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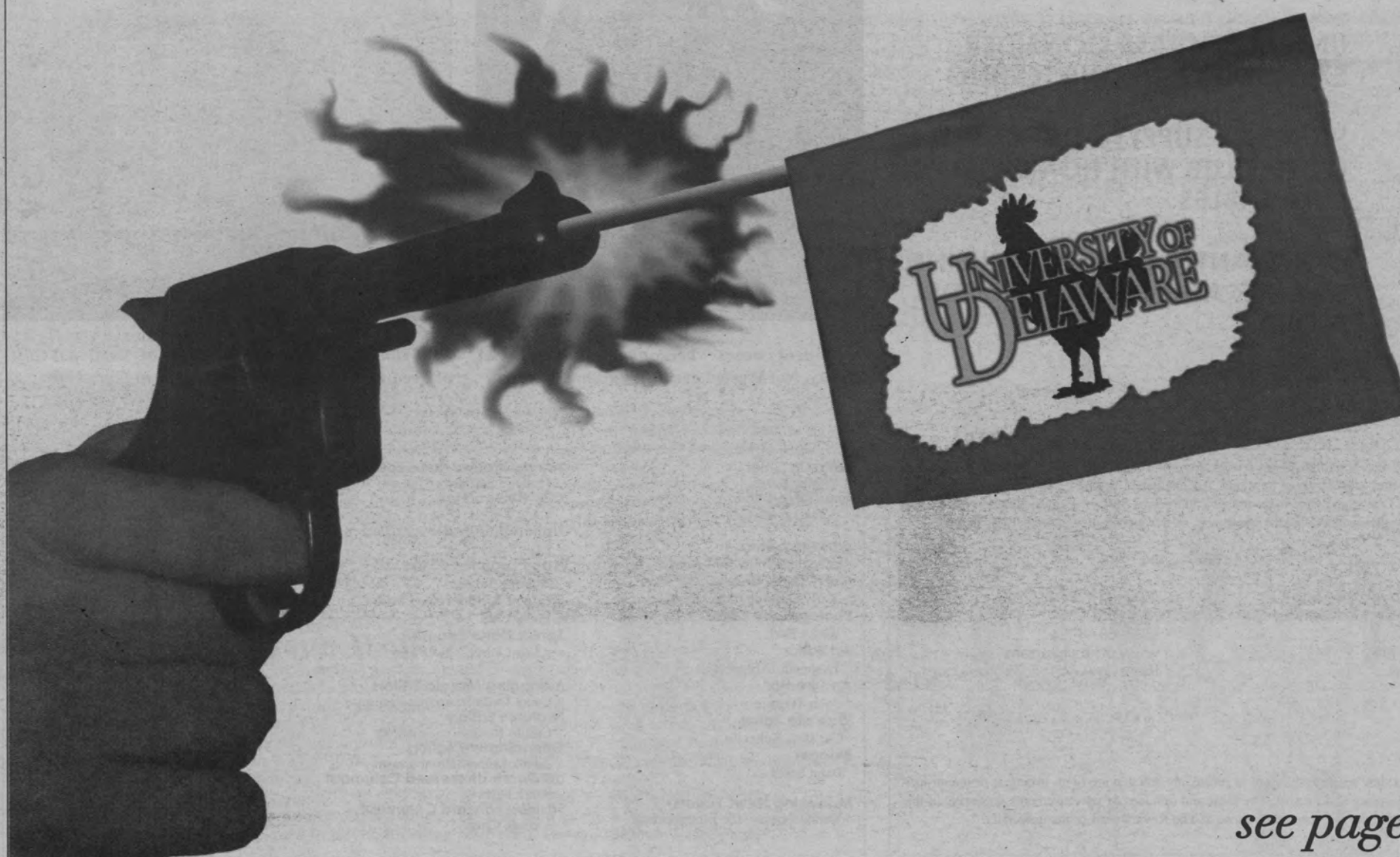


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Danyol, an artist from San Francisco, created this work for the Art of Can exhibition in Philadelphia.



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Amid arrests, gun-law debate continues

Increase in violent crime spurs Newark police action

BY KATIE ROGERS
City News Editor

City police forces are working to combat a recent increase in crimes within Newark which have targeted students. In several of the incidents, suspects have been armed, highlighting a growing threat of gun violence.

On Oct. 5, three unidentified suspects held up nine students at gunpoint in the Main Street Court apartment complex during a party.

A similar incident occurred Oct. 8 in College Park on Madison Drive, when three unidentified suspects robbed three 19-year-old students with a shotgun during a home invasion.

The next day, a 17-year-old male from Brookside Park pulled out a handgun on the corner of Haines Street and East Main Street during a verbal altercation with university students.

While city crime is reportedly down for the year, Lt. Brian Henry of the Newark Police Department said there has been a spike in reported crimes in the past five to six weeks.

Henry said there is no way to tell what sparked the increase but it may be because the university is back in session.

"When students return here, there is definitely a larger victim base," he said. "Although crime tends to be year-round, it is also cyclical, occurring in bunches. Right now, we are in an upswing of cycles of crime."

Henry said there is no way of knowing where people are acquiring illegal weapons. However, he said having stricter gun-control laws in place would not make a difference.

"Laws typically aren't the problem," Henry said. "The people who obey gun laws aren't the ones using weapons illegally. The law isn't always the answer, so to say that strengthening the law would affect people carrying guns probably wouldn't do any justice."

If a suspect is armed when committing

a robbery, the crime is automatically classified as a robbery in the first degree, a level B felony, which is punishable with up to 25 years in prison. The minimum jail time for this type of offense would be three years in prison, he said.

Henry said armed robbers are almost always charged with carrying a concealed deadly weapon without a permit.

Cpl. Thomas Maiura of the Newark Police Department said most firearms used during robberies are purchased on the black market. Most transactions occur in inner cities, but these weapons are available widely throughout the state.

"One thing leads to another," Maiura said. "Guns become a type of currency in this market. People purchase them illegally, and then let's say they want to get high. That person will sell a \$300 to \$400 gun for a \$20 piece of crack rock. If you're in that kind of game, these things become available to you."

He said in the state of Delaware, a person does not have to have a license to carry a firearm. If a person is interested in purchasing a weapon, they need to pass a background check, corroborated by the Bureau of Identification in Dover. At the bureau, there is a repository of all in and out-of-state records, which allows investigators to locate any protection of abuse orders. These orders are what could possibly disqualify a person from purchasing a firearm.

"Basically, if your record is clean, you can get a weapon within five to ten minutes," Maiura said.

Bob Miller, co-owner of Miller's Gun Center, Inc. in New Castle, said all guns must be purchased in the buyer's state of residence. On Nov. 30, 1998, the FBI instituted a nationwide system of background checks for gun purchases. The state of Delaware has a similar system, which requires those interested in purchasing a firearm go through a longer process.

"Delaware is definitely one of the toughest states to purchase a gun in within the entire union," Miller said. "If you have any crime against another person, domestic violence charges or a misdemeanor, you lose your privilege to carry a firearm for life."

Ninety-seven percent of people who attempt to purchase a firearm in Delaware pass the criminal-background check, he said.

Miller said he feels people who purchase firearms from dealerships are not the problem.

"The problem we have is that those who purchase firearms, then sell it to another person, or give it away, or have it stolen from their homes," he said. "Most guns used in crimes are used between 10 and 13 years after they were manufactured. I don't know how this type of a problem would be solved. The problem is clearly happening after the fact."

Miller said his dealership sells a lot of shotguns and hunting guns, but many couples are beginning to purchase handguns for protection in the home.

"Women buying handguns is becoming a trend in the past 10 years," he said. "People are beginning to realize that when something happens like a home invasion, we are all responsible for our own protection. You have to take care of yourself, or else you will end up a victim."

Maiura said he feels the spike in crime is related to the fact that students have returned to campus. Many of these types of incidents occur during parties at which students are unaware of who is in attendance.



THE REVIEW/Nina Buckalew

Many of the recent off-campus home invasions have involved firearms.

"We try to tell everyone that if you're having these open parties, people are going to come right in," he said. "They're thugs, and they're not here to party. They're here to hold you up. If they have a gun on them, they're going to equalize the amount of people in that party real quick."

Many incidents involve non-students from out of Newark mixing in at student parties, Maiura said. It is not uncommon to find residents from Wilmington, Philadelphia and surrounding areas at parties on the weekends, especially during the past two semesters, he said.

Students need to be aware of this and watch their behavior on weekends, he said.

"While you have the absolute right to walk down the street at 2 a.m., if you're doing that while intoxicated, it's like putting chocolate in front of a kid," Maiura said. "You will be subject to crime. This is a bad-guy buffet. They pick the ones they want and take them."

Chief James Flatley of Public Safety said the university does not allow firearms anywhere on campus. Those living in residence halls are not permitted to have any weapons, but off-campus students are not subject to the same restrictions.

"Off campus is off campus," Flatley said. "There's no way to tell if these kids have weapons or not. UD policy would not be applicable to them."

He said on-campus students who are interested in hunting and want to have their gun with them at school are permitted to do so, as long as it is kept at the university's Public Safety building.

"They have to make arrangements with us," Flatley said. "For hunting purposes only do we allow them to have weapons here, as long as we store them."

Kyle, a senior at the university who asked not to disclose his last name, said he has a gun in his off-campus home for recreational purposes. He said he stores his weapon in a safe at his house.

"Technically, my gun is off campus," Kyle said. "I enjoy practicing my skills with a firearm, and it could be used in the event of something else happening, but more so it's just for sport."

He said other states, such as New Jersey, have much stricter gun control laws than Delaware.

"Basically, it takes a good two to three

months to get a gun there," Kyle said. "Also, if you want a pistol, you have to register with your local police department. It's not like that in Delaware. Here you can walk right in and get one."

He said he is a conservative student and feels the gun laws in the state are very fair.

"It's true, you can get a gun in about ten minutes here, but in those ten minutes they are doing a background check on you," Kyle said. "I personally feel this is fine. Most guns used in crime are not purchased legally."

He said he is aware of the recent spike in crime but tries not to worry too much about it.

"People have a right to own firearms as long as they are safe about it," Kyle said. "Just don't let it get in the hands of anyone else. You can only do so much under the law."

Both Henry and Maiura said they feel the Newark Police Department is being proactive in attempts to deter violent crime both on and off campus.

Maiura said the police department is often criticized for being too harsh on underage alcohol consumption and its efforts to curb other crimes are overlooked.

"We get bashed for getting on students for alcohol, but we're doing other things while that's going on," he said. "Visible force of police is one of the greatest deterrents of crime. If someone is being written a summons for speeding or drinking and bad guys walking down the street see that, they will think twice about what they'll do."

Henry said the department has increased patrols in troublesome areas such as Delaware Avenue, Cleveland Avenue and Chapel Street. He said the Newark Police Department has a policy for students seeking help while hosting parties.

"If there are people at a party that you do not want there, call the police," he said. "Don't be afraid that you are subjecting yourself to charges, because we are trying to prevent more serious crimes from happening. Get us there to take care of the big problem and the little problem will go away."

Maiura said students need to know and understand these incidents occur both on and off campus.

"It's not real to them until someone is standing there with a gun in their face."

A Closer Look

Delaware Gun Control Laws

■ Delaware state gun laws apply to "contiguous" states, meaning any bordering states.

■ It is lawful for any person who resides in the state of Delaware to purchase and carry a firearm, within the state and its contiguous states, if they pass a background check.

■ Every resident is subject to the Gun Control Act of 1968, which prohibits interstate transfer of guns between non-FFL's and the shipping of guns or ammunition through the mail system.

■ Additionally, the law established a minimum age for firearm purchases and required all firearms to have a serial number. It also implemented a form for purchases, prohibited importing of small handguns and established sentencing for firearm-related crimes.

— compiled from Gunlawnews.org and the State of Delaware Web site.

Schools respond to rise in attempted abductions

BY JOSH SHANNON

Staff Reporter

A rash of attempted child abductions in New Castle County has caused local schools to take extra precautions.

At least five attempted child abductions or lurings have been reported in the area since September, according to police. None of the attempts were successful.

Master Sgt. Steven Barnes, a spokesman for the Wilmington Police, said the frequency of incidents is unusual. While the number of incidents may not be any more than in a normal, full-year period, it is rare for all of the incidents to happen at all once, he said.

"Maybe it's just that it all came at the same time," Barnes said.

Wendy Lapham, public information officer for Christina School District, said the most recent attempts occurred Wednesday in Newark and Wilmington.

"The two incidents involved strangers approaching students who live in our district," Lapham said.

One student lives in Wilmington and attends Shue-Medill Middle School and the other lives in Newark and attends Robert S. Gallaher Elementary School, she said. The incidents occurred off of school grounds after the students had been dismissed from school.

The incident in Wilmington has not been officially reported as a crime. Wilmington police are still investigating to determine if a crime did in fact occur, Barnes said.

No additional information was available about the incident in Newark.

Barnes said two confirmed incidents occurred in Wilmington on the morning of Oct. 11.

At approximately 6:40 a.m., an unidentified male approached a 12-year-old girl who was waiting at a bus stop at the corner of Concord and Madison Streets, he said.

"He picked her up and tried to cover her mouth, but she fought him off," Barnes said.

The suspect is described as a black male, 5 feet 6 inches to 5 feet 7 inches tall, wearing a black T-shirt, black hat and blue jeans, he said.

Later that morning, a black male, described as between 20 and 30 years old with short, twisted hair and a full beard, got out of his car and approached a 12-year-old girl in the parking lot of Burnett Elementary School in the 700 block of W. 36th St., Barnes said.

James Scanlon, the superintendent of Brandywine School District, said the girl is a student at P.S. duPont Elementary School, which is currently under renovation. Students are being taught in the adjacent Burnett Elementary School, where the incident occurred.

"He said something to a child

as the child was walking into school — something to the effect of 'Hey, come on, get in,'" Scanlon said. "The kid took off and reported it to one of the adults in the building."

An earlier incident in Wilmington occurred Sept. 28 when a 12-year-old girl was walking near the corner of 22nd and Washington Streets.

"An unknown man exited a blue Jeep, grabbed the girl and said he was a police officer," Barnes said.

The girl was able to escape.

Wilmington Police have not identified a suspect in any of the incidents, he said.

The string of child lurings started Sept. 24 when a male in a gray car approached a nine-year-old girl. She was walking along Lehigh Road in Newark to West Park Place Elementary School

when a man offered her a ride, according to a press release from the Newark Police Department. The girl refused and ran back home.

Barnes said the Wilmington Police are working with the Delaware State Police, as well as police from other local jurisdictions, to solve the rash of attempted abductions.

"When one [incident] comes up, we all collaborate," he said.

Barnes said it is unlikely the incidents are related because each case involved a different suspect or vehicle description.

He said the police are continuing to interview witnesses, and undercover officers are patrolling school bus stops.

Cpl. Scott Simpson, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department, said Newark Police have also increased patrols around the locations where the incidents occurred.

Scanlon said after the Oct. 11 incident, he sent a letter to all parents in the district, informing them of the incident.

P.S. duPont remained on lockdown all day and extra teachers were present outside the school at dismissal, he said.

Lapham said the Christina School District also notified parents at Shue-Medill and Gallaher, and increased safety precautions at the schools.

"We have more security in the sense that we have more adults outside at arrival and dismissal times," she said.

Lapham said the district has received calls from concerned parents.

"They have called the schools and the district to find out more information and to ask what we are doing," she said. "We have been trying to respond consistently, saying that we are keeping people informed. We're working with police, and our teachers, bus drivers and staff are using extra vigilance."

Tina Rydgren, president of the P.S. duPont PTA, said she received word of the incident by both phone and mail.

"I was concerned, but the school said they were in contact with police and were making adjustments on site," Rydgren said.

"I thought they handled it really well."

She said she talked to her two daughters, both in the fifth grade at P.S. duPont, but neither girl is worried.

The incident was a topic at a PTA meeting last week, Rydgren said. At the meeting, the principal of the school, Lincoln Hohler, explained to parents the steps the school is taking to protect students, she said.

"People had concerns, but everyone was satisfied with what the school had put in place," Rydgren said.

Wilmington Police, in connection with the Delaware State Police, issued a press release providing parents and students with tips to avoid "stranger danger."

Children walking to school should stay aware of their surroundings and walk in groups, the press release said. If they feel threatened, they should run the opposite way and make as much noise as possible in order to draw attention to themselves.

Simpson said it is important to talk to children about "stranger danger," but parents should not make their children afraid.

"You don't want to scare them so they don't come out of the house, but you need to make them aware," he said.

Scanlon said child safety is a community issue.

"If, as a community, we are vigilant with safety, then we can make our community a safer place for our kids," he said. "There are some wacky people out there, but we just need to remind kids to just say 'no,' run and tell an adult."

"We have been trying to respond consistently, saying that we are keeping people informed. We're working with police, and our teachers, bus drivers and staff are using extra vigilance."

— Wendy Lapham, public information officer for the Christina School District



Unusual classes intrigue students

BY COURTNEY BAILEY

Staff Reporter

Hip-hop, while an increasingly large part of mainstream media, is rarely considered a topic of worthy of academic exploration. The trend is changing, however. Hip-hop and other offbeat subject areas are now becoming the focus of several new university courses.

English professor Bernard Kaplan has been teaching a freshmen honors colloquium course on Hip-hop culture for the past five years.

"The course began when Professor Ann Ardis, who was then director of Honors, asked me to suggest new colloquia and I proposed this one," Kaplan said. "Since the class is limited to 22 students, it is always filled."

He said the goals of the course are to study the components, origins and current state of Hip-hop culture. The class poses questions about race, class, capitalism and other social issues. It also focuses on Hip-hop's influence on American culture.

"The class is interactive," Kaplan said. "Students write a series of papers and are asked to bring in examples of the concerns we are studying. The final project for the course is a longer paper on any aspect of Hip-hop culture. In the past, these papers have ranged from beefs in Hip-hop, to violence against women in Hip-hop, to Hip-hop in the NBA, to Hip-hop and Christianity."

He said the purpose of the class is not to reach any fixed conclusions but rather to focus on how Hip-hop can be understood in many different ways.

"Hip-hop is a rich culture," Kaplan said. "I love teaching this course."

Laura Salsini, an associate professor of Italian, taught a class in Spring '07 titled, "Immigrants, Mobsters and Mommas."

Salsini said the course was an adaptation of one she had taught earlier, which had generated a lot of interest, allowing for the new course to immediately be approved. The goals of the course were to explore some of the films, novels and short stories produced by Italian-American directors and authors. During the course of the

semester, the class examines how these artists have challenged the stereotypes of Italian Americans.

"The title of the course refers to some of the popular images that many people have of Italian Americans," she said. "'Gangsters,' of course, is obvious. Italian Americans are often associated with the Mafia, and we explore in the course how that image has been perpetuated in popular culture. We study as well the immigrant experience and how Italians were able to assimilate to American culture and society. And finally, we look at Italian-American women, especially through the novel 'Umbertina,' which offers very clear challenges to the image of Italian-American women as passive."

Salsini said the word "Mommas" in the title of the course refers to Italian American women, but in the course students looked beyond the stereotype of this image to discover strong, intelligent and independent women.

She said some of the films students watched were "The Godfather," "A Bronx Tale" and "Goodfellas." They also read "The Fortunate Pilgrim" by Mario Puzo and "Umbertina" by Helen Barolina.

"The course was writing-intensive, which meant a lot of paper revision," Salsini said. "Students also kept a journal, and I think this was a great vehicle for them to think about the texts they were reading, the discussions we had in class and their encounters with Italian-American culture outside of the classroom. The students in this class were fantastic. The discussions were lively and I think we not only learned a great deal, we also had fun doing so."

Junior Adrienne Brooks said she would be interested in taking a class on Hip-hop culture because it is something that is a part of her lifestyle. She said she thinks the course would have educational value because it influences a good portion of today's society.

"I think I would do well [in a Hip-hop class] — not necessarily better than my other classes, but since it is a topic that I find interesting, I think I would have success in it," Brooks said.

Employees' children receive univ. benefits

BY JENNIFER HEINE

Copy Editor

Human Resources and admissions collaborated to provide a workshop on Thursday for university employees to prepare their children for admission.

Nancy Wallace, director of Human Resources, said the workshop was intended for parents of children in grades eight to 12 to provide information about their educational benefits as faculty and staff members.

"The workshop was designed to help those parents and especially those whose children would be interested in the University of Delaware process," Wallace said.

She said the first-ever workshop discussed the university's Commitment to Delawareans, which outlines the academic program students should pursue in high school to be admitted to the university.

Louis Hirsh, director of admissions, stated in an e-mail message that the workshop provided information to employees about how their children can best prepare themselves for admission to the university.

"The workshop is aimed at helping employees — especially employees who do not have college degrees — understand what sorts of courses their children should be taking in high school to prepare themselves for admission to the University of Delaware," Hirsh said.

He said full-time students who are children of university employees receive free tuition but do not have an edge on the admissions process.

Admissions counselors do not accept unqualified children of faculty and staff, but they give particular attention to them, Hirsh said.

"We will never admit a student who is not academically prepared for the University of Delaware," he said. "But when applicants have a parent who is a UD employee, we will often take special pains to counsel the students — for example, by discussing options such as enrolling first at a community college to improve their academic record."

Hirsh said 69 percent of employees' chil-

dren who applied were admitted to the university's Newark campus and 22 percent were accepted to the Associates in Arts Program.

These percentages were similar to the placement of all applying students, he said.

"Overall we admit about 65 percent of the Delawareans to the Newark campus and 26 percent to the Associates in Arts Program, and we admitted 48 percent of the non-residents to the Newark campus," Hirsh said.

He said most children of university employees who apply for admission are from Delaware and tend to be academically stronger than other students.

For Fall 2007, the middle 50 percent of SAT scores for all admitted students was 1760 to 1960 and high-school GPAs fell between 3.45 and 3.90, Hirsh said. Children of university employees had SAT scores in the middle 50 percent from 1700 to 1990, and their GPAs ranged from 3.30 to 3.90.

Wallace said students who are children of university employees can receive free tuition because of the Tuition Remission Program.

This program covers tuition costs for children of university employees, as long as they take a full course load.

Ten percent of university employees used this program in 2007 and, of these employees, 75 percent were Delaware residents.

Junior Marta Dybowski, whose father is a professor at the university, stated in an e-mail message that she applied to the university for academic reasons.

"I decided to attend UD because of its outstanding reputation in psychology and because of its amazing study abroad program," Dybowski said. "I also started taking classes as a senior in high school at the university, so I was very familiar with UD and what UD had to offer me as a student."

Sophomore Andrew Stevens said he thinks the university's policy of waiving tuition for these students is not fair.

"I feel like maybe a reduced tuition would be OK, but their parents are being paid by the school already," Stevens said.

Sophomore Amy Wolkoff said because children of employees receive educational

benefits, it give them an incentive to enroll at the university.

"It's more of a reason for students to come if they're getting a free ride," Wolkoff said.

Wallace said there are other educational benefits offered to employees besides the Tuition Remission Program.

Employees or their dependents may take a single course without paying tuition through the Course Fee Waiver Program, she said. Full-time employees receive six course fee waivers each year.

"If a student wanted to take a Winter Session course, the student could use it," Wallace said.

She said the university is one of 500 institutions participating in the Tuition Exchange Program in which university employees can receive free tuition for their children at other universities.

The Tuition Exchange Program is competitive and not a guaranteed benefit, Wallace said.

"The student not only has to be accepted," she said.

"The school also has to accept them for a scholarship."

Wallace said having educational benefits for employees and their children makes the university an attractive place to work.

"Our benefits package is an important part of what people look at when they look at the university as a potential employer," she said. "It helps to add to our competitive benefit

package which is important when recruiting and retaining valuable employees."

Hirsh said many colleges and universities provide free tuition for children of staff members because they cannot pay high salaries.

"As a rule, salaries at colleges and universities are lower than they would be for comparable jobs in the private sector," he said. "Having staff benefits such as tuition remission helps colleges attract and retain employees they might otherwise lose to higher paying jobs elsewhere."

Dybowski said there are many benefits to being a child of a university employee.

"You get to know a lot of faculty and guest lecturers," she said. "Through knowing all of these people, and especially if you are in graduate school, you get to know and understand how the application process works."

Having her father work here helped her adjust to college, Dybowski said.

"Your parent is always there to guide you through any questions you may have because they are familiar with the university," she said.



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LEED-certified construction passed in Newark

BY RACHEL ALPER

Staff Reporter

Within the coming months, the city of Newark plans to pass two "green" building initiatives. The first initiative, up for a city council vote in two weeks, deals with building codes.

The second part of the initiative pertains to planning and zoning and will modify the city code. Any company that constructs a LEED-certified building will be allowed extra floor area, something which is not normally permitted by current zoning rules.

LEED, or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is a national checklist for green building.

The four levels of green building are standard, silver, gold and platinum, and these levels are achieved by including more environmentally-friendly practices into the construction process. Green builders are recommended to follow a checklist that includes everything from energy and water conservation to the materials that go into the building.

LEED building is available to the university, but so far officials have not implemented such planning. The university is exempt from city zoning codes but not from building

codes.

Steve Dentel, the chair of Newark's Conservation Advisory Commission, said he would like to see the university use LEED building because he feels it would benefit the university as well as the environment.

"If the university wants to implement LEED, they will do it because it will save money in three to seven years, and many of the buildings are around longer," Dentel said.

Senior Dan Greenland said he has been attending the conservation meetings and is interested in environmental issues. He said he does not understand why the university is not using the LEED building measures.

"The university seems like it's behind other universities in this area," Greenland said. "These buildings will live 75 or 100 years and will pay themselves off. They're not just environmentally better, but also monetarily it's better."

Dentel said university officials should want to build green because college campuses are supposed to reflect forward thinking.

"The university should set an example because we're supposed to be looking at the future in an educat-

ed manner," he said.

Ajay Prasad, professor of mechanical engineering and university committee member of the Sustainability Task Force, said he agreed with Dentel and feels the university can go green, like Clemson University, which has a silver level LEED certified residence hall.

"Neighboring colleges are working hard to make campuses green and sustainable," Prasad said. "It saves the campuses money in the long-run by initiating sustainability practices, and we can do it too. The university can and should take the lead on this. It would be really nice if we could be the leader in the state of Delaware on these sustainable practices."

Robert Stozek, associate vice president for facilities, said buildings for the university can range from \$200 to \$500 per square foot when built to university standards.

He said the university's decision to not incorporate LEED buildings is not based on the slower return rate of three to seven years, but on the best use of the money available.

"If I have \$250,000 available and [I put] it into one building to make it LEED-certified, that money

will reduce the energy consumption of that one building by five percent," Stozek said.

"Or I can take that same \$250k and invest it in new equipment in the central boiler plant to reduce the entire Newark campus' energy consumption by two percent, reducing the purchase of fossil fuels and reducing total emissions to the atmosphere. Which is the most responsible decision from a financial, energy conservation, and environmental impact?"

Scott Douglass, senior vice president of the university, said while LEED certification is a novel idea, it would not make the university's product better.

"The LEED principles are desirable," Douglass said. "We want to be very environmentally sensitive. With respect to getting certified as LEED, why spend money that doesn't necessarily help product?"

He said the green building incentive is not something the university needs because it has ample space.

"We don't have constraints on our building," Douglass said. "If we were urban, that would be desirable because we would be constrained and would spend extra money to get cer-

tification."

Dentel said for a little more money than it is spending now, the university could construct a LEED-certified building, but university officials have not wanted to make that statement.

"I think some universities want to make a proactive environmental statement," he said. "Not just with construction but with recycling, mass transit, research programs offered, vehicles used and energy conservation. UD has not wanted to make that statement yet."

Prasad said he would love to see environmentally-friendly buildings on campus.

"Green building would be wonderful," he said. "It would be great to live or work in buildings that are efficient in their use of energy and water, that use natural lighting, and it would be great to see solar panels on rooftops."

Stozek said the decision on whether or not to build green depends on the specific situation.

"It's a matter of making reasonable, intelligent choices based on local circumstances, not following trends," he said.

who's who in Newark

Shop owner brings fair trade to Newark

BY COURTNEY BAILEY

Staff Reporter

Nestled away behind Iron Hill Brewery and Subway sits Village Imports, a fair trade store owned by Carol Boncelet.

When she opened her store in 2000, Boncelet said she wanted to educate people on fair trade. She gives tours and lectures to bring awareness to the subject.

"We have gone onto campus to do talks to the freshmen dorms last year because they have initiatives for education, and there have been many others as well such as church groups and women's groups," Boncelet said. "We just really want to educate."

She said fair trade involves artisans who receive a fair price for their work. They often have an advance on orders to pay for their raw materials. Through fair trade, consumers learn who made their products and know that their merchandise was produced under the proper environment in safe working conditions.

"Some people call it the triple-bottom line — people, profit and the environment," Boncelet said. "So to us, it's really important who is making it and making sure they get paid."

She said she does not go by designers to get her goods, but rather by country.

"Currently, there are 60 different countries the store does business with, mostly being villages and women's cooperatives," Boncelet said. "Each item in the store is marked as to which country it is from, in the store."

She said she only buys items from the Fair Trade Federation, which ensures the items are made according to the official fair trade criteria. For example, a women's group in Guatemala may have a catalog or Web site displaying its products. Boncelet would then discuss and go back and forth about the product with them.

"We care about who is getting paid," Boncelet said. "The producers are setting the prices [fairly] so that they can send their families to school, afford to eat and [pay for] housing. It's not about negotiating them for the cheapest price. I have actually gone back to producers and told them I was going to pay them more because I was going to sell it for more."

She said she has been a member of the Newark community for approximately 25 years and worked as a nuclear engineer at Delmarva Power, until she quit in

1999. Boncelet and her husband Charles, an electrical and computer engineering professor at the university, left the country on a sabbatical before opening Village Imports.

While away, Boncelet said she came across the fair trade business in her travels and decided to bring this form of business to the community. She was amazed every town in Europe had its own fair-trade store.

"While away, I was thinking about importing and exporting," she said. "That is when I heard about this and I thought 'I have to do this.' It has really been great because I have been able to run the store part time and raise my kids."

Originally from New York, Boncelet holds a bachelor's degree in nuclear engineering and a master's in public policy. She has an 18-year-old son and a 15-year-old daughter. She is

active in the community. She is on the board of the Newark Arts Alliance and is active with the Downtown Newark Partnership. She has traveled extensively and has visited 15 different countries.

Boncelet said she does not design products herself but is purely involved in the business aspect of the trade.

"It is interesting though, because I have to pick what I think the customers will like," she said. "When I first started, I was picking things that I liked because if it's not successful, it's all mine, and I get to decorate my house in it. However, as we were open longer, I learned who the customers were and what they liked."

"Now I am able to pick things I think students and senior citizens will like, and we have a broader base."

Senior Emily Zarek has been working at Village Imports since July 2005. She said it is usually a very relaxing work environment.

"There's coffee percolating, music playing, incense occasionally burning," Zarek said. "During the holidays, however, it's super busy and you're lucky if you get a chance to sit down."

She said she thinks having a fair-trade store in Newark is a fantastic idea because there are so many student and adult groups concerned with global and environmental issues. It was not only a good business idea for Boncelet to locate here, but in Newark, she thinks the store can really make a difference.

"We can educate the public while providing them with some really unique products," Zarek said. "What we really need are more fair trade stores in Delaware. Currently the only other one is Made By Hand in Bethany Beach."

She said she has a good relationship with her boss. Boncelet is always there to help no matter what the problem.

"I'm in my last semester at the university, and she's looking out for possible job opportunities for me," Zarek said. "While she definitely knows what she wants, she's always open to hearing other ideas, and I've found she has been really receptive to any suggestions I've given her about the store and our merchandise."

Boncelet said her plans for the future include broadening education on fair trade and showing people how fair trade gifts are more meaningful than ordinary presents.



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Carol Boncelet opened Village Imports in 2000 after a trip to Europe.

U.S. children's study finds a home at university

BY BRIAN ANDERSON

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The National Children's Study, which will be conducted over the next 21 years in areas across the country, has come to the University of Delaware. The university has been named regional participant and will be involved with the project for the next two decades.

The university joins other learning and medical institutions in this nationwide study. The study, created by the National Institutes of Health, will analyze hundreds of thousands of children as they grow and develop.

The goal of the study is to collect data on conditions such as autism and on the impact of the environment on the development of children.

Deborah Amsden, a researcher at the university's Center for Disabilities Studies, was named project director for the university's part in the study. Amsden said she will oversee the day-to-day operation of the study and is anxious to be part of the project.

"Could you imagine being in the National Children's Study?" she said. "I was very excited about it."

Amsden said over each of the next five years, approximately 250 children from New Castle County will be volunteered by their parents to participate in this study. The

children, who will be monitored from more than 100 counties nationwide, will be tracked from birth until they turn 21.

Michael Gamel-McCormick, director of the Center for Disabilities Studies, said the study will allow researchers of all kinds, such as psychologists, medical workers and social workers, to observe how children grow and develop in different parts of the country. Additionally, environmentalists and energy-related researchers will be able to participate to study how soil and air affect a child's development.

Though researchers at other sites will begin collecting data as early as January 2008, university participants will begin its efforts in 2009, McCormick said. The process will begin even before a child is born.

"It's pretty complicated," he said. "You literally go in and identify people who are pregnant."

McCormick said testing will not only focus on children in the study but also on parents, siblings and others living in the households. Families will be randomly selected from New Castle County and asked to participate in the study. If they agree, their child will be tracked for 21 years and data, such as blood pressure and growth percentiles, will be collected on those living in the household.

Because children mature so quickly and

dramatically, tests will be administered frequently as the child grows and develops, he said. Additionally, environmental tests will be administered in all counties and in specific homes to see how children grow up with different levels of pollutants in the house.

"We're looking to see what lead levels are in their environment, and mercury," McCormick said. "All of those things actually must be collected for every single child."

While it appears to be focusing on the negative, the study will also address positive aspects of a child's development, such as good eating habits and physical activity, he said.

Amsden said New Castle County is one of many counties that have been selected nationwide for this study. Some counties on the Delaware River waterway, including some in Pennsylvania, will allow researchers to get regional data about the effects of water and air surrounding the waterway.

She said researchers can ask for regional data from the national study and see what affects a waterway or what naturally-occurring phenomena may have on a group of children.

Amsden said one of the positive aspects of the university's participation is the opportunity for students to learn about

research on a large scale.

"By having this housed at the university, it provides a lot of undergraduates and graduates to be involved firsthand in a study such as this," she said. "It gives people the reality check of what it takes to gather information from children and families in communities."

Amsden said another important aspect of undergraduate and graduate research will be learning how to create and foster relationships with the families they will be studying.

Senior Kaitlin Kernan, an individual and family studies major, said while she is unable to participate in the study because she is graduating, opportunities like this are beneficial for students.

Checking up on these children will be a challenge for researchers but studies like this are vital, Kernan said. Accurate, wide-ranging research is needed to find the causes of developmental problems.

She said the primary goal of her major is to improve children's health and well-being. Research like this is very important for finding out what impacts the development of children.

"I do think it's very important to find the roots and the factors or the reasons to why children are growing up the way they grow up," Kernan said.

Arrest made in serial rape case

BY JULIE WIGLEY

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A serial rapist has been arrested in Delaware.

On Oct. 16, Ramazan Sahin, a 22-year-old man, was apprehended in Bear, Del. in connection with a series of rapes that began in May. Cpl. Jeff Whitmarsh of the Delaware State Police Department said Sahin is not associated with the rapes that occurred on campus last year.

According to police, Sahin was charged with several counts of rape, unlawful sexual contact, kidnapping and possession of a deadly weapon during the commission of a felony.

Whitmarsh said the suspect targeted prostitutes and women walking on the street looking for rides.

"He would pick them up in his car and threaten them with a knife to perform sexual acts," he said.

Undercover police officers were positioned outside of Lums Pond State Park, he said. Sahin was taken into custody when he was seen driving his black Honda Prelude on Old Summit Road at Old County Road.

According to police, a woman he picked up in Elkton was in the car with Sahin. She was unharmed when police intervened and took Sahin into custody.

On Oct. 3, police sent out a citizen advisory which stated that there was a connection between four sexual assault incidents against women. The three prior attacks occurred in the area the week before.

The suspect approached the women, offered them a ride and then took them to different locations in Bear and Glasgow, where he sexually assaulted them.

According to a police press release on Oct. 4, an update was added to the advisory, stating a fifth sexual assault had occurred, which police connected to the same suspect.

Whitmarsh said along with the events on Oct. 3 and 4, Sahin is also being charged for incidents that occurred on May 24, Sept. 25 and 26 and Oct. 1.

These are the only occurrences Sahin is currently being charged with, he said. Eleven other assaults reported from last September to the present are not being connected to Sahin at this time.

"We can always indict later for additional charges," Whitmarsh said. "Our most solid evidence is on those he was charged with."

He said it is hard for police to

be prepared for situations like this.

"These incidents you can't prevent," Whitmarsh said. "He [was] trying to fulfill his sexual desires."

Sgt. David Bartholf of Public Safety said he helps run the Rape Aggression Defense program, which offers self-defense classes to women, he said. The class teaches women how to defend themselves against rape and abduction.

The class is free to women at university and their mothers and sisters, Bartholf said. There are three class sections offered in the Spring and the Fall Semesters. One male and one female instructor teach the classes.

"It is a pretty cool program," he said. "If you take RAD with us, you can take it in all 50 states for free."

Bartholf said students seem to have a general interest in learning how to protect themselves.

"This semester, all three classes were booked," he said.

Senior Loren Chiesi said it is important to educate the university community about defense from potential rapists.

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She said she owns a bottle of Mace, but does not carry it with her.

"Now I would be more aware and more nervous," Chiesi said. "People need to be aware of what is happening. Knowledge is power."

Brooke Vreken, sophomore and resident of Bear, said the proximity of the rape is frightening because Bear is only 20 minutes away from campus. She said she carries Mace on her keychain in case of emergencies.

"My dad makes me because he is overprotective," Vreken said. "But you just don't know — people are crazy. I mean you don't really think about it. It is just in your purse. I don't know if I would think to pull it out in time, but it makes you feel better to have it."

She said although many people have seen what is happening on the news and are aware of the consequences, students still put themselves in danger.

"Everyone says 'don't walk by yourself,' but you still see drunk girls walking by themselves," Vreken said. "There are people that are really aware of it, but there are still people that are not going to listen and put themselves at risk, which makes them easier targets for a rapist."



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Holocaust survivor Henri Parens addressed an audience of more than 150 on Sunday evening.

Holocaust survivor speaks of escape, mother's death

BY ELAN RONEN

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When Holocaust survivor Henri Parens took the stage at the Delaware Theatre Company in Wilmington Sunday night, the applause of the more than 150 people in attendance gave way to a foreboding silence.

Parens, a 78-year-old native of Poland, said he was 11 years old when the Nazis attacked Belgium in May 1940, forcing him and his mother to escape to the unoccupied territory in southern France. This effort proved to be futile, however, as they were rounded up and put in a detention camp in Toulouse before being transported to a concentration camp called Rivesaltes.

"The Rivesaltes barracks were one large open box," he said. "Dormitory, eating place, dwelling place — all packed in one area — our beds serving all furniture purposes."

Parens said he slept on a straw-filled mattress and was issued a coarse wool blanket. Making fires was prohibited inside the barracks, so he and others kept warm huddling close and using their own body heat.

Meals at the camp were meager, but the prisoners made the most of them, Parens said.

"In the mornings, we got one piece of bread, at times with one spoon of watery brown syrup, probably an attempt to make the bread more palatable," he said. "But you know it really wasn't necessary to make the bread more palatable, starvation convinced us that it was."

Parens said one day, his mother told him to escape and leave her behind. He planned to leave on Labor Day. His mother correctly guessed there would be fewer guards on patrol during the holiday.

"I don't remember our good-byes," he said. "I probably couldn't bear it, rejecting its imprinting in my memory."

Parens said he made his way to the perimeter of the camp and

pretended he was gathering pieces of wood to make a fire. When he saw no guard, he dropped to the ground and crawled through the thorny bushes that bordered the camp, using a potato sack to shield himself. Parens rushed across the final obstacle, a five-foot train embankment, and sprinted headlong into the surrounding vineyards.

He said he followed a highway to the nearest town and bought a train ticket using money his mother had given him.

Parens said a man noticed him on the train and said, "I know where you're coming from."

The words sent him into a panic. To his relief, the man told him not to be frightened and asked him if he was hungry, Parens said. "The man provided me with my first meal in nine months in a train station restaurant," he said.

Eventually, Parens managed to reach the OSE, a Jewish humanitarian agency that saved the lives of many Jewish children during World War II. He then was transported out of Europe, and was received by an American family who lived in Pittsburgh.

Parens said his mother was killed in Auschwitz on Aug. 14, 1942, three months before he left for the America. He said the date haunted him.

"I have repeated August 14, 1942, in an effort to inscribe it in my mind, in my brain," Parens said. "But until I wrote my memoirs, my brain kept resisting. I would write it down somewhere and then I couldn't find the paper where I put it."

The guilt he felt for her death was profound, a common sentiment among survivors, he said.

"I have wondered if my escape from Rivesaltes labeled my mother as an undesirable and contributed in her being selected for further descent into hell," Parens said. "Should I have refused to escape from Rivesaltes? Should I have not left my mother alone? Should I have refused to leave

France for America? Should I have gone with her to Auschwitz?"

He said he had not visited Auschwitz until two months ago, but he had visualized his mother's death many times.

"I have seen it happen, only in moments, pieces of time — the humiliation of being naked among naked others, the tortured moments of asphyxiation — relief, she didn't feel it anymore," Parens said.

Now a child psychologist, he said he has sought to understand what makes people harm others. The career decision, like many other aspects of his life, was influenced by the Holocaust, he said.

Anger and hostility in children can be provoked by intense psychological and emotional pain, Parens said. The kids who "run around the street destroying things" are generally those who have been traumatized or neglected.

He said his faith, like that of many other survivors, was deeply affected by the Holocaust.

"God is everything, everywhere," Parens said. "God doesn't plan. God can't prevent Holocausts."

Elkton resident Krista Moretz said she was moved by the presentation.

"I felt touched by the pain that he felt. I felt like he lost his faith," Krista said.

Nicole Alexandre, a university alumna, said Parens' presentation was intriguing and said she would have liked to hear more about how Parens' American foster family took him in.

"I felt like it was fate, like he was destined to escape," Alexandre said. "Now I want to read his book."

Bob Moretz, Krista's husband, said attending Parens' presentation was essential.

"We needed to hear it," Bob said. "We wanted to hear it first hand, from someone who had been there. This is the last generation that is going to hear it."

TopOff the town: preparing for an attack

Terrorist simulations prepare U.S. cities for emergencies

BY BRIAN ANDERSON
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Two U.S. cities and Guam were locations of terrorist-exercise drills this past week, making it the fourth time terrorist drills have been conducted on a national scale in the United States in seven years.

The drill, called TopOff 4, occurred in Portland, Ore. and Phoenix, Ariz. during the week of Oct. 15. TopOff 4 included 15,000 members from all levels of government, various law-enforcement agencies and businesses in the private sector.

Each TopOff exercise addresses a different threat. This year, a dirty bomb attack was simulated in Portland and Phoenix. In 2005, the exercise simulated the outbreak of a pneumonic plague in New Jersey and Connecticut.

James Kish, acting assistant administrator for the National Integration Center, said TopOff 4 has been planned for more than a year and a half. The NIC is part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which helps organize people during times of crisis, such as a terrorist strike or a natural disaster.

The exercise started in early October when intelligence reports were released to the officials involved, Kish said. It culminated last week when the dirty-bomb attack was simulated. Debriefing will continue for the next several months.

Some of the most important players in the process are businesses from the private sector, he said. Because the government does not own essential resources, the private sector must be relied upon.

"The government doesn't own the communication infrastructure," Kish said. "We have to have plans, procedures and practices in place so we can effectively do out-

reach and incorporate the owners of the nation's critical infrastructure relating to communication and bring them into this."

He said officials determine which type of threat they will test by focusing on evolving response tactics.

According to the Department of Homeland Security's official press conference, TopOff 4 concentrated on five areas: prevention, intelligence and investigation, incident management, public information and evaluation.

Wayne Sandford, deputy commissioner for the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security in Connecticut, said one of the most important aspects of exercises like this is the communication and interaction with people in different levels of government and in different organizations.

Sandford, who took part in TopOff 3, said large simulations allow officials to interact with each other before a real event occurs.

"It's a critical component of the process," he said. "When something happens for real, we're all better prepared to handle the incident."

Sandford said TopOff 3 is just one exercise that the state of Connecticut has participated in over the past few years. Sixty exercises occur annually in Connecticut and they all take six to nine months to plan. Larger exercises, like TopOff 3 and TopOff 4, take more than a year and a half to plan, he said.

Exercises like this are beneficial for all levels of government involved, Sandford said. Smaller, state-run exercises may prove more beneficial to individual states but larger exercises are important for both the state and the federal government.

"At the end of it, they're going to be very successful," he said. "They're going to identify some problems that need to be solved and in the coming years and months they'll address those issues."

Roger Shatzkin, a spokesman for the New Jersey Attorney General's Domestic Security Preparedness Task Force, said he worked for the state during the TopOff 3 exercise and got to see firsthand how the exercise worked.

Shatzkin said one of the biggest challenges in exercises like these is turning theory into reality.

"Even if you're walking through with people who are acting the parts, it's a different experience than just writing a report about how you do it on paper," he said. "It's a lot of details that you can't learn about by reading or studying. You have to actually test it in real life."

Andrew Grotto, a senior national security analyst at the Center for American Progress, said one of the biggest flaws in TopOff exercises is the lack of involvement by the general public.

Grotto said events like Hurricane Katrina have destroyed Americans' confidence in the government's ability to respond to crises. He said communities and large groups of people want to be involved with the organization of their emergency response plan.

"People buy into the plans," Grotto said. "They understand them. They feel a part of them, rather than feeling like cattle who are being herded along."

He said the official after-reports are not necessarily the most important results of these exercises. The goal of the simulations is to improve the government's ability to respond to natural and terrorist disasters.

"That is the point of the exercise -- to learn."

Main Street Mile a test for Newark athletes

BY BRIAN ANDERSON
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John Horne woke up on Saturday morning with a nervous feeling in his stomach. Horne, a participant in Newark's first Main Street Mile, knew this race would be challenging for him but he was excited to get on the road.

"I think it's fun to watch somebody with one leg run," he said.

John lost his right leg to bone cancer at the age of 15 and uses a prosthetic limb. Though running a mile may seem easy for many runners, John said this one-mile stretch would be difficult for him.

He said a three-kilometer or five-kilometer race would be too difficult but running a mile is realistic.

Using a prosthetic leg would be challenging for anyone, John said. In terms of running, he said he was worried his sweat might make his prosthetic leg slip or that his left leg would quickly tire.

"I'll be looking forward to seeing the sign of The Deer Park, that's for sure," John said.

The Main Street Mile was organized by Nic DeCaire, the owner of Fusion Fitness Center on Main Street.

DeCaire said the first-ever Main Street Mile drew between 150 and 200 people, who were divided into four different groups — men's elite, women's elite, men's open and women's open.

He said proceeds from the event went to the Newark Police Department's K-9 Unit. DeCaire said he wanted to give back to the unit because he felt they were an important part of the community.

John and DeCaire have been friends for many years. When John opened his prosthetics shop in Newark, DeCaire said John visited him at Fusion Fitness. It was then John decided to run the Main Street Mile

and DeCaire agreed to train him.

"He's always up for a challenge and I challenged him," DeCaire said. "He came through on it."

After the race, John crossed the finish line in nine minutes and 54 seconds. His time was better than he initially anticipated.

He said although he was fatigued near

the end, when he saw the stop clock at less than ten minutes, he was pleased with his performance.

"I feel exhilarated that it's over with," John said. "I feel OK. A little winded and stuff, but that's normal."

Running is a new challenge for John, as the Main Street Mile was the first running

event he has ever participated in, he said. Though he has gone skiing and skydiving, participating in a race was a first for him.

John said people often run with prosthetic limbs, but the hardest part for him was the conditioning aspect. Having a prosthetic leg brings its own challenges to the race but conditioning the body is most important.

Despite his participation in the race, he said running has never been his favorite sport.

"Running is not an activity that I necessarily say I enjoy, if that's a nice way to put it," he said. "But it was worth the challenge."

John said his wife, JoAnna, inspired him to run the race.

JoAnna said while they were sitting at the dinner table one night, John said he could run a mile and went out and attempted to do so. After less than a half of a mile, JoAnna said she had to pick up her husband in their car and he was out of breath.

"I said, 'It's not that you can't do it, but you have to condition and work out,'" JoAnna said.

She said she was excited for race day and was anxious to see her husband run. She said it was a great feeling watching her husband cross the finish line.

JoAnna said her husband has worked hard and she was happy to see him accomplish this feat.

"When he says he's [going to] do something, he does it," she said.

John said he was pleased with his performance and proud he endured the training and the race.

"I accomplished it," John said. "It's just something you put down in one of the chapters in the book of life."



The inaugural Main Street Mile was held last Saturday morning.

Courtesy of Newark Post

Career criminals may target city

BY COURTNEY BAILEY

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With the city of Newark housing a sometimes overwhelming number of people nine months out of the year, some say it is the perfect place for career criminals to lurk.

Eric Rise, an associate professor of criminal justice, said a career criminal is defined as someone who is a repeat offender and has a long history of committing crimes.

"Some people argue that they keep turning to crime because all other opportunities are blocked off to them," Rise said. "Others argue that these criminals get a psychological thrill out of it."

He said career criminals are usually in their twenties and tend to stop committing crimes when they settle down, get married and have children.

"The incentives of being a career criminal for some is the thrill-seeking," he said. "Some are also trying to get by without employment."

Lt. Brian Henry of the Newark Police Department said there is no real way to know how many career criminals are in Newark.

"Career criminals are not tracked because there isn't a tracking device to do so," Henry said. "But their criminal history is flagged and they are labeled this for sentencing purposes."

He said in order for a repeat offender to be considered a career criminal, they must have been previously convicted of three felonies and then be convicted of a fourth. If someone meets this criterion, on that fourth felony conviction, he or she is subject to life in prison, regardless of the normal sentence.

"In certain cases, if someone has two prior felonies, the third felony will trigger this," Henry said. "For example, if someone commits arson, burglary, murder or rape [as a third offense]."

He said those who are repeat offenders of misdemeanors can face jail time, but they are not classified as career criminals.

Judges issue bench warrants for criminals who fail to show up to court. In serious cases, the bail will be set extremely high so they cannot be bailed out. The police department also takes different approaches to looking for criminals with a warrant depending on the severity of the crime.

"Sometimes those we are looking for get pulled over or have contact with police for some reason, and when we look them up, we see that they have a warrant out on them," Henry said. "We do get a list of wanted people who may be in the area and send officers out to find them. Depending on how serious the crime is, we will have police out looking for them until we find them, or we are sure that they are no longer in the city, but for lesser offense it tends to go under the radar."

He said, in his experience, most career criminals are not been home-

less. Whereas homeless persons are more likely to commit misdemeanor crimes, career criminals are sometimes supporting drug habits, which lead them to commit felonies such as burglary and robbery. Other career criminals are sexual predators or rapists.

"There must be a cooperative effort between courts with sentencing and probation officers to keep them off the street," Henry said. "The probation officers have to make sure they are abiding their probation. Law enforcement also needs to know when they are in the community."

Career criminals are not attributed to any one area, he said.

"It is a varied environment — if anything, there are fewer [criminals] in Newark because it is a smaller town," he said.

Rise said he agrees with Henry on the location of career criminals.

"Criminals tend to victimize their own neighborhoods," he said. "Yes, they can come here because the population can be right for victimization, but most criminals don't travel around looking for their victim."

Senior Paul Blessing said he has noticed college towns tend to have lower-income housing and lower-paying jobs due to the vast number of college students.


"This becomes problematic because students are not the only people living in the low-income housing, there are also people from lower [socio-economic] backgrounds that are not well-educated and turn to crime as their means of achievement," Blessing said. "This is not to say all people that come from lower [socio-economic] backgrounds are criminals, but there certainly is a correlation between crime, poverty and a lack of education."

He said he thinks criminals may come to Newark to take advantage of college students because they are more vulnerable. He said students can learn to defend themselves, but are often easy targets.

"Most students have money and nice things, which makes them even more desirable targets," Blessing said.

He said the biggest problem he has noticed is that students and the police departments tend to misunderstand one another. If they learned to communicate effectively, then issues would be solved.

"Personally I feel the police departments should hire students, not as officers, to patrol the campus on foot during later hours to see if any unusual activity is occurring," Blessing said. "They could then report this information back to the police departments, who in turn could catch a lot of crime before it happens. I feel this would also work as an excellent deterrent if there were undercover students on campus. This would also give several criminal justice majors an opportunity to get some experience in the field."



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Vermont group promotes alternative drinking laws

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Choose Responsibility, a nonprofit organization from Middlebury College in Vermont, is advocating lowering the drinking age from 21 to 18.

John McCardell, former president of Middlebury and current history professor, promotes the right of teenagers considered legal adults to make their own decisions about the consumption of alcohol.

"Youths don't like being patronized for this," McCardell said. "It's OK to serve on a jury, in the military and to sign a contract. It's condescending to young adults."

He said he researched the current drinking-age law over the past two years and founded Choose Responsibility last December.

Many organizations do not support the ideals of Choose Responsibility. It has faced opposition from national groups such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the National Transit Safety Board and Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, which all believe the legal age should remain 21.

Russ Rader, spokesman of media relations for IIHS, said he is in opposition to McCardell's group.

"Research is clear that the higher drinking age has saved lives," Rader said. "When the drinking age is lower, the number of fatal crashes is up. When the drinking age is raised, the number of accidents is lower."

Nancy Nutt, program director of Wellspring, stated in an e-mail message that she supports Rader on this issue.

Nutt said keeping the drinking age at 21 saves lives and returning it to 18 would cause more drunk-

en-driving accidents for teenagers.

Inexperienced drinkers could put their life in jeopardy, she said. Having an older drinking age gives young people time to mature before they begin to use alcohol.

McCardell said Choose Responsibility is based on the idea that teenagers would take an alcohol-education class, similar to the driver's education class they must take to obtain a driver's license. Students would then receive a license to consume alcohol.

"It's really difficult because we're not saying it's OK to go out and break the law," he said. "We want young adults to engage their officials to change the law."

Rader said he does not believe any sort of education is going to help reduce the dangers of drinking before age 21.

"People involved in Choose Responsibility say what we need is education, and that will cause them to do it responsibly," he said. "There is no evidence that education does anything to change behavior. By lowering the drinking age, we're denying the existence of years of research that show it works."

"We're throwing out this 'pie in the sky' notion that education is the solution to young people drinking irresponsibly."

McCardell said he is aware of the opposition's efforts to maintain the drinking age.

"MADD called a big press conference in Washington, D.C. last week," he said. "No one knew the purpose of the press conference. It was just to denounce our efforts. There was no new information or announcements. It was to say they were committed to preserving legal age."

Freshman Paola Guido said

she supports the stance of Choose Responsibility.

"I think it makes sense that if you can fight in a war, then you're responsible enough to drink and know your limit," Guido said.

She said toughening the drinking laws to crack down on those who are driving drunk might prove beneficial.

Freshman Justin Santiago also supports the proposed lower drinking age.

"If I can deal with the stresses of being 18 and a legal adult, I should be able to get involved with the good things," Santiago said. "You can't give me stresses and then not get any good effects."

Rader said he maintains his beliefs but said discussions about the issue are beneficial.

"We're happy to have a debate about this," he said. "Our side highlights science to show that the minimum drinking age should be 21. It's not based on wishful thinking of lowering drinking age."

McCardell said his campaign is spreading to campuses all over the country, including Syracuse University and George Washington University.

He said the current drinking age is unfair.

"Eighteen is an adult with responsibilities. It's age discrimination," McCardell said.

Senior Dan Bilodeau said he supports Choose Responsibility because he believes students can be accountable for their actions.

"I think it's a good idea because most college kids have groups of friends that will look out for each other while drinking," Bilodeau said.



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Students attended Get Wacky Not Wasted to promote alcohol awareness.

On-campus event offers alternatives to student drinking

BY JESSICA O'HARA

Staff Reporter

Pumpkin painting, mocktails and life-size Connect Four games lured students into the Bacchus Theater Friday night to attend Get Wacky Not Wasted.

The yearly event, sponsored by V8, featured video games, cookie decorating and a photo booth with oversized props. According to event coordinators, the popular mechanical bull did not return this year due to liability and insurance issues.

The event marked the culmination of National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, which started on Oct. 15.

The university sponsored lectures every day last week to educate and inform students about the consequences of alcohol.

Wellspring outreach coordinator, Nicole Solomon, said alcohol use can be harmful.

"At least one out of every five college students abandons safe sex practices while drunk," Solomon said. "In addition, one night of heavy drinking can impair your ability to think abstractly for up to 30 days."

Not all university students drink, according to 2006 statistics provided by Wellspring. Thirty-nine percent of first-year university students reported abstaining from alcohol use six weeks into their first semester.

Senior Tiffany Mease, V8's vice president, said the organization neither promotes nor discourages drinking.

"V8 is not an anti-drinking club," Mease said. "It focuses on teaching people to be responsible for their actions whether they choose to drink or not."

V8's president, senior Mary Caroline Wioncek, said the organization tries to offer students alternative ways to have fun.

"Events run by V8 are designed to show that there can be fun without alcohol," Wioncek

said.

Solomon said the group's efforts benefit university undergraduates.

"I believe V8 is an excellent student organization and the activities planned will offer a great alternative for students who are looking for something to do that does not involve alcohol use," she said. "Many students may realize that they are capable of having fun without being under the influence."

At Friday night's event, Christiana Hospital employees demonstrated the effects of alcohol through the use of beer goggles and a computerized blood alcohol content simulator.

Christiana nurse Virginia Corrigan displayed a variety of graphic photos that depicted car accidents caused by drunken drivers.

Corrigan said she welcomed the chance to come back for a second year.

"Events like these are effective in letting students learn the facts and realities that come with poor decision making," she said.

Corrigan said, however, she is unsure if the event attracted the intended audience.

"The small percentage of university students that do attend are usually the ones that are concerned and know how to behave responsibly," she said. "Christiana wants to reach those students who use alcohol inappropriately or in excess and teach them the fates they are tempting with their current behaviors."

Many students tried the goggles and found it difficult to walk in a straight line. The goggles simulated blood alcohol levels from .06 to .20.

Senior Kelly Moltzen said the people who attended the event might not be the ones who need to receive V8's message.

"Most people in attendance tonight are the students who would rather not drink anyway," Moltzen said.

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BROCCOLI BENEFICIAL IN PREVENTING SKIN CANCER

New research suggests that broccoli can prevent the damage from ultraviolet light that often leads to skin cancer.

In tests on people and hairless mice, a green smear of broccoli-sprout extract blocked the potentially cancer-causing damage usually inflicted by sunlight and showed potential advantages over sunscreens.

The product is still in early stages of development. Among other issues to be worked out is how best to remove the extract's

green pigments, which do not contribute to its protective effects and would give users a temporary Martian complexion.

But scientists said the research represents a significant advance because the extract works not by screening out the sun's rays — which has the downside of blocking sun-induced vitamin D production — but by turning on the body's natural cancer-fighting machinery. Once stimulated, those mechanisms work for days, long after the extract is washed away.

OBAMA DEFENDS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR IMMIGRANTS

Barack Obama dove into California's most contentious policy debates Saturday at an east Los Angeles appearance where he defended immigration reform and affirmative action and criticized Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's veto of a measure to extend college scholarships to students in the country illegally.

During a question-and-answer session, he declared that if a student had been brought to this

country illegally but had been going to school "like every other American child, it is cruel and stupid for us to suddenly say to them we're not going to give you college scholarships."

On the broader topic of immigration, Obama reiterated his support for a comprehensive plan that would have tightened security at the border but given a "pathway" to citizenship for the millions already in the country illegally.

STUDY FINDS NEANDERTHALS POSSESSED LANGUAGE SKILLS

Neanderthals probably had the gift of gab, according to a study examining a key language gene in the extinct species.

Until now, humans were thought to have a unique version of FOXP2, the only gene shown to play a role in language. People who are missing a copy have difficulty with speaking and language comprehension.

The version of the gene in chimpanzees — mankind's closest living relatives — is different from

that of humans in two places. But two Neanderthals who died 43,000 years ago had the same kind of FOXP2 as people alive today, researchers reported Friday in *Current Biology*.

The researchers were able to extract the gene from two Neanderthal bones recovered from a cave in northern Spain. The bones were exceptionally well preserved, probably because the two Neanderthals had been cannibalized.

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

police reports

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY AT K-MART IN COLLEGE SQUARE

On Sunday at approximately 10 p.m., two unknown suspects attempted to rob the K-Mart store in College Square, Cpl. Paul Keld of the Newark Police Department said.

The victim, a 48-year-old female employee said she was exiting an office after closing when one of the suspects grabbed her arm and pointed a handgun at her. The victim screamed, and the two suspects ran out of the store, Keld said.

The Newark Police Department attempted a K-9 track which was unsuccessful and then turned over the case to detectives, he said.

UNIVERSITY STUDENT ARRESTED IN BASEBALL BAT ASSAULT

This past Saturday, two 18-year-old males were attacked with a baseball bat in the Scholar Drive parking lot at 3:29 a.m., Keld said.

The victims claimed they were visiting friends in the lot when two 21-year-old university students approached them. The two groups engaged in a verbal altercation which then prompted the suspects to produce a baseball bat, Keld said.

Newark Police entered the parking lot to find the victims fleeing the scene after one of the suspects hit one of the victims with a baseball bat. One of the suspects, Brian Elfand, was arrested and charged with assault second and menacing, Keld said.

— Katie Rogers

Students who drink at home less likely to binge in college

BY COURTNEY BAILEY

Staff Reporter

New research shows excess drinking in college may be curbed by parents who allow their children to drink moderately during their teen years.

Barbara Deichert, a substance abuse counselor for Wellspring Student Wellness Program, said drinking to get drunk is dangerous at any age, but has specific implications for younger people.

Deichert said young people often begin using alcohol because they believe it is a fun activity to engage in with friends. Drinking makes it easier to socialize and form healthy friendships and romantic relationships. As this behavior becomes more repetitive or consistent, tolerance to alcohol increases and young people often end up using more alcohol to achieve the desired euphoric effect.

"The problem is that an increase in alcohol intake has a host of physical, emotional, mental and situational risks," she said. "When young people begin to depend on alcohol for a good time or to help them make friends, they are really cheating themselves out of learning healthy ways of communicating and expressing themselves."

Deichert said growth and development cannot occur if young people do not push themselves out of their comfort zones and find new ways to solve problems. Excess drinking may make things easier in the short run, but it can postpone development and actually prolong emotionally upsetting or difficult situations.

She said there are a number of studies that show the effects of heavier or extended use of alcohol.

It can have a negative impact on impulse control, memory function and decision making. Alcohol can also disrupt sleep, which contributes to temporary learning and memory impairment, she said.

"In young people, there are parts of the brain that are still continuing to develop during adolescence and even in the early 20s," Deichert said. "These are the hippocampus, which affects memory and ability to absorb and retain new information, and the prefrontal areas of the brain, which

play an important role in planning, decision making and impulse control."

She said as a result of using alcohol to socialize, relax, feel less inhibited or escape, young people can also start to rely on defense mechanisms that can keep them from making positive changes and perpetuate behaviors that hold them back or repeat choices they will later regret.

"Young people that use alcohol in these ways can learn early on how to minimize or rationalize their drinking or the things they do while they are drinking," Deichert said. "When a person does this enough, this can start to become a permanent way of coping with life or explaining away unhealthy or dangerous behaviors."

Junior Liz Pierce said her par-

heavily or experimenting with drugs," Pierce said. "I think that if they went through this phase earlier, or at least had an understanding of their limits, then there would be [fewer] problems."

Sophomore Jason Buchta, who said he does not drink alcohol, said although his parents encouraged him not to drink, they still allowed him to make his own decisions. He said he thinks this freedom is the reason he has chosen not to drink in college.

Buchta said he thinks if people were allowed to drink responsibly at a younger age, there would be less of a binge-drinking problem in college.

"If anyone has ever been to a place where alcohol laws are not as strictly enforced as they are here — Europe and Central

America, for example — they will have found that binge drinking is not nearly as prevalent in college society, or American society as a whole," he said.

Junior Kelly Kemp said she has been drinking since she was 13 years old. She said her father has never cared about her drinking, but her mother does not approve.

"She would just tell me not to drink and drive and let some friends come over and drink when I was in high school," Kemp said. "My dad drinks moderately — only a beer at lunch and dinner. He goes out every once in a while, but my mom barely

drinks."

She said she is not sure if parental supervision would prevent students from drinking excessively because her parents have seen her consume alcohol and it does not affect her lifestyle.

Sophomore Mike Boyd said his father is an alcoholic and his mother rarely drinks. He never wanted to drink around his parents.

"I never drank until college and I feel very strongly that my reasons for this are because of learning from my dad's mistakes and seeing that I would be at risk if I started drinking," Boyd said.

He said he does not think moderate drinking during teenage years would avert binge drinking later in life because alcohol is an addictive substance and even moderate use has a negative effect.

"I believe the only way to curb or avoid binge drinking in college is self-control," Boyd said.



ONLINE POLL

Q: What age do you feel should be the legal drinking age?

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Drinking age should be lower

Many rights given at 18, why is drinking not one?

For a group of young students at the Middlebury College in Vermont, lowering the legal drinking age has become their new mission.

Choose Responsibility, the group's official name, has been facing some harsh criticism from groups like Mothers Against Drunk Driving because their plan of action is to lower the drinking age from 21 to 18.

While we understand the criticisms groups like MADD voice, we feel that lowering the drinking age is a step in the right direction. Having a lower drinking age could be used as a chance to educate the younger generation about the dangers of alcohol sooner.

For instance, if the drinking age was lowered to 19, alcohol-awareness classes could be taught more thoroughly through high schools, something similar to drivers education. This way, students have to attend the class and pass before they have their first drink.

Another reason the drinking age should be lowered is that right now we set it apart from all other responsibilities. At the age of 18, one can buy cigarettes, drive a car, rent a hotel room and fight for their country in a foreign land during a war, but they cannot legally have a drink with

their family.

By making people wait until 21, we set alcohol apart from everything and give it the feeling that it is that much worse than other adult actions or potential vices.

For example, according to Whudafxup.com, cigarettes contribute to approximately 4.8 million deaths per year, whereas alcohol contributes to approximately 100,000 per year due to excessive alcohol drinking.

Not that either of these things are good, but the fact that you only have to be 18 to buy cigarettes, but any age to smoke them, makes it seem like they may be less frowned upon than drinking.

Also, by having the age at 21, we set the forbidden fruit ideal of alcohol. One reason why kids start drinking at such a young age is because they are continuously told not to drink.

The age of 19 is the right age to allow people to have a drink. At this point in their life they are, for the most part, out of high school and entering into either the real world or college. This is the time when most kids are expected to start acting like adults, why not allow them to have a drink like one.

Obscure classes good for mind

University should offer more offbeat classes for students

College is a time to expand one's horizons and take risks with things you may not normally do.

That is why universities should be commended for offering a range of different, off-beat topics to their curriculum.

This type of variety and choice is exactly what the liberal arts programs should be striving to offer.

It is a great opportunity for those who may not have had a chance to try something different, that may be unlike their own culture, and learn about how they are connected and work as one.

One major step, though, is that not enough people know about the courses that are offered here at the university.

Each department should advertise what they offer each term. This way students would be able to see what the university has and can decide if it is something which sparks their interest.

The university has many professors who specialize in a wide range of interesting topics.

For example, philosophy professor Richard Hanley, an expert on "Star Wars" or English profes-

sor Thomas Pauly who has conducted specialized research in the effects of sensationalized crime in the 20's.

The opportunity to have gain a new perspective on a different culture cannot be over looked because of how important it is.

The hip-hop culture class which was offered, really is a great opportunity for students of this university to branch outside of their box and learn about something totally different.

Other universities across the nation are also offering a wide range of topics to garner the attention of their students.

For example, the University of Oregon offers a class called Techno Sex and Cyborg Babies, which explores the integration of technology into processes such as pregnancy and birth.

Education is supposed to be engaging, interesting and spark debate and free thought.

With classes based on interesting and obscure topics, the chance to start debate in class or open up minds to things that students may not have thought about increases.

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"Don't take it personal...It's just business."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Disagreement over Turkish government

In the article titled, "Genocide bill disrupts U.S.-Turkish relations," in the Oct. 19 issue of The Review, several points which were made were not correct.

First, Stuart Kaufman, professor of political science and international relations, said the Turkish government is being unreasonable and should be challenged on the issue because their uncompromising position destroys the possibility of reaching a diplomatic solution.

This statement is not correct. The Turkish government has invited Armenians several times to create an independent international historian panel which will research the archives of the Ottoman empire and the Armenian government to conclude if there was a genocide or not. This invitation was even advertised in American papers such as *The New York Times* and *The Wall Street Journal*.

Even though this invitation was repeated many times, to date there has still not been a positive response from the Armenian government.

This is an issue of historians, not politicians. Turkish people are not escaping from their history, they want the truth to come to light.

This can only happen, though, if both countries participate and leave this to the historians.

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Parking problems on Homecoming

Around 8 a.m. on Homecoming, five of my friends and I crammed into my car and headed down to our first university homecoming as alumni.

But our quick little drive down South College Avenue turned into

more than an hour drive. We soon found out that all traffic was being directed to a single open entrance down state Route 4.

Let me ask this question to the university — "why would you only open one parking gate when there are approximately 22,000 people trying to get in?"

This was the absolute worst organized parking situation I have ever seen in my life. I have seen venues which hold more than 100,000 people do a better job.

If anything the university should be allowing as many vehicles in as possible — they would be making \$2 per car faster.

Is this a sign of what is to come from the universities in president, Patrick Harker? I hope not — and lets all pray they review the parking situation.

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Last week's poll results

Q: Is it sexist to allow females to dance on the countertop of Little Caesars for free pizza?

61% No
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Colbert may be the 'man for the job'



Truthiness and Comedy For All

Adam Asher

What does it take to get America's vote in running for president?

One week ago, as I sat comfortably in my bed getting my daily dose of political satire, an old question was raised both in my mind and on television. If the average, relatively intelligent college student could choose a candidate for president regardless of political experience or any other qualifications, who would it be? Would it be feasible?

In my experience, it is not uncommon for students to get their news and political opinions from comedians like Jon Stewart, Bill Maher or anyone else with a microphone. As a result of our dependence on entertainment as an educational tool, the line between politics and comedy gets blurrier with each passing day and this question becomes surprisingly relevant.

As I pondered the image of Robin Williams in "Man of the Year," and the idea that Arnold Schwarzenegger was only the beginning, the answer rode across the stage of "The Daily Show" on a rickshaw pulled by a bike-riding Uncle Sam and danced across the stage triumphantly — this was the beginning of

Stephen Colbert's campaign for president in 2008.

At first, I was confused. Had I just witnessed the beginning of an elaborate joke or a serious bid for presidency? Was this real, or just my own personal political wet dream?

According to *The New York Times*, representatives for the late night talk show host had actually called the Democratic Party in South Carolina, the only state in which Colbert would like to be on the ballot, to inquire about filing papers to run, three weeks before he announced it on his show. He even has a Web site where registered voters in South Carolina can sign a petition to get him on the ballot.

It is definitely real.

Colbert's character, and it is a character, is a satirical caricature of the Republican Party. He passionately embraces every flaw he can find in anything the Bush administration does to appeal to a mostly Democratic crowd. However, to be true to his audience and his character, Colbert decided to run as both a Democrat and a Republican.

By running as both, his joke plays off of the notion that half of America would be happier with someone who has a sense of humor about politics than someone who actually knows the nature of the beast. This leaves the other half to misunderstand the character and vote for Colbert on the grounds that he represents their values.

Although it was shocking to see the scenario play out, I was not entirely surprised. I

have seen too many "Stewart/Colbert '08" bumper stickers to count, in addition to the countless invites I have received from Facebook groups of a similar nature. All this publicity has made it seem like fans have been running a campaign for the host without being asked.

Clearly, America thinks the only necessary qualifications for president are a loose knowledge of how the political system works, an ability to observe the current workings of the country and a coherent, intelligent way of making it funny.

I read the newspaper. I like to think I can crack a good joke every now and again. By this logic, I could be president, but believe me, you do not want me to be president. Not to say the real Colbert isn't smart, and he is, but either he is convincing enough to sell America on his knowledge of the system, or Americans do not care about his inexperience.

The strangest part is it does not seem that farfetched. Would you be more frightened if you saw Colbert in the oval office or Borat?

What is the difference? They both play characters who are well-crafted, both have had to do plenty of research to perfect their characters and both are able to convince millions they are who they say they are.

More importantly, both characters represent a mirror for our society. Take a look at Borat for just a minute. He is an ignorant guy who hates Jewish people and views women as objects. Now look at how many American's he has spoken to who share similar values.

Take a look at Colbert, who claims to be a conservative blowhard with endless faith in every word out of President Bush's mouth. Is that really so different from much of our country? Not to say every member of the Republican Party is an uneducated mindless follower, because that would just be ridiculous, but it is not that far-fetched to suggest a real life Colbert might exist somewhere in America.

If that person does exist, this must be their favorite election year ever. Sitting back and hearing each Republican candidate claiming to be the most conservative, regardless of a country which is deeply divided in its political opinions must be a little slice of heaven. I can only guess what they might think of Colbert — and if they get the joke.

Either way, Colbert clearly understands both sides of America and makes everyone, red or blue, laugh until they are tickled pink. If he did not understand the conservatives he would have a hard time embodying them satirically, and if he did not understand the liberals, he would not be able to make them laugh on a nightly basis. It seems to me, Colbert might be the only guy who legitimately caters to both sides, even if it is not on any major issues.

It is a frightening notion, but maybe Colbert is the man for the job.

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The tools are not at fault, take responsibility

Guest Commentary

Kevin Brett

It is time to realize Facebook itself is not the problem.

The Review hates Facebook.

Seem like an outlandish statement? Not if you happened to read the Oct. 15 issue of the university's student newspaper. There were three articles focused on the popular Web site, — two of which outright vilified the site while the other highlighted its usefulness as a gossip forum and a way to keep tabs on significant others.

All three contributed to effectively reducing the social utility to nothing more than a "stalk-machine." Such a viewpoint is not only wrong, but downright slanderous.

Facebook does not stalk people. People stalk people.

Let's put it in perspective. Facebook is a tool — no more, no less. Tools can be used in numerous ways.

Take a hammer, for instance. A hammer can be used to nail together pieces of wood, or

it can be used to nail people on the head. If you find yourself using a hammer to nail people on the head, does that make the hammer the problem?

No, the problem is you.

On the other hand, maybe you are not going around nailing people in the head, but you are worried that somebody else is going to hammer your head. Does that mean we should all sacrifice our ability to build things and campaign against hammers so no one's head can be hammered? That does not make sense.

I would rather keep my hammer so I could build things, while surrounding myself with trusted friends who would not hammer me on the head.

Granted, the hammer analogy is a tad abstract, so let's get more specific.

There are certain aspects of Facebook which may seem intrusive and unnecessary, but they are not permanent fixtures to the Facebook format. Everything can be adjusted to fit personal privacy preferences.

So what is all the complaining about?

People cannot stalk you if they cannot see your information. Also, if you are friend requesting people who are not actually your friends, whose fault is that?

People love to complain Facebook is a waste of time, that it is conducive to hours upon hours of pointless sifting through profiles and pictures. Look at the previous sentence, and replace the word "Facebook" with "television",

and the words "profiles" and "pictures" with "channels" and "programs".

Whose fault is it if you sit around all day and do nothing but watch TV? Is it the TV's fault? No, it is your fault. The same goes for Facebook.

Take responsibility for your actions.

Then we have the, "My-facebook-profile-does-not-accurately-represent-who-I-am" argument.

Do your clothes accurately represent who you are? Does your car? What about the posters in your room? Does your resume, your major or your GPA fully and accurately represent who you are?

These things may partially represent you, but it would be utterly impossible to find something which completely defines you.

Why should Facebook be any different?

Just like everything else, Facebook is an opportunity to display yourself in a favorable way, but it is up to you to take advantage of it.

If you have a problem with the fact that your parents, professors and future employers are going to evaluate your Facebook persona, then consider for a second that maybe the problem is not Facebook, but in the way you are presenting yourself.

If you portray yourself in a responsible, tasteful way, employers may be even more impressed with you.

You choose what you broadcast. If you put stupid and immature things in your profile, you

are going to look stupid and immature. It is not rocket science — welcome to the real world.

The excuse that makes me laugh most is "I quit Facebook because my friends were only communicating with me through Facebook."

To be honest, I feel sorry for these people. If your friends think they can sufficiently sustain your relationship through Facebook without any personal interaction, chances are that they are either not very good friends, or very shallow individuals. In either case, I wish you the best of luck.

The reality is Facebook can be a very useful tool when used properly. The Facebook format makes it easier to manage relationships with larger groups of people than ever before, which is why it has achieved mainstream status. It is a communication tool. Use it appropriately and it could prove to be very beneficial.

It is just like the hammer.

If you don't want to own a hammer, then do not. Just know that you won't be able to build things.

If you do not want to use Facebook, then do not. Just be aware that you might have a more difficult time communicating with a broad network of people.

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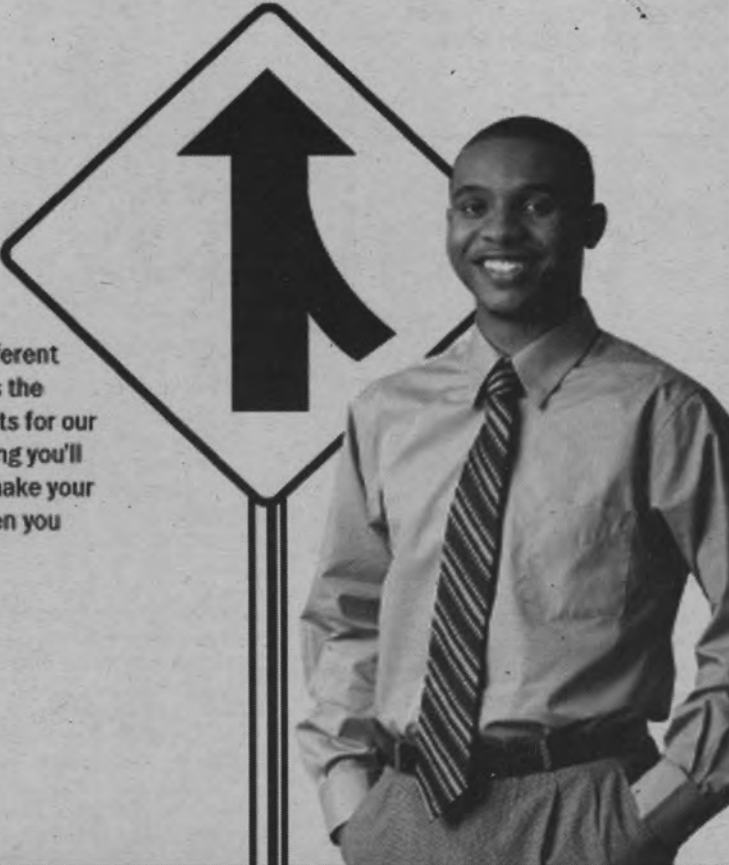
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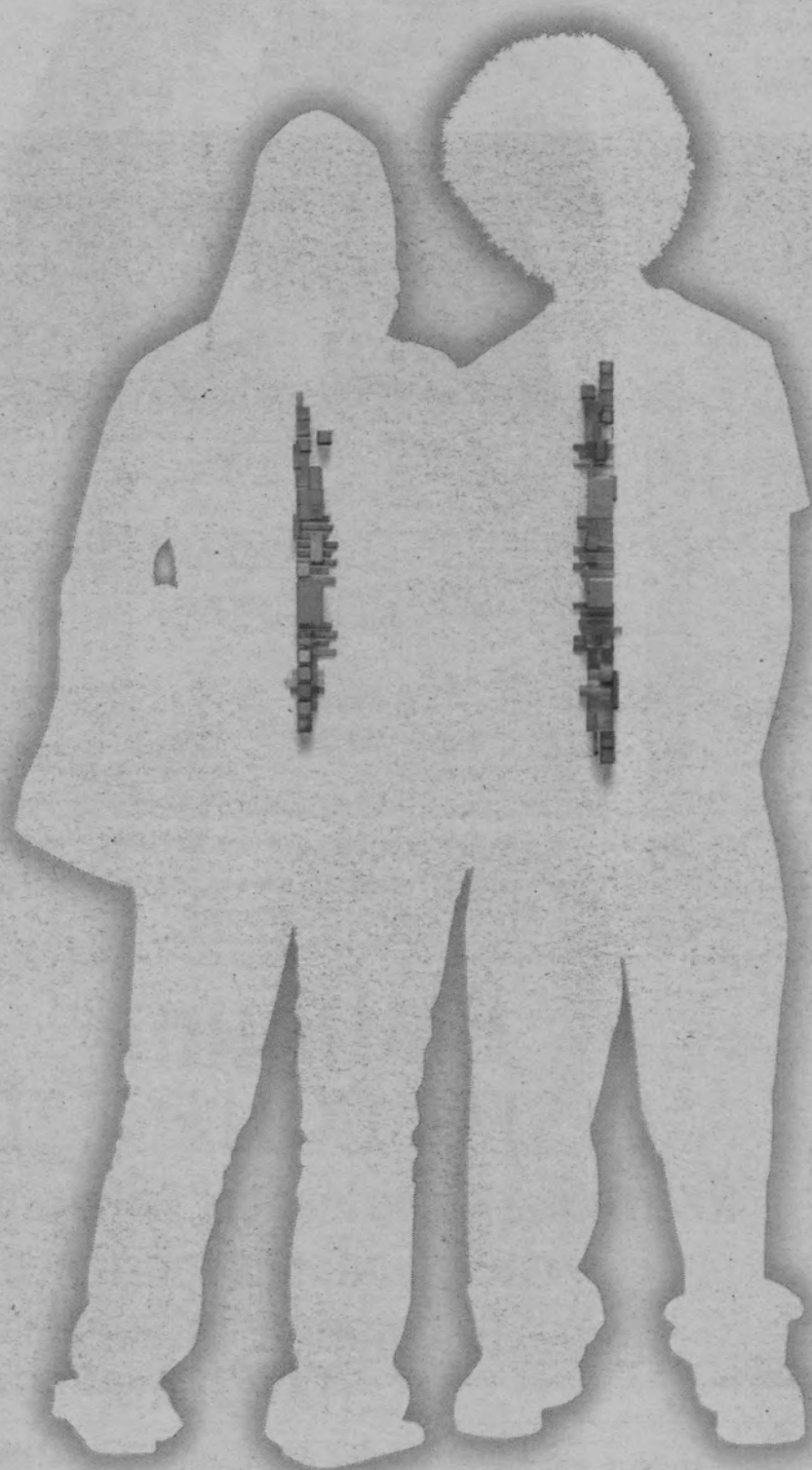
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Bar enthusiasts open ambitious tab

BY TED SIMMONS

Staff Reporter

With the end of summer approaching and *Spark* magazine's annual bar guide release, Joanna Matarese and a group of friends devised a plan to evade the cool weather boredom.

As of Aug. 23, Matarese and a group of four friends, including her younger brother Bob Matarese and friend Michael Manlove, put themselves to the task of hitting all 189 bars on *Spark*'s guide in one calendar year.

That works out to one bar every 1.8 days, a tall order for even the most avid bar enthusiast.

Their bar-guide challenge is more marathon than crawl.

Joanna describes the list as "an inspiration" for a journey designed to introduce the group to new beverages and bar scenes and explore the many interests to which Delaware bars cater.

"It's funny," Bob says. "None of us are taking it seriously. It's just a way for us to see new places, and a chance to do something different."

With a large grin and a full glass, the ambitious group is attracting attention from more than just the media — it is establishing a fan following as well. The five-person challenge has grown upward to 20 members, some familiar and some not.

Joanna says she is unfazed by the picked-up hitchhikers, saying assimilation into their group shouldn't be difficult.

"We haven't done any group outings yet, but we'll see how everything goes," she says. "Some people are a little leery about people we don't know joining, but I think it'll be fine. We're all fun and down-to-earth people."

Manlove isn't among the apprehensive, instead seeing the growth as positive.

"I think it's great — the more the merrier," Manlove says. "We try to plan outings, but everyone's a working professional."

Work, distance and time all pose obstacles for each "Challenger," which makes having a larger group conducive to completing the guide.

Bob says his commitment is strained, but he will give his best effort regardless.

"I live in Lewes, so it's going to be

tough for me to make a big dent in the list," he says. "I'll try to make it up[state], but I can hit the ones down here. Part of the reason we did it was to meet more people."

With that goal, the challenge is shaping up to be an early success. The group has already visited sites ranging from biker bars to establishments on Main Street. Joanna says while her experiences differ from place to place, the reception hasn't.

"We've seen a lot of different crowds. We might get 'you don't belong' looks, but everyone is still nice," she says. "We've been welcome by everyone everywhere we go."

Joanna and Manlove, both of whom graduated from the university, found revisiting old favorites such as Klondike Kate's and Shaggy's on Main to be a different experience this time around.

"We had a great time in Newark," Joanna says, "but it's weird being older now."

As the marathon picks up speed, the group is noticing different reactions at each pit stop.

"We had to go through metal detectors at Pharos," Joanna says, recalling memorable locales. "When the bartenders know what we're doing, they're great to us."

They've been allowed on top of and behind bars, but she admits they "haven't done anything too crazy."

Everyone in the group agrees the emphasis of the challenge isn't on the craziness that drinking brings, but rather the camaraderie.

Less than two months in, the group has reached 51 bars and is looking to build upon the memories made with friends both new and old.

"A friend of mine outside the country requested that we wait for him before we visit Haks, a New Castle strip club," Bob says.

Joanna says the extended bar crawl provides an outlet for the group of friends to share an experience.

"It's a chance to visit new places and create new memories," she says. "It hasn't changed us at all. The challenge was motivated for us to have something to do during the year, and to be able to spend more time together."



Courtesy of Hilary Silverman

Hilary Silverman (center) traveled with her family and friends to compete in "Wheel of Fortune's" college week.

Student takes a fortunate spin through college week

BY SAMMI CASSIN

Entertainment Editor

Deep down, everyone wants to be a television star. Students watch their favorite shows every night in the hopes that someday they will be discovered in the mall, asked to join the cast of an award-winning series and throw their careers in political science or chemistry out the window.

Junior Hilary Silverman got to live that dream on Wednesday when she appeared on "Wheel of Fortune's" college week.

Silverman and a few close friends gathered in her apartment to watch the show. Back home in Pittsburgh, her parents hosted their own viewing party at a local restaurant.

"Lots of family and friends were there," Silverman says. "My parents said it was a blast. Everyone they knew was there and cheering me on, even though most of them knew what was going to happen."

Silverman was in Pittsburgh when the "Wheel of Fortune" bus came to her town and handed out applications. She had been a fan of the show for a long time and filled out one of the forms. She later received a letter telling her she would be a contestant.

"The letter said you could be called to be a contestant anywhere from that day to a year and a half later," she says. "I was really just trying not to think about it. I just figured I wouldn't be called for a while, but they called me two weeks later and told me my show was in two weeks in L.A."

Silverman says filming isn't easy. She arrived at the studio at 7:15 a.m. and had to sit through five hours of rules, protocol and paperwork before they began shooting the first show.

"It made me even more nervous than I already was," she says. "They told you all these things to do and you had to remember everything. But once I was on stage, all my nerves turned to excitement."

Silverman says while walking on the set, she was surprised by how small the studio and stage were, and also at how strict the show's rules were.

"I was so surprised when they said we weren't allowed to communicate with anyone you came with," Silverman says. "They even had alternatives waiting just in case anyone cheated or broke a rule."

She says even as a fan who yells out the answers from home, people underestimate how hard it is to actually solve the puzzles and spin the wheel in person.

"I'm the type of person who sits at home and yells at the contestants," Silverman says. "But when you're actually there, you can't take your time or relax, and you're in front of a whole audience plus Pat [Sajak] and Vanna [White], and it's scary."

Although Silverman has been playing from her sofa for years, she says it was a bit intimidating to know there would be intelligent people on the show with her.

"I expected a lot of people to be really good at solving the puzzles," she says. "They choose people who are good at the show. It's not in the bag for anybody."

Silverman says she was surprised by how heavy the wheel is.

"Oh my god, it was so heavy," she says. "There is a really specific way of spinning they taught us. You have to reach as far as you can with your dominant hand and grab the peg from the top so your sweatshirt doesn't get caught."

Contestants aren't allowed to look down at the wheel when it's spinning to see where the pointer lands. When they do look down, they are seeing the number upside down.

"There are so many rules and you have to remember and follow them all," she says. "Otherwise you can't play."

Silverman says the best part about being on the show was meeting all the other contestants.

"It was nice to have someone there to understand what was happening," she says. "It sounds like we went through this traumatic event together, but everyone was so nervous. It was nice to know everyone else was in the same boat."

To ease the contestants' nerves, Vanna White, the show's trusty letter-turner, paid a visit to the green room.

"She was wearing jeans and a t-shirt and she came in to wish us all good luck," Silverman says. "She told us to focus on solving the puzzle and not to get too nervous on stage."

Even though none of the contestants had any interaction with the show's host Pat Sajak, until they were on stage, Silverman solved enough puzzles for him to show her some love during the game.

"I gave him a pound," she says, laughing.

Out of the whole experience, there is one thing Silverman says she wants everyone to know about the show.

"Yes, you have to wear a crew neck sweatshirt," she says about the show's anti-hoodie rule. "There is no way out of it, and there is no way to make it look cute."

Although Silverman came up short and didn't make it to the prize round, she finished in second place with \$16,650. She says she hasn't decided what to do with the money yet, but knows she wants to treat herself to something.

"I have never been in a position where I've had so much money in my hands before," Silverman says. "A lot of it is going to pay for college and a lot of it is going to be put in savings. As for the rest, I'm definitely going to splurge on something. Maybe a vacation — or two."



Courtesy of Joanna Matarese

Members of a group attempting to hit all of the bars on *Spark* magazine's bar guide visit Klondike Kate's on Main Street.

Philly competition attracts national 'puzzle-heads'

BY AMY SALTZMAN

Staff Reporter

Breakfast at the McBride household in Wilmington took a competitive turn when university senior Eric McBride introduced his younger brother to sudoku, a game their father had taught him in high school.

"It became a race to see who got to the paper first in the morning to claim the puzzle," McBride says.

Newspaper sudoku puzzles aren't just complements to breakfast and morning coffee anymore. The mass appeal of sudoku has gained national popularity within a few short years, making the puzzle more than a filler of free time. In response to the sudoku mania, *The Philadelphia Inquirer* sponsored the first National Sudoku Championship this weekend at the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

Ed Mahlman, chief marketing officer at Philadelphia Media Holdings LLC, says the popularity of sudoku inspired the *Philadelphia Inquirer* staff to begin to research if there was a national competition for the puzzle.

"The game has really come on very strong over the past few years," Mahlman says. "We couldn't believe that, considering the popularity of sudoku, there hadn't ever been a national competition."

The event, which was hosted by puzzle expert Will Shortz, the U.S. representative for the World Puzzle Federation and author of numerous sudoku books, started with a meet-and-greet with Shortz on Friday. The competition followed Saturday.

Mahlman describes the initial process of the competition as "self-selecting," where participants decided the category in which they wanted to compete — beginner, intermediate or advanced. He says people generally placed themselves in the appropriate group because the cash prizes increased with the level of difficulty.

The beginner-level winner, Lori DesRuisseaux, received \$3,000, the intermediate prize of \$5,000 went to Ron Osher and the advanced-level winner, Thomas Snyder, received \$10,000 in addition to a spot on the U.S. sudoku team, which will compete for the world title in Goa, India in March.

"I think this may be the largest cash prize that has ever been offered for any puzzle competition," Mahlman says.

The finals took place on Saturday. The three people who completed their puzzles in the fastest times for their respective category then entered the finals to compete for the cash prize.

Shortz says Snyder's win was not a surprise.

"He is something amazing," Shortz says.

Mahlman says he believes the appeal of sudoku goes beyond the cash prize the competition offers to its contradicto-

ry nature of being simple to learn but difficult to master.

"To me, it's just the fact that the puzzle itself is so easy to understand," he says. "You don't have to have any particular math knowledge, even though it's about numbers. It's difficult, but it's also a logic game."

Shortz says puzzles have been a lifelong interest.

"I've been a puzzle-head all my life," he says. "I started making my first puzzles when I was 8 or 9."

For Shortz, the appeal of puzzles has a somewhat cosmic significance.

"Puzzles in general, I think, they give you a sense of being in control and putting the universe in order," Shortz says. "With puzzles, you see the whole process through. Each puzzle you solve is a little mystery."

McBride says these days, he finds himself addicted to the puzzles.

"I usually tend to do something intensely for a while and then stop," he says. "For some reason, sudoku stuck."

While working as a summer camp counselor, McBride went so far as to slightly abuse his counselor privileges and play sudoku in his campers' books.

"The last book I had, I confiscated from a camper who shouldn't have had it at free swim," he says.

McBride says he began doing sudokus more frequently as a freshman in college, and the sense of success upon completing a puzzle was always encouragement to continue with the hobby.

"If you get it, you get it, and it feels good to accomplish it," McBride says.

However, he says a sudoku competition is not something with which he would want to be involved.

"I'm competitive, so I wouldn't like to lose," McBride says. "Also, I don't like being rushed with the puzzles. I like to take my time."

Shortz, who is the crossword-puzzle editor at *The New York Times*, agrees competitions aren't always the most entertaining aspect of puzzle playing. Sometimes, he prefers to be a silent spectator.

"If I'm taking the train to New York, I'll walk the aisles to see if someone's doing my puzzle in the *Times*," he says. "If they do well with it, I'll kind of reach over and introduce myself to them. If they don't do well, well then it's my little secret I suppose."

McBride's camp experiences and Shortz's New York commutes prove sudoku doesn't target a specific demographic.

Sudoku players range from kids in summer camp and college students bored in class to adults passing time on the train

Sudoku Philadelphia

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THE REVIEW/John Transue

Sudoku puzzles have been gaining national popularity.

to work.

Mahlman says it would be difficult to characterize the typical sudoku player.

"It really has surprisingly broad appeal demographically," he says.

In addition to doing puzzles for enjoyment or competition, McBride says there may be another motive for students to pick up their daily papers and flip to the puzzle section.

"I heard that sudoku puzzles are supposed to help you with the LSATs because they have a logic section too," he says.

Shortz's unusual educational background supports this rumor.

"I have the world's only degree in enigmatology, the study of puzzles," Shortz says. "My parents encouraged it as a hobby, not dreaming that I would actually choose this as a career."

His degree in puzzles took a surprising turn when Shortz decided to go to law school.

"I have a law degree from the University of Virginia, and I think my degree in puzzles helped me get into law school," Shortz says. "I did take the LSAT and did very well on it because I love puzzles."

McBride says playing sudoku may transform studying into a more bearable chore.

"People may unknowingly be turning free time into study time if they're playing sudoku," he says.

Artists get wings to create sculptures for exhibition

BY JESSICA EISENBREY

Staff Reporter

Red Bull cans may inspire thoughts of sugar highs and late nights, but in a recent exhibit in Philadelphia, artists from around the world are offering a new perspective on the red, blue and silver aluminum.

The Art of Can exhibit, which runs until Nov. 2 at the F.U.E.L. gallery, features sculptures and other works of art made from recycled Red Bull cans. The entries are judged and the winning artists are awarded once-in-a-lifetime trips.

Nyla Hassell, media contact for the exhibit, states in an e-mail message the creativity of the art work is remarkable considering the medium.

"The amazing thing is that everyone has access to common materials," Hassell says, "yet they turn them into extraordinary artwork that captivates thousands."

She says this is the third exhibition Red Bull has held in the United States and the first one held in Philadelphia.

Since 1997 there have also been dozens of Art of Can exhibitions held around the world, from Switzerland to South Africa, Hassell says.

She says reusing trash materials to create something unique is one of the most important aspects of the Art of Can

exhibition.

"The contest encourages people to turn their used aluminum cans and other found materials into artful masterpieces," Hassell says. "Now, that's got to be better than just adding it to the landfill."

She says 265 people from 25 states and 14 countries, including Ecuador, Egypt, Russia, Pakistan, Canada, Spain, Turkey and Italy, submitted entries for the contest.

From those submissions, 50 final pieces were chosen by a panel of four judges to be shown at the exhibition, and on Friday the top three finalists were chosen, she says.

Taking top prize was a mechanical sculpture of two rats titled "Fueling the Rat Race" by Alexandra Money. Second place was awarded to "F.D.Buzz.R" by Dale Busta, a replica of a beehive, complete with several hanging bees and a queen bee with an aluminum tiara. Third place went to "Flying Bull" by Linda Smyth, a sculpture of a silver and blue goddess made with strips of cans.

Busta says his inspiration came from a comparison he made between honeybees and Red Bull.

"I used the hive to symbolize the sweetness of the Red Bull," Busta says. "Kind of like the honey of a bee."

He says he used approximately 500 cans for his creation and spent at least three months and several hundred hours working on the sculpture.

The name was chosen to incorporate the bee theme of the artwork as well as one of

Busta's favorite pastimes, he says.

"I skateboard a lot," Busta says. "And I wanted to incorporate FDR Skate Park into the name."

One of the entries on display was created by Newark resident and Chester County Art Association teacher Kalliope Mihalos-Rojas. Mihalos-Rojas displayed her knowledge as a fashion designer by crafting a strapless aluminum dress.

"Right away, I said, 'I'm going to do something wearable,'" Mihalos-Rojas says.

All Mihalos-Rojas needed was a few empty Red Bull cans. That's where her husband and friends came into the project, she says.

"My husband drank Red Bull like crazy," Mihalos-Rojas says. "Red Bull was also kind enough to donate some full cans to the CCAA, so I had everybody drinking them down."

Jen Yaron, founder of F.U.E.L., which is located in the house used for MTV's "Real World: Philadelphia," says the gallery was chosen after representatives from Red Bull visited the space. They had gone to a couple of other major cities but liked the feel of Philadelphia.

She says this isn't the first time the gallery has hosted artwork from recycled material, but the Red Bull exhibit is unique in the details.

"This one is a bit different with it being Red Bull, and its use of recycled material from one brand," Yaron says.



THE REVIEW/Jessica Eisenbrey

"Fueling the Rat Race" won first place at The Art of Can exhibit in Philadelphia.

Director saves a failing script

"Things We Lost in the Fire"
DreamWorks Pictures
Rating: ☆☆☆ (out of ☆☆☆☆)

Danish director Susanne Bier sparked the attention of American audiences with her 2006 Oscar-nominated film, "After the Wedding." In her films, Bier strips away convoluted plot and rapid imagery to allow a spiritual presence of characters who slowly drift through the beautiful documentary-style footage. The result is a poignancy derived entirely from the artistic framing of situations rather than script.

"Things We Lost in the Fire" is Bier's first English-language film. Although her skills are slightly limited working on foreign turf, she masterfully maneuvers around an uninspired script by Allan Loeb to compile an unconventional interpretation of narrative — one that is entirely driven by detailed cinematography and exceptional acting skills.

The story begins with the funeral of Steven Burke (David Duchovny), a Seattle entrepreneur. His family, including two bright kids and a devastated widow named Audrey (Halle Berry), has to cope with the loss. In a series of flashbacks, Burke reconnects with his childhood buddy Jerry (Benicio Del Toro), who has become a reckless drug addict with a heart of gold. After an awkward reunion, Audrey invites Jerry to live among her mourning family in an attempt to reconcile and redefine her life.

After almost losing her acting credibility in "A Perfect Stranger," Berry makes up for her underestimated skills with strong emotional control. Her sadness translates efficiently as the camera captures an abundance of close-ups on her teary eyes and still body. This is effective for the most part, although her loud and angry wailings can be particularly phony.

Del Toro acting like a crazed druggie for two hours is the admission's price. His persona is sincere as he captures the character's tenderness and lack of control, but he has trouble displaying believable grievances, a necessary skill for tear-jerking dramas. There are moments between the wailing Berry and the confused Del Toro where the acting fails to substantiate the emotion, leading the viewer to laughter rather than tears.

Overall, the co-stars have enough chemistry to maintain the melodrama. The audience is drawn into the inescapable depression of these characters, if not through tears, then through a lingering melancholy. However, the mood is inconsistent, subdued by unbalanced dialogue through immediate cut-offs from important scenes.

"Things We Lost in the Fire" takes a step up from the average American drama since its slow pace allows a meditation on the beauty of detail. Everything from soft fabrics to slight hand movements is enhanced by the camerawork. Since the 1989 release of Steven Soderbergh's "Sex, Lies, and Videotape," filmmakers have integrated European new-wave styles into the American drama. This juxtaposition may not always flow, but in cases like this, the new-wave style is the only thing flowing.

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A shocking 'Rendition' of American politics

"Rendition"
New Line Cinema
Rating: ☆☆☆ 1/2 (out of ☆☆☆☆)

Between the presidential race and claims that America has tortured detainees in the past, 'tis the season for politically-charged films. With the current state of the country's political landscape, "Rendition" could not have been released at a better time.

The film tells the gripping story of Anwar, an Egyptian American who has been illegally taken into custody by the government on the suspicion of being connected with terrorists. While he is being held and tortured at an undisclosed location outside the United States, his pregnant wife (Reese Witherspoon) attempts to fight her way up the political hierarchy of the government to find her husband.

Along with the film's impeccable political timing, the plot presents a shockingly real depiction of interrogation and its harms and potential benefits.

Jake Gyllenhaal is excellent as Douglas Freeman, who has been placed in charge of overseeing Anwar's torture. Freeman, along with the audience, is forced to watch Anwar as he is put through various agonizing "interrogation tests," forcing him to question his commitment to

his job and his country. Gyllenhaal is outstanding at posing the same question to his audience.

Adding to the drama and suspense is the possibility that Anwar could be connected to a terrorist and the question of how and if the interrogation will work. Evidence is given on both sides of the debate to constantly keep viewers guessing if it's true and whether he will talk.

If a gripping plot and shocking view of the American policy on torture isn't enough, family is brought into the picture. The plot thickens at a consistent rate throughout the film as we are also told the story of Khalid, a militant Muslim, and his girlfriend Fatima, the runaway daughter of Freeman's partner — the man physically performing the interrogation, who is unaware of Khalid's violent activities.

As Fatima's father goes back and forth between looking for his daughter and torturing Anwar, audiences are shown the image of a man who can heartlessly electrocute a potentially innocent man one minute, and cry for his missing daughter the next. This provides a startling contrast to the suspense of the film.

By putting family values on the same level of the importance of gaining intelligence about terrorism, director Gavin Hood puts a human face on national security in a light that is not usually seen. "Rendition" does a phenomenal job with its ability to raise questions of morals in government while keeping its audience riveted.

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Same psycho, new problems

"In Defense of the Genre"
Say Anything
J Records
Rating: ☆☆☆ (out of ☆☆☆☆)

Much has been made of Max Bemis, lead singer and mastermind behind Say Anything, and his bipolar disorder. The 24-year-old singer has suffered nervous breakdowns, bouts of schizophrenia and entered a mental institution in 2005. Now with the release of Say Anything's double CD, "In Defense of the Genre," Bemis is exploiting a different tick — attention deficit disorder. The album is full of off-the-wall lyrics, genre-bending composition changes and an emo all-star cast of more than 22 vocalists.

In what was an attempt to be everything to everyone, "Defense" fails, albeit valiantly, to resonate with its audience.

This is not to say the 27-song record isn't a success, but rather an accomplishment in the bloated, scope-too-wide sense of the word. The band's 2004 album, "...Is a Real Boy," was a near-perfect debut of conflict, intelligence, humor and hope. "Defense" has similar themes, but its punch isn't a wallop — it's a grazing.

At nearly 90 minutes, Bemis' latest work is daunting to the point of irritation. It's a shame, because Bemis is possibly the most promising songwriter his heart-on-its-sleeve generation has. While his peers attempt to emote with hoarse screams, Bemis uses clever metaphors instead.

Opener "Skinny, Mean Man" is pure fire and brimstone. Bemis takes a typical scenario — boy meets girl with boyfriend, boy is sad — and transforms the song to a modern-day female resurrection that would make Nathaniel Hawthorne proud. He sings, "From his night-



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mares I've plucked a plan / Where that prick, to the world, is revealed as a wicked man / This is a prayer from your biggest fan." Pair angelic background vocals with apocalyptic drumming and it's truly spooky stuff.

Yet too often, Bemis and his band fail to recreate the urgency "Skinny, Mean Man" oozes. "That Is Why" would have been original if My Chemical Romance hadn't released "Mama." The promising "Sorry, Dudes. My Bad" is tainted with screeching guest vocals from Chris Conley of Saves the Day. And the sleep-inducing "The Word You Wield" sounds like a never-ending drone.

The real problem? I've only mentioned four out of the album's 27 songs. Like many bands that attempt the double-album Mount Everest, Bemis tries to craft a transcendent opus but comes up short. His masterpiece is probably coming — just not yet.

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"Carnival Ride"
Carrie Underwood
Arista Records
Rating: ☆☆☆☆ (out of ☆☆☆☆)

Since her stint on "American Idol" in 2005, Carrie Underwood has been one of the only winners to have serious commercial success with a debut album and a Grammy Award under her belt. Underwood's second album "Carnival Ride" proves she isn't just another cookie-cutter teenybopper, but a talented and soulful artist.

The album starts off with a bang with "So Small," which showcases Underwood's powerful voice and feel-good lyrics she wrote herself, such as, "When you figure out love is all that matters after all / It sure makes everything else seem so small."

"Last Name," a less sentimental track with in-your-face lyrics similar to "Before He Cheats," is more fun and upbeat. Underwood sings, "Then it turned into 'Oh no! What have I done?' / And I don't even know his last name."

The songs are a mixture of fun, soul, warmth and vivacity and her strong and enchanting voice is constant throughout the album. Underwood's traditional country tracks and pop/rock style combine to make "Carnival Ride" everything a country album should be.

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Coheed and Cambria
"No World for Tomorrow"
Sony
Rating: ☆☆☆ 1/2 (out of ☆☆☆☆)

Claudio Sanchez, guitarist and singer for progressive-rock group Coheed and Cambria, has a unique ability to combine his passion for writing with music. Since 2001, Sanchez and company have been making music that serves as the heavy yet catchy score for his series of comic books called "The Armory Wars."

On its fourth album, "No World for Tomorrow," Coheed delivers the same complex, heavy tunes fans

have come to expect and more.

As usual, Sanchez's unique, high-pitched squeal compliments catchy metal riffs and intricate bass lines in a way no other singer could hope to match.

Fans can expect a heavier sound from

Coheed, reminiscent of the group's first album "The Second Stage Turbine Blade," mixed with Pink Floyd-influenced echoes and synthesizers. The combination of these elements creates a newer sound for the band that is still grounded in its roots.

The album closes by announcing its end in five parts. It starts with a choir from hell, complete with eerie soprano and menacing raspy voices, and ends on a seven-minute crescendo from somber strings to evil chanting and violent guitar licks, bringing "No World for Tomorrow" to a dramatic and fitting end.

— Adam Asher



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Sarah Niles
Columnist

I'll never forget the day I realized pubic hair was a controversial topic, and that its maintenance deserved thought. I was a young, impressionable 12-year-old bat girl for a baseball team my dad was coaching. While sitting on the bench, probably ignoring my duties and definitely eavesdropping, I heard some of the 17-year-old teammates chatting about some girl's "bush" with utter contempt and disgust.

Prior to this, I'm sure I knew about as much about the maintenance of pubes as I now know about organic chemistry, but I was instantly intrigued. After listening for a while and hearing their graphic encounters of different below-the-belt designs, I knew I would not only need to research the norms, but also let my girlfriends in on the secrets to pubic success.

Years later, the topic of pubic maintenance is still prevalent on many college campuses. Whether you prefer a bare style, *au naturel* or something in between, it's always an issue considered before undressing with a new partner.

Thus far, the

shaved or waxed female private area seems to be the front-runner in the pubic race. This is hardly surprising. By opting to go pube-free, it shows you have given the area some attention, and perhaps the dudes out there see this as a positive attribute in a sexual partner.

There are, of course, some guys who prefer evidence that puberty occurred in their partner's panties. Even these men, who like a patch of hair — or "landing strip," so to say — aren't looking for anything that

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resembles a little black pom-pom. Luckily for the ladies, this style requires less work and still makes you feel like you've evolved from your diaper-wearing days.

In this department, guys are certainly not home-free. Although girls seem to care a little bit less about a guy's set-up down there, it can make a difference. Most girls would agree it can get awkward if they are presented with a naked man who has a wildly hairy chest and stomach but suddenly gets very smooth at the waistline.

Of course, no one enjoys any style comparable to a Brillo pad. And no girl is looking for a guy who requires Frizz-Ease

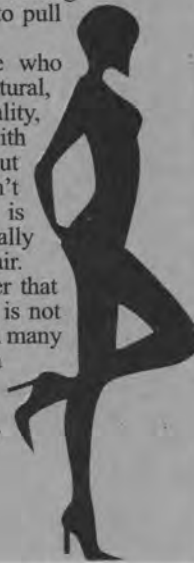
and a high-end flat iron just to relax his wild bush. It's safe to say that if the hair's volume can be determined through any sort of fabric, maybe it's time to pull out that electric razor.

In reality, according to Healthline.com, there are no health benefits to shaving or waxing your zone, and in fact, hair removal can cause mild irritation.

There are several ways to go about your maintenance. If you have the financial capabilities or have coarse hair, waxing is a good option. It lasts much longer than shaving — usually three to four weeks — and requires less upkeep. If you don't have the \$50 monthly waxing allowance, then it's fine to pull out the ol' Venus.

If you're the type who likes to keep it real and natural, more power to you. In reality, if you're having sex with someone who cares about you, chances are they won't care if your bikini line is untamed. True love generally trumps a patch of body hair.

In the end, remember that your pube style certainly is not the key to good sex, but in many instances giving that area a little bit of attention can give you confidence and can be a turn-on for whoever's in your bed.



fashionforward

A colorful runway?

Fashion is a worldwide endeavor — it wouldn't exist without international participation. Fashion is so universal that you'd expect more models representing different ethnicities from all parts of the globe.

Fashion Week's spring 2008 runway shows in New York and Europe, however, failed to live up to that expectation.

Approximately one-third of New York's runway shows lacked models of color, while the majority of the remaining two-thirds had only one or two in order to fulfill their "ethnic" requirement.

This inexcusable statistic struck a livid chord in me, because women of color reportedly buy more than \$20 billion worth of clothes every year, according to a recent article in *The New York Times*. I'm sure other non-white nationalities also spend generously for the cause. I'm not Caucasian and I think it's obvious fashion consumes both my life and my wallet, yet the industry still chooses not to appeal to minorities like me.

Racial diversity is not a new concept in America. We're a country founded by and comprised of different people and cultures. We live in a world where diversity is commonplace, whether in television, movies, music, politics or education. Decades have passed since the time of Martin Luther King, Jr., so one would hope prejudice is merely an exhausted theory only found in history textbooks.

But it appears prejudice still seems to be an active concept when it comes to the fashion world.

It may not be the type of discrimination that's expressed through hate crimes or racial slurs, but the preference of slim and tall Caucasian models over blacks and other minorities is still a harsh reality that dictates how the fashion industry sees beauty. I almost wish its bias was clear-cut with extreme delinquencies, so maybe its ignorance could be popularized and perhaps punishable. Unfortunately though, the industry's subtle bigotry will go unheeded.

These matters should not be easily brushed off because they affect consumers in larger ways than we realize. Our visions of what's beautiful and the norm are skewed. Usually models' weight is the most controversial issue on the runway, but now the color of their skin is, too.

Consumers often follow fashion trends blindly — of course we're going to attempt to follow how models look because that's "attractive."

This is why there are eating disorders and self-esteem problems. This is why some minorities are ashamed of their nationality. This is why many Americans wake up in the morning and hate what they see in the mirror. Designers and modeling agencies decide to push size zero, 5-foot-8-inch white models in their runway shows and ads, subliminally saying, "This is what's beautiful, this is what fashion is."

But that's hardly what fashion is. Fashion is designer Diane Von Furstenberg, who had seven black models strut their stuff on her runway this season. Fashion is supermodels Tyra Banks, Kimora Lee Simmons and Iman who have the confidence and determination to rise to the top of the corrupted fashion food chain despite their skin color.

But most of all, fashion is what we — including all ethnicities and sizes — wear and love, and we shouldn't need some pompous and ignorant industry to inherently tell us if it looks good.



Larissa Cruz
Columnist

mediadarling Drew Carey, come on down

I have never been a fan of change. Maybe it's something that stems back to when I was a kid, when they changed the voices of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles between the first and second movie. Things like that can scar a man pretty bad — when you expect one voice and you get another.

On June 15, 2007, I had to come to realize one of the most steadfast things in my life was coming to an end — Bob Barker would no longer be the reason I skipped class from 11 a.m. to noon. As the deity of daytime game shows waved his last three contestants on down, a small part of me disappeared with him.

Then the rumor mill started to fly. Who would be the replacement for the greatest and longest-running host of all time? The first major option was Mario Lopez, or, as I will always know him, A.C. Slater.

That's like replacing James Brown with Kevin Federline — blasphemous.

Soon Lopez was shot down — good.

In the months following the vacancy, other names popped up. John O'Hurley, George Hamilton and Rosie O'Donnell were thrown around.

Fortunately, the search to find a new host came to an end on July 24, when CBS announced that Drew Carey was taking over for the silver-haired God of game shows. Carey, 49, is a fair choice by common standards, I suppose.

He has been a stand-up comedian for the past 20 years and has had his own run of hit TV shows, most prominently a self-named show which ran on ABC for nine years. Also, Carey gained notoriety for his role as the host for "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" and "Improv

All-Stars." He even hosted the pilot episode of "Power of 10" for CBS — he will continue on as host of this show also.

The day finally arrived — Oct. 15, 2007. Carey's first day as host of the holy grail of game shows.

For someone who has run a game show before, Carey seemed more like a high school substitute on his first tour of duty and the crowd noticed. The first winning contestant walked up to Carey, shook his hand and proceeded to walk over to touch the Jeep he was about to play for.

Had Barker still been in charge, he would have thrown his tiny little microphone at that man and screamed. You just don't walk away from the host like that, and it's Carey's

responsibility to get things under control.

Another stand out is his relationship with announcer Rich Fields. Fields, who has been the announcer of "The Price is Right" since 2004 when long-time announcer Rod Roddy died, always seemed to have a close-knit relationship with Barker, with each referring to the other on a first name basis.

With Carey, we don't see this camaraderie yet. Each time Carey asks for Fields to send another one on down, he refers to him by his full name — they just don't seem to be meshing.

I know no one who was chosen would probably have passed as an amazing choice in the first week. Something of this nature is going to take time. So with that in mind, Carey did an amazing job. Aside from the few faults, which can be chalked up to nerves, he seemed to find his own flow for the show.

He didn't go out there trying to imitate Barker. He stood his ground and, even though no one laughed at his jokes, he pressed on. The fact that Carey is a stand-up comedian gives him the backbone to stand in front of a hostile crowd.

So I ask "The Price is Right" faithfuls like myself to give the man a chance. No one can replace a legend like Barker in our hearts or on our screens, especially not right away. At least we can have an easy transition from Barker's Beauties to Carey's Cuties.

I still know that when I turn on my TV at 11 a.m. Monday through Friday, I will still enjoy the greatest hour of game show television. You can't complain about that.

— Jeff Ruoss, jru@udel.edu



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Honoring one of Delaware's fallen heroes

Author compiles stories in remembrance of service members in Iraq

BY JEFF BORZELLO

Staff Reporter

As the death tolls were mounting daily in Iraq, Rebecca Pepin felt many fallen soldiers were not getting the respect they deserved.

Pepin, a news anchor for Fox Tri-Cities in Bristol, Va., decided to do something about it.

She recruited writers from across the country and put together a book highlighting 52 service members — one from each state, plus Washington D.C. and Puerto Rico — who were killed in Iraq. The book is titled "Faces of Freedom: Profiles of America's Fallen Heroes."

Pepin says the idea came from a lack of attention being paid to the soldiers who died.

"We never did enough in terms of coverage," Pepin says. "All we had were these 30-second blurbs. I wanted to do something a little more."

Pepin, a native Canadian who became an American citizen on Oct. 27, 2006, says her new American citizenship played a role in her initial choice to pursue the book.

"As someone coming in, I didn't think I should just be an apathetic citizen," she says. "I wanted to be someone who contributes. I do support the troops, and I wanted to show that."

At the outset of the project, Pepin realized she could not write all of the stories herself, so she recruited 48 writers and either assigned them a fallen soldier to write about or asked if they had someone in mind. She says many of the writers already knew deceased service members to cover.

Pepin says the profiles vary from person to person and don't follow a formulaic pattern.

"They are actually very personal vignettes," she says. "Some tell about Iraq, some tell about their personality, others about their upbringing."

Delaware's representative in the book, Cpl. Stephen McGowan, was a 26-year-old Newark citizen who died in a roadside explosion in Ramadi, Iraq, on March 4, 2005. He was a combat medic with the 2nd Brigade Combat Team in Iraq after joining the Army in 2002.

Bobbie McGowan, Stephen's mother, says prior to joining the military, Stephen attended the university and Wilmington College. He played rugby at the university and was always active, whether through life-guarding, hiking, skydiving or a variety of other sports.

Bobbie, who teaches at the Charter School of Wilmington, says the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks were the key factor in Stephen's decision to join the military.

"He loved this country very much and felt strongly about it," Bobbie says. "9/11 just solidified his decision."

After entering the service, Stephen went to South Korea for 15 months of training. The military needed troops in Iraq, and he volunteered to go.

His mother says Stephen felt like he should go to Iraq instead of soldiers who had wives or families back home.

"He called me and told me that he volunteered to go to Iraq," she says. "He said it was because his friend had a 3-year-old kid back home and Stephen did not think he

should have to go to Iraq."

Stephen, later known as "The Beanie Baby Soldier," loved children and wanted to make the young Iraqi children unafraid of the American soldiers.

Jennifer Hawkins, co-founder and co-vice chairman of the Ronald G. Williams, Jr. Foundation, which has a program in memory of Stephen, says he dedicated much of his time in Iraq to becoming friendly with the children.

"When he got over there, he noticed the kids were afraid of the soldiers," Hawkins says. "Stephen had seen another soldier give a small toy to one of the kids, and when the soldier did that, the girl came out of her shell."

His mother says he wrote home at Christmas, saying he didn't want anything for himself, just things he could give to the children.

"That is when the idea of Beanie Babies came up," she says. "We sent them to Stephen and they would take the Beanie Babies out on missions and give them out to children."

She also says a soldier once said, "We didn't always want to stop, but Stephen made us stop — for the children."

After Stephen was killed, Hawkins says, the RGW Foundation picked up the Beanie Baby program where he left off. State troopers took over and began dropping the Beanie Babies from helicopters, in order to help the Iraqis warm up to the soldiers.

"We go to events and put up a display," Hawkins says. "People give Beansies or funds to help ship them, but at the same time, they remember Stephen."

The fateful day for Stephen came two weeks before he was scheduled to return home, Bobbie says. As the medic of the brigade by his fellow comrades, he went on every mission with the soldiers.

According to his mother, Stephen and other troops stopped to investigate something on the side of the road. It turned out to be a bomb that had enough power to blow up a tank. Four people died that day, including Stephen and his friend, Wade Twyman.

Stephen and 51 other fallen heroes are chronicled in "Faces," whose profits Pepin says will go directly to either Fisher House, which helps the families of soldiers, or the Wounded Warrior Project, which aims to support injured service men and



Courtesy of the Ronald G. Williams, Jr. Foundation

Cpl. Stephen McGowan, also known as "The Beanie Baby Soldier" for his generosity toward Iraqi children, was killed in service on March 4, 2005.

women.

She says the goal of the book is to raise money for the wounded and for the families.

"It was also to raise awareness," Pepin says. "It is dedicated to every single troop that lost their lives in Iraq."

Bobbie, who says she was "absolutely

humbled by the decision" by Pepin to use her son as the representative from Delaware, says "Faces" is a positive way for people to get involved in helping the soldiers overseas.

"Many people want to 'do something' but do not know what," she says. "Buying a book can be 'something.'"



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A sweet alternative to big-name chains

BY LIZ SEASHOLTZ

Features Editor

As visitors walk into Bing's Bakery on the east end of Main Street, they may feel as though they have walked through a time warp. Wooden hutchers with porcelain knobs hold antique teacups and napkins, and Halloween-themed sugar cookies are piled on tabletops and counters throughout the store. Glass cases line three sides of the bakery, housing a variety of baked goods, including *petite fours*, strudels, danishes, butter cookies and cupcakes iced to look like Elmo.

Bing's Bakery is a living testament to Mom-and-Pop stores, which have been declining in popularity.

Tom and Carla Guzzi purchased the store from its original owners, Russell and Selina Bing, in 2005. The Bings had previously owned the store since 1946, cementing it as a Newark landmark.

Painted in a warm, buttery yellow with white trim, Bing's façade almost looks like the buttercream cakes housed inside. Carla says Bing's is off the beaten track of Main Street, and for this reason, often goes overlooked by students.

"We're on the tail end of Main Street so we aren't in a spot where we get a lot of walk-in university students," Guzzi says. "Our client base varies — there's a mix of all ages and backgrounds, from all over the area."

The reason Bing's is able to attract visitors from Elkton to Avondale is because they are what is known as a scratch bakery, meaning Bing's actually uses flour and mixing ingredients to make a cake.

Carla says an example of this is the store's famous butter cookies, which are actually made with butter. At supermarkets and other mass-quantity food retailers, the butter cookies aren't made with their name-sake ingredient.

"Supermarkets are killing the industry of bakeries," she says. "To find scratch bakers has been difficult for us. The trade of a scratch baker, to me, is really not where it needs to be. More and more you are finding people who can't even ice a cake."

Maureen Feeney Roser, administrator of the Downtown Newark Partnership and assistant planning director for the city, says Main Street is conducive to small, independent businesses like Bing's Bakery.

"Main Street is a unique environment," Feeney Roser says. "The open-air environment and the build-

ings, which are all different and built over a period of 300 years, lend themselves to unique little retail stores."

She also raises the point that independent businesses are valuable for the local economy.

"They are much better community participants," Feeney Roser says. "They make their own decisions concerning events and promotions downtown, unlike chain businesses, which have to consult with headquarters in, say, Texas. They also tend to buy from each other as opposed to having a corporate purchasing office and just overall support each other as business owners."

While Newark may be favorable to small Mom-and-Pop businesses, generally these establishments are declining in popularity because of larger chain retailers of the world, like Wal-Mart.

Manager and baker Daniel Pizzulli came to work at Bing's eight years ago after attending The Restaurant School in Philadelphia, now known as Walnut Hill College. He says he was attracted to the small Mom-and-Pop feel and the authenticity of its products.

"We have a lot of baked goods like the bunker hill sticky buns or the raspberry stripes, which are unique to Bing's," Pizzulli says. "When you've been around for as long as we have, you're able to collect recipes and learn a lot."

Carla says they realize the bakery needs to stay current to stay afloat. For this reason, the Guzzis have started a Web site and offer to ship select cookies all over the United States.

They also strive to appeal to nearby students at the university.

"When we took over two years ago we wanted to go more towards single-sized servings, so students don't feel like they have to buy a whole cake," Carla says. "We also offer to deliver birthday cakes on campus for a fee of \$10. In conjunction with Courtyard Marriott, we gave out business cards to incoming parents and students during freshmen orientation for this service."

Roser Feeney says Main Street will continue to encourage the growth of small independent business, but it can't refuse any chains that wish to come into the area.

"We are trying to attract businesses that are not in the mall," she says of Newark's support for Mom-and-Pop stores. "It just makes sense."



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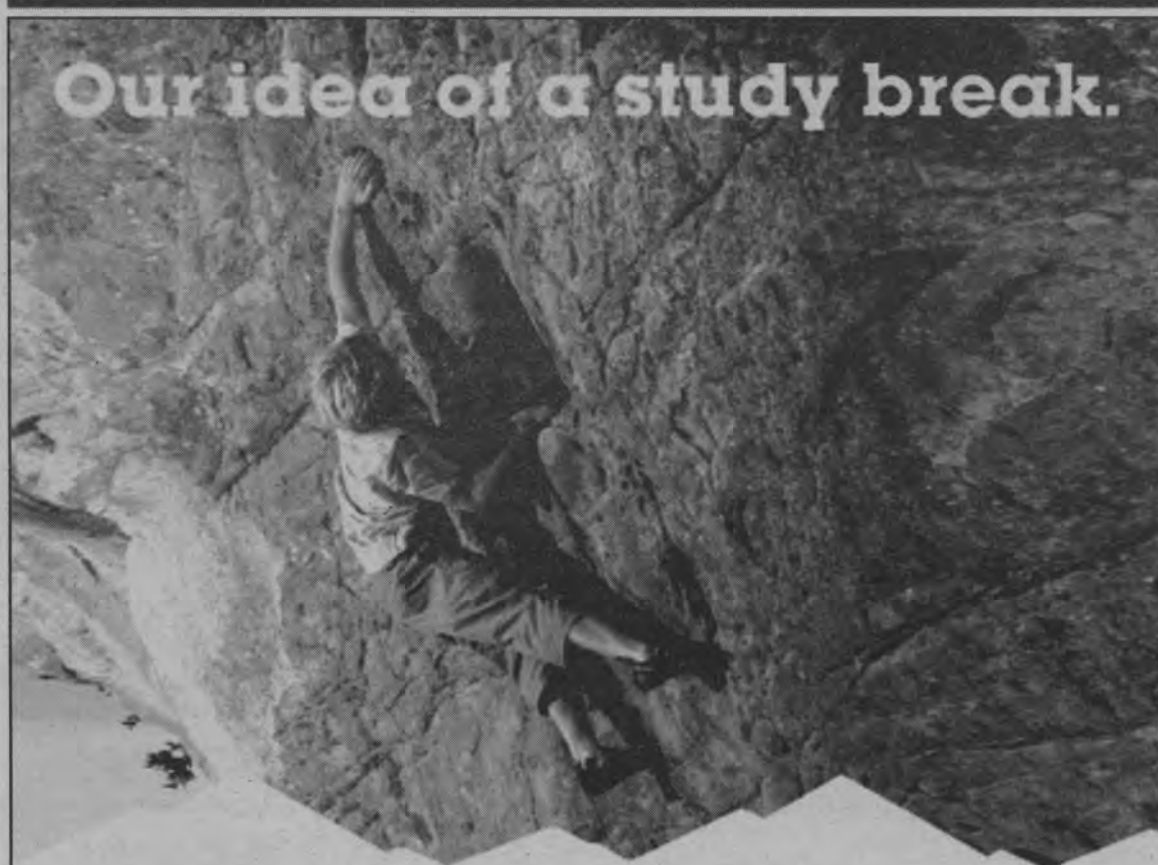
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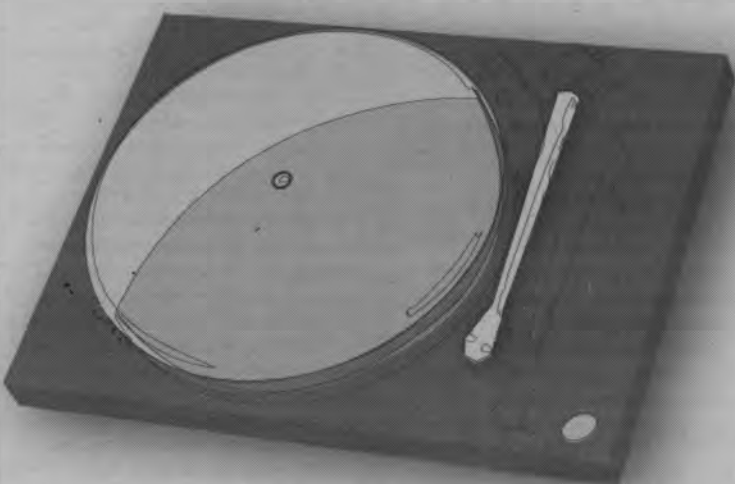
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Members of "The Biweekly Show" at the university provide mock-news entertainment to students.

Debating the alternate outlet for political news

BY EDWARD KEALY

Staff Reporter

The realm of politics is one in which opposing views are in constant competition with each other. Members at opposite ends of the political spectrum often try to influence the general public and persuade people of their views in order to gain support.

There are many reputable sources that provide news, such as CNN and MSNBC; however, many students turn to other resources for news. Shows such as "The Daily Show" and "The Colbert Report" strive to find middle ground between shows that are aimed strictly at either entertainment or information.

Political science professor Kenneth Campbell says it's important to recognize that there are shows at each end of the political spectrum, both liberal and conservative.

"I don't see anything wrong with them so long as we understand that A, there is bias and B, that a certain amount of this is simply entertainment," Campbell says.

He says shows like these aim to educate people about their point of view. However, they also exist for ratings and product sales.

These shows have to be entertaining in order to maintain a fan following. Campbell says the hosts of these shows tend to be "bombastic" and "savvy and slick in the way they present things" in order to portray a certain view and do it in an effectively entertaining way to keep people interested.

"Regardless of how I feel about the content, I think they do serve a purpose," he says. "They, to me, are a bridge between those who watch no news and those who watch a lot of news and in a way you can begin to at least get some idea of what is controversial out there."

At the very least, the shows

are able to highlight important political issues, despite the amount of parody that may be involved in the show itself. Campbell says. These shows may not be the best source for people to understand the issues or be able to form opinions about them, but at the very least they act as a hook to get an idea of what is going on.

Joe Skomorucha, host of "The Biweekly Show," a mock news program at the university, says he and his colleagues recently completed a study and found that many students on campus get a significant amount of news and awareness of world affairs through these programs.

"I remember a professor that we worked with said, 'People who say you can't combine education and entertainment know very little about either,'" Skomorucha says, "and I've got to say that's true because it's a very good way of enlightening populus."

Skomorucha says he thinks most students are aware of the satirical spin on the stories that are done in shows like "The Daily Show" and "The Biweekly Show." They are still moderately informative, he says.

"They definitely serve a purpose of informing and educating," Skomorucha says. "Take away all the funny stuff and the spins and absurdities, it's still news and it's still current affairs."

Junior Bill Rank is a long-time viewer of "The Daily Show" and "The Colbert Report." He says he enjoys the comedic spin put on the news.

"I love watching these shows because they are pretty hilarious," Rank says. "At the same time, it's not hard to realize that these shows are biased and their message is definitely skewed."

Rank says he doesn't think it's hard for students to differentiate between the parody of these shows and the accuracy of what they

report.

"They definitely take a lot of quotes out of context to make politicians look like idiots," Rank says.

Campbell says they offer an opportunity for people to realize what the questions are before formulating their own opinions, but it's important for people to use their own minds to make conclusions after researching a particular issue more deeply.

"If the student wants more news, the student should go, not necessarily instead of ['The Daily Show'], but also to more reputable and more serious news sources," he says. "No news source is completely unbiased. You want to find the least bias that you can."

Campbell says he doesn't see anything wrong with being entertained, but he doesn't want a student to stop with "fake" news shows.

"It doesn't have to be parody for us to be wary," Campbell says. "It's the bias that we have to be aware of and I wouldn't want to see any people simply buy into it."

He says the danger of "buying into it" may be a result of innate human tendencies.

"I think they are playing to a weakness in human nature and that weakness is to believe people in what they tell us based on how it seems to connect with or justify some of our worst feelings," Campbell says.

The people who run these shows often succeed in getting people to buy into their views, he says. It's important to realize there are many sides to the most important and controversial issues.

"What I'm saying is that I hope students think critically," Campbell says. "If all of us don't take that approach, then we're more likely to buy into simplistic explanations that make us part of a mob rather than thinking, deliberating citizens."



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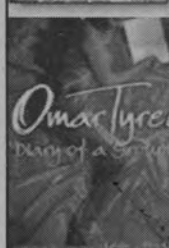
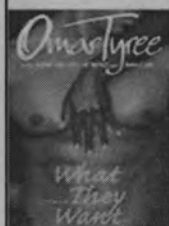
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weekly calendar

Tuesday, Oct. 23

Women's tennis at ITA Regionals
(Old Dominion)

Wednesday, Oct. 24

Thursday, Oct. 25

Women's lacrosse vs. England
(Exhibition), 6 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 26

Field hockey vs. Drexel, 7 p.m.

Men's soccer vs. Northeastern,
7 p.m.

Women's soccer at Northeastern,
6 p.m.

Volleyball at Towson, 7 p.m.

Men's cross country at
CAA Championships (Hofstra),
10 a.m.

Women's cross country at CAA
Championships (Hofstra), 11 a.m.

Saturday, Oct. 27

Football at Navy, 1 p.m.

Women's rowing at Head of the
Schuylkill Regatta (Exhibition)

Men's swimming vs.
Georgetown, 1 p.m.

Women's swimming vs.
Georgetown, 1 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 28

Field hockey vs. Hofstra, 1 p.m.

Women's soccer vs. Hofstra,
1 p.m.

Men's soccer at Hofstra, 2 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 29

Golf at Old Dominion
Invitational

NLL cancels '08 season

Three former UD players affected

BY JACOB WIGGINS

Staff Reporter

When Delaware alumnus Jordan Hall was selected by the New York Titans as the No. 1 overall pick in the National Lacrosse League Draft last spring, the midfielder thought he would spend this upcoming winter living in New York City and beginning his career with his new team.

Hall's plans abruptly changed on Oct. 16 when the NLL announced the complete cancellation of the upcoming 2008 season due to the Professional Lacrosse Players Association's executive committee rejecting the league's last Collective Bargaining Agreement proposal.

Hall is from Canada and does not have U.S. citizenship. He had to return to Canada since he is currently unemployed by the NLL.

"I didn't find out that the season was canceled until everyone else," Hall said. "As a player, I am upset that there is no season. I don't think it helps out the sport.

"I think that the owners and the players lose this year and it's tough to deal with."

The NLL, founded in 1986, is an indoor professional lacrosse league that operates during the winter.

Three former Delaware lacrosse players from last year's Hens' team, including Hall, were selected in the 2007 NLL Draft. Defender Rob Smith was chosen as the 29th overall pick, joining Hall on the Titans. Three picks later, midfielder Alex Smith was selected 32nd overall by the Boston Blazers.

"When I found out that the season was canceled, I was upset because I was looking forward to playing this fall," Alex Smith said. "I feel really bad for Jordan Hall though because he had to leave the country. I was talking to him and he went from having a job lined up to having to leave for Canada."

Hall said ever since Sept. 11, 2001, it has been difficult to get a green card. If he is not working in the United States, he cannot live in the country. Hall said he would like to be work-



THE REVIEW/File Photo

Former Hens' midfielder Jordan Hall was deported to Canada after the NLL season was canceled.

ing, living and playing in the same city and thought it was going to happen this year, but now he has to live in Canada.

"I love being home, but it's frustrating that I'm not playing in the NLL this year," he said.

Hall, Rob and Alex all played pivotal roles in leading the Hens' lacrosse team to the Final Four of the NCAA Tournament this past spring. Hall and Alex are former team captains and Delaware head coach Bob Shillinglaw had nothing but praise for the three players.

"The leadership that these three guys showed this past season was fantastic," Shillinglaw said. "It wasn't only their athletic ability. They are a lot of the reason that we had the success that we had."

Although Hall will not be playing in the

NLL this year, he still plays plenty of lacrosse. He said during the summer he played for the Chicago Machine, a Major League Lacrosse team and he currently plays as much as he can.

He now plays in a beer league and said he wants to continue working on his game until he can join a better league.

All three players maintain regular contact with the university's lacrosse team and staff.

"We were down at a tournament [on Oct. 20] in Baltimore and we saw Alex there," Shillinglaw said. "He also stops by practice occasionally. He just likes to be around the team. Rob Smith is actually finishing his MBA degree at the university so we see him frequently. We are also in constant contact with Jordan."

commentary



JEFF RUOSS

Ode to Brady

I hate to do this. As a die hard Philadelphia Eagle's fan, it pains me to even think about it, but sometimes you just have to take a stance. Tom Brady is amazing.

I know what you are thinking — why is that so hard to admit for an Eagles' fan? Brady is not even in the same conference, let alone the same division. But how can anyone forget just two years and eight months ago Brady and his New England Patriots crushed an entire city's hopes by ripping a Super Bowl Championship from the Eagles' grasp — a moment which still makes me well up inside when I think about it.

But the time has come. Two weeks ago, against the then-undefeated Dallas Cowboys, Brady

threw five touchdowns, and this past week against the helpless Miami Dolphins he threw another six — extending his National Football League record by throwing at least three touchdowns in the first seven games of the season.

In his first seven years in the NFL he is averaging a 62.7 percent completion rating, approximately two touchdowns for every interception and an impressive 91.8 passer rating.

You might say he has done pretty well for himself.

In only his seventh season in the NFL, Brady has already accomplished more than most players ever will in their careers. His three Super Bowl victories put him ahead of Hall of Fame quarterbacks like

John Elway. Brady's NFL record for most consecutive wins in the post season (10) broke a Bart Starr record of nine, and in Super Bowl XXXVIII, he set another record by completing 32 passes. The only feat Brady has not accomplished is kicking a 91-yard punt, à la Randall Cunningham.

The best part about his entire career is his uncanny ability to be in the right place at the right time. While at Michigan, Brady backed up future baseball player Drew Henson, ultimately slipping into the starting role when Henson decided to play baseball instead of football.

Although Brady's career as a

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Volleyball lacks in-state talent

BY MATT HOFFMAN

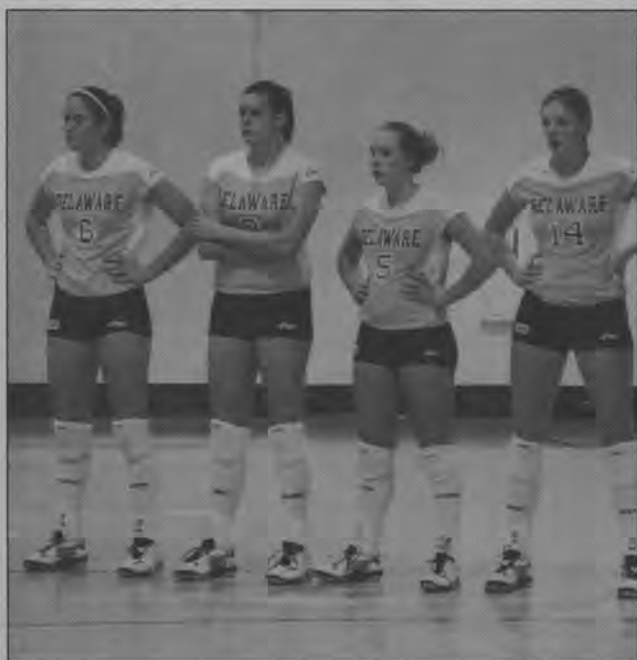
Staff Reporter

From California to New Mexico to Oklahoma, the women's volleyball team has put together a winning squad with representatives from all over the country — except Delaware.

The Hens (22-4, 7-2 Colonial Athletic Association) have banded together to post their best start in school history since 1972. The recruitment over the past few years has helped Delaware climb to No. 1 in the conference.

Delaware head coach Bonnie Kenny said Cindy Gregory, the associate head coach and the rest of the coaching staff constantly search for new talent whenever the schedule allows them to recruit.

"If we aren't playing, we are recruiting," Kenny said.



THE REVIEW/Steven Gold

From left to right: Rand, Lively, Gibboney and LaLonde.

"We want to get kids to visit the campus. The campus sells itself."

She said Delaware has 12 scholarships to give out to help with the recruiting process. The team is allowed to start offering scholarships to high school standouts once students enter their junior year.

Senior captain Megan Welch said one reason for the Hens' success is how well the coaches recruit top talent to attend the university. This season's volleyball squad is talented individually, but even more intimidating as a team.

Welch, who resides in Yorba Linda, Calif., was recruited to play for Delaware from the Sunshine State. Welch said Georgetown and Cornell recruiters showed interest in her before she broke her wrist during her junior season in high school. After her injury, Welch said she considered giving up on the sport or walking onto a team in college.

She said she always wanted to attend a school in a different part of the country and after Delaware contacted her, it was the perfect fit.

"I personally wanted an adventure," she said. "I'm from California and had never been to the East Coast."

Welch said she was not considering Delaware until the coaching staff approached her to play.

"Volleyball is so big in California, I honestly wouldn't have known [about UD] unless the coaches recruited me," Welch said.

The West is home to Pacific-10 perennial powerhouses like Stanford and Washington — who are tied for first in the conference with a record of 18-1 — Southern California, UCLA and California.

The state of Delaware is only home to three volleyball programs: Delaware State, Wilmington College and Delaware.

Despite the Hens not having a single player from Delaware, Kenny said she scouts players from all over the country. She does not pay attention to where players are from and does not have a preference which state they reside.

Freshman Paige Erickson said Delaware expressed interest in her the first day colleges were allowed to recruit. Erickson said coaches from Yale, Georgetown, Illinois State and Indiana State all expressed interest for her to join their teams, but Delaware was the best total package.

"They sent me a letter on Sept. 11 of my junior year," Erickson said. "It was my first choice all along, so it was so perfect."

She said Delaware is not too different from Oklahoma but said it is nice to be away from home. The summer courses she enrolled in at the university with the other freshmen on the volleyball team helped her get acquainted with Delaware and its surroundings.

"It helped the transition from high school to college," Erickson said. "It helps to not have to take a full class load this semester."

Kenny said another reason the Hens are able to be selective with recruiting is because of professors at the university. She said it helps that professors embrace and speak to recruits because the method of professors talking with the recruits is not used at most universities. She said the team's success year-in and year-out is another tool which Delaware uses to recruit players.

"We are top-10 in our region and that creates interest," Kenny said. "You start to get the attention of people."

Welch said another reason for the Hens' success is how well the team recovers. If the players lose a match or make a mistake during a game, the players become even more motivated to make up for it the next play or the next game.

Seven different university players have earned awards this season for their play in the CAA or in tournaments. The extensive list includes senior co-captains Colleen Walsh and Welch. Also honored were juniors Kelly Gibson and Molly Rand, sophomores Stephanie Barry and Michelle LaLonde and freshman Katie Dennehy.

Welch said having many people receive awards this season is a reflection of how well the team performs and helps with bringing in recruits for the class of 2012.

Kenny said the leaders on the team contribute a lot to the overall success of the team and how well they play.

"Megan [Welch] is like our quarterback," Kenny said. "She calls all the plays and never comes off and Colleen is our go-to player."

Kenny said the Hens have built a strong foundation, enabling them to bring in five new freshmen this season. She said everyone on the team has embraced the new players.

Kenny said the Hens might not always get the No. 1 recruit, but said the coaches always try to bring in high school standouts that will help improve the team each year.

"We want good players, but also good students," Kenny said. "If they don't fit, then we won't recruit them. Our success is based on who we recruit."

Seniors ready to lead XC in postseason

BY ELLIOT GROSSMAN

Staff Reporter

The gun sounds and Delaware senior Kyle Schmid takes off to endure approximately 25 minutes of pain. With the leaders in sight, he keeps his rhythm but remains unsure where the runners behind him lurk. Schmid, the Delaware men's cross country senior captain, stays under control and bursts through the finish line. He is glad the race ends and knows tolerating the pain paid off. Schmid said this is the usual feeling during each race.

He finished third in the Delaware Invitational #2 on Oct. 13 with a time of 26:14.

The men's cross country team has enjoyed a successful season thus far and currently prepares for the postseason, which begins Oct. 26 at Hofstra. With Delaware's first place finishes at the Towson Invitational, Monmouth Invitational and Delaware Invitational #2, the Hens have placed in the top-two positions in all but one of their races.

The men's cross country team looks to send runners to the NCAA District 2 Championships on Nov. 10 at Lehigh and the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America Championships at Van Cortlandt State Park in New York, N.Y. on Nov. 17.

Schmid said the team focuses on what lays ahead now that Delaware heads into the latter part of the season.

Head coach Jim Fischer agreed his team has set higher goals for the remainder of the year.

"We want to be more aggressive than in the past," Fischer said. "It is about re-establishing ourselves as a strong team in this conference."

With six seniors on the men's squad this season, the leadership on the team has been outstanding, as the seniors look to go out on top, he said. The seniors have been crucial and lead by example.

Senior captain Tim Brock said he has learned a lot throughout his participation in the cross-country program and has vastly improved as a runner.

"It's nice to help out coach Fischer and convey what the program is all about," Brock said.

Schmid, who has notched a first-place win and two third-place finishes this year, said he believes in the team's coaching staff and he has become much faster since his freshman year.

The upcoming meets mark the end of the seniors' cross-country careers as they hope to continue the success they have had all season. Although the runners have gone through some injuries, they have done well and are getting healthy at the right time, Fischer said.

"It's about putting it all together on the right day," he said.

One responsibility of the seniors is to make sure the freshmen feel welcome in the program and start off on the right path towards success, Brock said. He compared the team to a family and has given some valuable advice to the younger runners.

"If they stick with it, they will see dramatic improvement," he said. "We want to develop people into student-athletes, not just athletes."

Schmid put the freshman mindset into perspective as well. "Not too long ago I was a freshman coming in not knowing anything, so I hope I'm a good role model for them," he said.

Schmid added that factors such as coming to practice every day, using resources to help improve and being smart outside of practice are essential to becoming a successful cross-country runner.

Fischer said he feels comfortable with the way his seniors have helped out the freshmen and knows the advice will benefit the freshmen during races.

"It opens people's eyes when they see what can be accomplished," Fischer said. "It is important to help younger kids understand what the expectations of the program are."

The seniors will miss representing the blue and gold while they run, but most will continue to run on a daily basis and keep improving, Schmid said.

"I love having one full team running together in a race," Brock said. "It's a great quality of this program."

All of the members of the men's cross-country team are now focused on the postseason, especially the seniors, who look to have excellent finishes and great improvement from last year.

Brock said the Hens understand what it takes to win races and rely on each other to finish races with whatever they have left in them.

Fischer said after many solid meets and quality practices, the team plans for postseason success in the next few weeks.

"Our best moment has yet to come," he said.



Courtesy of Kyle Schmid

Kyle Schmid's best time of the season is 25:38 in the 8K.

BY JACOB OWENS

Staff Reporter

During each football season there is one weekend when Delaware fans cannot cheer their beloved team. The team buses stood still and WVUD did not broadcast a single down. This is the most dreaded time for football fans — the bye week.

The Hens (6-1, 4-1 Colonial Athletic Association) had the traditional week of rest amid talks of a championship run. Head coach K.C. Keeler knows how important this past bye week is en route to a shot at winning the conference title.

"We have to take a deep breath. The guys get to look at the next four weeks of their lives and get ready because we aren't the team we want to be yet," Keeler said. "We have a chance to make that run. I don't know if we can do it or not, but we have a chance."

He said the team spent the last half hour of every practice last week thinking about its upcoming opponent, Navy. The Hens have not been as crisp the last few weeks and this trend cannot continue if the players want their seventh win this weekend. Keeler also hopes for a little luck against Navy.

"I don't know what the scheduling gods have in mind for this one," Keeler said. "Hopefully [Navy] will be looking ahead to Notre Dame the week after us and we can catch them."

Keeler is not the only person excited for and focused on the Navy game, even with the week off.

Sophomore tight end Josh Baker said Delaware has looked forward to the Navy matchup since the schedule first came out, even though the coaches remind the players to think about one game at a time.

"Anytime we can get off our feet for a bit and watch some film, it is a good thing, especially with Navy's high-powered offense that they used against Pittsburgh," Baker said.

Delaware sophomore defensive back Charles Graves

agreed with Baker and said whenever the team has extra time to better themselves is a positive thing. Improving is more important to the Hens than resting, because the game is more mental than physical.

"We [did] a lot of film work the [last] two weeks to prepare for Navy's triple-option offense, so hopefully they won't have any surprises," Graves said.

This past weekend was not just a bye week for the team, but also for the fans as well.

With a week off, the concern for all major football promoters is the same for the Cockpit, the UD student fan group. Leaders of the Cockpit wonder if fans will come back to Delaware Stadium after the three weeks off until the next home game.

Cockpit officer junior Mark Novello said he is not concerned about the longer break until the next home game.

"From now until the week leading up to James Madison, we're going to be focused on getting the students back to the game with promotions like giving away 1,000 Cockpit T-shirts and yellow spirit wigs and getting the word out through a Trabant kiosk," Novello said. "We've had all-time [home] high attendance by students so far this season, including the 2003 championship season, so we are going to work hard to make sure it continues."

Fellow Cockpit officer junior Jessica Klosiewicz said the bye week gives the group an advantage late in the season to prepare the student body for the final home games. The Cockpit members want to keep the intimidating atmosphere the students have brought to the games so far, Klosiewicz said.

Junior Mike Smith, an avid university football fan, said he was unsure what to do this past weekend without a game to attend or listen to online.

"I [watched] some of the other big college football games on TV this weekend, as well as keeping an eye on the Navy-

Wake Forest game," Smith said.

Navy lost 44-24 in Annapolis, Md., on Saturday.

With the Delaware coaching staff and team focusing on the last couple of months and pushing their level of play, the Hens hope to revisit championship glory, Graves said.

"We still have the taste of last season in our mouths and everyone in this division is fighting their way up the hill to get that championship," Graves said. "We want to be on top."



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The gates at Delaware Stadium were locked on Saturday.



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Delaware defeated Northeastern last weekend 30-20.

Football Standings

Colonial Athletic Association

North Division

	Conf.	Pct.	All	Pct.
Massachusetts	4-0	1.000	6-1	.857
Hofstra	3-1	.750	6-1	.857
New Hampshire	2-2	.500	5-2	.710
Maine	0-4	.000	1-6	.140
Northeastern	0-4	.000	1-6	.140
Rhode Island	0-4	.000	1-6	.140

South Division

	Conf.	Pct.	All	Pct.
James Madison	4-0	1.000	6-1	.857
Delaware	4-1	.800	6-1	.857
Richmond	3-1	.750	5-2	.710
Villanova	2-2	.500	4-3	.571
William & Mary	2-2	.500	4-3	.571
Towson	1-4	.200	3-5	.380

*As of Monday, October 22, 2007

Basketball lacks large rallies

BY EDDIE KEALY

Staff Reporter

On Oct. 12 at midnight, thousands of fans poured into Cameron Indoor Stadium to watch its beloved Duke Blue Devils' basketball team practice for the first time this year. The scene was the same at many college campuses across the country, but at Delaware, the court and stands remained empty when the clock struck 12.

For the Hens' student body, it is difficult to picture what it would look like to be drowning in a sea of blue at the stroke of midnight, watching their team come out of the locker room for the first time all season.

Delaware sophomore guard Brian Johnson said Midnight Madness has very little effect on the actual performance of the players, but is a way to allow students to get involved with the team.

Johnson said the team would like to see an increase in fans at games this year, despite the fact Delaware is primarily a football school.

The football team has a solid fan base because the team is competitive in all its games, he said.

"I think this year, hopefully, when we start winning games, our students will see that we're a good team and then next year we can have Midnight Madness," Johnson said.

The Hens have not had a winning record since the 2003-04 season when they went 16-12.

He said the university has had its own versions of Midnight Madness in the past, but nothing compared to similar events at larger schools.

"I would be happy if we could rally up and have like a Midnight

Madness and do the whole party thing because it would bring more excitement to what we do," Johnson said. "We would just know that people were supporting us. We would know that people are actually coming out to the games and people are going to know that we're alive."

He said Midnight Madness would help to get new students involved in basketball and help place fans in the seats during home games.

Head coach Monté Ross said he does not know why the university lacks a Midnight Madness, but does not think it is an issue.

"Well, from a coach and a players' standpoint, we don't really mind that we don't have Midnight Madness," Ross said. "I don't know how important it is."

He said Midnight Madness may be somewhat of a hassle because it takes place at midnight. It would be difficult for the players to practice at 12 a.m. because they may not be able to perform the following day academically and on the basketball court.

Ross said he does not think his players care about having a Midnight Madness of their own. It would also not have any effect on fans either, he said.

"Midnight Madness is so far removed from the start of the season that I don't think one has anything to do with the other," Ross said. "I think if you can bring fan support for your game, then you can bring fan support for your Midnight Madness. If you don't, you won't."

Senior forward Herb Courtney said the absence of Midnight Madness does not bother him.

Courtney said Midnight Madness is not a significant aspect of basketball, and he is just excited

to start practicing and begin the season.

He said the pep rally held in Trabant University Center was enough of an introduction to the season and, as a senior, he remains more focused on preparing for the season and getting in game shape.

"I'm a senior and I've been here for a while, so just the season itself is good enough for me to get motivated," he said.

Courtney said he would like to see fans get more involved, but the way to build the following is to win games.

"I think for people to start really getting involved, we're going to have to start winning games," he said. "It really just comes down to winning games."



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Herb Courtney breaks to basket.

Soccer team on verge of missing playoffs

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With a tough schedule this year, the men's soccer team (2-10-1, 2-4 Colonial Athletic Association) stands near the bottom of the CAA and watches its playoff chances slip away. The Hens began the season with a loss at then-No. 4 Duke, starting their season out roughly and have seen the problems transcend into conference play with a 5-0 loss against Virginia Commonwealth in its first conference game and three more losses since.

Delaware faced tough opponents to open the season, as its competition has posted an 82-64 overall record as of Sunday night. The Hens are currently 10th out of 12 teams in the conference after losing to UNC-Wilmington but beating Georgia State over the weekend. Delaware could have improved to 3-3 in the CAA if it won both weekend matchups, putting the Hens closer to conference playoff contention.

Everything must go Delaware's way for the Hens to advance to the playoffs, which begin Nov. 13. The team needs to win its last five games against conference opponents, which would give them a 7-4 CAA record.

Delaware junior midfielder Bill Paugh remains optimistic even with the hard task that lies ahead.

"Five is the magic number. If we are able to pull off five wins, we're basically in the playoffs," he said.

Head coach Ian Hennessy, who creates the non-conference schedules almost entirely by himself, said he put together a tough schedule against many elite teams, with preparation for conference play in mind. He admits the Hens have generally had trouble closing out games.

"A lot of these guys come from very strong soccer backgrounds and I think every athlete worth his salt will always want to play against a better competitor," Hennessy said. "What's the point of having winning records against teams that don't challenge you at all? What does that say about you as a program, and as players?"

Paugh said even with the season in a downward spiral, the team needs to face the toughest opponents possible when preparing for conference play.

"I think Ian [Hennessy] is going to keep scheduling us against tough, non-conference opponents because it just makes

us that much better to close out the season strong," Paugh said. "I don't think our morale is down at all just because of the standings. We're a lot better now than we were when we started the season and it's now that really matters."

There is some ambiguity in the playoff race, Hennessy said. Although the most straightforward way to get into the playoffs is through an automatic bid based on conference standings, an NCAA panel decides on playoff teams also based on strength of schedule. This may help Delaware, who has had matches against teams from tougher conferences such as the Big East and Atlantic Coast Conference.

Other conference rivals have similarly tough schedules, such as Old Dominion which suffered an early 3-2 loss against then-No. 23 Ohio State. Unlike Delaware, ODU has been able to win in the CAA despite losses to tough non-conference opponents. Drexel sits on top with CAA with a record of 6-0, following closely by Towson and ODU, who are both 5-1 in the conference.

Freshman midfielder Jon Scheer said even though Delaware has eight freshmen, he does not consider youth to be an issue. The upperclassmen on the team provide a strong presence and enough experience to offset the freshmen, who have seen limited playing time in their short careers at Delaware.

"Mentally we're struggling — we have a mental block that's keeping us from scoring," Scheer said. "If we could take advantage of our breaks and put it away when we got chances, we could win. We're barely losing some of these games. We've got to turn some of those 1-0 losses into wins."

Hennessy said despite taking 20 or more shots on goal some games, the Hens were unable to capitalize on their chances. Neither he, nor the players could isolate any specific reasons for their inability to score.

"We've played games, and we've been magnificent. We've been very good at creating opportunities," he said. "If you had asked before the season, scoring goals would have been the one thing I would have said we wouldn't have had trouble with. We just needed to put them away."

The Hens have lost four games by one goal this season and have been shutout in nine of their 13 games. The offense remains a constant struggle for the team as it has only managed to find

the back of the net five times this season.

Scheer said with only three seniors on the team, the Hens will not be losing many players and the tough season should be beneficial experience for next year.

"Coach keeps telling us to keep our heads up and that he believes in us," Scheer said. "We've been kind of a failure in the beginning of the season and in the end it's all about scoring goals."

Nobody is more optimistic for the future of the team than Hennessy.

"These players are performing on the biggest stages, and winning or not, they're keeping up with the best," he said. "For those who will be here in the program for the next few years, the future is bright."



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Tadjalli (above) and the Hens have five goals on 143 shots.

Brady has always produced when forced to take control

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Wolverine was excellent, going 20-5 as a starter and gaining All-Big Ten Conference second-team honors his senior year and honorable mention his junior year, he was only selected 199th in the 2000 NFL draft.

Again, his luck shined in the 2001-02 season when Patriots' starting quarterback Drew Bledsoe was injured in Week 2, leaving the door wide open for Brady to step in and do what he does best — win.

Taking on a massive amount of criticism saying he would not be able to do anything coming in to the league, Brady went on to lead the Patriots to an 11-5 record and won the franchise's first-ever Super Bowl.

Not only can the man win on the field, but he knows how to handle business off the field as well. He has been linked to model/actress Bridget Moynahan, who had his child, and Brady is currently tied to supermodel Gisele Bündchen.

The only major flaw in Brady's nearly-perfect record is that he has been known to be anti-social towards fans. For the most part, receiving a Brady autograph is impossible because he rarely does appearances and will not stand outside of Gillette Stadium after the games handing out autographs.

Maybe Brady does not care about his image off the field or maybe he is as smug as he was criticized for being all throughout his college career; either way, his work ethic has rocketed him into the limelight.

Hate him or love him, Brady has propelled himself to a

point in his career where people have to debate whether he is one of the best of all time. His numbers and ability to march a team down the field in the clutch is uncanny.

Until this year, he has never been one of the best fantasy football quarterbacks, but he still wins. He continually gets the job done and I do not think you would find one coach in the NFL who would be upset if they got stuck with Brady as their quarterback.

The day Brady decides to deflate the air from his football and move on, the Hall of Fame will be a short five-year wait.

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Athletes Of The Issue



Andrew Zinn

Junior Andrew Zinn helped the men's swimming and diving team earn its first victory of the season over Colonial Athletic Association foe George Mason. Zinn, a Wilmington, Del. resident, captured two first-place finishes and two second-place finishes en route to a 153.5-146.5 Hens' victory Saturday.

Zinn swam a leg of the winning 400-yard freestyle relay team and then broke his own university record in winning the 50-yard freestyle in 20:62. To finish off the day, he placed second in both the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 47:73 and the 200-yard medley relay finishing at the 1:36.79 mark.

Junior John Ohlhaber, freshmen Matt Wehrman and Dominic Pavlik, and Zinn captured the 400-yard freestyle relay gold medal, holding off the Delaware 'B' and the George Mason 'A' relay teams.

The men's swimming and diving team is back in action Oct. 27 at 1 p.m. against Georgetown.



Maryann Walker

After the women's swimming and diving team rolled off three-straight victories against James Madison, Loyola and Widener to close out the 2006 season, the team continued where it left off, defeating George Mason 172-148 in its 2007 season opener.

Delaware (1-0, 1-0 Colonial Athletic Association) used strong performances from junior Sarah Begley and freshmen Meghan Barber and Cortney Barry, but junior Maryann Walker turned in the best performance Saturday, contributing in the freestyle and backstroke.

Walker, the Ellicott City, Md. resident, helped propel a win in the 400-yard freestyle relay, 200-yard freestyle and the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 2:08:04. She also placed second in the women's 50-yard freestyle, finishing .91 behind George Mason's Sarah Bizer.

The Fall Kings

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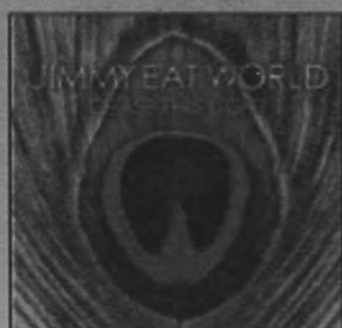
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