buying these high-end products."

Still, Balasa, Chirnside and Bennett encourage consumers to stay aware and do what is within their capability and economic means to reduce their footprint.

"You think, 'What can one person do?'" Chirnside says. "But if we all do it together, it does make a difference."

# The university and diversity: The apathy and ignorance of an uninformed student body

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Until I left my hometown, I never truly realized what my friends and neighbors meant when they said I "won the genetic lottery" when applying to college. Until it had been said to me too many times, the phrase, "you're the whitest black person I know," did not register with me as an insult. Until I left one predominantly white environment to enter a new one, I could not recognize the constant effort I had been exerting to gain acceptance in a white community.

When you tell a black girl (or any other person of color) that she "won the genetic lottery," because of affirmative action, you diminish her accomplishments and ascribe her potential acceptance to her race rather than her intellect. When you tell a black girl that she speaks or acts white because she is well spoken ("eloquent" as some have deemed me) or well dressed, you tell her you are so bewildered by her perceived contradiction that you cannot reconcile her "good" behavior with her race.

Growing up, I accepted these comments, sometimes even believing them to be compliments. They made me feel accepted while simultaneously isolating me beneath their seemingly innocent delivery. When I finally left my racially ignorant town and its inhabitants, I was able to see my interactions



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with many members of my community for what they were.

I was unperturbed by the thought of attending the University of Delaware, though I expect other minority students from more diverse backgrounds may have been. After growing up in a predominantly white town, this was simply another. Based on the programs and diversity pamphlets I was fed daily, attending a 72.4 percent white school was less daunting if the school was at least acknowledging its shortcomings. Though this interest in diversity was primarily sparked by ongoing outsider complaints,

I imagined that the university would be far more accepting than my hometown in suburban Pennsylvania with its country club and insulated neighborhood.

I managed to convince myself that lack of diversity did not necessarily dictate political climate until the notorious election of 2016 and the multitude of social justice catastrophes that the current presidential administration has inflicted since. Thus far, my experience with the university's political climate has indicated an apathetic and uninformed student body. The majority of students I have interacted with have ranged

from completely uninformed to minimally aware of a few of the more widely publicized struggles faced by minority people. Very few students willingly talk about any of these issues, even fewer when they pertain to race. More concerning is the lack of knowledge around racial generalizations and comments that was so reflective of my hometown. The same phrases comparing my more palatable traits to whiteness often surface here, even from my friends.

Unlike many of the white students here, I do not have the luxury of ignorance. Events like neo-Nazi and Confederate

rallies in Charlottesville, a police officer shooting an unarmed black man in his own home and the forceful separation of young children from their parents at our nation's border target me and other minorities.

While returning from dinner on Valentine's Day last winter, my boyfriend and I were shouted and gestured at by two men in a Confederate-flag-clad pickup truck on this campus. Though I cannot say whether these people were locals, students or from out of town, I do know that when I realized the nature of their intentions, I was afraid. White supremacists are emboldened by the new administration and those of us who are targeted have felt this shift.

The university and a large percentage of the student population may choose to disregard the growing victimization of minority people, but minority students and their families do not have this same privilege of willful ignorance.



# Self-deprecating humor: Crutch or comedy?

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Asking any comedian or lover of comedy how they feel about self-deprecating humor leaves one with a confusing array of answers, most ranging from vehement opposition to enthusiastic acceptance.

For whatever reason, self-deprecating humor has become a controversial topic within the world of comedy: some see it as a crutch for the comedians' insecurities, whereas others see it as a hilarious, self-aware technique. The consensus on whether or not self-deprecating humor is a crutch or a form of comedy essentially boils down to personal preference.

For Katherine Holden, a senior studying mass communications, self-deprecating humor has always been a staple. Holden, who has been doing stand-up comedy since her freshman year, believes that self-deprecating humor is a "genuine comedic form."

"It's one of those things that's a staple of comedy," Holden says. "It makes the audience more comfortable if you make fun of yourself before."

On the contrary, Ari Kantor, a freshman who is a mass communications interest major, does not share Holden's enthusiasm and belief in self-deprecating humor. Instead, Kantor, who is a member of an on-campus improv group, The Rubber Chickens, has lukewarm feelings toward the comedic form.

Kantor notes that using self-deprecating humor in improv is almost unheard of. According to him, self-deprecating humor does not fit with the structure of improv.

"It sounds cheesy, but improv kind of reflects how we act on a day-to-day basis," Kantor says. "We act, we justify and we live with



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Kantor believes that when used for the wrong reasons, self-deprecating humor can be "unhealthy" and slow personal growth.

whatever happens. A lot of the time, all self-deprecating humor does is emphasize an insecurity. You can't respond to it."

Kantor also notes that he has found self-deprecating humor to have a psychological effect on its users. He recalls experiences of being an "edgy teenager" and making jokes of his own insecurities before anyone else could make them. According to Kantor, making a joke for the sole purpose of having someone in the audience negate it for you is unhealthy and doesn't support growth as a person.

However, self-deprecating humor can also be seen by some comedians as a way to relate to their audience. Dan Rosenfield, a junior studying sports management and a member of the on-campus improv group Unfiltered, claims to use self-deprecating humor as a way to gain the trust of the audience.

"I mostly try to touch on

things that college kids go through, because that's my main audience," Rosenfield says. "I think a lot of the things we joke about is kind of what everyone is going through. That's what makes the joke work."

Ultimately, there is no consensus on whether or not self-deprecating humor is simply a crutch for insecurities or a genuine comedic form. However, most comedians agree that it is up to the personal preference of the user and the tasteful execution of self-deprecating jokes.

"If it's what you like to do, and it makes people laugh, keep doing it," Rosenfield says. "Try to use it as a motivation to improve yourself instead of getting down in yourself all the time."

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## Movie review: "Halloween" thrills, terrifies and returns to the roots of the iconic franchise

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We all know how slasher movies work: poor survival decisions, gratuitous violence, screaming babysitters, excuses for teenage promiscuity and cringeworthy humor overtop of a dread-inducing musical score. Despite the groans that these clichés have come to elicit over time, their history can be directly traced back to John Carpenter's now classic 1978 film, "Halloween."

The original terrifying legacy of "Halloween" is undeniable and has spawned a franchise of six sequels, one spin-off and two remakes that have saturated theaters for four decades. When the eleventh film in the series was announced, many moviegoers wondered what else the remorseless, white-masked icon, Michael Myers, could stalk and kill that hadn't been done before.

Initial skepticism turned to rabid excitement for fans when news that original actress Jamie Lee Curtis would reprise her role as Laurie Strode and original director and composer John Carpenter would serve as executive producer and be involved with the score. Furthermore, the film would break with the series' previous continuity and serve as the direct sequel to the events of the



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"Halloween" breathes fresh life into a series that has greatly varied in quality over the years.

first film.

As soon as the iconic piano melody begins in the new film, one can't help but be swept up in familiar gleeful anxiety and be reminded of why this series

has had such staying power. The opening credits reference the original flickering pumpkin image, but this time the pumpkin is smashed and comes back to life over time. This image is

symbolic of the rest of the movie - returning to form.

Without revealing too many plot details, a lot has happened in the forty years since the events of Halloween night 1978. Laurie Strode has become a seemingly paranoid recluse living alone in a heavily fortified house, obsessing over Michael Myers. Her excessive safety precautions and constant alertness estrange her from her family and have taken an obvious toll on her psyche.

"Halloween" explores a fascinating psychological angle of the aftermath of terror on a victim, an uncommon topic in horror films. The trauma Laurie experienced is at the forefront of her consciousness and defines the way she not only carries herself but interacts with her daughter and granddaughter in the movie.

As the plot progresses and Myers is on the loose once more, interesting comparisons are made between Laurie and him visually and thematically. The roles of "hunter" and "hunted" fluctuate between the two and their relentlessness and motivations create disturbing parallels.

Michael Myers is as horrifying as ever, and the depicted killings are rife with graphic, exhilarating brutality — squeamish viewers beware. The

updated score, tracking shots and sharp editing perfectly encapsulate the faster pace and viciousness of Myers' actions.

"Halloween" unfortunately falls into some pitfalls of the tropes it created. Strode's granddaughter is involved in a cheesy relationship inevitably ending with a cheating boyfriend, cops only serve as bumbling comedic relief and 98 percent of the minor characters are underwritten idiots, offering little to the overall plot and disappearing at random points.

The film succeeds, however, in respecting the source material and playing heavily on nostalgia while progressing the story in an exciting direction. It is undeniably a "Halloween" film and countless "Easter eggs," ranging from recycled shots to character masks, leave viewers highly satisfied.

"Halloween" is by no means a perfect movie as dialogue is at times clunky and certain plot points taper off without explanation, but it has an immense amount of entertainment value. For fans of the franchise or just casual viewers looking for a fun scare, grab some friends, get some popcorn and enjoy "the night he came home" again.



# Mosaic's guide to the best hot cocoa in Newark

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Staff Reporter

Whether you enjoy it with marshmallows or whipped cream, hot chocolate is a childhood classic that deserves to continue throughout adulthood. When students are forced to travel through bleak weather, hot chocolate is essential for surviving the bitter winter. With the days becoming colder, learn the best places on campus to warm up your frigid days with hot chocolate.

One of the hottest places to enjoy a cup of hot chocolate may be Brew Haha!, with a trendy environment perfect for a college student. Catering to its adult clientele, Brew Haha! provides customers with an adult version of the hot chocolate we grew up with.

By excluding much of the sugar typically present in hot chocolate, the cup seemed to be filled with plain milk rather than the expected sweet treat. Furthermore, the chocolate typically associated with this drink was nowhere to be found, yet the beverage still retained its brown color somehow. Although the drink kept its rich brown color of a typical hot chocolate, that chocolate flavor was nowhere to be found. Overall, the hot chocolate would be perfect for anyone who is on a diet during the holiday season. However, for

a drink to truly warm the soul with sugary goodness there are plenty of other options available on campus.



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Hot cocoa is an essential tool to survive the winter.

For those individuals with a serious sweet tooth, Einstein Bagels' hot chocolate will certainly please. It's more like a decadent treat than a warm drink. With whipped cream and chocolate powder sprinkled on top of the already-overloaded sugar bomb, a sweet tooth may easily turn into a cavity.

Bagels may taste good with hot chocolate but donuts

pair better with this drink and can easily be found at Dunkin' Donuts. The cheapest option for students, costing

in the drink. However, the copious amount of sugar allows the drink to still feel comforting and delicious.

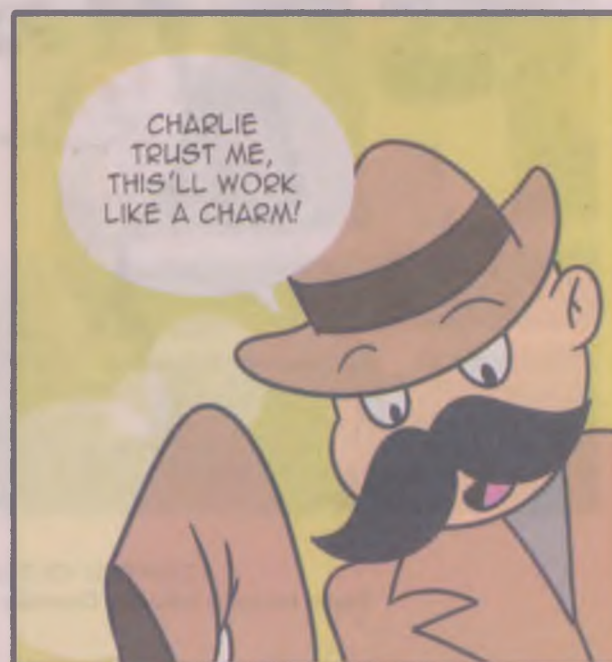
Rich, decadent and sweet, the hot chocolate from Starbucks does not fail to impress and proves to be just as addictive as their lattes and coffees. Proving that hot chocolate is not only for children, this decadent drink has a subtle bitterness from its dark chocolate flavor and perfectly complements the whipped cream on top. Although the drink is sugary and rich, it never feels too decadent to push aside and is surprisingly easy to finish.

Although it is better to leave some things in the past, classic staples like hot chocolate are essential to any chocolate or sugar fanatic. With so many options to choose from, choosing the perfect hot cocoa can be quite a challenge. Despite whichever hot chocolate you choose, you are almost always guaranteed a sweet and warm delight.

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# DELAWARE VOLLEYBALL SWEEPS WILLIAM AND MARY IN BREAST CANCER AWARENESS GAME

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Delaware volleyball hit the court outfitted in pink warm-up t-shirts and socks for their breast cancer awareness game Friday night at the Bob.

Delaware bested William and Mary 25-19, 25-20 and 25-18 in an emotive 3-0 sweep. Delaware's hitters played aggressively, accumulating 48 kills on the night, dwarfing William and Mary's. The front lines for both teams compiled an impressive collection of blocks, accruing nine on the night. The Blue Hens exhibited a poised control during the game and although the sets were back-and-forth, they handled the Tribe with ease.

This Delaware team was having a blast Friday night. Their raucous bench erupted with every positive play and applauded for teammates. After every point, they huddled either to congratulate each



COURTESY OF DELAWARE ATHLETICS  
Junior Cailey Bracken goes up for a kill.

other on a play or to encourage post-falter. Delaware's emotion was contagious, and the home crowd caught a case; it provided for a rambunctious environment as the Blue Hens rode that energy to a sweep victory.

Junior Maria Bellinger smiled as she rose for a kill in the closing period. The outside hitter had a lot of reasons to smile on the night — she finished with a team high 15 kills, including 10 digs and two blocks.

realized that about our team so they've been really working on that in practice, it's been carrying over to our games and it's been a lot of fun."

Several individual Blue Hens contributed to a cohesive team effort. Junior Cailey Bracken

"It's a lot of fun," Bellinger said. "We always play better when we're having fun, that's the best way to play."

Smiles persisted as a common theme during the win. As points piled on during a set, the energy rose to finish off the period.

"That's one of the things we've been talking about, they play much better when they play with emotion and enjoy the game," Head Coach Sara Matthews said following the game. "We've

active throughout the game; she racked up 27 attempts in an aggressive effort and converted nine into kills, while also adding eight digs.

Senior Brooke Robertson and sophomore Julia Hayes combined for four blocks on the night, acting as a pair of 6'1" skyscrapers while solidifying Delaware's front line.

Junior Bailey Pearlman was also key; she soared for spikes and added 10 kills onto the effort.

Sophomore Maddie Judge exuded the essence of Delaware's morale Friday night. She exclaimed, "It doesn't matter!" when returning to the huddle after one of her teammates spiked a ball over the boundary. The libero high-fived and danced in celebration with her team throughout the match.

They improved to 3-6 following their win against William and Mary. Delaware currently sits on the outside, looking in, of the CAA playoff picture.

## DELAWARE VOLLEYBALL FALLS TO ELON 3-1

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Hoping to gain momentum after their shutout victory against William and Mary, the Blue Hens were unable to do so after a 3-1 match loss to Elon on Sunday. After a close battle in the first set losing 25-22, the Blue Hens were able to tie it up at one. However, Elon responded back by winning the next two sets 25-16 and 25-19, respectively.

"I thought the effort today was up and down," Head Coach Sara Matthews said. "I thought we came out pretty flat and there were some moments, especially in the second set, but we needed to do a better job sustaining that in the third and fourth ones."

The Blue Hens faced Elon earlier this season and won



COURTESY OF DELAWARE ALTHLETICS  
Junior Bailey Pearlman serves the ball to Elon.

the match in the fifth set after being down 2-1. Although the Blue Hens looked competitive in the first two sets, by the third and fourth Elon was pulling away fast and was up 17-7 in

the third set before Matthews called a timeout — the score couldn't be salvaged for the Blue Hens, however, resulting in a loss.

Junior outside hitter Maria

Bellinger led the team in kills with 23, while junior Andie Hanus led in digs with 23 as well. Junior outside hitter, Cailey Bracken, along with Bellinger, posted a double-double in the loss.

One significant feat in the match was Bracken, notching her 1,000th career kill. However, this accomplishment was mostly overshadowed by the loss.

"She's been a great addition to our team this year, she brings a lot of ball control and adds a lot of energy," Matthews said of Bracken. "It's been really fun having her."

The Blue Hens now fall to a 3-7 record in the CAA and an overall 9-13 record for the season. The upcoming schedule does not get much easier, as they are encountering four straight away games before

returning to the Big Bob on Friday, Nov. 9 against Towson.

The team hopes that they can go on a run for these next few games in order to prepare for the CAA tournament that starts on Thursday, Nov. 15.

## DELAWARE GEARS UP TO TAKE ON THE TOWSON TIGERS

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The Blue Hens traveled to the University of New Hampshire for the first time since 2003 and left with a 28-14 win, increasing their record to 5-2 overall and 3-1 in the CAA.

A fourth quarter scare against UNH arose when starting quarterback Pat Kehoe appeared to have injured his knee after a sack. However, Head Coach Danny Rocco said at Monday's press conference that Kehoe is all right to play this coming week; he's just sore right now.

Now the Blue Hens will attempt to carry this three-game winning streak momentum back to Delaware Stadium to increase their streak to four as they face the Towson Tigers.

"We're excited to be in a position here heading into the back end of the season where we have a chance to remain relevant," Rocco said. "You have a chance to really remain in control of your destiny. We've got a lot of really good football teams on our schedule here

these last four weeks and we certainly have a really good football team coming in here this weekend."

Delaware traveled to Towson last year and faced a close 18-17 loss. It was Delaware's second CAA loss of the season, making their fall to the Tigers the game that put added pressure on the rest of their games and playoff aspirations.

This season, Towson is 6-1 overall, undefeated (4-0) in the CAA and on a five-game winning streak.

One of Towson's many weapons is their quarterback, Tom Flacco — the younger brother of none other than Delaware legend Joe Flacco. He transferred to Towson from Rutgers, and when his availability was announced, Rocco of course knew that Flacco had connections to Delaware, but never got to the point of actually contacting him. Rocco praised Flacco on his "acumen and football IQ."

"He makes good decisions, kind of like the coach on the field and then his athleticism



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Delaware faces Towson at Delaware Stadium Saturday, Oct. 27 at 3:30 p.m.

is probably kind of a bonus to the whole thing. But this is definitely a quarterback that can run and not a runner playing quarterback, that's kind of how I see it."

Rocco emphasized the need for players to tackle when the ball comes around their positions on the field and that Towson will force many of those tackles to end up being one-on-one.

Consistency has been a major theme and goal for the Blue Hens this season. Rocco felt that offensively against UNH; the Blue Hens started out in sync and then after the first drive, didn't get their rhythm back until late in the game.

The score of the UNH game allowed for some offensive leeway, especially once Delaware got up two touchdowns, but against the Tigers, the Blue Hens will have to "just run their offense" and throw more than the New Hampshire game forced them to.

Delaware will take on Towson on Saturday, Oct. 27 for the Homecoming game at Delaware Stadium with kick off at 3:30 p.m.

"We'll have our hands full here," Rocco said. "We're excited to be at home, excited for the competition and this

is a lot of fun for us to be in a game of this relevance here at this stage of the season."



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