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Student injured by CSX train

Junior engineer took a shortcut to class along tracks

BY MONICA SIMMONS

News Features Editor

A university junior was injured Tuesday morning when a CSX train struck him.

Michael Lombardo, an engineering major from Bellmore, N.Y., was walking east alongside the train tracks behind 67 E. Cleveland Ave. at approximately 11 a.m. when a train running in the same direction struck him from behind.

Lt. Thomas Le Min said Lombardo suffered severe injuries to one of his legs, including a broken femur.

Officials at Christiana Hospital would not confirm Lombardo's condition Wednesday, but his sister Gina Lombardo said he was in stable condition after undergoing surgery Tuesday night.

Lombardo is the third person to be hit by a train in the Newark area since September. Freshman Rachel Payne was fatally struck Sept. 12 on the trestle over Chapel Street while walking home from a fraternity party, and a 33-year-old resident was injured by a train at Deer Park Tavern Jan. 14.

Le Min said Newark Police are considering pressing charges against Lombardo for trespassing.

"At some point people have to take responsibility for their own actions," he said. "We're not talking about little children playing on the railroad tracks, we're talking about adults."

Senior L.J. Messenger, a resident of

67 E. Cleveland Ave. and the first student to come to Lombardo's aid, said she was preparing to do work at her computer before her first class when she heard someone screaming from her backyard.

Messenger said she looked out her window and saw Lombardo on the hill below the tracks.

Lombardo was conscious the entire time, she said. He assured her he wasn't walking on the tracks and he thought he was far enough over.

"What is scary to me is he had the ideal situation [to avoid being struck] as it was sunny, he was awake, he was sober and he lives on Cleveland Avenue, so he knows how the train feels and how it sounds," Messenger said.

She said she often sees students walk along the tracks to get to class.

While Le Min said the Newark Police believe Lombardo did not hear the train

because he was wearing headphones, Messenger said she did not see headphones on Lombardo.

Gina also disputed the report that her brother was wearing headphones. She said her brother claims there was something protruding from the train's engine, possibly a snowplow, which hit him.

She said her brother was knocked unconscious at impact but awoke shortly after.

"His leg was over his shoulder and he had to drag himself down the hill to this girl's backyard," she said.

Gina said her brother often walked along the tracks as a shortcut to class. He heard the train blow its horn, but believed he was not in danger.

LeMin said the train was stalled for approximately two hours.

CSX could not be reached for comment.



THE REVIEW/Jessica Sitkoff

A student was assaulted and robbed in his room at Pencader Residence Hall.

Robbery at Pencader second in two weeks

BY AARTI MAHTANI

Student Affairs Editor

An unidentified student was robbed while outside his room at Pencader E Residence Hall Sunday at approximately 8:30 p.m., University Police said.

Capt. James Flatley, spokesman for University Police, gave the following account: The student was talking on his cellular phone when three unidentified men accosted him by striking him on his head.

The three men stole approximately \$50 in cash, credit cards and the cellular phone the student was using.

University Police were called and reported to the scene, he said.

The robbery is similar to the Pencader C Residence Hall robbery Feb. 21. The three men's descriptions are also similar to those from that robbery.

Since Feb. 14, there have been 12 thefts on campus, as well as one shoplifting incident, according to Public Safety crime reports.

These crimes have been reported at university parking lots, residence halls, classroom buildings, Morris Library, the University Bookstore and the Trabant University Center.

Anyone with information on the Pencader Residence Hall robberies is urged to call University Police at 831-2222.

HATE CRIMES

Students, faculty discuss problem in campus community

BY SARAH LEWIS

Staff Reporter

Several Registered Student Organizations held a forum on hate crimes Tuesday evening in the Perkins Student Center Gallery to address hate crimes that have occurred at the university.

Senior Andrew Jenner, secretary of Civil Liberties Union, said the discussion gave students an opportunity to discuss the issue of hate crimes on campus and to inform those who are unaware of the magnitude of the problem.

More than 30 acts of hate and intolerance were reported on campus last semester, Jenner said.

"It is most important to have this forum because before a problem can be addressed, we must first acknowledge that we have a problem," he said.

Hate crimes involving race, religion, gender and sexuality were highlighted in the discussion.

The forum featured sociology professor Ben Fleury-Steiner, a criminologist who has published on issues of race, inequality and crime.

Fleury-Steiner told the crowd of approximately 50 students that hate crimes occur all over the country and are not merely limited to a specific region.

He said campuses are a target for hate crimes because their openness to opinions makes students less afraid to speak their minds.

"It is important because we're in America, and America is a perpetual society of struggle and confrontation," Fleury-Steiner said. "There's all sorts of anti-democratic values being exhibited toward racial and sexual minorities."

He cited cases of discrimination after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks against Muslim students. Female students wearing Islamic headscarves reported being verbally and physically harassed.

The numbers of hate crimes are hard to accurately portray due to an excessive number of unreported,



THE REVIEW/Adria Andersen

More than 20 Registered Student Organizations sponsored a discussion forum to talk about reported incidents of hate crime at the university.

crimes, Fleury-Steiner said.

Senior Alfred Lance, president of Haven, gave accounts of hate crimes against students on campus, such as a hostile environment toward a homosexual student in a residence hall in the fall.

Lance said diversity groups are under-funded and the administration relies on organizations such as Haven to educate students on diversity.

"Programming is a great way to mechanize," he said, "but the administration isn't doing much to educate, the students are doing the programming."

After the presentations by Fleury-Steiner and Lance, attendees raised their hands to participate in the discussion.

Many students said there is a need for the administration to take note of the growing concerns regarding discrimination and hate crimes on campus.

Another concern discussed was the unawareness

among students of who to turn to after experiencing a hate crime, which leads to many crimes being ignored.

Lance said people will be less likely to report crimes if the administration does not acknowledge the problem exists.

Sophomore Jonathan Olmsted said the lecture taught him about the amount of incidents involving discrimination.

"I was given a clearer picture about the magnitude of underreporting of incidents," he said. "I was unaware of that."

Junior Jeffrey Carter said he found the forum to be beneficial.

"I think it helped the situation in that we were talking about what we are going to do in the future," he said.

The event was co-sponsored by more than 20 Resident Student Organizations, including College Democrats, College Republicans and Haven.

Stone Balloon condo proposal one step closer to approval

BY SARAH COCHRAN

Staff Reporter

The Newark Planning Commission voted unanimously to make a recommendation to the city council in favor of building a large condominium in place of the Stone Balloon Tavern and Concert Hall Tuesday night.

Stone Balloon owner, Jim Baeurle, and his associates of The Breckstone Group, Inc., proposed a large 82-unit condominium building, named Waterstone, to replace the nightclub.

The commission previously heard the proposal and requested the group scale the project down to 54 units instead of the 85 they originally wanted.

Planning Commissioner James Soles made the motion at a previous meeting to table the issue and give the group time to amend their proposal to include these changes.

The March 1 proposal Breckstone returned with had been scaled down slightly, but not to the prior specifications of the commission.

Richard Beck, a land use attorney working with the group, said a sincere effort was made to deal with concerns members of the committee

expressed.

An effort was made to eliminate some units on the front, move the building back and change the design of it to use brick material in response to comments made by members of the commission, he said.

Planning Commissioner Joseph Wald said he was surprised by the revisions presented to the commission.

"It is almost unheard of that the great majority of the suggestions are ignored," he said, "we are baffled."

"We recommended a reduction to 54 units and a smaller building and they did not comply."

Wald read a report by the Downtown Newark Partnership Design Committee that stated the building does not match the character of Main Street and their main objection to the project is its size.

The committee is also concerned that approving the project would set a precedent for other Main Street property owners to tear down existing buildings and max out their property with density.

Planning Commission Director Roy H. Lopata said he agreed.

"One of my biggest concerns remains fairness and equity in terms of other projects downtown," he said.

Baeurle said the zoning code allows for up to 110 units.

Wald said while this is the maximum, the owner of the property is only entitled to the minimum expressed in the code unless he can show a valid benefit to the city.

"We saw some interesting positive aspects in a moderate size development," he said.

Angela Dingilian, Newark business owner and resident, said she is in favor of the condominium complex.

"We strongly support this project because of the tremendous economic benefit it will bring to Newark," she said, "and because we personally look forward to living at Waterstone."

Lee Heck, of Patterson Schwartz, said the group has a list of 39 people who have expressed sincere interest in living in Waterstone.

"Baby boomers are looking for lifestyle choices other than cutting grass, plowing the snow and those kinds of things," he said.

Newark resident Jean White said she opposed

the project.

There are seven buildings on the national register of historic places in the area, she said, including the Academy of Newark building, which is right next door.

"It will denigrate and belittle the Academy of Newark building," she said.

Vince D'Anna, realtor and Newark resident, said the town is at a crossroads and it is time for a change.

"Main Street is a retail failure," he said.

Soles said it was not the university students who stopped shopping on Main Street; it was the residents of Newark who started going to the shopping centers instead.

"The people have voted about the character of Newark with their feet," he said.

The commission recommended the city council approve the rezoning, and limit the number of units to 54.

"Basically we are saying that we like the idea," Wald said. "Fifty-four is the number we would like to see, or something along those lines, and it will be up to the city council to raise it to 82 units."

Coons discusses career

BY CAIT SIMPSON
Staff Reporter

A prominent local official said the key to political success is the ability to care for the world around you. New Castle County Executive Chris Coons was the guest speaker at a College Democrats meeting in Gore Hall Wednesday night, where he enthused the audience with interactive questions to describe his duties as county executive.

The most important aspect of politics is the urge to invoke change, he said.

"Never stop wanting to make a difference," he said.

Senior Dana Rohrbough, vice president for College Democrats statewide, said this was Coons' second appearance.

"He's able to get people re-engaged and connect to what we're working for," she said.

Coons described his political background as one of hard work and dedication that led him around the world and eventually back to his hometown of Hockessin.

The urge to make a difference in your area is the most important aspect of local government, he said.

"I did not even know about the east side in Wilmington when I was growing up," he said. "It took me to see the worst neighborhood in Nairobi, Johannesburg and New York to learn about the place where I am from."

The lack of political involvement among young people is also a major problem, he said.

"This campus is very apathetic but I see it as a representation of the country," he said. "There is profound apathy in our country."

But apathy is not politics' biggest problem, Coons said. It is the number of people in politics who have lost their vision.

"In law school, everyone wanted to change the world," he said. Now 98 percent work for large corporations and do pro-bono work on the side. That's not what it's about."

Coons said he left his career as a lawyer for W.L. Gore & Associates, Inc. to reconnect with those around

him.

It is not easy to rise above the high salaries of the corporations, but politics is about helping people, he said.

"If you know in your gut that you care, you can't not do this," Coons said.

However, he said the way to maintain values is to stay grounded.

"Keep friends around you who aren't particularly impressed by you," he said.

Sophomore Andrew Braunstein said Coons gave him a renewed sense of hope in politics.

"I feel really good," he said. "He made me more confident in public officials."

Coons said he encourages every student to enter politics if they have the ambition, and used his own experience as an example.

"I love my job. I love politics," he said. "Sometimes the responsibility scares the bejesus out of me but at the end of the day I want to make a difference."



Chris Coons, New Castle County executive, talked at a College Democrats meeting Wednesday in Gore Hall.

THE REVIEW/Jessica Sitkoff



Courtesy of Delaware.gov

President George W. Bush spoke with Gov. Ruth Ann Minner at the National Governors' Association meeting this week.

Minner debates Medicaid with Bush in Washington

BY CAITLIN GINLEY
Staff Reporter

Governor Ruth Ann Minner met with President George W. Bush this week to discuss the proposed federal budget cuts, primarily in Medicaid, that could burden states with extra finances.

Minner spoke with President Bush Monday as part of the National Governors' Association meeting. She also participated in the Council for State Governments' conferences, where she led the discussion on Medicaid spending.

Greg Patterson, spokesman for Minner, said after the governor's meeting with Bush, she said he was unresponsive to her concerns on funding cuts for Medicaid.

"She doesn't feel like a lot of progress got made," he said.

Patterson said if Bush's budget cuts pass in Congress, Delaware will feel an extra \$100 million burden in Medicaid costs.

The state will have to make up those costs by raising taxes, cutting spending from other government programs or reducing coverage for Medicaid participants, he said.

"The governor isn't wild about any of these options," Patterson said.

The president had some ideas on how to reform Medicaid so that it saves money for states and the federal government, he said. Minner would be in support of any way that saves money and cuts costs without affecting services.

The top concern for all the governors in Washington, D.C. this week was Medicaid, Patterson said. Most states have been affected by the rising cost of health care and tough economic times.

Bill Pierce, spokesman for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, said Secretary Mike Leavitt met with Minner and other state leaders last weekend to hear their aspirations for Medicaid and their concerns about the administration's plans.

"[Leavitt] hopes to develop a consensus proposal that he and the governors can go forward with to Congress," he said.

This past year Medicaid spending surpassed education, Pierce said, and it will be difficult to sustain for many states. Leavitt wants to continue to deliver his promise for low-income America and the president's proposal is pointing in the right direction.

Meetings with the governors started Saturday and continued until Wednesday. Pierce said the Medicaid proposal is still very broad and Leavitt is working on details.

Sarah Hawkins, deputy press secretary for the White House Office of Management and Budget, said Medicaid is a partnership between the federal government and the states.

"Unfortunately, the cost of Medicaid has been shifted to the federal tax payers because of state policies," she said.

Hawkins said the administration proposes modernization that will promote efficiency and give states flexibility in spending Medicaid.

The proposal includes \$100 billion for health care initiatives targeting low-income families and children, she said.

"It's really important to restore the federal balance and provide flexibility for state spending," Hawkins said.

In addition to Medicaid, Minner also discussed homeland security with the president.

Patterson said Minner suggested that the Homeland Security Department should develop better standards for the disposal of hazardous materials from hospitals and other medical facilities because it can be possibly used for terrorist attacks.

After hearing the suggestion, he said Bush immediately walked across the room and talked to the new Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff about it.

Also while in Washington, D.C., Minner discussed some of her other interests.

At the NGA meeting, Minner ran a meeting about biotechnology and how states, industries and universities, like the University of Delaware, can partner to enhance economic development, he said.

Faculty ponders grade inflation

BY PAT WALTERS
Staff Reporter

The Faculty Committee on Grade Inflation held a public hearing before the Faculty Senate in Smith Hall Wednesday to explain recent findings and propose actions to alleviate the problems of grade inflation.

Approximately 35 students and faculty members listened as Don Lehman, medical technology professor and committee member, outlined the findings of a report the committee compiled two years ago.

The report concluded grade inflation is occurring at the university and is a problem that must be addressed.

"Forty-six percent in 15 years is a lot of A's being given," he said.

Jan Blits, education professor, said some departments have recorded increases as high as 500 percent.

The report acknowledged students admitted to the university today are brighter, earning higher SAT scores and GPAs but states, "The increase in high grades appears to outstrip the improvements in the academic quality of students and the quality of instruction."

However, the report included no data quantifying the "quality of instruction."

Few in the audience denied that more students are getting A's than 18

years ago.

One student said, "It's clear that average has become above average."

Yet some expressed concern that the committee had overlooked some crucial details in its exploration of why grades have inflated.

Dave Smith, biology professor and grievance officer for the Faculty Union, said the report fails to note the greatest inflation of grades occurred in the fall of 1992. This was the same time the university switched to a plus-minus grading system, which he claims makes the assignment of a B more difficult for faculty.

Several students questioned not if grade inflation is occurring but what the Faculty Senate intends to do about it.

Gabrielle Bauer, committee member and consultant for the Center for Teaching Effectiveness said the Princeton University system, which requires professors to assign a given quantity of each letter grade, will not be implemented.

"The Princeton system has not even been remotely considered as a recommendation the committee would make to the Faculty Senate," she said.

The committee instead plans to recommend faculty members outline their grading criteria more clearly on syllabi and that department chairs hold faculty

responsible for explaining their grade distributions.

The issue of faculty accountability was met with concern when the committee proposed requiring faculty members to explain grade distributions as a part of their annual evaluation.

One faculty member said, "That is so unacceptable it's hard to describe." Phil Conrad, computer information systems professor, suggested workshops might help faculty improve their ability to grade students properly.

"Most faculty are trained a discipline," he said, "and few are trained in evaluating students."

Hal White, chemistry professor, said the average GPA of all classes taken by a student should be listed side-by-side with his or her GPA.

However, some people remained unconvinced that grades were the real problem.

Junior Brendan McHenry said the problem lies not in the grades assigned but the difficulty of the course itself, suggesting that the committee's recommendations to challenge the faculty and not students.

"Grade inflation is an artificial solution," he said.

The committee will hold another public hearing Wednesday at 4 p.m. in Smith Hall.

Student Senate holds first meeting

BY JIA DIN
Student Affairs Editor

Grade inflation, the new computer clean-up fee and dining hall food listings were some of the issues discussed at the newly formed Delaware Undergraduate Student Senate's first meeting in Purnell Hall Wednesday evening.

Junior John Cordrey, president of the Delaware Undergraduate Student Congress, presided over the meeting and said student senators are given the opportunity to vote in all resolution decisions, create ad hoc committees and create new proposals regarding any pertinent issue.

Approximately 35 students attended the meeting in which representatives from various registered student organizations were confirmed as official senators and were presented with resolutions regarding university issues.

Senior Mike McKee presented a resolution to curb grade inflation and to bypass the university's rumored proposal to implement a university-wide grading system.

The resolution called for the use of common exams across sections of courses, having deans evaluate the difficulty of curriculum, additional rankings comparing students to others in their major and moving the last day to drop a course earlier in the semester.

Senior Kyle Somers, DUSC vice president, said grade inflation exists if the GPA of students is increasing at a faster pace than that of the quality of students.

McKee said the proposed resolution might prevent grade inflation and lower the GPA of all students and is less severe than a university-wide grading system.

"The university is going to make a proposal about this no matter what," he said. "We want to make sure we have our voice out there so it might limit how extreme [the administration is]."

In addition, Somers said a university-wide grading system might create a hostile environment for students.

"In this system, people stop sharing, they stop focusing

on extracurricular activities because they begin competing against each other," he said.

After much questioning of the resolution by the student senators, it was decided to reformat the resolution and vote upon it at the next meeting.

Senior Jamie Hendershot, responsible for city relations for DUSC, presented the second resolution regarding the new computer clean-up fee that was implemented this semester.

Hendershot said the resolution calls upon the university's public relations department to promote its free anti-virus software and to educate students on ways to prevent viruses from occurring. The resolution passed by a majority vote.

Senior Noelle Tucker, student senator representing the Campus Alliance de La Raza, presented a resolution regarding investigation into ways the campus shuttle bus system may be improved.

"Some people have to wait 20 minutes for a bus which should come by every eight minutes," she said.

The senate decided to create an ad hoc committee to research the issue.

A resolution to post food allergy information on dining hall Web sites was presented by Cordrey and passed with a majority vote by the senators.

Cordrey said he thought of the proposal when a friend with a food allergy mentioned how he never knew where he could eat because no information is posted online.

Senior Mike Hoffman said he found the first meeting productive and useful.

"There are always some bugs which need to be worked out, but it's good to get everyone together to hear different opinions," he said.

Tucker said she believes RSOs can have more of a voice through DUSC.

"Now I have more of an official position as a senator," she said, "so now when I have something to say, I'll be heard more."

Police Reports

DIRTY DISHES DISPUTE

A man was hit in the head with a beer bottle Wednesday night after he and his roommate fought over a sink full of dirty dishes, Newark Police said.

At approximately 9:40 p.m. the man and his roommate were in their house located on East Delaware Avenue fighting over who should clean the dirty dishes, Cpl. Tracy Simpson said.

One roommate threw a beer bottle at the other one and cut his head, she said. The man had a small lump and a cut behind his ear, but refused medical treatment.

The man decided not to press charges against his roommate.

LAPTOP CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE

A laptop was damaged during a fight between a man and a woman on East Park Place Monday night, Simpson said.

At approximately 6:00 p.m. the couple was at home arguing, she said.

The man got mad and punched the screen of the woman's laptop computer, Simpson said.

No charges were pressed and damages are estimated at \$900.

LOST CHICKEN MONEY

Money was lost sometime Tuesday from a money deposit for Kentucky Fried Chicken located on Marrows Road, Simpson said.

The deposit was dropped off sometime between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. in the PNC Bank drop box located in the Newark Shopping Center, she said.

A teller at the bank notified the restaurant manager after the bag was opened and found to be short \$545, Simpson said. The teller also found a tear at the bottom of the bag.

There are no suspects at this time.

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Newark seeks lobbyist for Del. legislature

BY DANA SCHWARTZ

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Newark City Council recently proposed hiring a lobbyist advocate for the city in Dover.

Councilman Karl Kalbacher, 3rd District, said the Newark community wants to be more aware of how issues are decided.

"We're interested in what the legislators are doing in Dover and we want to be cognizant of what's going on," he said.

The idea was proposed months ago, Kalbacher said, but the timing is appropriate because the legislature is in session.

Newark Mayor Vance A. Funk III said Joseph Fitzgerald and Robert Maxwell are being interviewed and the decision will be made by the council Monday night.

Funk said although Kalbacher suggested hiring a lobbyist without him knowing, Funk had considered it in April.

"We were both thinking the same thing, but I guess we weren't talking to each other," he said.

Kalbacher said hiring lobbyists would help Newark address issues that have been difficult to deal with in the past.

Last year, legislators overruled Newark's authority to impose a licensing component to businesses selling alcohol, he said. Without a lobbyist the issue was difficult to address and resolve.

In addition, Kalbacher said a lobbyist will help maintain Newark citizens' voices in Dover.

"All Delaware officials, myself included, are pulled in many different directions by many groups," he said. "We're hoping [the lobbyist] will help to balance out this see-saw effect."

The main issue concerning city officials is a bill to help defendants to transfer their cases from Newark's Alderman's Court to Wilmington, Kalbacher said.

Funk said moving the courts would greatly

affect taxpayers.

"If the courts are moved it will cost the city \$250,000 and the university \$100,000," Funk said.

Alderman's Court is a court of first impression, which means the defendant has no right to transfer the case, he said.

Because University Police use Alderman's Court, if the court is abolished, a person could ask to have the case heard in Wilmington, Funk said.

"We also already have a shortage of policemen and moving the court to Wilmington will force the police to be out of Newark more than we can afford," he said.

Councilman Frank Osborne, 5th District, said he is aware of the benefits of a lobbyist but is still on the fence about hiring one.

"Our legislators have been very good in representing our interest in Dover," he said. "We appreciate what they've been doing so I don't know if a lobbyist will be beneficial to us."

According to Kalbacher, hiring a lobbyist will cost \$15,000 to \$20,000, which citizens will pay for in the form of taxes.

Funk said the hiring of a lobbyist is a budgeted item by the city.

"I don't think it will cost too much because we're approved by the city to use up to \$25,000 for the services of a lobbyist," he said.

Hiring a lobbyist will be cost beneficial and in favor of the city, Funk said.

"Our image is not as strong as it should be," he said, "and I came in with the motion to do something about it."

"Sometimes I feel as if the city lives in the dark ages. I feel as if this will help us move along."

— Additional reporting by Lindsey Lavender

Print media can survive tech age

BY EMILY PICILLO

Staff Reporter

Journalists refuse to consider themselves doomed, despite being caught in a boundless technological revolution that has caused the circulation of print newspapers to sharply decline in recent years, a distinguished journalist said Wednesday afternoon.

David Hoffman, university alumnus and The Washington Post's assistant managing editor for foreign news, said the world is a better place because of the ability to transmit vast amounts of data within seconds, but there is a detrimental flip-side.

"There is a difference between data and understanding," Hoffman said. "If you can imagine, we get enormous amounts of data about the world, but where do you get understanding?"

News outlets such as MSNBC, in addition to online sources such as Google and Yahoo! consist only of headlines and repetition, Hoffman said. They are completely void of any crucial reporting depth.

"You'll learn the data, but what if you desire understanding of an event?" he said, referring to the fact that more people now choose to read the news through headlines offered on Web pages.

Hoffman has worked for The Washington Post since 1982. As a reporter, he covered the White House during the terms of Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush and was a diplomatic correspondent in Washington, D.C. He was also the newspaper's bureau chief in both Jerusalem and Moscow.

Throughout his speech to approximately 50 students in Gore Hall, Hoffman emphasized the continuing need for journalists to possess the ability to observe, think, synthesize and find patterns in the world, despite the public's increased tendency to gather information about current events through online news outlets such as Weblogs.

Bloggers and online news feeds merely gather information from legitimate news sources and reorganize it. They make no attempt to understand the story and transfer this understanding to its readers, in contrast to journalists.

Hoffman said it cannot be denied that the technology boom of the past few years has had detrimental effects on all print newspapers. The Washington Post has seen its circulation drop in tens of thousands since more readers have turned to Web sites for news.

The rapid speed of the Internet allows online news outlets to post current events almost immediately, Hoffman said. By the time newspapers publish the same story the following day, it is already old news.

"A lot of people say that newspapers may cease to exist," he said, as he displayed Wednesday's front page of the Washington Post. "It is possible. As painful as it is to say, [in the future] this paper will not look like it does today."

However, Hoffman said, "I hope that this 35 cent bargain called The Washington Post persists and that we can find a way to not lose all our resources to the Internet."

Changes will occur in how the news is delivered, Hoffman said. "One thing that will be the same is, I think, you are going to need and want understanding," he said. "And that means we still need journalism to go find that understanding."

"We still need experts, we still need thinking people to sift the news, to look behind it, to tell narratives of what happened. You are not going to get that in the world of data storm, the world of Google, Yahoo! and MSNBC. There is nobody there trying to create understanding."

In spite of the problems that plague the future of newspapers, Hoffman said journalism possesses the ability to adapt.

Speaking specifically to students, Hoffman said they live in the "golden age of the information revolution," so the world now needs a new kind of journalism.

"If you want to answer the big questions of your time," he said, "not



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David Hoffman, alumnus and The Washington Post editor, discussed the future of international journalism.

only is it fun to be a journalist, but you are going to need journalists to bring you that understanding."

Sophomore Emily Helmeid said she appreciated Hoffman's comprehensive overview of the role technology plays in the future of journalism. He also influenced her to consider journalism as a prospective career path.

"I never thought of journalism as a means to pursue my interests and curiosities," she said.

Junior Andrea Lang said she found it interesting how strongly Hoffman emphasized the role of print media to provide understanding in news stories.

"It seems easy to be subjective about what understanding is," she said. "I don't think you have to get your news from a newspaper. Physically, I don't think there is any importance to the shape of a newspaper."

The lecture was part of the Global Agenda lecture series.

Group says NCLB in need of revision

BY LAUREN ZANE

Art Editor

After a 10-month study of the No Child Left Behind Act, the National Conference of State Legislatures concluded that at least 40 changes should be made to increase the law's effectiveness in schools.

State officials have been struggling to meet the demands of No Child Left Behind, which calls for regular testing in grades three through eight and imposes penalties to schools that fail to improve test scores.

The original purpose was to give schools and educators the support and motivation to reach adequate goals.

However, if funding is pulled from the school because of an inability to meet requirements, schools, teachers and students may suffer.

David Shreve, spokesman for the NCSL, said the law was established with little input outside of Congress.

"I think the main problem is this system is trying to improve the standardized system on all 50 states," he said. "We have to realize that some schools are doing more than what is being required and this system brings them down."

It does not seem likely that changes in the system will take

place in the short run, Shreve said.

"It's going to take at least two years for any changes to take place," he said. "This law is forcing school systems to do things that are impossible to do. It's an inaccurate yardstick."

Wendy Lapham, public information officer for Christina School District, said administrators are obligated to do what the system requires.

"We don't have a choice, we make sure we have the best schools," she said. "We all have to be measured against the same standards, and we make sure our schools are at the top."

The law requires highly qualified teachers to be in every class, meet educational mandates each year and receive a minimum score on several of tests.

Many schools cannot meet the expectations due to lack in funding, which the legislation does not provide for.

Kathy Witman, fifth grade teacher in the Twin Valley School District in Pennsylvania, said the law provides constant pressure to schools.

"The No Child Left Behind is a one-size-fits-all law," she said. "It's basically stating that all children's learning ability is the same, that they are all learning to read and do math at the same rate and that's just completely absurd."

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Alexandra McHale performed standup for SCPAB's Coffeehouse Series.

Coffeehouse Series

Comedian 'wows' Scrounge

BY SONIA DASGUPTA

Staff Reporter

The Student Centers Programming Advisory Board hosted its weekly Coffeehouse Series featuring comedian Alexandra McHale, a returning coffeehouse guest.

A few students roared with laughter at the comedian's opening, when she sarcastically discussed the liveliness of Main Street and the town of Newark. And she pronounced "Newark," like the city in New Jersey.

One audience member found her opening so funny, McHale decided to pick on her, discussing the student's major of East Asian Studies and discovering they grew up in the same state.

McHale discussed the life of college students as she reminisced about time in college.

She said how the cute expressions girls use now like the "walk of shame" and "sloppy seconds" would not fly as an adult.

"If you keep doing it, you're a whore," she said sarcastically.

McHale also poked fun at the simple mind of boys, and how they use soap for everything, even toothpaste.

From college life, she addressed her obsession with watching pharmaceutical commercials

and her issue with commercials having images of puppies and plentiful fields to sell their products.

"Why do commercials for herpes have people white water rafting or mountain climbing?" McHale said. "If I meet a guy who does white water rafting and mountain climbing, I'm getting the hell away from him."

The comedian also talked about girls and weight issues.

"I just don't understand why people would eat stuff that causes anal leakage," she said. "That's why they are called 'Wow' potato chips, because your date says 'Wow,' [when he sees you get sick]."

After discussing diets she began making fun of her Irish Catholic heritage. She described how she had to wear sunscreen everywhere as a child, and a T-shirt when she went swimming.

"All the tan people at the beach come to be around me, since I reflect the sunlight," McHale said.

She joked with the audience about colloquial activities and asked people if they have ever been cow tipping and also how to do it. She impersonated what the cow goes through.

"Bessie, I've gotta stay up tonight or those damn kids are gonna come!" she said. "If I fell asleep and someone came and

tipped my ass over, I'd have Mad Cow Disease too!" she said.

Sophomore Andy Glessner said he attended the event to escape homework.

"It's a good program and more people should go because it's funny. Who doesn't like to laugh?"

McHale has opened for comedian Lewis Black at the university's Bob Carpenter center in 2003. She has appeared on NBC's "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," CBS's "The Late, Late Show with Craig Kilborn" and has appeared regularly on Comedy Central's "Premium Blend" and VH1's "I Love the '80s."

Senior Larry Walker, vice president of events for SCPAB, said the group first booked McHale when SCPAB members attended the National Association for Campus Activities convention, an entertainment conference where college students find entertainers for on-campus programs.

"She is pretty popular among college students, with a large female following," he said.

After the performance, McHale talked to students about her career aspirations.

"My dream is to have my own sitcom one day," she said.

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Hollowell wins architect award

CAIT SIMPSON
Staff Reporter

The executive vice president and treasurer of the university has been recognized by the American Institute of Architects as an honorary member for his involvement in major construction projects on campus.

David Hollowell, who has served at the university for 17 years, will be introduced as one of 10 new honorary members of AIA in May at the 2005 National Convention and Design Exposition in Las Vegas.

Tricia Boone, spokeswoman for AIA, said the award is the highest possible distinction for non-architects.

"Granting honorary AIA status demonstrates the institute's gratitude toward those who support and uplift architects and the profession by acknowledging them as part of the AIA family," she said.

Hollowell said he is honored to receive the distinction.

"It is rewarding to know professionals recognize your work," he said.

Boone said Hollowell earned the award for his work in the transformation of college campuses.

Hollowell was involved in major construction projects as early as 20 years ago, starting with his participation in the construction of a new science building at Boston University where he served as vice president.

"At Delaware, I have worked on finishing the master plans for the Green, the construction of Gore Hall and DuPont Hall and the restoration of old buildings," he said.

In addition, Hollowell serves as a member of the Society for College and University Planning.

Jolene Knapp, executive director for SCUP, said the society tries to integrate various parts of the planning process.

"The organization promotes collaborative planning amongst academic, student life, facilities, budget and information technology plans," she said.

Hollowell contributed a great deal to the organization, broadening its communication capabilities through university media relations and hosting conferences on campus, she said.

He served as president of SCUP from 1994 to 1995 and

was awarded the Distinguished Service Award in 1997, she said.

Boone said Hollowell realigned and revitalized SCUP while serving as the president.

"He rescued it from near bankruptcy and helped it to become the nation's leading professional society for college and university planning," she said.

Knapp said Hollowell's work at SCUP was worthy of recognition.

"I have no doubt that he has served AIA with the same dedication and integrity that he has given SCUP," she said. "I can't think of a more well-deserving candidate for this honor."

Hollowell said the award will not affect his current or future projects.

"I'm just glad I got to build some new buildings," he said. "It makes you feel good."

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Editorial

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Hate Crimes

Across the nation, and at this university, acts of hate and intolerance occur all the time, and many go unreported.

Several Registered Student Organizations held a forum Tuesday on hate crimes to give students an opportunity to discuss the issue.

Hate crimes target people based on their race, religion and sexuality.

The Review applauds these groups for taking initiative and holding this forum.

Unfortunately, many students are unaware that hate crimes even occur on campus.

The Review's staff editorial Feb. 22 focused on the university and its desire to increase diversity on campus. However, if an effort is going to be made to bring more diversity, an effort also has to be made to educate students about tolerance.

The administration should include hate crimes and tolerance in their agenda of general information they provide to students, along with that on drugs, alcohol and sexually transmitted diseases.

It is imperative that a clear message is sent to students that the university does not tolerate hate crimes. More importantly, however, students must also refuse to accept hate crimes.

They must stand up to their peers when acts of intolerance are committed and speak their minds to explain to others why their actions are wrong.

On a campus such as this, where so many do not come from diverse backgrounds, and then walk into an atmosphere of little diversity at

school, it is necessary to emphasize tolerance.

The forum was a positive step forward, as are all the diverse groups on campus that individually and collectively work to deter discrimination and stereotypes.

The Review encourages students to report hate crimes when they are witnessed or experienced.

The university should realize people would be more likely to report hate crimes when there is a substantial effort made to address that a problem of intolerance exists on campus.

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Letters to the Editor

University should spend more money to beef up campus safety

Perhaps it's time we change our nickname from the Fightin' Blue Hens to the Sitting Ducks.

University students, Newark residents and business owners currently find themselves under siege. A rash of armed robberies, break-ins, muggings and thefts have spread throughout the campus and city.

These break-ins, along with the increased frequency of armed robberies and muggings, have become frighteningly common. Yet, University President David P. Roselle beseeches Gov. Ruth Ann Minner for money for increased athletic scholarships and poultry health.

A campus that is a five-minute drive away from an I-95 corridor makes Newark a prime target for crime. A simple solution, which might take the staggering courage of asking for more

money for public safety rather than poultry research, is to install more street lights and emergency telephones on campus and in the surrounding community. This move has helped eliminate crime on campuses like University of Pennsylvania and Temple University, where their streets are lit like Rockefeller Center Christmas Trees in December.

Of course, asking for emergency police phones and street lights means Roselle and the administration must admit there is an increasing crime problem. This has not happened. Perhaps because it's not as sexy to discuss crime rates with wealthy parents of high school students rather than new buildings or on-campus hotels.

The City of Newark, Newark Police and University Police should be lauded for creating a robbery task force. The university administration, however, apparently finds it more important to emphasize landscaping projects

and building renovations rather than address the safety of its students and surrounding community.

This seedy underbelly of an otherwise beautiful campus must be acknowledged and addressed.

It's probably true that more fundraisers, more bricks and more banners aimed to increase prestige and the size of incoming freshmen classes makes better financial sense for the university's fiscal future and well being.

I just hope these new students don't carry a lot of cash on them when they arrive to Newark.

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University needs to give Dance Team some love



Heidi Owsley

Heidi Hollar

You would think winning a national championship would help your team gain support from not only fellow students but also the faculty. When our football team won a NCAA national title, this town went crazy with Blue Hen fever. There were T-shirts, discounts and

announcements — people are still talking about the title actually. I am on the University of Delaware Dance Team and this January we won first place in our national competition for Division I dance teams. We are first in the nation for dance teams in Division I. Now trust me, I am not saying we want as much praise as the football team received or extra special treatment, but it would be nice if people around here knew the difference between the dance student organizations and us.

The team I am on is the only dance team we have here at the university; the others are student run organizations. I completely respect the work and time Delaware Repertoire Dance Company, Dark Arts Performing Dance Company and the Ballroom Dance Team put into their programs, but we are considered a sport here, contrary to the belief of many, and as a team, we work just as hard as any of the other teams on campus. It is also very frustrating when you are danc-



THE REVIEW/Kristin Margiotta

ing on the sidelines of an event and you hear and see people mocking you.

When we came home from Orlando this year after winning the title, it took the school almost a week and a half to put up anything about us on UDaily, the marquee in front of the Bob or even just a nice little sign in the gym. When we finally did get some recognition from the university, we were acknowledged along with the cheerleaders and YoUDee, the mascot. I am not trying to take away from

their achievements in Florida but come on, I think we at least deserve a separate little write up about what we did and how we accomplished it — we are flippin' champions!

I recently received a phone call from the PR department here at the university. They wanted to do a write up on us in the Messenger, a university magazine that goes out to alumni and families about the school. The woman asked me to send her a picture of the team with our trophy and coach so they can publish it. Instead of using the picture I had sent them, they used a picture of a trophy and included, yet again, the cheerleaders and Mascots. Come on UD, show us some love.

Our team has come to a conclusion that the university in general is just not a huge dance team fan. We were told by the athletic director that our uniforms and a couple of our dances were a little too risqué for the crowds at the basketball games. I believe the most "risqué" thing we have done this year was take off a vest. You would think after seeing this for four years the crowd that is bothered by the fact would be used to it. We receive the most compliments from season ticket holders who appear to be more than 40 years old.

So do not mock us, give us some love. Check us out and appreciate the work we do. After all, we are flippin' national champs — heck yes!

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Rudeness in classrooms is appalling, students should fight groupthink

Ross Cohen

Guest Columnist

The brazen rudeness exhibited by many UD students is disgusting. Previously, I vigorously disagreed with the

pessimistic and overly harsh characterizations of today's young people. They were easily dismissed as the typical, exaggerated complaints of an elder generation, averse to change and proud to lament about the good old days to anyone willing to listen. These stinging denunciations of the day's youth are nothing new and based on nothing more than conjecture. In spite of this, the strength of that conviction is steadily deteriorating.

This is not a censure of the late-night antics of a drunken few. Nor is it a sermon against the short-fused individuals that find it necessary to scream out obscenities from a fast moving vehicle on Main

Street, Delaware Avenue or South Chapel Street — I actually find that rather amusing. This is about an unabashed rudeness that is rarely noted but all too common. What was once deplored and largely viewed as disrespectful has insidiously encroached upon the daily norm. The growing disrespect to which I refer happens every day in our classrooms. We have all seen it, examples of it are epidemic.

During an introductory history course, two-thirds of the class started talking and loudly packing up because they thought they heard a phrase from the professor signaling he was wrapping up. They were wrong. He was merely changing topics. So for the next several minutes I strained to hear him while boisterous "students" talked among themselves. They were either oblivious to the fact that he was still speaking or simply did not care.

It has always annoyed me when students rudely begin packing up while a professor is still lecturing, but this time was flagrantly disrespectful. Appalled at this recurring behavior I must pose the question, "Is

being the first one out of the room really so urgent that you can't wait until the class is actually over?"

Fresh from my irritation with my fellow students earlier in the day, I next attended geology. There, the ill-mannered behavior brandished its ugly head once again, this time at the start of class. After the professor politely explained his need to call roll to determine how many people could "pink slip" into the class, he tried in vain to take attendance. It is a mild annoyance to wait for 200 names to be called in a large lecture hall, but it was a necessary one that would ultimately benefit many people in the room, gaining them a seat in the course when none was previously available. Certainly some talking would be understandable, but the earsplitting noise that occurred was ridiculously rude. Some shameless individuals even had the audacity to shout at the professor, "Are you serious?" and "Is he kidding?" One person had the gall to mockingly holler, "We can't hear you!" It was not enough to be rude; they had to ridicule the poor guy, too. It must really take guts to

jeer a professor from the anonymity of a crowd of 200.

The unmitigated rudeness persisted. With 10 minutes remaining and the professor in mid-sentence, dozens of students abruptly stood up and approached to have their registration forms signed. If I was that professor, I would not have signed any of them, to say the least.

Perhaps the negative stereotypes about our generation are true, but they don't have to be. The solution is simple: do not be automatons. Resist the urge to sacrifice the individuality everyone is so fond of expressing. Fight groupthink. I am not asking you to be different people, just to remember that these years bridging adolescence and adulthood are when we choose what kind of person we will be. If you cannot do it now, how will you later?

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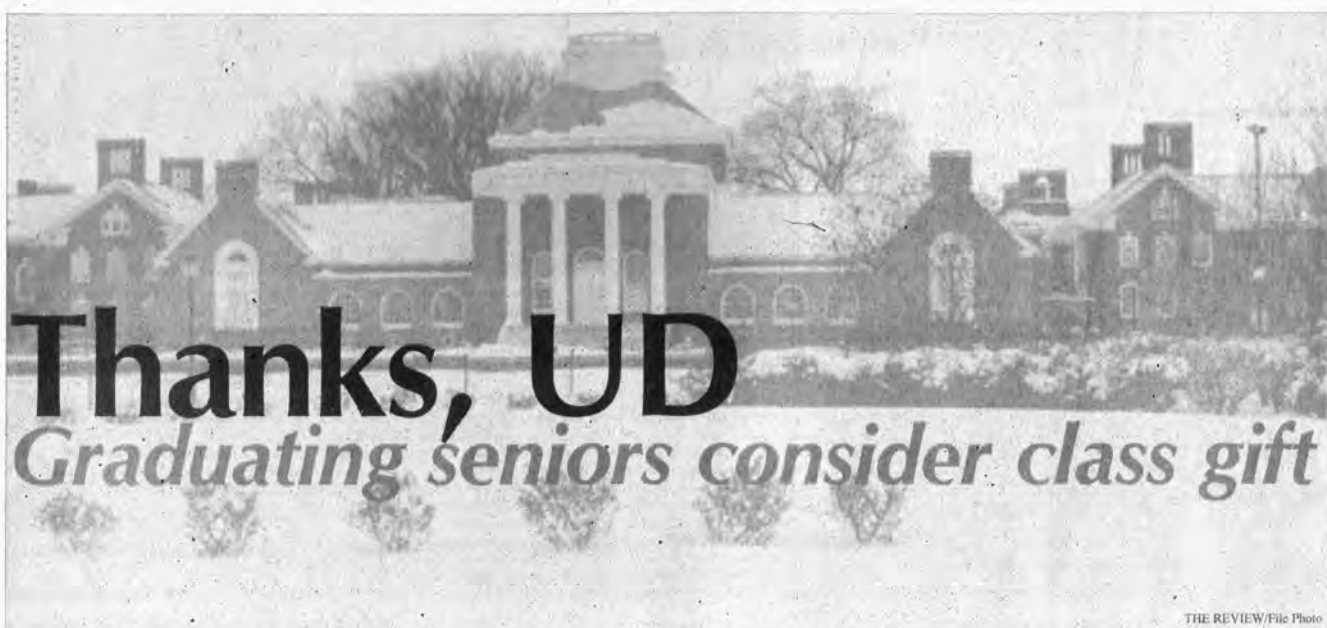
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- ☆ "Boomerang"

heart wrenching. When one of these categories kicks into high gear, another comes along inappropriately displacing it, confusing both the tone and plot.

When the movie is meant to be funny, it's hilarious. Likewise, when it's meant to be a love story it fits the mediocre romance the silver screen is used to.

When there's drama, the intense fighting proves there's drama. Yet no one theme stands out and the film becomes difficult to follow.

The obvious problem from the start: Who is this grandmother, Madea, and why is a man, Tyler Perry playing her? She is large and in charge, using her hilarious antics, handgun and chainsaw to be the all-knowing, sheltering and wise matriarch of the family.

One of the movie's strongest and in-your-face characters, it is still unclear why director Darren Grant took a poor cue from "Big Momma's House," in casting a man to play this role. Regardless, this character offers to the hilarity of the light-hearted scenes.

Aside from Madea, the main cast members basically repeat roles they have already played — only the names and personal details are changed.

Steve Harris, who played a brooding lawyer on ABC's now-cancelled "The Practice," plays Charles, a brooding lawyer with a humongous sense of self-importance and little regard for those who should otherwise mean something to him. There is nothing enchanting about his character, besides the castle he resides in, but that's not an entirely bad thing.

Esteemed character actress Cicely Tyson plays Helen's mother, and like Harris, playing a mother is clearly in Tyson's blood, even if it's the same strong-emotions, speaks-in-a-whisper mother she always plays.

"Young and the Restless" heartthrob Shamar Moore plays the seductively gentle Orlando, a steelworker in similar emotional turmoil to Helen's, following a painful breakup. His soap opera training has



clearly prepared him for the made-for-TV-movie sentimentality often creeping its way into the scenes and dialogue revolving around him and Helen.

In typical blue-collar uniform, Moore's bandana is bit stereotypical, but considering the swooning women who lined the front row for this particular viewing, it doesn't seem to hinder his magnetism.

Kimberly Elise plays Helen, the film's protagonist, and whose diary the title refers to. At times the viewer loses her as the storyline jumps from an alley way where a drug dealer and Charles have a brief quibble, to a party in Madea's front yard to a story line involving Helen's cousin and his drug-addicted wife and daughter who longs to sing in the church choir, to a court room shooting and ultimately her new love affair with Orlando.

While the film's main objective becomes unclear

after the initial diary entry, Helen remains central through her disbelief, over-the-top anger and finally forgiveness to find a stronger sense of self.

At times her self-reflections become a bit too reminiscent of Whitney Houston's character in "Waiting to Exhale." Oddly enough, Houston is alluded to along with husband Bobby Brown in a court scene with Judge Mablean Ephraim presiding, which evokes roars of laughter from the audience.

Had Grant taken one theme of the story and expanded solely on the self revelation, love, comedy or drama, the film might — and that's a big might — have come off better.

Laura Boyce and Christopher Moore are Managing Mosaic Editors at The Review. They saw this movie together but it wasn't a date.

"Cursed"
Dimension Films
Rating: ☆

Wes Craven catapulted onto the scene in the early '80s with "Swamp Thing" and "The Nightmare on Elm Street." Both low-budget horror films gained massive cult followings making Craven an icon of horror filmmaking.

In 1995, with the help of screenwriter Kevin Williamson, "Scream" hit the ground running and surpassed \$100 million in the box office. Since, Craven has directed two incredibly depressing follow-ups to "Scream" and a musical. After a four year break, Craven again teams up with Williamson in an effort to get back on track. Unfortunately, things didn't pan out so well.

"Cursed" is a stereotypical horror film about werewolves in Los Angeles. In it, brother and sister Jimmy (Jesse Eisenberg) and Ellie (Christina Ricci) are attacked by a werewolf and subsequently become cursed to transform into one themselves. Together, they must find the original werewolf and kill it to return to their normal lives.

Ricci and Eisenberg's performances carry a great deal of pros and cons. Ricci is believable in her role as Ellie, who appears to be some sort of public relations consultant for "The Late Late Show with Craig Kilborn." Her acting is good, but her character is weak and flimsy.

Eisenberg looks like Radar from "M.A.S.H.," sans the



glasses, and is believable as a geeky high school student. It's clear horror isn't his forte, as he looks uncomfortable in scenes with action or suspense.

Williamson's writing is a disgrace to horror fans everywhere. Each line sounds like it came directly from various parodies of teen horror movies, and if read by itself, the script would be a comedy.

No one can deny Craven has good horror filmmaking style. He's great with the camera and good at diagramming fight scenes. Undoubtedly, he'd be better if he had an intelligent story to work with.

More often than not, Craven's films turn into a violent cliché of pop culture in which 20-something actors struggle to stay alive for 90 minutes. "Cursed" would have been a good segment on "American Gladiators," but has no place in quality horror filmmaking.

— Matthew Feldman

"Man of the House"
Columbia Pictures
Rating: ☆

Ever since "The Fugitive," Tommy Lee Jones has played characters involved in law enforcement. In many of the roles, his performance is what stands out. In the comedy "Man of the House" Jones plays a non-nonsense sheriff protecting five witnesses to a murder, but even he does not stand out in this flat, unfunny film because he has nothing to work with.

In "Man of the House," Jones' character, Roland Sharp, must protect five Texas Longhorn cheerleaders after they witness a murder tied to a drug kingpin.

Sharp is forced to move in with the five girls who can only leave their house to attend classes, and even then they are always escorted. A sadly predictable storyline begins in which Sharp must adjust to the lives of the young women.

Problems range from the Sharp's new living quarters, to his new life inside the house with the five girls. Disagreements ensue and the girls try to fight for their right to lead their stereotypical lives they had before witnessing the murder. The cheerleaders are materialistic, self-centered, dumb and annoying. Any respectable cheerleader that does not fit this mold — and there are many — should protest.



To put it simply, there is nothing in "Man of the House" reflecting comedic originality or even simple originality. Nothing even represents comedy.

Tommy Lee Jones tries his hardest to deliver deadpan humor to the audience stemming from his frustrations with the cheerleaders.

Any actual comedic moments in "Man of the House," though, come from Cedric the Entertainer, who plays an ex-con turned minister. Cedric might be up to old tricks but he's still underused — he's one of the only parts of the films that garners any laughs.

Jones' deadpan humor has it's moments occasionally, but most of the time what he really lacks is any emotion and what the film lacks is almost any reason for any moviegoer to see it.

— Kevin McVey

SAY WHAT?

The Review asks students:

How do you deal with all the recent snow storms?

— compiled by Brian Downey



Andrew Forster Junior

"I hope classes get canceled, relax and enjoy the snow covered landscapes."



Chris Murphy Sophomore

"I make snow angels."



Robin Prescott Sophomore

"I bundle up and try to stay warm."



Kim West Junior

"I snowboard so I end up hitting the slopes more often."

THE HITLIST

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Trabant University Center Theater: "Closer," 7:30 and 10 p.m., \$3

Deer Park Tavern: DJ Rick Daring, 10 p.m., no cover

Stone Balloon: DJ Dance Party, no cover with university ID, \$1 Drinks

Klondike Kate's: Friday Night Shakedown with DJ Andrew Hugh, 10 p.m., no cover

East End Café: Witch Doctors, 10 p.m., \$3, \$5 minors

SATURDAY

Trabant University Center Theater: "Closer," 7:30 and 10 p.m., \$3

Stone Balloon: Special Edition Mug Night, no cover

East End Café: Apex Watson, 10 p.m., \$3, \$5 minors

Deer Park Tavern: Tom Larsen, 10 p.m., \$3

Klondike Kate's: Awesome '80s Night, 9 p.m., no cover

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Hip-hop: a sign of the times

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behind what he is saying. Compare this to the hip-hop in the West Coast vs. East Coast era.

While it may seem silly to some, when Tupac Shakur rapped about heaven's ghetto, he used large concepts to express what he felt.

"I see no changes, all I see is racist faces / misplanted hate makes disgrace to races."

So beyond the Biggie vs. Tupac rivalry, which was often real but dramatized for the sake of sales, there was a lot the two artists had to say. The Notorious B.I.G. was no different.

"The conspiracy, of this nation, for assassination / of the young black male in this black hell."

The point is these two men represent a different breed of black art than is evident today.

Sure there are the Kanye West's, Roots and the Common's of popular music, but they are often overshadowed by people like Lil' John and Twista. The latter two make almost no sense in what they say and contribute little to the substance of rap music.

With this transition from substance to substance-less in mind, consider the current state of politics as well those two centuries ago.

Some may cite the relative decline in presidential IQ's as indicative of the transition away from substance, but in addition to not believing in the validity of the IQ test, I think this trend is much more apparent than that.

Former President Theodore Roosevelt commented in a speech, "The country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in." A

current presidential candidate might be laughed offstage if he or she says something so proud.

Instead, we get the GWs that can barely formulate a sentence when it's not handed to them, or the John Kerrys that are as long-winded as a history professor. The American people are left to choose between the least worse.

Presidential campaigns, along with the entire political environment, tend not to focus on substantive issues but target those that are dramatized for the sake or re-election.

For example, failing to focus on a declining economy in the 2004 presidential election as well as greater global threats, than Saddam Hussein, evidenced the absence or reality quality in politics. In the same way rappers show off their "bling" and not creativity, presidential candidates rely more on imagery than substance.

Some of this may be due to the creation of mass communication systems that make it easy, almost beneficial, for a president to be seen and not heard. And also I might be taking it a little far, but there are some larger continuities here.

When presidents relied on more substance-friendly modes of transportation, the political environment had greater quality. By realizing this and demanding substance of all those celebrities that create our popular culture (from music to politics), we can expect greater quality in return.



THE REVIEW/Dan Lasowski

Shipman shoots for the sky

Professor and team research white dwarf stars

BY CHRISTINE ALHAMBRA

Copy Editor

Harry Shipman might be one of the few people who can claim he's a Harvard graduate, competitive ice skater, astronomer and science professor for more than 30 years.

Shipman says when he was younger he did the normal things science geeks do.

"I collected rocks and used explosive gunpowder in my parents basement and managed not to blow the house up," he says. "Explosive stuff was a lot of fun."

Shipman says he stumbled into astronomy while attending undergraduate school at Harvard University.

Shipman received his doctorate in astronomy and while receiving his post-doctorate at Yale, he taught Astronomy courses.

After finishing his time at Yale, he began teaching at the University of Delaware.

Not only is Shipman a distinguished professor, but he also is a distinguished freestyle ice skater. As a member of an adult synchronized skating team, he earned a silver medal on Valentine's Day weekend and has won other medals at national competitions.

Shipman is currently being recognized for his research with white dwarf stars. White dwarf stars are tiny balls the size of Earth, small in astronomical terms, which are in the final stage of the life cycle.

Shipman says the temperature of the stars can reveal their age. "We compare it to dead bodies," he says. "For instance, if the star is very hot, it is very young."

In 1986 scientists determined the most accurate temperature for the hottest white dwarf star there is. It was measured at 160,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

More recently, Shipman's team discovered there were clouds of hot gas around these white dwarf stars containing low-temperature molecular hydrogen gas.

"We thought it was a glowing ball that was just cooking," he says. Shipman says he and his colleagues didn't expect to find the clouds. "We were looking for carbon and oxygen in outer layers, not in white dwarf but clouds surrounding them."

He and his team gathered the information from a piece of equipment on the Hubble Space Telescope, called the Space Telescope Imaging Spectrograph. This piece of equipment has recently failed and the team is submitting requests to get the equipment working again to continue their research.

Shipman says knowing how old these stars are can answer important questions like how old the universe is, when the sun will die and what kinds of atoms will be injected into interstellar space.

"We can have a better idea of our origins," he said.

To put it simply, he says, "We are made from star stuff, studying white dwarf star stuff can tell us how we were made from star stuff."

Currently Shipman teaches two unique team-taught courses, Science and Religion and The Science Semester.

He co-teaches the "Science Semester" for Elementary Education students, a 15-credit science course combining topics such as physics, biology, science methods and earth science. The class uses problem-based learning, research and hands on experience to help future teachers have an overview of the sciences.

Shipman's teaching skills have been recognized with the National Science Foundation Director's Award for Distinguished Teaching Scholars, the highest award presented to professors who excel at both undergraduate teaching and scholarship.

He studies agenda and science education. His research focuses on how students learn. He specializes in having students not only learn facts, but learning critically. He uses a lot of his Science Semester class as a research tool.

John Madsen, who has assisted Shipman in planning and teaching The Science Semester for more than five years, says he has learned a lot from Shipman.

Madsen says he's learned a lot from watching Shipman teach and interact with students.

"The greatest impact that he has had on my teaching, and that he demonstrates to future elementary education teachers, is the quality of always being himself in front of a class," Madsen says. "The students seem to respond to that, and it is one of the finest attributes of an educator."

Shipman says he loves turning students on to the joys of science. "When you teach non-science majors, you realize you've got a challenge," he says.

His colleagues and students describe him as an energetic person who cares about his students.

Richard Donham, of the mathematics and science education resource center and biology professor, has known Shipman for 15 years and teaches part of The Science Semester.

"[Shipman] is always enthusiastic and always supports his students. He frequently is not afraid to make a fool of himself in front of his students," Donham says. "He also spends a good amount of time with his students."

When Shipman is asked what he teaches he says, "I used to answer, 'Astronomy,' now I say, 'students.'"

His students marvel at his constant enthusiasm. He has enough energy for all of us," sophomore Alicia Drelick says. "He is the only one smiling at 9 a.m."



THE REVIEW/Mary Beth White
Professor Harry Shipman is recognized for his astronomical studies.

Oscar Wilde's grandson to speak at Morris Library

BY ALEXIS BLASO

National State Editor

Morris Library will celebrate the opening of the Mark Samuels Lasner Collection today at 4 p.m. in the Reserve Room.

The collection of Victorian literature and art will be commemorated with a lecture by Merlin Holland, the grandson of legendary British poet and playwright, Oscar Wilde.

Holland, a journalist and author, has published three books based on 20 years of research into the life of his grandfather.

The lecture, "Confounding the Critics, Surviving



Oscar Wilde THE REVIEW/Photo

the Scandal: The Remarkable Reputation of Oscar Wilde," will reflect in part on, "After Oscar," the temporary title given to Holland's fourth work in progress derived from the life of Wilde.

"After Oscar," reveals insight into Wilde's relationships with friends, family, colleagues and critics during his career in the 20th century.

The Lecture is open to the public and will be followed by a reception.

Those interested in attending the lecture should respond to the Office of the Director of Libraries by calling 302-831-2231.

African beats set the mood for local group

BY HEATHER DETWILER

Staff Reporter

"Rrap ba dap ba dap, bup ba dap ba dap..."

Janet Peck leads a group of dance students through a series of moves without music. Live drumming often accompanies her African Dance classes but this evening features Peck's own rhythmic cues, followed later by recorded music.

Facing a bank of mirrors, Peck closely watches the moves of her students fanned out behind her.

"Da kiki, da kiki, da kiki, da kiki... Good!" she exclaims. "You really want to bend that knee so your hip can articulate."

The wiry, 47-year-old gestures enthusiastically with snake-like arm movements as she shuffle-hops barefoot across the hardwood floor in the Landenberg, Pa. studio.

Peck is short and energetic, with fluffy, dark brown hair, tanned skin and rosy muscles. She wears a navy blue tank top, a long, bright orange and blue tie-dye print skirt and seashell jewelry at her waist and ankles.

Her students' eyes appear riveted on her as Peck bounces easily about the room, demonstrating the steps to a traditional West African initiation dance, called Sinte.

Her students, a mixed collection of kids, teenage girls and middle-age men and women, follow along with varying degrees of coordination.

Smiles flash often.

The mood in the studio is loose. Jokes fly while commentary and laughter echo off the ceiling and white walls of the bare, open room.

The goals of the dance, Peck says later, are to get dancers out of their heads and into their bodies. "It's about opening your heart, moving energy through your body, and trying to become your biggest, fullest you," she says. "Dance is an opportunity to

be bigger than who you are."

Peck wants to help people learn to trust the wisdom of their bodies. "We are born wired to do these kinds of movements," she says.

The former public-school art teacher holds a master's degree in dance from Temple University. Although her early education was in modern dance, Peck finds herself attracted to African dance styles by the bold, athletic moves.

She studied with African ballet companies in Guinea and Senegal. There, Peck was inspired to form her own dance company, which she named N'Bonyé, after the Guinea word for heart.

In West Africa, she says, Peck learned many of the traditional dances that she teaches today, including such Guinea-based offerings as: Woola, a full moon dance, Yankday, a seduction dance and a hunting dance called Sofa. Each week of Peck's six-week course features something different.

As the group practices in the studio, arms sweep up toward the ceiling, then flap like wings. Butts stick out. Hips sway. Dancers toss their heads back as they run in place, seeming to mimic a person bounding down a steep hill at top speed. Feet stomp with toes pointed upward.

"Janet, do you identify with elephants?" asks student Harry Pease.

"Sometimes," Peck calls back to the self-proclaimed "big guy in the class."

Pease, owner of The Barber Shop on Elkton Road, later says he has danced with Peck for more than two years. On a personal quest for health, the middle-aged business owner describes finding a certain power in Peck's classes. "Her energy lifts me," he says.

Landenberg Ballet Theater owner, Gigi Murphy, echoes the same sentiment.

"I loved Janet's energy," she says of her own experience in Peck's African Dance class two years ago.

At that time, Peck taught in Newark's George Wilson Center. Murphy, a ballet instructor and mother of three, invited Peck to move the weekly class into her Landenberg home-based studio. Peck admits she had more students at the Newark location, but needed to be closer to her home in Lancaster, Pa.

The move has sparked a creative collaboration between the two women, who have written and choreographed a show combining African dance with classical ballet. Murphy says her students and N'Bonyé will perform this original folktale on May 26, at the Avon Grove High School in Avon Grove, Pa.

"Whoop!" Peck calls loudly as she leads her students into a complete run-through of the evening's steps, this time to fast music with strings and drums.

She smiles, making wide arm swoops and hopping from one foot to the other.

Group members follow with gusto — frog-hopping, pumping their hips and thrusting their chests forward and back. Bongo drums start in on the sound system and faces flush as the pace quickens.

"Yes!" Peck shouts to her charges, praising every pleasing move. Some pause at times, scrunching their faces in confusion, but Peck just urges them back into step.

"Thank you. Oh, beautiful!" Peck exclaims as the group flows more smoothly through the sequence.

The room fills with applause as the dance ends. Dancers then sit down in a circle, thank each other for participating and pound their palms on the floor, giving themselves a raucous send-off.

"It's nice having Janet here," Murphy says of her friend.

A bit of guidance



THE REVIEW/Lisa Visco
The university's counseling center, located in the Trabant University Center, offers help by appointment for students feeling depressed.

BY LISA VISCO

Staff Reporter

Depression is a devastating condition for students, but can be treated if help is sought as soon as signs start to develop.

Jennifer Reges, community educator for the National Mental Health Association, says suicide is the third leading cause of death for young adults between the ages of 15 and 24. Most college students are included in this age group, which means suicide can become a major problem on campuses.

College students are susceptible to depression for a number of reasons, Reges says.

"College students experience a lot of changes all at once," she says. "Adapting to these changes and leaving the nest for the first time can put extreme pressure on students."

Higher academic standards, financial responsibilities, awareness of sexual identity and drugs and alcohol can all play a role in the development of depression.

"Some students choose to self-medicate with drugs and alcohol," Reges says. "Relationships in college, whether they are with parents, friends or sexual partners, become so intense and sometimes students do not know how to deal with this, so they turn to drugs and alcohol."

Jonathan D. Lewis, senior psychologist at The Center for Counseling and Student Development, says some people are more constitutionally vulnerable to depression.

"Someone is not going around and sticking stuff in our water that is making us depressed," Lewis says.

Depression can be genetic, Reges says. More and more studies link depression to heredity.

"If a student has a family member that has battled with depression," Reges says, "they are at a higher risk themselves."

Jenna Schouer, external relations manager for Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance says there are several different signs students might be suffering from depression.

Prolonged sadness, changes in sleep patterns, being indifferent to usually interesting activities, loss of appetite and unexplained aches or pains can all be signs of depression, Schouer says. If students experience one or more of these signs for more than two weeks there is a chance they are depressed.

"Depression isn't, 'Oh my gosh, I'm doing bad in school,'" Lewis says. "That is not clinical depression."

Students dealing with depression usually feel very alone, Reges says. However, there are a number of ways a student can get confidential help.

"Eighty percent of people who get help through counseling and medications get better," Reges says,

According to Schouer the most popular form of medications prescribed to students are antidepressants known as Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors such as Prozac and Zoloft.

"Medications are not the only solution," Schouer says. "There is really a three prong approach that includes medications, talk therapy and support groups."

Group counseling sessions offer support for students dealing with depression, Reges says. Meeting with people who have similar problems can be reassuring.

"Group therapy sessions help to normalize and reduce stigmas for students dealing with depression. It is very comforting for students who would otherwise feel very alone."

Individual counseling is also a very helpful resource for students.

"One-on-one counseling gives students the chance to take time out of their busy schedules and focus on themselves," Reges says, "and that is very important."

Students should feel comfortable with their counselors and should not feel threatened or judged.

"Just like in your circle of friends, there will be people you feel more comfortable with and get along with better," Reges says. "Those are the people you should be getting help from."

There are different kinds of depression requiring different types of help, she says. Whatever kind of help people are most receptive to, is the help they should go after.

The Center for Counseling and Student Development is a university resource students can go to for help.

The center offers a welcoming place for students to receive counseling and other services for the treatment of depression, Lewis says. If professionals at the center do not feel they can give students the proper help, they will refer them to someone who specializes in the specific area.

"A very high percent of students that seek help from the center are suffering from depression or anxiety. Depression and anxiety are kissing cousins."

The Center for Counseling and Student Development requires all students have an assessment appointment first, Lewis says. After their initial appointment, the students are set up with counselors.

"We encourage students to come in before they feel awful," Lewis says. "You don't have to feel awful to come in. Get in here early."

Most patients are more easily treated the earlier they come in.

"Sitting by yourself and feeling crummy is pretty lousy," Lewis says. "The center is a nice, welcoming place where students can get help, do not hesitate to come in."

Full-time students can contact The Center For Counseling and Student Development at 831-2141 or visit their Web site at www.udel.edu/Counseling

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'I'm going to be the best no matter what'

The Review examines Jose Canseco's tell-all biography

BY GREG PRICE

Sports Editor

In 1987 Jose Canseco was the "40-40 Guy." No one in the history of major league baseball hit 40 home runs and 40 stolen bases in a single season before Canseco. His quick and powerful bat made pitchers regret taking the mound, and his lightning first step kept them glancing at first base.

That was 1987. Today, Canseco is a former major league all-star turned best-selling author. His new book, "Juiced: Wild Times, Rampant 'Roids, Smash Hits, and How Baseball Got Big", chronicles his life from Cuba to bouncing around the major leagues as the steroids liaison.

Today, fans can also see Canseco driving a Caterpillar bulldozer shoveling baseball's dirt on to every television and doorstep in America.

From the outset, Canseco provides readers with a disclaimer, which denies any real medical knowledge and responsibility for the content. The disclaimer loses all of its value, after the introduction. Canseco claims that steroids, if taken in moderation, are good and every professional athlete will use steroids in the near future in order to enhance their performance.

Athletes need to study the subject of steroids before they even pick up a syringe, Canseco says. Different mixes of steroids can cause serious medical problems, particularly with the liver.

What Canseco lacks in style, he makes up for in sheer grime. He gives his account of the "roided engine that powered baseball after the 1994 player

strike. He doesn't just name names, but describes how he brought many of the greatest sluggers in the 90s under his wing.

"I remember going down to Arizona for spring training [in 1987] and seeing this tall, skinny kid with basically no muscle on him whatsoever," Canseco describes former Athletics teammate Mark McGwire.

The two use to shoot up in the bathroom stalls just before batting practice or games, he says.

How Canseco reaches the San Francisco Bay after he immigrates to Miami with his parents, is the very thing baseball tries to keep hidden from the public: steroids. Canseco does not deny his use of steroids. He glorifies the practice and claims if taken in moderation, they can increase an athlete's performance with no disastrous side effects. "Steroids are the future," he said. "And believe it or not, that's good news."

At 20 years of age, Canseco was a struggling single-A ball player with a sluggish bat and zero confidence. A deathbed promise to his mother intensified his work ethic.

"I'm going to be the best athlete in the world, no matter what it takes," he told his comatose mother.

Steroids morphed Canseco into a superstar athlete and eventually became his downfall. Canseco admits without steroids or human growth hormone, his major league career never would have existed.

"Do I have any regrets or qualms about relying on chemicals to help me hit a baseball so far? To be honest, no, I don't," he says. He did it the smart way. He poured over research, spoke to experts and learned proper dosages, he says.

Canseco devotes a whole chapter to the very first glut muscle injection. A friend, who Canseco keeps anonymous, stuck him in 1984. "The first time is strange," he says. "You're so scared; your nerves are heightened and you kind of exaggerate the feeling." In a matter of weeks, Canseco felt an anatomical shift.

To be fair, Canseco explained that players must live a clean and nutritious life. No recreational drugs, junk food or laziness, just a simple injection and a trip to the gym.

The media, according to Canseco, were his downfall. They depicted him as an out of control 'roided behemoth, once steroids became an issue for baseball owners. Canseco believed the per-

sona created by the media destroyed any chance he had for endorsements or another major league contract.

Steroids are not the only topic Canseco tackles. During his 17-year career, Canseco witnesses and learns first-hand the problems facing baseball. Racism and collusion are the two most affecting problems.

Canseco describes his mistreatment by players and managers in the minors because of his Latin heritage. He questioned a white player's dirty play and was made team batboy. He also lambastes San Francisco for exposing his problems and steroid use more than McGwire's. "For starters, as a white all-American boy, he was accepted in a way I never could be as a Cuban. I guess at that time in the United States of America, it was taboo to have someone like me as an all-American hero."

Every young male in America would want to have Canseco's life. The man perused his closet and showed everything fans thought they knew about the life of a professional athlete.

The power, money and women spoke the loudest. Canseco described the different terms for groupies, like imports and road beef, a kind of disdain for women that teenagers latch onto at a young age. Canseco knew exactly what his audience wanted and he delivered. His carefree attitude toward his steroid abuse and his affect on the game send the wrong message every budding baseball player — It's OK to cheat kids.



Jose Canseco's new book hit stores last month.



THE REVIEW/File Photo

Junior catcher Brian Valichka and the rest of Delaware's lineup will be looking to improve this weekend.

Hens looking for offensive spark

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"They probably hoped to be 4-2," he said.

The team's lack of offense is an area that Sherman said needs more work.

"They're not swinging the bats," he said. "The offense has started a little slow."

However, he assures that senior outfielder Dave Harden and junior catcher Brian Valichka will get into their groove in this season's offensive approach.

Delaware's fans can be sure that the team will perform on the

mound and defensively, Sherman said.

The Minutemen won the last game played against the Hens in 1984. Nonetheless, the all-time record between the two teams is 7-1 in favor of the Hens.

"They're a good group of guys," he said. "They love to work together."

The game is scheduled for Saturday at noon on the Del Tech campus.

Steroids used at Delaware?

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them.

"You obviously suspect some people... but only one told me for sure."

Barbarino, who is a six-time power-lifting champion in events that test all entrants for substances, said he has never actually witnessed any of his athletes in his six years at Delaware or his five years as assistant strength coach at Florida State.

"I've always perceived my athletes in the highest regard," he said. "You always hear stories, but I've never witnessed anything personally. I'm a real

big anti-drug advocate."

Aside from the banned-substance list, the NCAA also prohibits schools from providing athletes with certain substances.

"NCAA does ban some things and it also prohibits the university from giving stuff to students," he said. "I can't stop the person from going to the store and buying it. The best thing I can do is educate the person. If you're going to take something, at least know what you're putting in your body."

In order to be declared eligible, according to NCAA standards, a student-athlete must sign a waiver that gives consent to be randomly drug tested,

which is done through a urine test.

Dr. Disabella, who also used to lift competitively, said he has come across steroid users in his career, and his focus is to get the users off the drug.

"When I was in private practice in the Philly area, the majority of body builders in the five-county area came to me," he said. "At some point at least 10 percent of my practice had tried it at some point. I've dealt a lot with athletes that have used it and I'm not going to be naive enough to say that I haven't seen any since then."

"I am not part of the testing [process at Delaware], so if a kid

has a problem they have a safe haven to go to and get treatment."

There is no documentation of any Delaware athlete testing positive for steroid use through the NCAA, but according to the recent graduate, the testing is very inconsistent.

"In 6 years of playing at both levels I've never been drug tested for athletic purposes," he said. "I don't remember anyone being tested... not to say it didn't happen but I don't recall it."

Tonight's game is do-or-die

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"We gotta get through Friday to get to Saturday," Henderson said. "We have a lot to accomplish against Towson before we can even think about our next opponent."

As for the rest of the conference, Old Dominion will enter the tournament as the No. 1 seed for the first time since the 1996-97 season. Virginia Commonwealth is the second seed and No. 3 UNC-Wilmington round out the top three. Delaware posted an 0-6 record against these three squads in the regular season.

"Throughout the season, Old Dominion seemed to establish themselves as the favorite," Henderson said. "But the past few weeks have shown us that the top four teams are all pretty close. The tournament is wide open right now and anybody can step up on any given day."

If past tournaments are any indication of who will win this year, history is not on Delaware's side. The No. 7 seed has only won the tournament once in 22 years. In 1993, No. 7 seed East Carolina came out of nowhere and claimed the throne as CAA champion. No other seven seed has ever advanced to the championship.

"The level of play picks up tremendously and everything is magnified in the playoffs," Henderson said. "This is a new season; we need to concentrate on this small season to be successful."

Tip-off between these two squads is set for tonight at 8 in Richmond. Let the madness begin!



THE REVIEW/Derrick Calhoun

Junior guard Andrew Washington and the Delaware men's basketball team will try to extend their season with a win over Towson.

Speedy UD sophomore setting school records

BY KENNY RIEDEL

Staff Reporter

Brittany Wright has always been fast. Not late-for-class fast or backyard-football fast. No, she's in a completely different dimension of fast. Blur-in-the-photo, speed-of-sound, Flo-Jo fast. And she puts her gift to good use. Since she tore down her first straightaway as a sixth grader, Wright has made a habit of humbling all on the track. Now, even the Colonial Athletic Association, just like so many others who convinced themselves they'd outlean her at the tape, may be a half-step too slow.

Over a two-month period this winter, Wright, an unassuming, soft-spoken sophomore, established herself as Delaware's gold standard in four individual events this indoor season, setting all-time UD indoor bests in the 55 meters (7.20 seconds, improving on a mark that had stood for 16 years), 60 meters (7.77), 200 meters (25.45) and 300 meters (42.49).

"The records just show that we're getting better each year," says Wright, 19, who credits her recent success to an intense training regimen, implemented by UD sprint coach Kevin Fauntleroy, and the support of her teammates. "Faster times make us all look better, make the program look better. It's all about the team."

"Training has been great for me, very challenging," Wright says of Fauntleroy's

workouts. "I lifted weights four days a week in the preseason and built a base. And now I do 40-, 50-, and 60-meter repeats. The speed of workouts is something I had to get used to, but it's been fun... a real learning experience."

Wright was special from day one, destined for the medal stand even before she laced up a pair of spikes. A product of Eastern High in Voorhees, N.J., which has harvested many of the Garden State's finest sprinters, she clocked 7.61 for 55 meters as a freshman, captured the New Jersey Group IV indoor 55 meters crown two years later, and placed fourth outdoors at 100 meters in the 2002 New Jersey Meet of Champions. She was a key contributor on Eastern squads that won back-to-back Group IV outdoor championships in 2002 and 2003.

"We had something really special going my senior year, something rare," Wright says. "I was only the second or third-best sprinter for us that year, but we were all seniors and it was an incredible experience. We won our second state title and had some incredible times."

Incredible? Extraterrestrial may be

more appropriate. To put Eastern's talent level in perspective, its 2002 4x400 meter relay, for which Wright ran leadoff, scorched the track in 3:50.31 to place second in the Meet of Champions. The Delaware school record in the event is 3:50.18 — and Wright anchored that contingent. Perhaps it was this level of excellence, these inconceivably lofty standards at the scholastic level, that have shaped her into the iron-willed speedster who chases history today.

Delaware head track and field coach Sue McGrath-Powell feels this ultra-competitive environment fostered in Wright an air of professionalism, a palpable plumb, that is evident on the starting blocks — and in the classroom.

"She really takes care of what she needs to do on and off the track," McGrath-Powell says. "She pays great attention to detail and is able to break down her races and spot flaws. She's really coachable, really nice — never flamboyant or cocky. She just understands the things you need to do to get to the next level."

"And on top of all that, she's really a

wonderful person."

McGrath-Powell first spotted Wright in her senior year at Eastern, and though she didn't always collect bunches of medals, she impressed the coach with her work ethic, versatility, and academic credentials.

"She was a perfect fit for UD," McGrath-Powell recalls. "Though she was sometimes overshadowed in high school because Eastern is a nationally-ranked program, she was obviously very talented. And I didn't want to bring in someone who couldn't hang academically. Brittany could."

So McGrath-Powell offered Wright a chunk of scholarship money and hoped for the best from her investment. She knew Wright would be a solid addition to the roster, but couldn't have foreseen such immediate and handsome returns.

"She did very well last year as a freshman, but she's really stepped it up now," McGrath-Powell says. "She's been able to focus on her individual events more this winter because we've had so many injuries that have affected our relays. Her times have only improved a tenth (of a second) or two, but for a sprinter, that's huge."

Wright, who idolized American heptathlete Jackie Joyner-Kersey as a youngster, gave up soccer in middle school to pursue her passion for athletics and hasn't

looked back since. But she is looking ahead, charting a course that could lead to CAA supremacy, further record book revisions... and maybe more.

"I wanted to lower the short sprint records indoors," Wright says. "I did that. The same goes for outdoors. I want those, too. But if that doesn't happen this year, I just want to get stronger and run PR's. But improvement is the key."

Against Colonial competition, there's not all that much room for it. Wright placed fourth in the 100 meters and seventh in the 200 at the CAA outdoor championships as a freshman (she also led off a school record-setting 4x100 meter relay). She already ranks second on Delaware's all-time outdoor list in the 100 and fourth in the 200, but is determined to outdo herself this spring, to test her body's limits — if there are any.

"The ultimate goal is qualifying for the ECAC meet and NCAA regionals," she says.

Though a regional berth would require significant improvement, which Wright's career thus far is taken into account, she might shrug off such an achievement as business as usual.

After all, she is fast

Commentary

DAN MESURE



What's in a name?

As I was sitting in my room one night channel-surfing and impatiently waiting for one of the only two quality shows that television offers us nowadays, Fox's "24," my buddies and I found an NBA game to help ease our patience.

In case you're curious, the only other good show I was talking about is "The O.C." (with its incredibly gorgeous girls whose lips just "happen to touch" once in a while, but that's another story).

Anyway, I was wasting time watching an NBA game with my buddies featuring the New Jersey Nets and the Utah Jazz. It was then that it dawned on me how incredibly dumb the teams' names were. I mean come on, the Nets and the Jazz? So the debate began — which team has the worst name in all of professional sports?

Let's start with the Utah Jazz. Now I have never been to Utah, but when I think of Utah, the last thing that comes to mind is tripped-out saxophone solos and insane drumbeats. Utah would be better off calling their team the Utah Mountain Men, or how about the Mighty Mormons? Any name would fit better than the Jazz.

Now there's the New Jersey Nets. The Nets were actually named the Americans for their first few years of existence. So you might be asking yourself, what would possess owner Arthur Brown to change the team from a very respectable name, Americans, to the Nets. Are you ready for this mind-numbing story?

In 1969, a reporter suggested that Brown change the team name to something that rhymed with Jets and Mets; thus we have the Nets ... and some people wondered why the Nets were so bad for so many years. I think a six-year-old would be able to come up with something more creative and actually fitting the New Jersey area. Maybe the Nets should be named the Baby Knicks, since the team has lived in the Knicks shadow since their existence.

Now let's look at Major League Baseball. You would think that when the Montreal Expos finally threw in the towel, (which was about 15 years overdue) that Washington would come up with a good name, or stick with the rich tradition of Washington baseball and call the team the Senators. Instead the panel of creative minds was only able to come up with the Washington Nationals.

Now, I could be wrong, but doesn't Washington play in the National League? Why would anyone name the team the same name of the league they play in? Washington might as well have called the team the Baseballs or the Leaguers. Both of which are just as dumb as the Nationals.

The city of Washington had a good team name in the Washington Bullets until they were urged to change their name due to the violence associated with bullets. So, since there are a plethora of wizards in our nation's capital, the organization changed their name to the Washington Wizards (for all who didn't catch on, I was being sarcastic).

Now there are many powerful politicians in the DC area that you might think are magical for some of the scandals they get away with, but I don't think any claim to be wizards. When you think about it, the name Bullets actually fits pretty well with the city. After all, Washington is one of the most crime-ridden cities in the country.

Over the winter, the Anaheim Angels decided to rename the team to the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. Since the Angels were conceived they have been through a number of name changes. First they were the Los Angeles Angels, then they were dubbed the California Angels, and then up until this season they were simply the Anaheim Angels. The Angels, who seem to have an identity crisis, need to pick one name and stick with it.

Sticking with the city of Anaheim, the next team with a team name that is sub-par is the Mighty Ducks. Although I am aware that the Disney Corporation owns the team, what were they thinking naming the team after a movie of pimple-faced puberty-plagued kids? I think if I was a professional hockey player (which was my dream as a kid and I'm still in denial about) I wouldn't go around bragging about being a "Duck."

Now I know it may come off as me whining when it comes to these names, but all I'm trying to point out is the lack of creativity when it comes to coming up with a good, tough team names. So I guess what I've been saying should be taken with a grain of salt. After all, this is coming from a Blue Hen.

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UD optimistic entering tourney

Hens face Towson in opener

BY STEVE RUSSOLILLO

Staff Reporter

As we flip our calendars to a new month, two words can describe this incredible time of year in the world of sports — March Madness!

The men's basketball team has finished its regular season and will enter the Colonial Athletic Association play-off tournament tonight as the No. 7 seed. The Hens will battle it out against No. 10 seed Towson in a do-or-die match-up.

The winner will move on to the quarterfinals and the loser will go home contemplating how to improve for next season.

Delaware (10-19, 7-11 CAA) did not finish the regular season well. They ended on a four game losing streak and lost 10 of their final 13 overall. The Hens will hope to turn things around, beginning immediately with tonight's game against Towson.

"We need to concentrate on every play," said senior point guard and tri-captain Mike Slattery. "We can't be nervous, it's basketball. We just have to go out and play our game."

As a senior, Slattery will be participating in his final CAA tournament. The 6-foot floor general posted a league-leading 6.5 assists per game, marking the third year in a row Slattery has led the CAA in assists.

Junior forward Harding Nana finished the season with sparkling numbers and is receiving consideration for the CAA Player of the Year award. His 18.2 points per game were good for second in the league and he led the CAA in rebounding with 9.9 boards per game.

Junior guard Andrew Washington proved to be an offensive force for the Hens in his first season of action. The transfer student from Allen Community College finished second on the team



THE DELAWARE men's basketball team faces Towson tonight in the play-in round of the CAA Tournament.

with 13.1 points per game. He led the Hens with 41 steals and also contributed 4.0 rebounds per game.

This dynamic trio needs to bring their "A" games to the tournament if the Hens want a chance to succeed.

"They all know how important these games are and how we need them to play big," said fifth year head coach David Henderson. "I am expecting great games from all of them."

Towson (5-23, 2-15 CAA) finished with the worst record in the CAA and ended the season on a 12 game losing streak. They can take solace in the fact that they split the regular season series with Delaware.

The Tigers posted their largest win of the season on Jan. 5 when they defeated the Hens 86-66 at home.

In the first battle between these squads, the Hens did not display any sort of defensive intensity. Delaware

let up a season high 86 points in the embarrassing performance.

The Hens gained revenge in the second battle on Feb. 12. They played drastically better on the defensive end and defeated Towson 66-56 at the Bob Carpenter Center. Delaware took good care of the rock as they committed only nine turnovers and shot a solid 47 percent from the field.

If the Hens beat Towson, they will return to action on Saturday and face No. 2 seed and defending champion Virginia Commonwealth.

The Rams defeated Delaware twice this season and also knocked them out of the CAA tournament last year.

Henderson was quick to point out the Hens must concentrate on Friday night's opponent and can not be scouting Virginia Commonwealth just yet.

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COLONIAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION STANDINGS

	Conf	Pct	All	Pct
Old Dominion	15-3	.833	25-5	.833
VCU	13-5	.722	17-11	.607
UNC-W	13-5	.722	18-9	.667
Drexel	12-6	.667	17-10	.629
Hofstra	12-6	.667	20-7	.741
George Mason	10-8	.556	16-12	.571
Delaware	7-11	.389	10-19	.345
James Madison	3-15	.167	6-21	.222
William & Mary	3-15	.167	7-20	.259
Towson	2-16	.111	5-23	.179

CAA TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

March 4

Game 1 - 5:30 p.m.
No. 8 James Madison
vs. No. 9 William & Mary

Game 2 - 8:00 p.m.
No. 7 Delaware
vs. No. 10 Towson

March 5

Game 3 - 12:00 p.m.
Game 1 Winner
vs. No. 1 Old Dominion

Game 4 - 2:30 p.m.
No. 4 Drexel
vs. No. 5 Hofstra

Game 5 - 6:00 p.m.
No. 2 Virginia Commonwealth
vs. Game 2 Winner

Game 6 - 8:30 p.m.
No. 3 UNC - Wilmington
vs. No. 6 George Mason

March 6

Game 7 - 3:00 p.m.
Game 3 Winner
vs. Game 4 Winner

Game 8 - 5:30 p.m.
Game 5 Winner
vs. Game 6 Winner

March 7

CAA Championship Game
7:00 p.m.



THE REVIEW/File Photo
Junior infielder Brent Rogers and the Delaware baseball team will host UMass this weekend.

Delaware to host UMass

BY ANGELA LAFFERTY

Staff Reporter

The Delaware baseball team (2-4) is set to play Massachusetts (11-2) on Saturday, but the Hens will be unable to defend their turf in Newark due to adverse field conditions.

Due to this week's storm, the Bob Hannah Stadium is covered in snow and head coach Jim Sherman has been looking for an alternate field. The Hens will be forced to play their "home" opener at Delaware Technical Community College in Georgetown as a result.

Delaware has not played the Minutemen in more than 20 years, giving fans a game to look forward to.

Massachusetts and the Hens are both coming off wins from the past week.

The Minutemen's first win of the season came Feb. 27 when they played New Orleans, while Delaware reached their second win in a 7-0 shutout against Richmond on the same day.

According to Sherman, Delaware needs to watch out for Massachusetts' strong pitching

and competitive edge.

Junior pitcher Jeremy Demers allowed only two earned runs during the Minutemen's game against New Orleans. He only let up eight hits during eight innings pitched.

Freshman pitcher Jason Lavorgna replaced Demers in the ninth inning, to close the game without giving up another hit.

Pitching is one of the Hens' greatest strengths at this time as well, Sherman said.

Senior pitcher Scott Rambo threw six innings Sunday against Richmond. He only let up three hits and struck out seven.

"Scott Rambo is a vital part of Delaware's team," Sherman said.

Sophomore pitcher Mitch Heckert replaced Rambo in the seventh inning. Heckert allowed only two hits, while striking out four more, closing the 7-0 game against Richmond.

Sherman said there are a few factors that have caused the team to be slightly disappointed early in the season.

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The steroids issue
'I've never been tested'

BY BOB THURLOW

Senior Sports Editor

In modern day sports, the records, much like the players, have become inflated and it has become difficult for anyone to approach the records, so athletes have been forced to find other ways to excel.

"Steroids are parts of athletics ... whether it's in weightlifting, football, baseball ... its part of sports," said Delaware's strength and conditioning coach Russ Barbarino. "Any time there are records to be broken people are going to use synthetic means to try and break these records."

Dr. Vincent Disabella, the Hens sports medicine doctor, agrees and added that people all across the board use anabolic steroids, not just athletes.

"They were used to treat wasting syndrome ... but the sad fact was that everybody is looking for such a competitive edge that they became dirty real quick," he said. "But it's not just athletes ... look at this campus or go up to the Carpenter Sports Building. Everybody on this campus works out. It's very fit, and I'm all for that, but it can become an ego trip and some of them want to be so much more."

Anabolic steroids are a hormone that increases nitrogen flow to muscles, which in turn shorten the muscles' recovery process so the user can work out more intensely and more frequently. These steroids are illegal and also on the banned substance list for the NCAA and all major professional leagues,

but a study released by the National Institute of Health in 1999 reported that at least 2.9 percent of 12th graders have used steroids.

While some people label the drugs as "unfair," most of the focus on the hormone is in its consequences, both short and long-term. A user could possibly see an immediate increase in blood pressure, body hair, acne, possible impotence, change in genital, extreme mood changes and an increase in aggressiveness, but there can also be long-term damage to the digestive system and possible emergence of psychological disorders such as acute psychosis and manic depression.

A recent Delaware graduate and former member of the football team who wished to remain anonymous said with all he knew about the drug, he was still tempted to use it.

"I never used them," he said. "I thought about it, but no. I was just too afraid of what could happen down the road, and you can obviously see the benefits, but no one really knows the true damage it causes."

He continued to say that while he used other supplements, such as Creatine, he was around athletes that utilized anabolic steroids.

"Someone can work just as hard as you but see better results because their body recovers easier," he said. "I saw it at both levels (high school and college). At Delaware I had one guy tell me he was on

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Hens win, look ahead
UD clinches regular season title

Senior forward Tiara Malcom led all 10, 10-8 CAA) also turned the ball over 23 times.

Delaware women's basketball team clinched the No. 1 seed in the Colonial Athletic Association tournament Thursday night with a 59-52 win over James Madison.

The Hens (23-4, 16-2 CAA) secured the regular season CAA title for the second time in three seasons.

Senior forward Tiffany Young contributed 14 points in the victory, while junior guard Amanda Blackstone and sophomore guard Tyresa Smith each added 10 points.

Delaware took advantage of James Madison's poor shooting. The Dukes (17-

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Hens	59
Dukes	52

Delaware will begin its fight for the conference championship March 10, when they will face the winner of the March 9 game between the No. 8 and No. 9 seeds in the tournament.

Old Dominion has won the last 13 CAA titles.

— Compiled by Rob McFadden