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DEMOCRATS LOOK TO BLOCK BUSH'S IRAQ PLAN

With Congress returning to work this week after its holiday recess, Democratic leaders promise to confront President George W. Bush even more forcefully over his War in Iraq strategy.

Senate Democrats are moving to modify the 2002 resolution that authorized the war to place new limits on the role of U.S. forces in Iraq.

It is uncertain, however, whether they will fare any better in this effort than in their last try — an unsuccessful attempt to pass a symbolic resolution opposing the deployment of 21,500 additional U.S. troops to Iraq.

That resolution passed the House but stalled in the Senate.

Now, Senate Democrats are looking to vote for a stronger meas-

ure, one that would limit the mission of U.S. forces. The measure, which has not been drafted, might restrict military operations to going after al-Qaida operatives and to supporting and training the Iraqi army. It might also set March 2008 as a goal for withdrawing troops that are not involved in that narrower mission.

Democrats contend that conditions have changed since Congress authorized the invasion to topple Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein, and some of the reasons for the war have since been shown to be unfounded.

Democratic leaders plan to gauge support for the measure within their caucus. But this latest Democratic effort was already drawing strong Republican criticism.

DRUG HELPS DOWN SYNDROME IN LAB MICE

Lab mice with the mental retardation of Down syndrome became smarter after being fed a drug that strengthened brain circuits involved in learning and memory, researchers reported Sunday.

After receiving daily doses of pentylentetrazole, or PTZ, for 17 days, the mice could recognize objects and navigate mazes as well as normal mice did, researchers said. The improvements lasted up to two months after the drug was discontinued, according to the report in the journal *Nature Neuroscience*.

Scientists said the study opened an avenue for research in a field that had seen little success.

Senior study author Craig C. Garner, a Stanford School of

Medicine professor, said his lab was preparing to conduct human trials of the drug, although he said it would take time to complete more preliminary studies and procure a supply of purified PTZ.

People with Down syndrome should not be given the drug until it has been studied further, he cautioned, because PTZ can induce seizures at high doses and might have other serious side effects.

Down syndrome is a genetic disorder that occurs in 1 of 660 births. More than 300,000 Americans have Down syndrome, making it the leading cause of mental retardation. There is no approved drug to improve cognition in people with Down syndrome.

'SPIRITUAL' PRISON PROGRAM QUESTIONABLE

A trio of appellate judges, including former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, is reviewing a lower court's decision that a prayer in prison program violates the separation of church and state.

People on both sides of the dispute say the outcome could influence the future of Bush's faith-based initiative, which links government and religious institutions in efforts to solve social problems.

While in the program, prisoners are expected to pray daily, attend worship services, and religious gatherings, and participate in weekly revival meetings.

The central concern is whether the program violates the

Constitutional prohibition on government showing a preference for any religious denomination.

Last year's previous ruling last year said the Iowa program is "pervasively sectarian." Testimonies were heard from prisoners of other faiths who felt unwelcome in a program that gives advantages to inmates who accept the intensive religious teachings.

Inmates deemed to be making sufficient spiritual progress live in better conditions than the general population, inhabiting cells with wooden doors and using toilets that afford privacy, a jailhouse rarity. They have more access to relatives and outside visitors and can fulfill prison requirements more quickly.

PRESCRIBED OPIATE ABUSED BY HEROIN ADDICTS

Methadone, a potent opiate once used to treat heroin addicts, is increasingly being abused by drug users searching for a cheap way to get high, physicians and federal drug officials said.

The drug recently came under scrutiny in the death of former Playboy model Anna Nicole Smith. A doctor in Los Angeles prescribed methadone to Smith for pain treatment. On Feb. 8, she was found dead in her Hollywood, Fla., hotel suite.

Well before her death, however, drug counselors and clinicians were concerned about increased abuse of the drug on the streets, in group homes and even in middle schools.

Physicians and others point out

that methadone's potential for abuse is not as high as that of opiates like heroin because it does not induce a strong euphoria on its own. Given its low cost and its potentially lethal potency when mixed with other drugs, officials worry that methadone is evading the scrutiny applied to abused prescription medications like OxyContin and Vicodin. The drug can be lethal even when mixed with antidepressants or grapefruit juice.

Data compiled by the federal government show a steady increase in the number of people nationwide admitted to clinics and programs for methadone treatment, from approximately 1,000 in 1995 to more than 3,700 in 2005.

Students stabbed at party

BY KEVIN MACKIEWICZ

City News Editor

Three males between the ages of 20 to 25 were assaulted at a party early Sunday at approximately 2 a.m. on the 300 block of South College Avenue, Lt. Thomas LeMin said. Two of the victims received several stab wounds from a knife.

The unknown suspects are being described as four to five males between the ages of 19 and 23, LeMin said.

Newark Police were called to the crime scene and after finding the two men who received numerous stab

wounds, they located a third victim in the residence, he said. The third victim had reportedly been knocked unconscious during a fight at the party, which broke out on the deck of the residence.

The three victims were transported to the Christiana Hospital emergency room where they were treated for their injuries, LeMin said. They were listed in stable condition as of Sunday evening.

If anyone has information regarding to the crime, contact the Newark Police Department at (302) 366-7110 ext. 133.

Psychiatrists delve into Cooke's mental health in latest testimony

BY SARAH KENNEY

Senior News Reporter

The Bonistall trial continued Monday with the prosecution countering the defense's assertion that the James Cooke was mentally ill at the time of the crime.

Psychiatrist Stephen Mechanick, who had met with and evaluated the defendant on Sept. 25, 2006, said Cooke was not suffering from multiple personality disorders, as the defense has stated. He suffered instead from antisocial personality disorder, which is not classified as a mental illness in Delaware.

Last Wednesday, the defense called Dr. Lawson Bernstein Jr., a forensic neuropsychiatrist, to the stand. Bernstein testified that Cooke suffered from schizoid, schizotypal and paranoid personality disorders that affected every aspect of his life.

Schizoid personality disorder is distinguished by the lack of close

relationships and an emotional coldness that is observable to others, Bernstein said. Mechanick said Cooke had at least shallow relationships with his children, neices and nephews and with numerous women. He also testified that Cooke was not emotionally constricted like the defense claimed.

"He is not someone who lacks emotion," Mechanick said. "His emotions, in fact, often boil over. He is capable of showing — and did — show anger during our interview."

Schizotypal personality disorder is marked by strange self-references, Bernstein said last Wednesday. The defense argued that Cooke sometimes wrote and spoke in a style reminiscent of the Bible. They showed samples of his writing, including a letter he had written to a girlfriend in 2005. During their interview, Cooke often spoke in a preaching style, he said.

"He was speaking as if he were a messianic figure," Bernstein said. "His use of the Bible appeared self-referential."

Prosecutors Monday said Cooke did not have schizotypal personality disorder. His beliefs were not that strange. People often claim a higher power speaks to them, but they do not mean it literally, Mechanick said.

"A lot of people interpret their lives in metaphorical terms," he said.

Paranoid personality disorder is marked by unrealistic mistrust of people and their motives, Mechanick said.

The defense said Cooke always thought his girlfriends were cheating on him and was mistrusted everyone involved in the trial. The prosecution countered that neither fear was unreasonable, in the context, and did

not represent a disorder.

"When people are arrested for a serious crime, they have a reason to be fearful of the people involved in their case," Mechanick said.

Mechanick asserted that even if Cooke had schizoid, schizotypal or paranoid personality disorders, none of these disorders would have significantly affected his ability to think, feel or act at the time of the crime.

"People can be mentally ill and those illnesses can have no effect on their behavior," Mechanick said.

Cooke had an antisocial personality disorder at the time of the crime, Mechanick said. The main characteristics of this disorder are the willingness to commit crimes and the lack of remorse or empathy for the victim after the crime. Cooke met both of these requirements, and others, which include deceitfulness, impulsivity, aggressiveness and consistent irresponsibility, he said.

Unlike schizoid, schizotypal or paranoid personality disorders, antisocial personality disorder is not considered a mental illness in the state of Delaware. If Cooke had this disorder, it would counter the defense's assertion that Cooke was mentally ill at the time of the crime.

On Wednesday, the defense went into detail about the risk factors they claimed made Cooke susceptible to psychiatric illnesses, including his premature birth, malnutrition and abusive childhood.

"If you want to assure a child gets a psychiatric illness, withhold love," Bernstein said.

The trial will continue at 10 a.m. today. Cooke is charged with rape, first-degree murder and arson and faces the death penalty if convicted.



THE REVIEW/File Photo

James E. Cooke is on trial for the murder of Lindsey Bonistall.

police reports

MAN IS ASSAULTED AND JUMPS OUT OF WINDOW

An 18-year-old male resident of the apartments on Lehigh Road called Newark Police last Monday at approximately midnight after being assaulted by his roommate and another male, Cpl. Paul Keld said. The roommate and his friend who assaulted the victim are university students.

The victim told police the two men punched and kicked him so he could not leave the residence, Keld said. After struggling to get free, the victim said he jumped out of the second-floor window to get away from his roommate.

There were no visible injuries on the victim and the case is still active, Keld said.

Three Unknown Females Spend Stolen Credit Card

A 17-year-old female from Cecil County, Md., had her purse stolen by three unknown female suspects last Thursday, Keld said. The suspects used the credit card that was found inside the victim's purse.

Newark Police became involved once it was recorded that the suspects purchased multiple items from the Suburban Plaza, Keld said. Approximately \$1,000 was spent on items from stores inside the shopping center.

The suspects bought approximately \$300 worth of alcohol, four Home Depot gift cards at \$100 each, a Sony Play Station 3 and several other items, Keld said.

The case is being referred to Newark and Cecil County detectives, Keld said.

— Kevin Mackiewicz

Car accident fatal for university junior

Cristin Duprey died last Tuesday from injuries

BY BRITTANY TALARICO

Staff Reporter

A 20-year-old university student died last Tuesday from injuries she sustained in a two-vehicle car accident in the early afternoon of Feb. 14, Cpl. Jeff Whitmarsh of the Delaware State Police said.

Junior Cristin Duprey was traveling northbound on Route 896 when she lost control of her 1998 Oldsmobile and crossed over into the southbound lanes, colliding with a pick-up truck, Whitmarsh said.

The cause of the crash is still under investigation, he said. Tire tracks, witness statements and other physical evidence at the scene confirm the facts of the incident.

"Police officers at Delaware don't decide who is at fault in fatal crashes," Whitmarsh said. "We have a specialized group of professionals, who look into the accident

which can take anywhere from weeks to months."

Duprey was immediately taken to Christiana Hospital in critical condition and the operator of the pick-up truck, 42-year-old Antonio Vazquez, was transported to Christiana Hospital as well, he said.

Duprey sustained multiple internal and external injuries as well as severe lacerations, Whitmarsh said.

Cynthia Cummings, associate vice president of campus life, said Duprey, a resident of Christiana Towers, was from Middletown, Del., and a health and behavioral sciences major. Her goal was to work with children.

"Cristin was gregarious, energetic, very engaging with peers and always had a smile on her face."

— Jack O'Neill
professor

She had a radio show on WVUD named "The Rush" and was an active member of the Black Student Union, Cummings said.

Jack O'Neill, professor of health behavioral sciences, said Duprey was a pleasure to have in class.

"She had a clear vision and knew she wanted to work with people, especially children," O'Neill said. "Cristin was gregarious, energetic, very engaging with peers and always had a smile on her face."

Duprey is survived by her parents, Wallace and Stacey, her sister Devin, her brother Jaylin and a large extended family. Look next week for a feature on university junior Cristin Duprey.

NJ becomes third state to grant civil unions

BY CAITLIN BIRCH

Copy Editor

A bill offering same-sex couples the right to a civil union in New Jersey took effect Feb. 19 as of 12:01 a.m.

Under the new law, same-sex couples joined in a civil union receive the same rights, benefits, protections and obligations enjoyed by married, heterosexual couples. These include, among other things, adoption, insurance, housing, medical and legal rights.

The bill passed in both houses of the state legislature on Dec. 14 and was signed into law by New Jersey Gov. Jon S. Corzine on Dec. 21. The law was implemented after a 60-day waiting period on Feb. 19.

Joseph J. Roberts Jr., speaker of the New Jersey General Assembly and a primary sponsor of the civil union bill, said a marriage amendment would have been ideal, but the civil union bill is a step in the right direction.

"I think it's a tremendous accomplishment," Roberts said. "It's groundbreaking."

New Jersey is the third state, after Vermont in 2000 and Connecticut in 2005, to offer same-sex couples the option of civil unions.

Roberts said the state is moving slowly toward an amendment providing for gay marriage, but does not believe there is enough support in the legislature or from the public — a situation that frustrates many activists.

"There are some who feel that nothing short of marriage is acceptable," he said, "but I think the overwhelming majority realizes this is unprecedented progress."

Senior Sarah Maguire, president of HAVEN, the university's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning group, said civil unions are not enough.

"I'm still angry," Maguire said. "I've had this conversation with a lot of people who think it's a really good thing. 'Now there's more states that offer marriage,' is

what somebody said to me. It's not marriage."

Currently, Massachusetts is the only state that has legalized gay marriage. Maguire said offering civil unions and not marriages to same-sex couples is a case of "separate but equal," and many citizens do not seem to recognize that fact.

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General Assembly

"I just get this impression from people, this kind of attitude that everything is getting better, and it's OK, and just deal with it, and it's what you wanted, right, so be happy about it," she said. "People think there's less and less to do."

However, Maguire said practically speaking, the bill will make a huge difference in the lives of many couples in New Jersey.

Roberts said the bill will make a strong statement to same-sex couples in the state.

"I think it'll have an effect on the people who live within the state by saying to them that they matter and their relationships matter and they're going to be treated fairly under the law of New Jersey," he said.

Won Rim, the legislative and clergy affairs official for New Jersey Family Policy Council, an educational and research group dedicated to promoting healthy, traditional family structures, said the new law was a hasty decision.

The bill was a result of the New Jersey Supreme Court's October ruling in the case of *Lewis v. Harris*, in which seven same-sex couples sued after being refused marriage licenses. The court found the existing law to be unconstitutional on the grounds of inequality and ruled that the state legislature had 180 days either to amend marriage laws to include same-sex couples or create a new and equal institution under which same-sex couples could join.

Rim said the court's ruling unfairly required the legislature to pass either

civil union or marriage rights for same-sex couples.

"Seven Supreme Court justices, who are not elected officials, are making this decision for 8 million-plus people in New Jersey," he said.

The correct way to decide the issue, Rim said, would be through direct referendum.

"Let's let the people decide in New Jersey," he said. "Eight million plus people are going to be forced to enact these laws that they don't agree with."

Rim said putting the issue to a direct democratic vote would be a fairer gauge of what New Jersey citizens actually wanted.

Maguire, however, said in an issue deciding a minority's constitutional rights, direct referendum does not work.

"That's why we have a system of checks and balances," she said. "That's why we have a Supreme Court — to stand up for the rights of the minority because often-times, people in the majority, they won't, for whatever reason."

Rim said civil unions should not be offered to same-sex couples because homosexuality is morally wrong and damaging in family settings.

He said the New Jersey Family Policy Council has done extensive research on the effect same-sex marriage has on children and has found it to be damaging.

"History proves that the healthiest atmosphere for a child to grow up in is having a father and a mother," Rim said. "Civil unions

are not endorsing one father and one mother."

He said his organization's goal is to strengthen families across the board.

"The overall message we want to share is certainly compassion toward everyone, regardless of their lifestyle or their sin," Rim said. "We want healthy marriages in New Jersey."

Maguire said the situation is reminiscent of earlier struggles in American history.

"It's a black-and-white issue," she said. "It's a civil rights issue. It's right or wrong. If we were to go back and look at the Voting Rights Act or the Civil Rights Act, we wouldn't think, 'Well, I don't know if I would've voted for it or not.' We think, 'Well duh. We would vote for it.'"

Although Delaware currently does not allow civil unions or marriages, Maguire said it is only a matter of time.

"I don't think it's a ridiculous thing to think that it would happen," she said. "Thirty years, and it'll be nationwide."



The quest to get 'comfortably numb'

BY CATHERINE GRELL

Staff Reporter

Editor's Note: Names have been changed to protect the identities of the sources.

University students pick things up. We pick up textbooks at book stores and groceries from Path Mark. We pick up pens that roll off our desks and iPods that drop from our pockets. These pick-ups go unnoticed — they are merely parts of the standard routine enabling us to lead socially-accepted college lifestyles.

Seeing ourselves as captives to these mundane pick-ups, many students desire to escape from the circle society perfectly molded for us. Some pick up dates at parties, others pick up cigarettes and still more pick up alcohol. They develop a need — an addiction — for a getaway flight.

For other students, these escapes prove unable to supplant entirely their pain with pleasure. These students choose to cross a threshold into the risky world of illegal drugs. Some pick up marijuana, some pick up ecstasy and some pick up cocaine. However, as I would soon discover, one drug outshines the rest for users. This drug provides the only key capable of unshackling their worries. This drug serves the role of a nurse, best friend, lover and enemy.

This drug is heroin.

"Heroin is something relaxing to do after a long day of classes," says John, a 20-year-old university student. "In Delaware, I have the option of using heroin when I want since it's easy to find. In my home town, I can't find it."

Historically, Wilmington has had a massive heroin market in comparison to other areas of the state.

"If you can't get it from someone you know in Newark, you can always get it from someone you don't know in Wilmington," John says. "Sometimes I score a lot in Wilmington and sell it to university students for jacked-up prices. I sold it to at least 10 students last semester."

"After shooting up for the first time, I started doing it two to four times a day for about seven months straight," he says. "Some days, I did it up to 10 times."

When John went home after Fall Semester, he was unable to find any heroin, forcing him to stop the habit and experience withdrawal.

"I usually can control it, but sometimes I just don't want to," John says. "I mean, if it was offered to me right now, I would do it. Talking about it makes me want to do it even more."

A wide grin emerges on his formerly blank face.

"Do you want to come with me to Wilmington while I pick some up tonight?"

His question renders me speechless. Whether the timing was right or not, this student had just handed me an opportunity to witness first-hand the cut and dry truth about the drug trade.

But did I want to get involved in this? Clueless of what to expect in an "open-air drug market," numerous "what if" questions brewed in my mind. What if the police arrest us? What if

someone shoots us? What if I get raped?

If met head-on with danger, could I defend myself? I can't even lift 5-pound weights.

"You know, the average university student is never going to see this," John says.

By hook or by crook, I put aside my worries and found myself trekking with him to Wilmington last Tuesday at midnight.

The lyrics of Pink Floyd's song, "Comfortably Numb" vibrated throughout the car: "I hear you're feeling down / Well I can ease your pain / Get you on your feet again." These words describing heroin in an appealing, almost God-like fashion, resulted in an off-the-wall ambiance. My insides began to howl — not for me — but for all who have fallen prey to heroin's trickery.

While emotional mayhem shook my soul, John sparks up a conversation. We sat there talking about movies as if the two of us were old pals. The situation was too surreal for words, but I began feeling connected to this stranger — this "heroin user."

As my imagination continues running wild, reality interrupts. Eighteen minutes after leaving Newark, John parks the car at a dark Wilmington corner.

With a face frozen with indifference he says, "Welcome to the part of Wilmington they don't teach you about in school."

Within 30 seconds, a middle-aged man in dirt-stained clothing approaches John's window. In a state of delirium, he asks what drug John desires.

"Horse," John says.

"The hellfire I got is some of the strongest around. I'll get my girl to fetch it from the room," the man says.

The pedestrians walking down the street, endless cop cars patrolling the area and an open-windowed, fast-food restaurant prompts John to turn off his engine, radio and lights.

Within five minutes, I witness the indescribable: broken-down homes, 12-year-old drug dealers, six cop cars 5 feet from us taking a man into custody, numerous toothless, bad-breathed and muscle-spastic drug dealers approaching cars and a prostitute with bluish-stained lips knocking on John's window.

Noticing the drug deals taking place in front of a dilapidated church, my heart collapses. Unable to further conceal my alarm, I begin trembling from head to toe.

After waiting for more than 20 minutes, John unmasks his irritation. Catching sight of the woman in charge of imparting the "dope," he whistles to gain her attention.

As the woman draws near the car, I notice a massive bruise below her left eye. Her chronic cough, hazy composure, drooping skin and sunken bags mark further signs of a rough life.

The barefoot woman says, "The six cop cars got somebody and left, but there are still more hiding out. I'm waiting for them to leave before I get your stuff. I don't want to get locked up, yaws understand?"

As she stumbles away with a cane, another man surfaces out from the night's dense fog. His red eyeballs protrude beyond his sockets as he flashes some bags within his coat

pocket.

John's face lights up realizing he no longer has to wait for the woman.

But, false alarm — the dealer doesn't carry any heroin.

Without warning, two young men hop into John's back-seat. They begin engaging in a two-person rap session as if we were invisible. After a few minutes, one of the men offers John \$40 worth of "H" for \$30.

John's face lights up for a second time.

Driving with the two men, the formerly irritable behavior caused by John's uncontrollable craving gradually dissipates. His syringe would soon contain the liquid he hungered for, his hand would soon push the plunger dispersing the liquid into his veins, his mind would soon soar into a higher realm of existence, his body would soon be "comfortably numb."

Without warning, he exits the car heading toward an ATM. Sitting alone with these two strangers, I realized John's addiction was now putting my life at risk.

Slightly turning my head, I saw them snorting white powder. Their constant sniffing and rapid speech suddenly made sense.

My discomfort worsened as they launched into a harangue of derogatory statements about me.

"Man, this girl would be so easy to fuck," one says.

Feeling justified and strong, the man behind me rests his sweaty hand upon my shoulder promptly moving it toward my breast.

As he softly says, "I can have you now," he wields his immoral standards upon my body and soul.

Nonchalantly he continued dehumanizing me as if I was a mere object living to fulfill his primal mental urges.

Noticing the gun sticking out of the other man's pants, mental and physical paralysis overcomes me.

I prayed for my safety. I prayed for my life.

I prayed for every woman and every man caught up in the drug-dealing industry. I prayed that their bodies would one day belong to them again.

Emotionally detached, I hardly realized John re-entered the car. Heading back to the corner, he surrenders his \$30, asking to see the bags. The two men explain the drug resides within their home. They direct John to drop them off at the corner, drive around the block and meet them in the same place.

He follows their instructions — their deceit.

They stole my dignity, my trust in humanity and my sympathy for their plight. They stole John's money.

While hoping John would turn the car around, another random man seats himself in the car.

"Don't give nobody yaws money before you get the dope," the stranger says. "I got some H on me now if you want, but drive. This looks too obvious."

Yelling at John for ignoring traffic laws the dealer exposes his frustration, but at this point, I was too comatose to care.

Although the man was selling bags for \$10 each, John was charged an extra dollar for what the seller termed an "inconvenience."

John finally obtained the bag and would go home to shoot up. I finally obtained the truth and would go home to throw up. See next week's issue for a look at heroin use on campus.

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New rules cause controversy for music students

BY LIZ SEASHOLTZ

Staff Reporter

Since the opening of the Center for the Arts in October, a battle has been brewing between the music department and CFA over



THE REVIEW/File Photo

The Center for the Arts was completed in 2006.

the use of the new \$48 million facility.

Newly-implemented rules allow for limited availability of the CFA to students and faculty. In fact, according to Jamie Ann Johnson, service coordinator in the music department, students are only permitted to use the CFA for their "culminating recitals."

Such performances include recitals by senior students in specific majors, such as music education, theory, composition or by graduate student performances, Johnson said. Other extraneous recitals are not allowed, forbidding sophomore and junior students' final recitals and performances by music minors.

The CFA's amenities include a 450-seat theater, 150-seat theater, 200-seat recital hall, 300-seat orchestra hall, as well as 32 individual practice rooms.

James Prodan, chairman of the music department, said this issue is a "hot-button topic" and refused to comment on the situation, as did many of the professors in the music department.

However, many faculty in the music department expressed resentment. One faculty

member, who wished to remain anonymous, said, "No one wants to stand up for our rights in fear of angering the higher-ups."

"The CFA was built as an academic building for academic purposes and not allowing students to use it for academic purposes is the same as if you opened up Brown Lab and didn't allow chemistry students to use it."

Sophomore music major Tori Clark said she feels shortchanged by the implementation of the new rules.

"Before, as long as the hall was open, you could use it after reserving a time," Clark said. "Now, there are strict rules about who can use it."

Clark went on to describe her ordeal with the CFA, which she said is similar to the experiences many other music majors face.

"It's a problem because I can't give my sophomore and junior year performances in there, only my senior year-recital," Clark said. "I'll have to use Loudis Recital Hall, which has horrible acoustics, or the Bayard-Sharp Hall."

As first chair in the orchestra, Clark said she was angry at the limitations of the new rules

and the effect this would have on her music career.

"I'm disappointed," Clark said. "I want to have my recitals in the hall that makes me sound the best."

Sophomore Christy Belardo, a member of University of Delaware Visual Arts Performing Company, said she has also interacted with the CFA.

"We've only used it twice," Belardo said. "They just seem very cautious about who gets to use the facility."

Patrick Donnelly, director of the CFA, said the facility is a "building for rent" and its policy is "first come, first serve." He did not acknowledge any further problems between the CFA and music students.

Johnson said the new rules dictate that fees are required for non-degree recitals, including non-registered student ensembles with or without a faculty coach and all other non-degree recitals.

"Right now, all we hear are rumors and no one is completely sure what is going on," Belardo said.

who's who in Newark

'If lost, please return to UD Bookstore'

30-year veteran recaps the life of a university employee

BY KATIE ROGERS

Staff Reporter

Thirty-one falls have since passed, yet a lighthearted Liz Jones, 76, is still working in the textbooks department of the store. She follows in her grandmother's footsteps, who worked at the bookstore until the age of 91.

When Jones first arrived at the store, she worked in the receiving department for nine years. She then retired but came back to work in textbooks and has worked in that department ever since, although she has retired and returned twice.

"I missed it too much and came back," Jones said. "They've thrown me a few retirement parties, but I always come back to work. I wouldn't want to work any place else except here."

Jones has worked at the university for more than three decades and has seen the bookstore go through many changes, including three renovations and several moves during constructions.

"When I was younger, it was more friendly around here," she said. "A big group of us used to go out to lunch every day, but it's not like that anymore."

"The old lady can't get around much. It's like meals on wheels in here — they deliver me my lunch."

According to Jones, the students are all the same and she enjoys meeting them.

"I've been around a lot of them," she said. "I like them a lot. So many of them come in and say to me, 'You're still working here?'"

However, it is the bookstore's student employees that Jones has come to know the best.

Greg Brown, textbook manager, has worked with Jones for five years. He said she treats the employees like her children.

"She calls all of us, including me, her 'kids,'" he said. "Liz has touched countless generations of bookstore kids



THE REVIEW/Meaghan Jones

Liz Jones, 76, has retired from the bookstore three times, but still works in the textbook department.

since working here."

Senior Melanie Nunziata, bookstore employee, said her co-workers enjoy Jones just as much she enjoys them.

"They love kidding around with her," Nunziata said. "Liz is hard to get to know, but once you know her, you are like one of her kids."

Jones said she cannot single out a favorite memory of her time at the bookstore, but has had a lot of interesting experiences over the years.

She said she once got lost on Main Street during a

lunch run for the bookstore employees.

"I was supposed to be bringing lunch to the kids, but I got lost," Jones said. "They were calling all over for me, but couldn't find me."

"Now when I leave the store I have to wear a sign that says, 'If lost please return to the UD bookstore' with our phone number on it."

Jones said she has also had a few run-ins with the campus police.

"I have a problem dialing 911," she said. "I don't know how I do it, but I've called the police a few times."

"Now they know me by name, and call back to ask if I was dialing again. They don't even come anymore."

Nunziata said Jones is a lot of fun to work with and is a one-of-a-kind employee. She said Jones sometimes dances and sings and often talks about her one love, Kiefer Sutherland.

"Liz is so funny," Nunziata said. "She thinks he's her man."

Jones said she loves "24" and thinks Kiefer Sutherland is attractive.

"Up here, he's my man," she said, pointing to her head.

Jones said slots are another one of her favorite pastimes. She loves going to Delaware Park to play with her friends because it relaxes her.

"A group of four of us widows from the bookstore get together to play every few months," said Jones. "I've known some of them for 30 years."

Brown said Jones' group of friends from the bookstore are loyal and supportive.

"I immediately got sucked into her network of friends," he said. "I would really do anything for her."

Jones said her years at the bookstore are hard to sum up in a few sentences.

"I've told you my life story," she said, "but you won't have enough paper to hear it all."

The questionable future of Newark's economy

BY KEVIN MACKIEWICZ

City News Editor

As rumors and questions continue to spread throughout the area as to what the future holds for Newark's economy due to the closings of major manufacturing plants, city officials attempt to remain calm and figure out feasible solutions for the community.

With the recently-announced closings of Avon Products Inc., DaimlerChrysler and Chase Bank, city officials are currently trying to figure out the best way to help Newark's economy.

Mayor Vance A. Funk III said it has been a long and overwhelming month. He has had to deal with calls and questions circulating from the public.

"There seems to be a barrage of negative things as of late," Funk said. "Who would have thought that in four weeks you'd be getting four calls that all these businesses will be closing?"

The economy of the downtown Newark area will not be severely affected by the closings of the three major businesses, he said. The closing of Avon and Chrysler is more of a regional and state concern.

"We've been advised that less than 200 people live in Newark limitations," Funk said. "The ripple effect is not as great as it normally would be."

The city has also been lucky because both Avon and Chrysler have chosen the phase-out method to lay off the employees, he said. This gives a significant amount of time for another employer to purchase the property of the vacant plants.

Chrysler and Avon plan to completely close in the area by the fourth quarter of 2009. Chrysler plans to cut approximately 1,600 jobs while Avon estimates it will lay off 350 employees.

Roy Lopata, building director, said the blow of losing Chrysler has

been softened because Newark makes most of its money from electricity sales. However, Chrysler does not purchase its electricity from Newark.

Funk said Chrysler is the only major company in the city that does not buy its electricity from Newark. If it had, the situation could have been much worse.

"I always thought this was unfair, but now I thank God they don't buy it from us," he said.

Chrysler owes the city money through the property tax and the sewer services, Funk said. The sewer services are approximately \$200,000, but this is a small number compared to how much they receive through electricity costs.

The university has helped relieve the bad taste of the major companies closing around the area, Lopata said. The university is a larger employer than Chrysler and is a major contributor to the well-being of Newark's economy.

However, even with Chrysler and Avon using the phase-out method, it is no surprise Newark and the state will feel the negative effects of each of these closings, as 700 employees will be laid off by the end of this year.

Samuel Mbua, manager of the Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar on Elkton Road, said the restaurant's sales will be negatively affected as the closing of the plants becomes inevitable.

"It is going to have a serious impact on us," Mbua said. "We know we get a huge crowd from

Chrysler.

"There will be a major effect in the sales to our restaurant."

He said he is aware that Applebee's will have to try and market to different places around the state. Crowds from Glasgow and other surrounding areas will have to filter up to the restaurants in Newark.

Justin Wolfe, manager of Bennigan's Grill and Tavern, said his business will also be greatly affected by the departing of the employees from the Avon plant that is located across the street.

"It definitely will peck away little by little and have an accumulative effect," Wolfe said. "We've had incentive plans with the employees of Avon."

The only relief Wolfe envisions for the business is the addition of the new Lowe's Home Improvement store opening down the road. He said the store might alleviate the loss that will come from losing the employee's of Avon.

Funk said even though he feels the city is lucky because Chrysler does not purchase electricity from them, it is no secret that Newark will feel the impact of the major plants shutting down because of the chain effect. The local businesses that purchase electricity from the municipality will affect Newark's economy.

"If they're doing less business, then they're using less electricity and that is the city's major income," he said.

A Closer Look

NEWARK TIMELINE

Jan. 11, 2007 — Avon Products Inc. decided to close the plant on Ogletown Road and approximately 350 employees will lose their jobs by 2009. The plant is being closed in order to use the funds to build a new distribution center in the midwest.

Feb. 9, 2007 — Chase Bank in Ogletown makes its decision to cut jobs of 147 employees.

Feb. 14, 2007 — Chrysler announced it would close its operations in Newark completely by the fourth quarter of 2009. The Chrysler Corporation plans to cut 13,000 jobs nationwide because of poor sales last year that led to a loss of \$1.5 billion.

The closings of the Newark plants will have a larger effect on the economy of places outside of the city, Funk said. The businesses south and west of Newark will be more heavily affected by the closings. The state is fortunate that many of the employees are from states outside of Delaware.

"It's well-documented that supplies of Chrysler are coming from the Midwest," he said. "Parts for the cars come from all over the country."



THE REVIEW/Mike DeVoll

The Daimler/Chrysler plant will be 'idle' by 2009.

The hidden cost of counterfeit goods

BY SUSAN RINKUNAS

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Counterfeit goods are estimated to be a \$500 billion per year industry, or 7 percent of global trade. If you divide \$500 billion by 8 billion people, that is \$62.5 billion for every man, woman and child on this earth. And that is not all Brian Monks had to say.

Monks, vice president of Anti-Counterfeiting Operations for Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., said UL is a non-profit organization that tests electrical products for safety. He is also involved in various anti-counterfeiting groups across the country, including the International Anti-Counterfeiting Coalition, the Interpol Intellectual Property Crime Action Group and the New York City Mayor's Anti-Counterfeiting Task Force.

"A lot of people say this is a victimless crime. I will tell you this is not victimless," Monks said.

Consumers are often the victims, he said. "Counterfeiting is all about dollars, yen, rubles, marks," Monks said. "They don't care about you and I or our families."

Michelle Moore, spokeswoman for the Washington, D.C., based IACC, said counterfeiters do not care about their workers either. A prominent intellectual property lawyer went on a raid in Thailand and reported appalling working conditions.

"They were chained to work stations and had dog bowls of rice next to them so they wouldn't have to leave," Moore said.

Since the IACC's founding in 1979, she said the counterfeit industry has increased more than 10,000 percent. Reasons for its exponential growth include the global economy, the popularity of the Internet, increased technology to make goods cheaply and a brand-seeking and brand-conscious culture driving the demand for branded goods.

As a result, American businesses are losing what the FBI estimates to be \$200 to \$250 billion per year, Moore said. Costs include manufacturers losing sales and market share, funding anti-counterfeiting departments and dealing with consumer complaints about goods that are not theirs.

Here is a look at the various facets of the counterfeit industry.

TERRORIST FUNDING

Pat Reilly, spokeswoman for Immigrations and Customs Enforcement, said buyers of knockoffs will not be in trouble with the law — anti-counterfeiting resources are needed elsewhere.

"We try to target enforcement that is going to curb the trade at the highest levels," Reilly said.

She would not confirm or deny suspicions that terrorists fund their activities with profits from counterfeit goods.

"Material goods that cross borders could eventually come back to threaten us," Reilly

said. "The people who would exploit a port or an airport to bring things in could easily exploit it to send things out."

In a later e-mail message, she restated there are no direct ties between counterfeits and terrorism, but there are plenty of rumors.

"In the original Trade Center bombing, in the early '90s, there were allegations that money to support the terrorists came from the sale of counterfeit goods," Reilly said. "There have been discussions on the Internet and elsewhere about the IRA selling counterfeit CDs and Middle Eastern terrorists selling low-tax cigarettes. But we cannot substantiate those."

"We can tell you that the 9/11 Commission found that about \$200,000 was used by the terrorists to commit that tragic act and many federal agencies are at work to find out where every penny of that money came from. Nothing is ruled out."

In January 2005, the IACC published its "White Paper," officially titled "The Negative Consequences of International Intellectual Property Theft." The report, available at iacc.org, stated the FBI has "strong" evidence the terrorists who bombed the World Trade Center in 1993 funded their activities through a counterfeit textiles store on Broadway in Manhattan.

In a 1996 case, the followers of Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman had 100,000 counterfeit athletic T-shirts intended for sale at that year's Olympic Games, the report said. Rahman was later sentenced to 240 years in jail for planning to bomb various New York City landmarks. The International Criminal Police Organization could not be reached for comment on these matters but Interpol's Web site gives examples of terrorist groups, including al Qaeda and Hezbollah, who have allegedly used the counterfeit trade for funding.

CONSUMER SAFETY

Luxury goods, such as fake Louis Vuitton and Coach purses, represent approximately 4 percent of the industry, Moore said. The other 96 percent is made up of pharmaceuticals, auto parts, airplane parts, electrical cords, toys, software, hardware, CDs, DVDs, books, baby formula and even alcohol.

"Russia has a big problem like that and a lot of people die," she said about the knockoff alcohol.

Moore said the World Health Organization estimates 10 percent of the world's pharmaceuticals are fake.

A press release from the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America cautioned against the purchase of prescription drugs from Canada.

"Medicines crossing the border from Canada may originate from almost any country in the world including places such as Thailand, China and even North Korea."

Monks also had an opinion about this practice.

"Don't buy your pharmaceuticals off the Internet. God knows what you're getting," Monks said.

PhRMA said consumers should not resort to Internet pharmaceuticals no matter how inexpensive they are because programs in the United States, like Medicare and Partnership for Prescription Assistance, can contribute to the cost of prescription drugs.

"Americans should not risk their health by importing potentially dangerous and counterfeit medicines from abroad. Instead, they should turn to safe alternatives here in the United States," the press release said.

Unlike the lion's share of all counterfeit goods, most fake pharmaceuticals are made in India, according to PhRMA.

"According to a January 2007 report in *The Independent*, more than 560,000 packages of counterfeit medicines were seized last year in Europe. Three-quarters of the packages containing fake medicines were from



THE REVIEW/Susan Rinkunas

The Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. tests electrical products to ensure safety.

India," as stated in the press release.

Monks said counterfeit electrical goods that are "high-volume, low-end" items like extension cords and power strips are often knocked off because they have a high profit margin — the goal for all counterfeiters, who, in general, have little concern for consumers' safety.

He said the odds of buying a counterfeit good at a major retailer are like getting struck by lightning.

"But if you start shopping at flea markets or out of the back of trucks, it increases drastically," Monks said.

These goods are deceptively harmful, he said.

"The problem is, it will work the first time, it will work the second time. It's that third or fourth time that is what I call 'unexpectedly hazardous,'" Monks said. "So when you leave for your milk and cookies you come back and your house is on fire."

Counterfeiters increase the profit margin on electrical equipment by cutting manufacturing costs of their two main components: plastic and copper, he said.

"They use a little more plastic, a little less copper," Monks said. "It won't carry the current, it won't carry the voltage."

He said UL works with U.S. Customs, Secret Service, the FBI and Interpol. They seize and destroy products and help put people in jail.

Monks said manufacturers need to increase their use of technology to discourage counterfeiting. This is why UL started using hologram labels on its products. The holograms are not expensive to make, but they cut into counterfeiters' profits.

"If they're going to make 90 percent profit, and only 80 percent with holograms, they won't do it," he said.

Monks would not discuss the specific features of the labels for security reasons.

"Why do we want to tell the bad guy what we got?" he said.

And the bad guy is interested in all kinds of products.

"It's a global problem, it's not tied to UL," Monks said. "If you have something of value, I'm telling you right now, someone's going to try and steal it."

Not only are counterfeiters stealing the ideas of others, they are not paying taxes on their revenues, he said. The latter is illegal as well as counter-productive — these outfits are not contributing to society in the slightest.

His advice:

"If it seems too good to be true, it probably is. There is no such thing as a free lunch," he said. "You're not getting a great deal, you're not helping yourself."

"People probably wouldn't let you cheat them normally, but they let counterfeiters do and I don't know how that happens."

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Monks said people can help themselves and others by refusing to buy counterfeit goods.

"It does take one person to start the ball rolling," he said. "You can't change the culture of people, a lot of people think of it as not hurting anyone."

"But there's a demand and when there's demand there's going to be supply."

Monks said some media are not doing positive things to combat the knockoff problem. A New York magazine told its readers where they could buy fake handbags.

"Would you tell a person how to score crack on a street corner?" he said.

Moore said even one person's choice not to buy counterfeit could make a difference. She cited as an example the consumer movement involving dolphin-safe tuna.

"When people started seeing those exposés about what happens to dolphins when they get caught in tuna nets, people cared," she said. "And it makes a difference to you when you do the right thing, to say, 'I won't support child labor.' The point is some kid is chained to a desk."

IACC has a "Get Real" campaign targeted toward college campuses, Moore said. The Coalition makes a presentation to high-level marketing and public relations classes and fund the students' plans to educate their peers. IACC members fund the program and partnerships have included Limited Brands and Abercrombie & Fitch at Ohio State University, Oakley at San Diego State University and Perry Ellis at the University of Miami.

She said many college students are uneducated about counterfeit goods.

"Yeah, you're carrying around a fake," Moore said, "and it is certainly wrong to steal someone else's intellectual property, but what we find, especially on a college campus, is that people don't think it's wrong."

For more information about the counterfeit industry, visit the U.S. Chamber of Commerce-sponsored Web site, www.thetruecosts.org <<http://www.thetruecosts.org>>.

A Closer Look

MAKE SURE YOU'RE GETTING THE REAL DEAL

- Most companies are proud to put their name address and phone number. Counterfeiters do not want you to know where they live.

- For electrical products, look for the UL symbol on the product itself. Seeing it on the label or on the packaging it not enough.

— Brendan Monks, VP for Anti-Counterfeiting operations at UL

Early competition changes the playing field for 2008

BY SARAH KENNEY

Senior News Reporter

With the 2008 presidential primaries approaching, the face of political campaigns has received a makeover. Candidates are announcing their bids earlier, using advanced technology and raising more money.

Some things, however, have remained the same, including the need for candidates to associate themselves with a former president's successes and the need to address a previous administration's failures.

Political science professor Mike Wagner said because it is so early, candidates are trying to get name recognition and increase basic awareness about who they are.

"Most of the candidates are just trying to introduce themselves to the public," Wagner said, noting many Americans have limited knowledge about even the seemingly popular candidates.

Political science professor Joseph Pika said candidates are using symbolism to show their stances. The locations in which they chose to announce their candidacy is an important example, he said.

Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., gave his announcement speech in front of the capitol building in Springfield, Ill., a symbolic move because it is where Abraham Lincoln had once served in the state legislature, Pika said.

"Obama was trying to build on that Lincoln connection," he said.

John Edwards, former U.S. senator and vice presidential candidate, gave his announcement speech from the backyard of a house in New Orleans, which was also symbolic, Pika said.

"That's his statement about how the government failed after Hurricane Katrina," he said.

Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., announced her intention to run for the presidential office in an online video, but has given live speeches throughout New York. Not only is New York her adopted state, but the areas that she has visited are known

as birthplaces of the women's movement. This location is significant because Clinton is the most prominent female candidate ever to run for president, he said.

Communication professor Lance Holbert said candidates are essentially trying to sell themselves to the American public.

"It's like selling a brand," Holbert said. "It's no different from Pepsi versus Coca-Cola."

Candidates are trying to define themselves in relation to the other candidates by associating themselves with a particular image, he said.

"John Edwards is the union guy. He's about aiding blue-collar workers," Holbert said. "Giuliani is the leader. Romney is the religious conservative. Obama is the Washington outsider."

The candidates repeat the same "stump speeches" wherever they go, until they feel as though their message is understood, he said.

"Until their campaign research shows that when people think of Obama, people think 'outsider,' they'll keep honing on that message," Holbert said.

After one image is solidified, the candidates will try to make themselves seem more multi-dimensional, he said, citing Edwards' recent speeches.

"He's already established himself as a union guy," Holbert said. "Now he is giving a lot of speeches about international affairs. That is his next dimension."

The Internet is becoming an increasingly useful tool for presidential hopefuls to control their image, he said. On Web sites, candidates can get their messages out, unfiltered by the news media. Sites where people can sign up for campaign e-mails or create their own homepage add to their effectiveness.

"Personalization of a message, even if we do the personalization ourselves, increases the connection to the candidates and increases the chance that attitudes and behaviors may be altered," Holbert said.

Ralph Begleiter, communication professor and former CNN correspondent, agreed on the importance of Web sites.

"Politicians can include their most flattering pictures," Begleiter said. "Also, they can include their long boring policies, so they don't have to bore people with them in person."

Web sites are not only used to spread a candidate's message, however. They are also a major fundraising tool, he said.

"People think the Internet is increasing because it's cool, but it's also the fastest and easiest way to ask for money," Begleiter said.

Members of the media do not always cover the election as well as they should, he said.

"It's not as exciting as the latest movie," Begleiter said.

Wagner agreed that the media coverage is lacking.

"We don't know much about why these people are running for

president and what they want to do in that position," he said. "We just hear speculation about who the soccer moms are going to vote for."

Although the primaries for most states are not until early next year, it is not strange for the candidates to emerge this early, Begleiter said. Starting early allows them to raise more money for expenses such as travel and television spots. A presidential campaign can easily cost between \$100 and \$200 million.

"If you need that kind of money, you better damn well start early," he said. "You can't wake up the day before the election and say 'I think I'll run for president today.'"

Opinions differ on who is likely to win the party nominations.

Clinton has strong campaign team and has a good chance of winning the Democratic nomination, Holbert said.

"But there are a lot of good candidates and it's still very early to say," he said, adding that more candidates may emerge.

Begleiter said he believes Obama has the greatest chance of success for the Democrats, despite what some consider to be his inexperience.

"He is charismatic and a profoundly interesting speaker," he said. "And he's not just another old, white man running for president. His biography is interesting."

The Republican nomination is harder to predict, Holbert said. Both Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and former mayor of New York Rudy Giuliani are liberal on issues that could hurt them in the primaries.

"The people who vote in the primaries are more conservative or more liberal than the rest of us," he said.

Sophomore Lara Rausch, president of the College Republicans, said many people favor Giuliani for the Republican nomination.

"Everyone wants to see him nominated," Rausch said.

The possibility of McCain and Giuliani running on the same ticket — as president and vice president — is also exciting, she said.

Senior Allie Scheer, president of College Democrats, said she favors Obama.

"He is running the best and most-organized campaign," she said. "And he's a young and progressive candidate and that's what we need right now."

Freshmen Natalie Carillo and Cristina Spagnoli, both registered Republicans, said they follow the campaign on TV and on the Internet. They both want Giuliani to win.

"I think he would be a good president because of how he dealt with 9/11," Carillo said. "I think he's composed."

Spagnoli said no matter what happens, it will be an intriguing election.

"It's an interesting race because of the diversity in it," she said. "I think people are paying attention, even this early."



THE REVIEW/John Transue

Arizona is attempting to pass a bill to limit the expression of political opinion among teachers.

Political opinions not suited for classroom?

BY ELAN RONEN

Staff Reporter

Professors who rant about President George W. Bush's policy in Iraq or mock his recent public speaking faux pas may soon find themselves in trouble.

Voicing political opinions in the classroom will be banned in Arizona if a new bill is enacted by the state's legislature.

If made into law, the bill would prohibit college and university professors and public school teachers from advocating one side of an issue that is a matter of "partisan controversy." It would also prevent educators from endorsing or opposing elected officials and candidates for local, state and federal office.

Violators would face fines of up to \$500 or the possibility of termination.

Julia Graff, staff attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union of Delaware, said professors should not be sanctioned for expressing opinions.

"The whole point of democratic education is to foster debate and expose students to new conceptual frameworks," Graff said.

Enacting the bill might stop professors from discussing controversial issues and would set a dangerous precedent for state control over intellectual debate on college campuses, she said.

It would be difficult for professors to remain completely objective, Graff said.

"Bias is often inherent, particularly on controversial matters," she said. "If a professor tries to pass off a viewpoint as neutral with a claim of objective scholarship, it is more misleading."

State Sen. Thayer Verschoor, chief sponsor of the bill, voiced his support for the document in an interview published on the Inside Higher Ed Web site.

"In our institutions of higher education, students should be learning how to think, not what to think,"

Verschoor stated.

Senior Sebastian DiPietro, an elementary education major, said the bill's prohibition on candidate endorsements has merit. DiPietro said even if a professor's opinion on a candidate is popular, some students will always have conflicting sentiments.

"It makes the one or two kids who disagree feel ostracized," he said.

DiPietro said a conflict might develop between a professor who openly criticizes the War in Iraq in class and a student whose brother is fighting in the war.

Keith Pluymers, president of the university's ACLU, said universities already have mechanisms in place for dealing with breaches of professional ethics.

Pluymers said the bill has ill-founded motivations and is a move toward opposing students' civil liberties.

"Crass attempts to limit free speech are indications of insecurity," he said.

Megan Fitzgerald is the program director of Center for Campus Free Speech, a national network of educators, administrators, lawyers and students that seeks to protect and promote free speech on college campuses.

Fitzgerald said the bill going up for debate in Arizona's state senate was influenced by an "Academic Bill of Freedom," authored by David Horowitz, which has already been deliberated in states such as Montana, Virginia and Pennsylvania.

She said government oversight does not produce a free exchange of ideas and universities were not set up to implement the will of politicians.

"Universities were created to address the big problems of the day and to teach students to be critical thinkers," Fitzgerald said.

Graff voiced a similar opinion.

"Isn't the point to crack someone's brain open to let the information flood in?" she said.

A Closer Look

Nov. 13: Rudy Giuliani, former Republican mayor of New York, forms exploratory committee

Nov. 15: Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., forms exploratory committee

Jan. 20: Sen. Hilary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., forms exploratory committee

Feb. 10: Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., officially announces candidacy

— Compiled from the candidates' Web sites

Learning the letters: UD's Greek life

Part three of four: solid sisterhood since the 1970s

BY MEGHAN LOBDELL

Enterprise Editor

Flashback to the '70s: girl power was on the rise as women were integrated with men far beyond the classroom. Gender lines were blurring in 1971 when the first co-ed residence hall opened on campus. Then, in 1972, the sorority Alpha Phi came to the university 68 years after the first fraternity.

Matt Lenno, assistant director of activities and programs and Greek adviser at the university, said it is no surprise sororities came to the university so much later than fraternities because this trend was true of Greek life nationally.

"Sororities sprung out of fraternities," Lenno said. "They started over a hundred years later. Many early ones are even named fraternities because the word 'sorority' hadn't been coined yet."

Today, there are 15 sororities at the university, including nine governed by the National Panhellenic Council, three historically black chapters and three special interest or multicultural chapters.

Although there are more fraternities than sororities on campus, a greater number of women are involved in Greek life — currently more than 1,200 are in sororities, with chapter membership between one and 150, he said.

Most local chapters belong to a national organization, which has chapters all over the country, Lenno said.

"Local sororities are microcosms of the national chapters," he said. "Nationals give their local chapter rules to govern them and they also have the traditions, colors and national philanthropies. They help support the local chapters."

The national organizations also give local chapters their history, Lenno said, some dating back to the mid-late 1800s and early 1900s.

Junior Brittany Johnson, president of the Panhellenic Council at the university and member of Alpha Xi Delta, said her local chapter's national history is important to her.

"It is vital to know about the women who laid the foundation for where my chapter is today," Johnson said. "These are exceptional women who built a sorority with their love and dedication."

"My sorority would not be here today without them."

Lenno said in order to function successfully, the university's Greek life office works in conjunction with the local sororities, their national organizations and the NPC.

RECRUITMENT: AN EQUAL PLAYING FIELD

This month marked a record-breaking sorority recruitment at the university — 620 women registered and 425 accepted bids to the nine Panhellenic sororities, Lenno said.

This was a 25 percent increase in the number of women who signed up from last year. The pledge class quota, which is the number of women each sorority is allowed to admit, went from 37 to 47, he said.

Lenno said he believes the increase in sorority recruitment is because girls were used to doing community service in high school and want to continue it in college.

Junior Emily Welch, president of Alpha Sigma Alpha, said she went through recruitment for this reason and more.

"I joined a sorority in order to get more involved on campus, meet new people and try and make the campus feel smaller," Welch said.

Formal sorority recruitment is held the first two weekends of each Spring Semester in Clayton Hall. The "potential new members" meet all nine Panhellenic sororities in four rounds. Members are chosen through a mutual selection process ending on Bid Day, when they

are invited to join a specific chapter, Lenno said.

Fraternity recruitment is entirely different and more casual. Men who are interested in joining a specific fraternity can go meet with that chapter at its rush location, such as Grotto Pizza or Shaggy's on Main. They can rush multiple fraternities or just one, he said.

On the other hand, every sorority participates in formal recruitment, which is a structured process with time limits and strict rules.

"Women have no choice," Lenno said. "They have to meet everyone."

The contrast between sorority and fraternity recruitment stems from the completely different recruitment philosophies of the two governing bodies, he said.

Fraternities are governed by the North American Interfraternity Council. Lenno said the NIC believes competition breeds excellence and so a system where there is competition between men makes chapters succeed. This is why fraternities do their own recruitment.

NPC, however, believes in an equal playing field for sorority recruitment, he said.

"They think a consistent, fair system breeds better chapters," Lenno said.

He said the sorority women are eager to help one another because of the "Go Greek" mentality, as opposed to promoting their chapter exclusively.

"The sororities understand everybody's in the same boat," Lenno said. "They realize we have to come together, stay alive together — we are one big community."

He said he believes relations between the sororities are strong because of the influence of the local branch of the NPC at the university.

Senior Ashleigh Rich, last year's president of the university's Panhellenic Council and member of Sigma Kappa, said sisters in every chapter are friends with girls in other chapters.

"Panhell tries to encourage mixing between sororities by planning sisterhood events...as well as philanthropy events that enable all chapters to get to know each other better," Rich said.

IS HAZING HISTORY?

Non-Greeks often assume joining a sorority or fraternity will involve hazing, but hazing has decreased significantly at the university and may be almost gone for good, Lenno said.

"Students just don't want to deal with it anymore," he said. "They think it's stupid and don't want it to be a part of their life."

"If anything goes on, it's very low-level."

The retention rate of Greek chapters at the university is high — 95 percent — and this is because there is little to no hazing, Lenno said.

"People who get hazed drop out," he said, "so they are clearly not being hazed here."

Lenno said hazing has decreased because of university rules including the institution of "dry pledging" and a six-week pledge limit.

He said the decrease has also been affected by changing national attitudes, including new sorority language; the word "rushing" has been replaced by "recruitment" and "pledging" has been replaced by "new member education."

"Pledging" and "rushing" are gateway words for hazing," Lenno said. "When you change the language, the behavior stops."

Lenno said since sororities came to the university, only three have left — Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Chi Omega and Kappa Delta, and just one was because of suspension.

Kappa Delta was suspended by the university for a hazing incident involving alcohol in Spring 2003, Lenno said.

"They went underground for a few years," he said, "but I think they are mostly done."



Courtesy of Jessica Feiffer, Panhellenic Council

Sisters from every sorority make up the 2006 Panhellenic Council Executive Board.

THE "LEGALLY BLONDE" LABEL

Johnson said she feels many people at the university judge the Greek system and chose to believe negative stereotypes.

"I think most women would agree with me that they have received some type of negative treatment or dirty look simply because they were wearing their sorority's letters," she said. "I think it is extremely unfair because we give back an enormous amount to this campus and the community."

Rich said being wrongly judged for being in a sorority has made her want to work harder to dispel the stereotypes.

"Many people don't understand that Greek life now is not the same Greek life that it was 10 years ago," she said. "Don't get me wrong, we still like to have a good time, but there is so much more emphasis on doing well in school and performing community service that I think it's time for those old stereotypes to go."

Lenno said he also believes sorority women are harshly judged at the university.

"I mean, look at the stereotypes. They're all ditzy blondes," he said. "Not true. I tell people being Greek will actually increase your GPA."

Lenno said the stereotypes about sorority women personally offend him.

"Yeah, I'm Greek, too," he said. "But people are going to have their opinions."

"In reality, the Greek leaders know how to run large organizations with well over 100 people — they have to be conscientious and intelligent."

A NEW FOCUS

With the Chapter Assessment Program instituted by the university in 2000, the past few years have been a time of change. Greek life has focused more on academics, community service and philanthropy than ever before.

Rich said although social events are still a large part of Greek life, they are now looked at as a privilege and not a right.

"If chapters live up to their potential and score well on CAP by attending university func-

tions and performing hours of community service, we are rewarded by being able to plan social events," she said.

Johnson said Greek social life is comparable to that of non-Greek students.

"Yes, we do have fun and go to many social events. But what college student doesn't?" she said. "We work extremely hard academically and donate a great deal of our time for charitable causes."

Lenno said CAP, which scores chapters on a scale of Needs Improvement, Satisfactory, Bronze, Silver or Gold, has improved the caliber of sorority life. Eight of the nine sororities are Gold status.

"All the sororities strive to be the best," he said. "CAP is an incredibly large competition."

"If a chapter gets silver, they think they're failures."

The high CAP scores are largely due to GPAs — the all-female GPA is 3.091, while the all-sorority GPA is 3.27, Lenno said.

"The all-sorority GPA blows away the all-women's GPA on campus," he said.

National organizations have put a strong focus on academics in recent years, Lenno said. Many sororities will not recruit women whose GPA falls below a certain number, and sororities hold study hours and educational workshops.

In Fall 2006, the sororities on campus raised more than \$36,000 for charities and contributed more than 2,000 service hours, he said.

"The sororities have far surpassed anything from 10, 15 years ago at this university," he said.

Welch said joining a sorority was one of the most rewarding decisions she's ever made.

"Since joining I have gained confidence and have become more outgoing," she said.

Rich said she hopes to set the record straight for non-Greeks.

"Greek life isn't just about partying anymore — it's about a much bigger experience," she said. "These organizations are breeding the future leaders, businessmen and teachers of our communities."

Univ. students work hard in the Big Easy

BY BRITTANY TALARICO

Staff Reporter

Last Tuesday, senior Laura Armstrong embodied the spirit of New Orleans. In celebration of Mardi Gras, she wore a black and gold Saints T-shirt and a silver fleur-de-lis around her neck, exuding pride in the city where she has dedicated so much time and effort.

"At first I was outraged that the city held Mardi Gras the February after the disaster, but I learned to understand it is such an integral part of the New Orleans culture and community," Armstrong said. "It would be like taking away Christmas."

Last Winter Session was Armstrong's fifth visit to New Orleans, a place still suffering from the devastation Hurricane Katrina left behind.

"It's scary how much needs to be done," Armstrong said. "I think most of the progress that has been made was completed by volunteers."

She said she attended the Winter Session program organized by the university through the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program and the English department.

Students had a variety of jobs, including working with the community to rebuild houses and public schools, preparing seminars and workshops on college for high school students, conducting research and starting up a student newspaper at the John McDonogh Senior High School, Armstrong said.

"The school had expressed interest in having a newspaper and our goal was to start one up for them," she said. "The *Fightin' Trojan* would be used to voice student concerns. We got the first issue out before we left."

This trip was a completely different experience from previous ones she went on, Armstrong said. The first four trips were mainly focused on gutting houses.

English professor Deborah Alvarez said she was in charge of resources and contacts for the trip.

Alvarez has gone to New Orleans three times before, and in October 2006 she met Donald

Jackson, principal of the John McDonogh Senior High School.

"Principal Jackson is a warm, dedicated and determined man who I was extremely privileged to meet," she said. "He asked me to hold a seminar for the faculty on violence, trauma and adolescent literacy after a national disaster, which is my field of research."

"The teachers had trauma written all over their faces. These people lost their homes and all of their teaching materials. My mantra was, 'What can I do to help?'"

Alvarez said she approached Maria Palacas, director of the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, when she returned home from her trip.

Palacas proposed the idea to John Courtright, director of undergraduate studies, who funded the program and provided the grant, she said.

"We shared a common vision," Alvarez said. "It was her brainchild."

The five-week curriculum offered during the trip was Texts and Contexts/Literature Disaster (ENGL300), worth three credits and a one-credit service learning course, she said. Two weeks were spent at the university before traveling to New Orleans for another two weeks.

"The last week of the program was also held at the university," Alvarez said. "The university has a policy on the amount of time students can stay in a trauma zone no longer than 14 days."

She said they stayed at St. Bernard's Parish at a volunteer camp called "Camp Hope."

"The first week we were with about 400 other volunteers, and the second week there was only 215," Alvarez said.

Approximately 28 to 30 people were on the trip at any given time, she said.

"There were four or five adults and four grad students who were my right hand," Alvarez said. "Because I'm responsible for 28 people, my job was to organize and oversee projects and direct everyone to

where they need to go. We did in the true sense of service."

"You don't always go in with a plan and impose it, you go in and ask how can we help and then do it. Students were able to experience the selflessness that goes along with service — you cannot control what you learn, but you will learn things of immense value."

Alvarez said she is determined to organize another trip to New Orleans.

"I would love to teach another session at John McDonogh in which I could teach a course on mentoring, reading and writing in secondary schools. We would have our place in the high school and students would mentor for three hours in reading and writing and then contribute three service hours," she said.

Junior Jissell Martinez said she felt this trip was important because the real effects of Katrina are not publicized in the media anymore.

"When I went, I didn't expect to see the mass devastation that I experienced," Martinez said. "Hundreds of thousands of homes were destroyed and trailers were everywhere."

"In the area we stayed in, 65,000 residents were stranded and all their homes were destroyed."

She said her daily duties included preparing seminars for high school students and assisting teachers at the different John McDonogh branch schools.

"In a class I assisted, the social studies teacher was waiting on her tax return so she could use her own money to buy a VCR to show her students a video on the Holocaust," Martinez said. "Electronic supplies are needed, as well as small school supplies like notebooks and pens."

Students can help by participating in more fundraising, she said. Hispanic Organization of Latin Americans, Campus Alliance de La Raza and McNair scholars have all held book drives and sent a few hundred books to New Orleans.

"They are not getting enough attention," Martinez said. "So much money is being allocated outside of the country in places such as Iraq,



Courtesy of Jissell Martinez

Junior Jissell Martinez (left) and Senior Melody Casagrande (right) volunteered at John McDonogh Senior High School in New Orleans.

while Louisiana is basically relying on volunteers."

She said the most rewarding part of the experience was getting close to the students.

"They still e-mail me," Martinez said. "Floyd, a senior, e-mails me all the time thanking us for coming and saying how happy it made him."

Senior Brandi Gilbert, who had traveled to New Orleans twice before, said this experience gave her an opportunity to research her senior thesis, which involves the use of writing as a cathartic process for survivors of traumatic events.

The sense of resilience and determination to rebuild is such an admirable quality of the people in New Orleans, Gilbert said. They are grateful for everything.

"In the midst of serving others, they are also helping you by teaching about their culture and life lessons, such as how to be part of a team, be humble and be grateful for everything you have," she said.

Alvarez said she has nothing but the utmost respect for New Orleans residents.

"People who have so little often

give so much," she said. "On our last day at the school, the librarian bought stocking hats for everyone, and we were provided with a New Orleans brunch buffet, complete with jambalaya."

Donald Jackson, John McDonogh Senior High School principal, expressed his utmost gratitude in his opening message of the school's first issue of their newspaper, *The Fightin' Trojan*.

"We are honored to have Dr. Alvarez and her University of Delaware students here on our campus. During their short time here they have managed to become an integral part of starting our school newspaper."

Alvarez said she heard doubts from her students on the way to New Orleans about rebuilding something under sea level, which will inevitably flood again.

"On the return home, students understood the need to rebuild," she said. "When you eat the food and talk to the people you put a face on disaster, a human face."

"New Orleans is like no other place."

Newark resident flies high in Air National Guard

BY MOLLY MACMILLAN

Staff Reporter

Sgt. Daniel Spruill could not immediately recall how he felt when he received a letter informing him he was the Delaware Air National Guard, Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year for 2006. He was proud of the award, but he had other major concerns on his mind.

He will be leaving his family March 4 to serve his active duty in Afghanistan.

Spruill, a Newark resident, was chosen for the award among three other non-commissioned officers. The award is presented to airmen based on accomplishments in a particular year or over the course of a career in areas of leadership, self-improvement and community involvement.

Sgt. Benjamin Matwey, public affairs officer, said the award has been around as long as he has been in the Air National Guard, at least two decades.

"Of 975 airmen in the unit, about 200 to 250 were competing against Spruill,"

Matwey said.

Spruill, a 14-year veteran of the Delaware Air National Guard, was chosen because of his involvement in activities in and outside of the Guard that demonstrates his abilities in leadership and team-building in the community and his church, Matwey said.

In addition to his duties on the airbase, Spruill said he drives a bus to church for university students who do not have a ride on Sundays.

Spruill is an active member of Ogletown Baptist Church, where he leads a group of young boys called the Royal Ambassadors on Wednesday nights. He is also part of a program where his family has gained a strong relationship with current and former university students at Ogletown Baptist Church. He also volunteers with the Special Olympics at the university.

"For students away from home, we are kind of a local family," he said. "We can minister to them and they can minister to the

family they are with."

The program has expanded the 33-year-old airman's family from himself, his wife and three children, to include two university students. He considers the students his adopted children and his expanded family even went on vacation to Canada together last year, Spruill said.

Spruill said the church helps him deal with difficult periods in his life. This extended family is a source of comfort as he gets ready to be deployed in Afghanistan. His rotation will range between 30 days and six weeks, but during this time, he will miss the birthdays of his three children who are all younger than 8 years old.

Spruill said he and his wife have known each other since junior high school. They attended Caesar Rodney High School and later received degrees from Goldey-Beacom College before moving to Newark.

The airman's wife and two of his three children recently met President George W. Bush when he flew into the New Castle air-

port during his visit on Jan. 24, he said. Bush requested to meet the active airmen along with their families.

When the War in Iraq began in April 2003, Spruill went on active duty after 10 years in the reserves. In September 2005, he spent two weeks in Mississippi helping victims of Hurricane Katrina.

"I'm taking a computer drive full of my pictures of my kids with me," Spruill said as he pulled out his wallet full of children's pictures. "The last time I was away was for Katrina."

He said when Hurricane Katrina hit he immediately contacted his commanding officer to help. Spruill said he was surrounded by destruction and only the tile floors and foundations left after the hurricane leveled million-dollar beach front homes.

He said the hurricane made an impression on him and had a significant impact on many of the men serving with him.

"I'm in the military," he said. "This is what I'm geared up for. Send me."



THE REVIEW/Stacy Kleber

Sidewalks and streets left unplowed and unshoveled caused many students to fall on their way to class.

A slippery slope

Wintery mix creates treacherous conditions for students, residents

BY LAUREN DEZINNO

Senior News Reporter

Extreme weather conditions not only affect those students who live on campus. Snow, sleet and ice also have a negative impact on students who live off campus, often making it difficult for those students to attend classes and sometimes putting their general safety at risk.

Maxine Colm, vice president of administration, stated in an e-mail message that students will not be penalized for missing class due to inclement weather, provided they have notified their professor regarding the reason for their absence.

"Professors, as well as students, have the option to exercise their own judgement and not place themselves in jeopardy because of extreme weather conditions," Colm said.

Senior Jessica Abbruzzese, who lives in an apartment on Main Street, said she had trouble getting to class last week with inclement weather.

"I have snow boots," Abbruzzese said. "But it wasn't snowing, it was sleeting."

She said the sleet hit her in the face as she walked to class, only to find her professor had canceled the class at the last minute, without notifying the students.

"It hurt my face," Abbruzzese said. "It was painful. And lucky for me I didn't fall."

It was dangerous for people to

walk on the unshoveled sidewalks at the university that morning, she said.

"I think classes should have been canceled," Abbruzzese said. "Not even the sidewalks on campus were shoveled. Nothing was."

Senior Tegan Ulshafer said she agreed it was hazardous for students living in off-campus housing to attend classes when the conditions were as icy as they were after last week's snowfall.

"My neighborhood was not plowed and you slid everywhere," Ulshafer said. "It all froze over that night and made conditions even worse for the next morning's commute."

Ulshafer, who lives in a Newark condominium approximately five to 10 minutes from campus, said when she came to school the day after the storm, the sidewalks were still dangerous.

"This past time, I could tell the sidewalks had not been plowed at the university," she said.

Sophomore Chris Bruce, who lives on Cleveland Avenue, said he thought off-campus sidewalks were the worst.

"University sidewalks were in pretty good condition," Bruce said. "However, the city of Newark itself was terrible."

He said many of his classes were cancelled due to the storm, and he suspects largely as a result of his professors' inability to commute in the extreme weather conditions.

Students who live in off-campus

houses, as opposed to apartments, have a greater responsibility when it snows.

Rich Lapointe, director of the public works department in Newark, said students who live in off-campus houses are expected to abide by the city's rules for snow removal.

"Snow and ice are supposed to be removed within 24 hours from the end of the storm," Lapointe said. "However, if the storm ends on a Sunday, it's when dark sets in the following Monday."

He said residents who are in violation of this are given a citation and, if found guilty, can be fined anywhere from \$100 to \$250 per day of violation.

"The few complaints we have received about unshoveled sidewalks don't seem to be students," Lapointe said.

Since the adjacent homeowners are responsible for their sidewalks, no preparations are taken on the sidewalks before or after the storm by the city, he said.

Colm said university policies for inclement weather can be found in the university policies and procedures manual.

"When classes have not been canceled, it is a matter of personal judgement whether traveling to campus is hazardous," she said. "In such cases, students should be allowed to make up missed class time and, whenever possible, canceled classes should be rescheduled."

Police ID criminals with DMV database

BY TIM MISLOCK

Staff Reporter

Imagine walking down a street where a convenience store is being robbed. The security cameras within the store are disabled but there are cameras set up on public streets. Suddenly, everyone becomes a suspect in the investigation as police officers scan the security photos through the Department of Motor Vehicles license database, with facial-recognition software, for matches to the crime scene.

Big Brother is watching.

This scenario is just a vision of the future, but Digimarc Corporation has developed a biometric identification solution aimed at cutting down on fraud, identity theft and even underage people who have fake IDs to purchase alcohol, according to the corporation's Web site.

The facial-recognition technology is being used by several DMVs to fight against the issuance of multiple IDs in different names and making sure those IDs do not fall into the wrong hands, the site stated.

"It is not only terrorists who have access to fraudulent identity documents. Drug dealers, sex-offenders, scam-artists, dead-beat dads and even teenagers bent on illegally purchasing alcohol have access as well," the site stated.

Mike Williams, the public relations manager at the Department of Transportation in Delaware, said there is currently no plan to bring facial recognition technology to Delaware, although police officers do have access to the photos from the DMV license database.

"Police officers have access to the photo database to match the ID they have obtained from you to make sure you are who you say you are," Williams said.

He said if the technology does come to Delaware, it will be initiated by law enforcement agencies and not the DMV.

Rebecca Jeschke, media coordinator for the Electronic Frontier Foundation, said as the technology advances and images could be taken from security cameras, there may be an issue with invasion of privacy.

She said government and law enforcement officials need to be aware of the ramifications of using security cameras in investigations and in what context their photo may

be accessed.

"They need to keep the public informed on what information the state has on them and how it is being used," Jeschke said.

The recognition technology is still being developed — currently there are a lot of false positives, she said. By owning a license someone can now become a suspect in criminal investigations if the DMV database becomes a tool for crime fighting.

"Cleaning up 'bank robbery suspect' from your record when you weren't there could be a result from mistakes in the system," Jeschke said.

Sophomore James Smith said since the DMV is not a law-enforcement agency, it is stepping into a different function of the government.

"By going to extremes to get criminals, it could lead to an invasion of personal rights," Smith said.

Jeff Walker, supervisory special agent at the Wilmington FBI office, said legality issues will come up as the technology is developed.

Police have access to the DMV license database in Delaware, but they are not being used with facial recognition software, he said. There are only being used as tools for ongoing investigations.

Walker said using the DMV database is not an invasion of privacy.

"It is a privilege to get a license," he said.

Walker said one problem for the future as this technology develops is how law enforcement agencies obtain the picture initially — from a security camera on a public street — and how they are using the recognition software.

Sophomore Alicia Livi said if using the license database cuts down on criminals, then it should be used, although obtaining photos from a public security camera is worrisome.

"You don't want people watching you all the time," Livi said.

Senior Phil Taylor said it is tough to decide whether the DMV should be using license photos in criminal investigations.

"It is not fair that you have to give the state your picture to drive," Taylor said. "Although you willingly give it to them because you want to drive."



THE REVIEW/Meaghan Jones

Drivers' licenses are becoming tools to fight crime.



THE REVIEW/Mike DeVoll

Peter Pan was one of the brands recalled after more than 300 people experienced symptoms of salmonella.

Peanut butter recalled after salmonella scare

BY LIZ SEASHOLTZ

Staff Reporter

Salmonella was detected in jars of Peter Pan and Great Value peanut butter, infecting more than 300 people, according to a recent press release by ConAgra food.

Veronica Cash, a spokeswoman for the Food and Drug Administration, said the recalled jars of peanut butter include all Peter Pan and Great Value brands starting with the serial code 2111.

"We were notified by the Centers for Disease Control and State Health Department that there were several salmonella cases," Cash said. "The common theme was eating Peter Pan peanut butter."

Chris Cox, a spokesman for the Centers for Disease Control, said so far there have been 329 infections in 39 states, including Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey and New York. Fifty-one of those people were hospitalized.

"Delaware is actually one of the only Northeastern states that hasn't been infected," Cox said.

ConAgra could not be reached for comment on the peanut butter infection, but has expressed its apologies to those infected in a press release.

It is also recalling all jars of infected peanut butter and offering a full refund for the product.

Dallas Hoover, professor of agriculture and food sciences, said salmonella is a common food-borne bacteria and it is impossible to know its past frequency in the American population.

"All cases are not documented because oftentimes those infected do not know," Hoover said. "Many times people think they just have

the flu or a stomach illness and don't go to the hospital."

The symptoms for salmonella are relatively mild, consisting of a fever, diarrhea and abdominal cramps. Therefore, he said, people do not often attribute it to salmonella.

Cox said this is the first time salmonella has been linked to peanut butter in the United States.

Despite the fact that there are no recorded salmonella contaminations in Delaware, graduate student Jen Cascarino said she believes she contracted salmonella from eating Peter Pan peanut butter.

Cascarino ate peanut butter on two occasions and felt ill immediately afterward, exhibiting the classic signs of salmonella poisoning, she said.

"After this happened, I heard on the news about salmonella being in Peter Pan peanut butter," Cascarino said. "Sure enough, I checked my peanut butter's serial number and it started with 2111, the recalled batch."

Cascarino, who is working on a master's degree in animal and food science, took her peanut butter to the lab where she works and is currently testing it to see if comes out positive for salmonella.

"I'm lucky I can test things like this in the lab," she said. "People don't realize the importance of food science."

Cascarino said the salmonella scare will not deter her from eating peanut butter in the future.

"Everything could have pathogens on it and I'm not going to stop eating something because it could be contaminated," she said.



The President's Commission to Promote Racial and Cultural Diversity

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Wednesday, February 28

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Trabant Multipurpose Rooms A, B, C 8:30pm
Thursday, March 1

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Snow control causing chaos

Newark becomes a winter hazard land overnight

Picture this. A student is walking across campus to class, overloaded with books, coffee and important papers in his hands.

Suddenly, the student loses his balance and begins slipping on the ice he is walking on, struggling to stay on his feet before finally dropping roughly to the ground. Coffee is spilled, books are strewn everywhere and papers are drenched.

The student is able to collect himself and get back to his feet, only to fall again several seconds later.

It sounds like a scene out of a "Looney Toons" skit, but in reality you could see it every winter at the university.

With each passing snow storm, students are taking more notice of the snow and ice removal procedures, or lack thereof.

Sidewalks remain un-shoveled, parking lots snowed-in and walking paths get icy enough to be considered a serious hazard.

This, however, is not for lack of restrictive legislation. Newark requires all sidewalks to be shoveled and ice cleared within 24 hours of snowfall.

It is up to the Newark Police to actively enforce this law and distribute fines to those who fail to follow it.

The problem can be seen most clearly on Main Street, where just last week, walking was a danger to those who ventured out after the snowfall.

The city needs to make sure the heart of this town is plowed, and force business owners to clear their sidewalks.

Brick pathways that line the Green have also become a major hazard to students walking to class.

The university is very strict on its stance that snow is usually no reason to close shop for the day.

This is fine, but if students are expected to go to class, they should expect the university has taken every measure possible to make walkways safe enough to get there.

Nobody wants to attempt being a good student by going to every class only to be rewarded with a bruised tailbone, a soaking wet ass and a number of uncomfortable stares.

Politics take over the classroom

Should professors be able to openly express their views?

Colleges have been a hub of knowledge, discussion and debate throughout American history, but that will all change if Arizona lawmakers get their way and ban professors from expressing their political opinions in class.

Professors should be allowed to express their opinions in class, but those opinions should not be taught as fact. Arguments from professors are often expected to be documented in notes, but professors need to distinguish fact from editorial.

Professors also need to understand which venues are appropriate for discussing certain issues. Ranting about the government should not be acceptable in a French class in the same way that speaking French would not be appropriate in a political science class.

Debate in colleges has fueled many American social movements and should not be banned all together simply because certain

people feel uncomfortable. The reason many students take political science courses is to debate. Professors have a responsibility to discuss both sides of an issue evenly and allow students to carry a debate in a desired direction.

The grading process must not be affected by a professor's biased viewpoints. If students' tests or papers are affected, negatively or positively, because of the viewpoint they take and not the quality of work, then the educational process has failed that particular student.

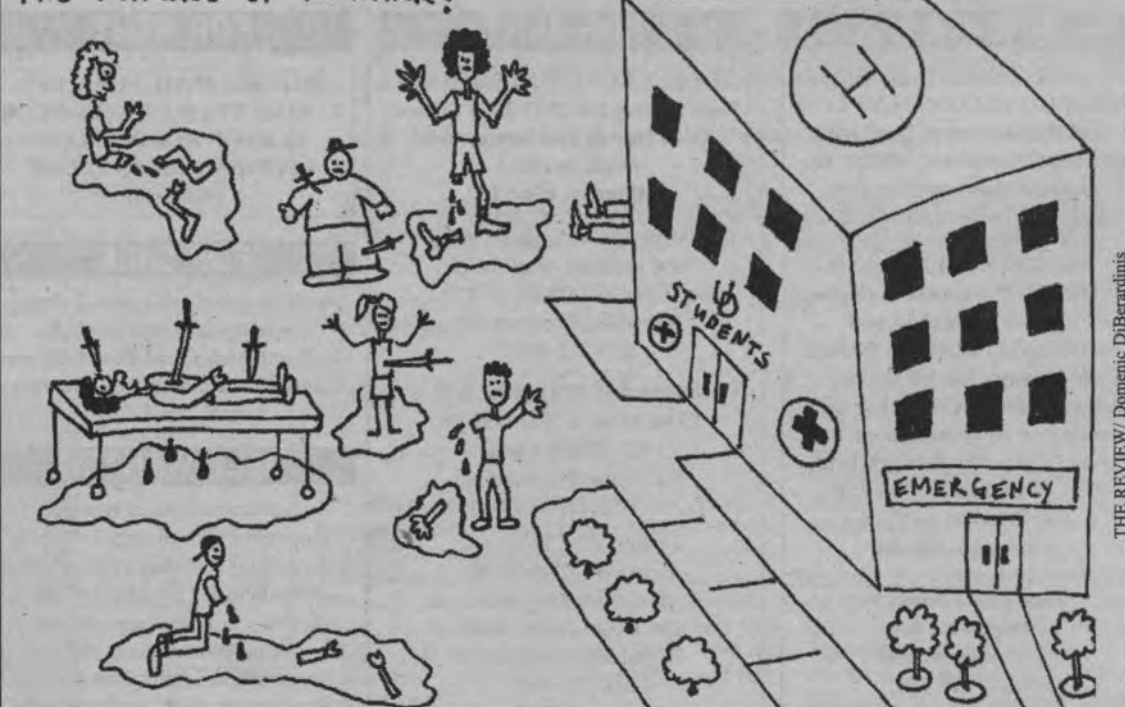
At the same time, students should not be afraid to trigger debate in classes. If a professor begins class with a blatant opinion, we should not hesitate to ask questions and argue with professors.

Students should never sit quietly and stir in their seats if a particular professor takes to opining about a hot-button issue.

"The whole point of democratic education is to foster debate and expose students to new conceptual frameworks."

Julia Graff, state attorney for the ACLU

THE FUTURE OF NEWARK?



THE REVIEW/ Domenic DiBerardino

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Skid Fest Recap

Please allow me to apologize for letting this get away from me so egregiously. My name is Kevin Francis and I was interviewed by The Review this past autumn for a story on the origins of Skidfest (Nov. 7). I have been negligent in writing to thank everyone involved not only for their tireless efforts in continuing the legacy but also for their hospitality in showing an "old man" like me a good time. I was treated to a tour of my old house by a young woman named "Grey" and given a great welcome by Alex and Phil.

I hope you will indulge me in allowing me to thank the people who made my experience at the autumn 2006 Skidfest a memorable experience. Thanks to Bill Day, Stephen Nagle, Chris Lazartie, Nina Buckalew, Julia Bonfante, the inimitable Shea "Diggs" Wesley and especially Alayna Avery, who all did their part - along with many, many others - to keep the spirit of Skidfest alive for yet another year.

It is hard to believe that it will be entering its 18th year and exciting to know that the first "fest" took place before some revelers were even born.

I and every other person who has furthered the Skidfest legacy owe a debt to those who are willing to accept it anew every year. I am humbled by the generosity of the folks mentioned above and will continue to be so humbled each time a new hand wraps itself around the torch. I hope to return to Skidfest this spring to thank everyone again.

Kevin Francis
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Where do we lag behind?

Is the university a top school or a mediocre school? Our endowment is over a billion dollars. There are impressive researchers in our faculty, and this faculty is generous with its time. At the university, classes and fun are separate. Classes are work,

and fun is getting drunk on the weekend. The idea that learning can be fun is taboo.

I think the university's administration reinforces these attitudes by refusing to encourage anything unofficial. Music practice rooms are only available to majors or people playing in ensembles. Scholarships with strict GPA requirements punish students who go beyond what is required of them. Many professors have the false impression that the university can become a better school by making its students work harder. Our students are already overworked and too focused on grades.

If we want university to become a top school, we must recognize that the best students don't always have the highest GPAs, and we must give more encouragement and recognition to students who pursue things of their own initiative.

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Q: What should be done with the "N" word?

- 46% Legally allowed but shunned
 37% Anyone should be allowed to say it
 9% It should be allowed in some contexts
 6% It should be banned
 2% Only certain people can say it



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Catholicism strays from noble path

**YAHTZEE!**

Brian Citino

What the saviors need to do to save themselves.

It started during the 2004 presidential election. At least that is when I remember my strong change in opinion about the Catholic Church.

It was a Sunday morning in early autumn and as was my weekly custom, I went to Mass. Part of this was due to routine, but I always got a good feeling after fulfilling this weekly ritual. That was, until that day.

During the homily, the deacon began to discuss the election, and, in not so many words informed the congregation that if it voted for a candidate who was pro-choice, it would be committing a sin.

At the time I was blown away by the comment, and it still makes me uneasy today. Did the Catholic Church really just tell me how to vote? Was it endorsing President George W. Bush, the candidate in favor of the death penalty, even though the church is against that, too?

After this incident I started to examine the public appearance of the Catholic Church. For a long time I failed to understand why so many people had negative opinions of this organization, which I believed to be promoting good

morals and a positive ideology.

After I took notice of its public actions, I began to see why many harbor a resentment toward Catholicism.

Over the past few years, numbers in the Church has been on the decline and the need for new priests to keep things together are more desperate than ever. I cannot, however, say I blame the public for staying away.

The church has put itself out there in recent years, but in a manner that has cast a negative reflection on it.

Any time the Catholic Church is in the news, it tends to be in regards to the issues of gay marriage or abortion, with an obvious conservative stance on both.

Respect is lost because of this, and that is why Catholicism needs to begin backing away from its public stance on these issues. We all know at this point how it feels about them, so why constantly shove it in our faces?

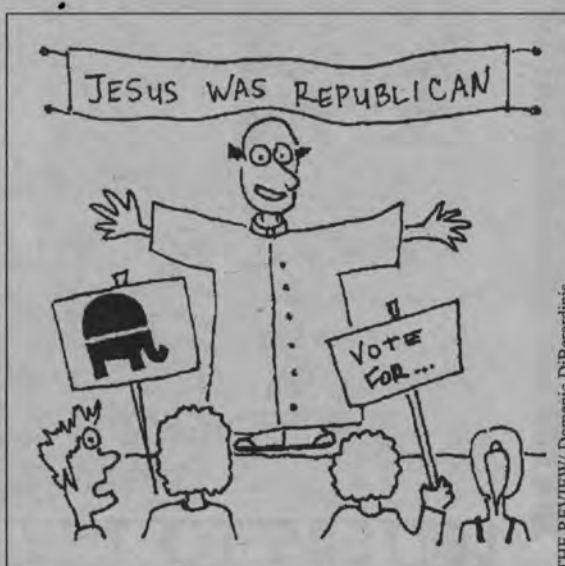
The Church blames its declining numbers on society becoming less moral with each passing year, but, in fact, the reason is simply because it is not promoting its finer points.

The faith is built on the life of Jesus, who regardless of one's beliefs, is a more than a significant historical figure and led a pretty amazing life. Did Jesus ever talk about gay marriage or abortion though?

His mission was not focused on being pro-life or on the assumption that being a homosexual was a choice. Instead, he lived his life trying to get others to be good human beings.

I find it odd that the man Catholicism was founded upon seems to be the one whose teachings are most forgotten in promotion of the faith.

If there is a real concern about dropping numbers in priests and congregation members, then why not start a campaign in full promotion of classic teachings like "love thy neighbor as yourself." That is something that would generate a positive response.



THE REVIEW/ Dominic DiBernardino

Instead of doing this, however, the church continues to hammer on the two main social issues it has made its agenda. This is entirely wrong. Catholicism has absolutely no place in political forums, the same way religion has no place in the classroom.

Last time I checked, there was still a small rule in place called separation of church and state, giving religious groups a tax exemption from the government.

If the Catholic Church were to be taxed, then I would have no problem in its involvement in political matters. Until that happens, and it never will, it should stay away from these issues.

It is about time the church wakes up to what it has been doing wrong and start correcting its mistakes and revamp its image.

All together, it is an institution which is based on commendable views and if it made the world aware of that it would begin to regain public favor.

Instead of standing on the altar preaching support of political candidates, maybe it should try explaining a Jesus story or two.

I love this religion, not because I believe it is above any others, but because it is the one that promotes the values truest to my own. I just wish that the strongest advocate of these ideals was an institution of which I could be proud.

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Political correctness: the new censorship

**The Ru hath spoken**

Jeff Ruoss

Protests are changing the face of college sports — literally.

In my life I have been a Blue Demon, a Blue Hen, a Phillie, an Eagle, a Flyer and a 76er — not really names which draw much attention about being politically incorrect. As much as those seem meaningless to you, they hold a special meaning to me.

If someone came up to me tomorrow and told me they were personally offended by the depiction of those characters I would laugh at them.

However, on Feb. 21, Chief Illiniwek, the University of Illinois' mascot for the past 81 years, danced his final jig. In the past two years since the NCAA joined the "let's be politically correct" movement, 17 schools have been asked to re-establish themselves by removing their "offensive" names and

finding a better approach.

Illinois is doing just that. But at what point does being politically correct give way to censorship?

I applaud Illinois for removing Chief Illiniwek from dancing at their sporting events — it realized that a painted, white, frat boy dancing around screaming at opposing teams is not the best way to depict ancient people such as the Illini.

I guess the university came to the realization that after years of death and removal from their own land, the Illini had suffered enough. At the same time, the university took a strong stance on not removing the name "fighting Illini" from their school.

Many of the groups fighting against the use of Indian names still find this to be offensive because the names are still in place. The only problem I see would be if the groups being defamed pushed to have the name removed.

Personally a small group of middle class white Americans telling me they are offended for the Native American culture does not get my blood pumping to charge the White House and rise up in protest.

The only name which has ever been officially dubbed offensive by the Native American culture is that of the Washington

Redskins.

So when is enough, enough? In the case of political correctness, it seems it is a question of how censored you want your culture to be.

I can understand changing a few derogatory terms here and there, but like the old adage says, if you give an inch, they will take a mile.

The language-planning movement, a movement by a group of people to change the English language so that it no longer contains any type of gender-based wording, has taken the inch given by those trying to be politically conscious and is on its third trip to the sun.

Not only have these groups been fighting for the removal of "offensive" words, but they also have begun to fight for a "non-sexist language," meaning those words you had to learn and memorize for the third grade spelling bee may not be around much longer.

It is one thing to have offensive words frowned upon, but how are you going to remold them or even remove them? It is simply impossible. Just because you remove or change these words does not mean the sentiment is gone. Besides, who is really being helped by changing "mailman" to "mailperson?"

Political correctness is nothing more

than giving censorship a new facade. America prides it self on the notion that people have freedom of speech. Why would we allow ourselves to be hoodwinked into changing our way of thinking?

This movement sheds a bad light on America by allowing ourselves to conform just so we do not "offend." We are moving closer and closer to the era of Big Brother.

We tell ourselves we want to be responsible for our actions, but how can we be responsible when we allow a minority of people to think for us. The worst part about all of this is when people not from the groups affected speak out.

As in the case of the Native Americans and school mascots, if the names and words were so offensive then why not speak out themselves? Why must a small group of people who are not Native Americans tell us we are offending said group?

If these people really want something to fight for, why not fight hunger or try and end the massive amounts of suffering and death occurring in Third-World countries.

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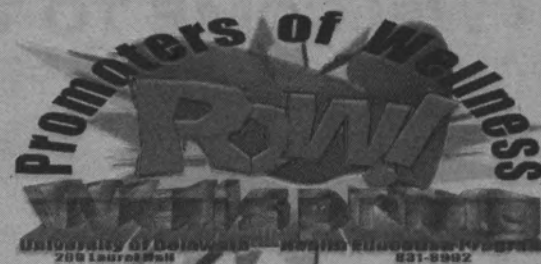
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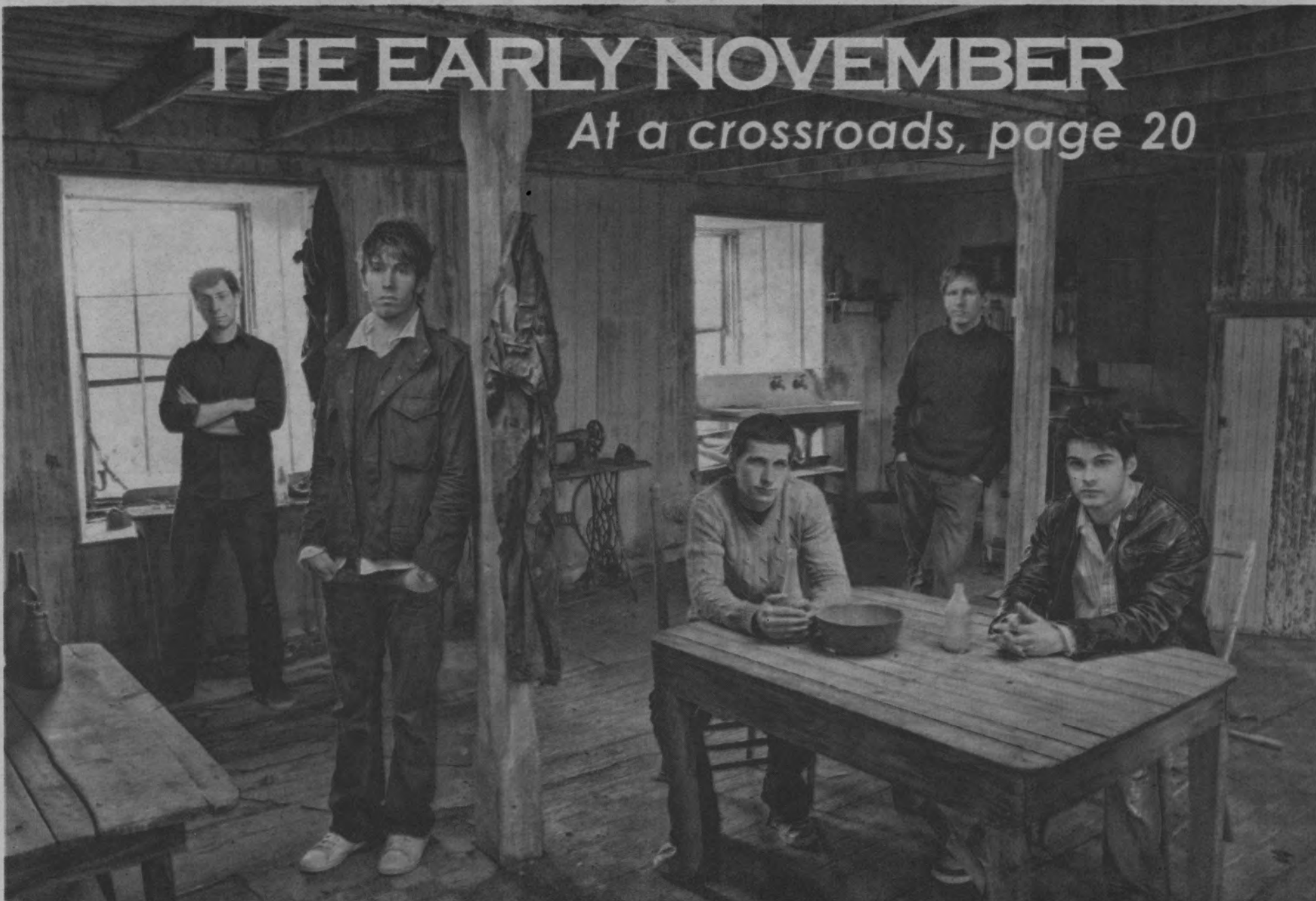
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Courtesy of Drive-Thru Records

The Mosaic Interview: The Early November

BY ANDREA RAMSAY
Entertainment Editor

On Feb. 28, The Early November will step on stage in the Trabant University Center alone, without a big-name band waiting to follow, plucked from the line-up of the Warped Tour entourage and lacking the huge-production-yet-small-club spectacle of its U.K. tour with New Found Glory. The band, whose university concert is sponsored by the Student Centers Programming Advisory Board, will have no set-list and make no promise to remember every song it's willing to play. The Early November's only goal in the Multipurpose Room on Wednesday night is to please its college-aged audience and further spread their unique artistic vision and story.

After the indie/emo-pop/rock band from nearby Hammonton, N.J. formed in 2001, it quickly started to make a name for itself after signing with the small, yet successful, Drive-Thru Records, performing on one of the biggest musical festival tours in the country and releasing its first full-length album, "The Room's Too Cold."

At a time when its genre was exploding into mainstream popularity, it seemed as though the members of The Early November had a golden ticket to ride this musical bandwagon to the top. However, as friends and peers in bands like Fall Out Boy and Panic! At the Disco began topping charts across the nation, The Early November remained merely an opener.

Some attribute this left-behind reputation to the release of the band's second full-length album, "The Mother, the Mechanic, and the Path." The album features three separate CDs which tell the story of a troubled father-son relationship from differing viewpoints. Each disk has a unique sound — the first capturing audiences with a traditional rock 'n' roll sound, the second portraying a softer, smoother side and the third as an unusual combination of dialogue set to music.

Despite the album debuting at No. 31 on the Billboard Top 200, support for the triple-CD album dropped rapidly as it was too long and too misunderstood.

Now, amidst a sea of break-up rumors and on the brink of the band's national headline tour, drummer Jeff Kummer takes time to address some of the common, pressing questions that face the group.

So this Delaware performance looks like a good warm-up for the upcoming tour. Is this where you plan to work out all your jitters?

As far as I know for this tour, what we're planning to do — because we've played two college shows so far and we did this

and it was really good to just get a good vibe going — is we're going to go out every night without a set list and just take requests. We're just going to play what people want to hear. I think that's the best thing to do and it's less stressful for us. We may fuck up because we don't know the songs, but you know, whatever. We're going to play what people want to hear even if we don't know how to play it. We're going to make every show as good as it can be.

The last nationwide tour you did was opening for Fall Out Boy. How did that go?

It was good. We hadn't played with those guys in a really long time. We've been touring with New Found Glory for the past four months because we went to the U.K. with them. It was cool because we knew everybody going into that tour, but it was different because it was such a production. They did all the production they would do in an arena tour, but they did it in small clubs, which was pretty crazy. I've never seen anything like that.

We've heard you were talking with some major record labels, why did you decide to stick with Drive-Thru Records?

It wasn't that we decided to stick with them, it was because we were locked down in a contract. We're tied to them for like a bazillion records or something like that. Even if we did want to go to a bigger label, we wouldn't even have a choice. If we weren't, we would probably try for a bigger label, just to see what it's like. We're with Drive-Thru and they're really good people, but I'd like to see what it would be like if our band was on something amazing.

You released the triple album at a time when the other bands in your genre were really starting to make it big. Why, at such a crucial moment, did you decide to release the triple album?

We weren't really paying attention to what was going on with everything, we just had a ton of songs and we just thought "What the hell?" We'll just record a crap-load of songs and do something really cool. We were all really into it at the time so we just went with it.

A lot of people were like, "This record is going to kill you because no one is ever going to listen to that many songs." I think that is kind of the case because a lot of people can't get through that CD. I can understand why because there are a million songs. But it was fun to do and I wouldn't take it back.

How did the triple album do commercially?

We expected it actually to do a little better. We were told a bunch of things and we were made a bunch of promises about

what it was going to do for us, but it was on MTV for like a week and then they were like, "We aren't going to do anything with your band anymore."

It was awesome that we sold so many records in the first week, but it was a disappointment to a lot of other people. A lot of people gave up faith after the first week and no one stuck with it. But I couldn't be happier with [the album], I think it's awesome.

Do you ever wonder, "What if we didn't do the triple album and decided to go the more traditional route, where would we be today?"

I honestly think if we did just one record and decided to just make a record full of hits, then we would be in a different position right now. But, what this band really likes to do is record and we wanted to put out a ton of songs. We knew we had a lot of stuff and we were like, "Well, why hold this stuff and hold it to the next record or the next record? Why not put it all out at once and give our fans more to listen to?"

How much longer are you going to push the triple album before heading back into the studio?

We haven't really thought about it. I don't even know if we have any plans for after this tour as of now. That is something we need to talk about. We're just going to take it as it comes.

After the release of the triple album, there were some rumors floating around that the band may be breaking up. Is there any truth to those rumors?

Oh yeah, we break up like every other day. There was a point when we almost officially broke up. We break up almost every tour, but that's just what happens, like with any other band. I think it just gets out a lot more with us. Other than that, we're a pretty tight-knit group and we're all great friends. Even when we're like, "Oh, we're going break up," we're still good friends. We're just five completely different people and everyone wants to be something different. It's like any other relationship, even if there's no woman in it. It's like, "Dude, come back, I love you."

After this headline tour, what do you plan on doing next?

I'm planning on going into the studio with this band I've been working with, Grace Period, as a side project. We go into the studio in May and we're going to record a full-length and see what we can do with that. It's me and some guys I started my first band with. We just figured it would be fun to just go and record something. We'll do that on our downtime. Ace [TEN lead singer and guitarist] may be coming to sing on a couple songs. As of right now [The Early November] doesn't have any other plans, just the tour and Bamboozle in May.

'Girls can't be guys in matters of the heart'

'Unhooked' author claims women of the hook-up culture are in emotional danger

BY LAURA DATTARO
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She hovers over the bed, watching his sleeping form turn under the rumpled, sweaty covers. His chest slowly rises and falls, oblivious to the absence of her body in the narrow twin bed. She's dressed in last night's jeans and his plain, white undershirt, her hair in a messy ponytail and her make-up salvaged to the best of her ability.

As she listens to him breathe, she clutches a tiny scrap of paper in her hand, a 10-digit number scrawled by a shaky hand is written across the off-white background. For a brief moment, she convinces herself to leave it next to his cell phone on the night stand. Then, coming to her senses, she crumples the slip and shoves it in her purse, knowing another meeting would never be more satisfying than last night's impromptu get-together.

She is 19 years old, yearning for romance but striving for independence. The voice of her mother encouraging her to get an education and start a career plays in a continuous loop to images of her parents' boring, lifeless marriage like a soundtrack to a movie.

She is a daughter, a sister, a cousin, a niece. She's the girl in last fall's Biology 104 lecture and the one who delivers DP Dough late at night.

She is another victim of the hook-up culture — a world in which girls have abandoned dating and turned to casual, non-committal sex — and the subject of *The Washington Post* feature writer Laura Sessions-Stepp's new book, "Unhooked: How Young Women Pursue Sex, Delay Love and Lose at Both."

"Unhooked," Stepp's third book, explores the growth of the hooking-up phenomenon, why it has virtually replaced dating and how it has affected the young women who she says are almost wholly responsible for its exponential growth in the past decade.

Stepp's book is based largely on the close relationships she formed with college and high school girls while researching her book at Duke University, George Washington University, a private high school in Virginia and two public high schools in the D.C. area. She also surveyed students at schools such as The College of New Jersey and Stanford University.

What she found was intelligent, young women who were willing, and in some cases eager, to sacrifice love on the altar of education.

"A hook-up's defining characteristic is the ability to unhook at any time," Stepp says, "which is why I chose the title. Because there's no commitment you can walk away at any time. It affords the young generation a freedom of movement between partners."

Although this freedom that wasn't available to any previous generation of women can be beneficial, she says, it's harmful if abused. The repetitive surrender of the body with no emotional attachment expected in return can cause low self-esteem, depression, alcoholism and eating disorders.

"Girls can't be guys in matters of the heart, even though they think they can," Stepp says. "They think they can go into a hook-up and not feel anything the next day. Then they find themselves checking their cell phones and wondering why he hasn't called them."

The primary motivating factor in the rising number of girls hooking-up is a cultural shift in what young women are being taught about the combination of a career and romance.

The girls currently in high school and college are the first generation to be taught, from a very young age, to go after anything they want, Stepp says.

"They are being told, 'get an education, establish a career, then look for a partner,'" Stepp says. "Mothers should be saying to girls, 'education is important, a career is important, but so are relationships.' Most of us want all three of those things and we need to start practicing how to have all those things earlier."

Stepp is not the only woman to notice this potentially disturbing trend among young women.

University alumna Kathleen Bogle also wrote a book on the subject, bluntly titled "Hooking Up." Her book, which will be published this coming fall, addresses the environmental settings that cause high school and college-aged women to put their emotions on the back burner.

Her definition of hooking-up is similar to Stepp's. "It's important that there's a range of what hooking up encompasses," Bogle says. "It can entail sex or oral sex with someone you just met 30 minutes ago, but it could be kissing someone you have had a crush on for six months."

Bogle interviewed both current university students and alumni to research her book.

"The alumni said hooking-up just doesn't work on a practical level the same way it does in college," she says. "In terms of how people define college life, it's 'Hey, I'm young, it's time to be young and party.' People don't think about life after college like this. It's time to get a job and get married."

It's not only this "time to party" mindset that lends itself



Courtesy of Laura Sessions-Stepp

to the hook-up culture. Their potential hook-up for the night probably lives within walking distance, Bogle says, and the close, neighborly feel of a college campus can make students feel safer with a stranger than they would at a bar after graduating.

Freshman Maggie Loughman agrees.

"This is just the time to do it," Loughman says. "We all want to settle down at some point."

As she cleans the remnants of her lunch, her friend, freshman Jon Clunie, who has known his girlfriend of three years since the sixth grade, says he doesn't like the idea of hooking-up.

"Every time a girl hooks up, she's labeled a slut," Clunie says. "It's not OK for guys either because then you'll be a man whore."

The two students agree on the ambiguity of the term "hooking up."

"It's like hitting triples," Clunie says. "You do everything but hit a home run."

"Yeah, even making out can be sexual in some way," Loughman says.

She also says it's OK as long as a girl doesn't get attached.

"Girls are just more open now," she says. "When they're getting male attention, they feed off it. If you're never going to see that person again, it's not a problem."

"People just do it for the thrill of it," Clunie says.

"What is the ultimate goal though? It goes nowhere, just in a big circle."

"Yeah, I mean they're always jumping from person to person like a frog on lily pads. I've never believed in this whole hooking-up thing."

Even though Loughman says hooking-up can be OK, there's a time to draw a line.

"If you're flaunting it," she says, "it's just trashy."

After observing endless conversations like these, Stepp says she began to feel almost maternal toward the girls whose stories formed the bulk of her book.

She included a "Letter to Mothers and Daughters" at the conclusion of her writing, presenting a point-by-point summary of her findings and advice.

A shortened version of the list reads:

"A guy can make you feel valuable, but it's not the guy who makes you valuable."

"Explore your feminine side beyond the black lace bra."

"Lust is not love, although it can feel like it," and, "Think erotic, not pornographic."

Stepp says she hopes her book will reach mothers, daughters and women of all ages. She received countless e-mails from girls who saw their stories in her pages, she says, which is exactly what she hoped would happen.

"All I want to do is get young women to think about that," she says. "You're a very smart generation, capable of thinking through their lives. Girls need to speak up and say, 'is this making me happy?' And if it's not, they can change it."

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2 + 3 + Carrey = what's the point?

"The Number 23"

New Line Cinema

Rating: ☆☆ (out of ☆☆☆☆)

I have a headache.

I haven't been drinking, I'm not sick and I have yet to study for an exam this semester. But even still, I have a horrible, pounding, excruciatingly-annoying headache.

I just saw "The Number 23." I stared at way too many 23s, thought about the number 23 for far too long and could now probably give you 23 solid reasons to not go see "The Number 23."

Jim Carrey is funny — he's not meant to cry unless he's laughing too hard. But here, Carrey isn't funny and he does have a crying scene, during which the camera view quickly changes to avoid showing his pathetic acting of an emotional character. I guess director Joel Schumacher tried to take Carrey's inherent nature into account, allowing Carrey to still be goofy with his signature quirky face expressions and gawky walk.

Carrey plays Walter Sparrow, who's an average dog-catcher with a beautiful wife, Agatha (Virginia Madsen), and a witty son, Robin (Logan Lerman).

Sparrow thinks he's cursed by the number — his full name has 23 letters, his home address adds up to 23, he was born on February 3 and he even wakes up at 11:12.

And that's pretty much all I can say without giving away the almost too-twisted plot.

Other than the headache at the end of this painfully repetitive movie — you may as well go see a documentary on the number 23 that lists, with commentary, all the crazy coincidences attached to the number — the plot does have some quality. It has a twist and it is suspenseful, but maybe it was the

exaggerated acting during the vulgar sex scenes between fictitious (well, sort of) characters Fingerling and Fabrizio at the crime scenes they were investigating.

By the way, 09/11/2001 adds up to 23.

In Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar," Caesar is stabbed 23 times.

The earth's axis is tilted at a 23 degree angle — just in case you were wondering.

And, ironically, it's Joel Schumacher's 23rd project.

Spooky for sure, but a whole movie about it is rather, well, psychotic. If you're a numerologist or someone who avoids black cats at all costs, this movie may be for you.

That's precisely what this movie is all about in the end — going superstitiously crazy. I guess it works, because if this headache doesn't go away, I'm going to go crazy myself and blame it all on "The Number 23."

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Courtesy of Universal Pictures

Cooper, Linney carry CIA story

"Breach"

Universal Pictures

Rating: ☆☆☆

(out of ☆☆☆☆)

Unlike others, this suspense film, brilliantly directed and co-written by Billy Ray, doesn't have the intense fight scenes and mind-boggling special effects. Instead, it keeps its audience on the edge of its seat with the intricate and complex relationship between a young FBI consultant and one of the most detrimental men in U.S. history.

Although spy and espionage flicks are by no means uncommon in Hollywood, those based on a true story are slightly more atypical. This is the story of Robert Hanssen (Chris Cooper, in an Oscar-worthy performance), who had been

working in the bureau for approximately 25 years before he was finally caught in the act of leaking sensitive, damaging information to the Russians.

What is most refreshing and captivating about this story is the novice responsible for bringing the monster down. Eric O'Neill

(Ryan Phillippe) was on the outskirts of the agency, trying desperately and frantically to earn his agent status. Suddenly, he is plucked from a terrorist trail to sit at a desk in front of Hanssen's locked office, playing the part of personal assistant while he watches and records his every move in the search of clues to what he thinks is a dirty, internet-porn case.

However, as O'Neill comes to know and almost respect the brilliant, family-man and extreme Opus Dei Roman Catholic, he begins to realize the pieces just don't match. He demands answers from his superior, Agent Kate Burroughs (Laura Linney), who reluctantly decides it's time the truth came out — this eager, wet-behind-the-ears nobody is in the very center of the biggest security breach the bureau has ever seen.

This is where the real question comes into play — how is O'Neill supposed to keep up with a man that has fooled some of the most brilliant minds our country has to offer? It's a nail-biting, sweaty-palmed irony of the spy who became the spied-on.

Both Cooper and Linney delivered spectacular portrayals of their intellectual characters. Phillippe, although not quite at the caliber of his co-stars, was convincing and held his own in an incredibly challenging role.

After the conclusion of the opening scene, footage taken from a press conference by former Attorney General John Ashcroft, you may forget that this is, in fact, a true story and may just take it for the cinematic gem that it is. However, as the story comes to an end and details of the true story appear on the screen, you are again crudely reminded that this horrible man was once out there.

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The 'Cassadega' mystery

"Four Winds"

Bright Eyes

Saddle Creek

Rating: ☆☆☆ (Out of ☆☆☆☆)

Conor Oberst, the at-times brilliant 27-year-old singer-songwriter who records under the name Bright Eyes, is the type of artist who doesn't hide his mistakes.

Whether it's releasing an album of his un-listenable preteen recordings or pretentiously stopping a song halfway through because of a supposed wrong note ("Lifted's," "False Advertising"), Oberst makes no apologies for his shortcomings, but rather publicizes them.

Then it comes as no surprise he is releasing "Four Winds," an EP of B-sides and the new Bright Eyes' single of the same name. Instead of Oberst leaving the scraps on the cutting-room floor, he has decided to package them to prep listeners for "Cassadega," Bright Eyes' 10th full-length that is slated for an April release.

It wasn't necessarily a bad idea, either.

"Cassadega's" lead single, "Four Winds," is Bright Eyes at its best. The track is a jangly, beautiful mess of everything Oberst thrives on — heavy topics ("The Bible's blind, the Torah's deaf, the Qur'an's mute / If you burn them all together you get close to the truth"), multiple voices and a rousing backdrop of violins, banjos and guitars. It's not gaudy or overstated but is an example of Oberst's maturation as a songwriter.

But what is ostentatious are the throw-away tracks. They're neither good nor bad, but



rather just OK. The songs are interesting in how contrasting they are from the Bright Eyes catalogue. "Reinvent the Wheel" is upbeat and similar to Oberst's former band, Park Ave., while "Stray Dog Freedom" is pure '70s guitar-rock, with a blues riff and a Rhodes piano its base. But while the ideas are there, they never fully materialize. The B-sides have a consistent inconsistency about them — the gears are moving but inefficiently.

And so "Four Winds" is a circular affair — we're given a peak, and just a peak, at what "Cassadega" could be and what we hope it isn't. But ultimately all we're left with is speculation — just another thing Oberst doesn't have to be sorry about.

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"Writer's Block 4"

J.R. Writer

Diplomat Records

Rating: ☆☆ 1/2

(Out of ☆☆☆☆)

If there was ever a mixtape artist, it's J.R. Writer. His debut full-length, "History in the Making," lacked a bonafide hit and sold poorly, but by contrast, Writer has gained a respected reputation via his mixtapes. "Writer's Block 4" is more of the same — big beats, bigger boasts.

Writer, like other

Courtesy of Amazon.com



mixtape artists, is mainly interested in one thing — himself. The subjects are waning, as hearing 15 tracks about jewelry, "bitches" and machismo can be tough to swallow. Writer's

saving grace is his wordplay — the Dipset MC is clever and he knows it (he rhymes, "This will be the only way you hear somebody clapping at me" before a round of applause ends "Critically Acclaimed"). Writer's dexterity is fun at first, but it's not helping his case — there's nothing pushing him to leave the "mixtape artist" tag behind.

— Wesley Case

"The Walking Wounded"

Bayside

Victory

Rating: ☆☆ 1/2 (Out of ☆☆☆☆)

Bayside has always carried the stigma that the band is a poor man's Alkaline Trio. "The Walking Wounded" isn't doing the group any favors, as Bayside continues its hand at dark, antagonistic songs. The problem lies in the delivery — while Alkaline Trio has become scarily efficient in its songwriting, Bayside sounds like its trying too hard.

"The Walking Wounded's" first single, "Duality," is the album's high point. It's quick, catchy and controlled while putting its soaring chorus at the forefront. When vocalist Anthony Raneri earnestly sings, "Who let this feeling die / I can't get you out of my head," there's no forcing involved. It's an example of benevolent simplicity — rather than trying to make grand statements ("Dollar by dollar /

your soul gets smaller" from "(Pop)ular Science"), Bayside should learn — less is more.

— Wesley Case



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BAYSIDE

delawareUNdressed Being bad feels good



Laura Beth Dlugatch
Columnist

Late at night, before classes, afternoon lunch break, while skipping class — it's no secret some college students are having sex all the time. Typically, it's happening in residence hall rooms or apartments with the privacy and luxury of a bed. Booring.

Come on, you're only young once and doing it in the bedroom is so last season.

Having sex in public is not just for crazy sex freaks. If your sex life is starting to dwindle, it's time to take the action out of the bedroom.

There can be times when sex becomes routine and unexciting after doing it in the same place all the time. That's why you gotta let go of your inhibitions and spice up your lovin'.

Got a craving for a quickie that can't wait? Well, don't. There's something about the risk of getting caught that adds a whole new element to shacking up.

It allows you to explore the inner exhibitionist in you while intensifying the moment. Knowing that what you're doing is illicit and outrageous turns up the heat in any dull relationship.

"I like the danger of being caught,"

says Tom, a senior.

Being bad never felt so good.

Sex on campus can be a little too risqué. The smaller the space you pick, the bigger the challenge. And you have to watch out for those pesky campus cops because I don't have a clue how you would explain a "doing the nasty" ticket to mom and pops.

This may sound a little ridiculous, but there is a classy way to take sex out of the bedroom. Public bathroom? Gross.

Tell me what you think:

Do your friends hate your boyfriend or girlfriend?

Can't stand your friend's hook-up or annoying fling?

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Cemetery? Oh, hell no. Coat Check? Have you seen the ones at Kate's or Shaggy's? Good luck with that.

Don't be cliché about it either. A beach is probably the most common and played-out place — unless it's the Mediterranean Sea or something. And the backseat of a car? Hmm, you could do better.

So where should you go? That's up to you and your lover. But here are some hot spots you could check out.

Library: I know you're thinking it's as cliché as the beach, but it's not. There's

some-

thing hot about

meeting your babe

deep in the shelves

looking for something

more than an anatomy book.

But it doesn't count if you

cheat and go into one of those

study rooms. In between the

shelves versus a semi-private little

room? Shelves win.

Mall: In between trying on those new jeans, you can pull your squeeze into the fitting room with you. While people around you are trying on jeans you can be trying something else on for size. Hopefully, no one will notice four legs in one room.

Empty classroom: Have you been a naughty student and need some extra credit? Well, there are a million classrooms on campus, and you could easily find an abandoned one. And if you get caught, well, you were just utilizing the resources the school has to offer.

You don't have to go all the way to benefit from the rush of excitement from getting hot in public. You can just sneak in a little peak for later — not lame PDA — but a preview of what's to come.

So now that I just called out some good places, go out there and find your own hot spot. Wherever and whenever you go make sure there's trust between the two of you. If the late night janitor or pesky fitting room clerk catches you two in the act, you better hope he or she has your back.

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Right on Target

From a bright red, plastic basket I retrieve toothpaste, vitamins, nail polish remover and a silk top from an award-winning designer. It's a bit weird to see a piece of clothing advance on a black, rubber conveyor belt, but



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that's the charm of Target. (Shelling out about \$40 for that list is nice, too). I've been shopping at Target since high school — and even more avidly when Isaac Mizrahi graced the retailer with his sartorial skills — but the fab finds of the "GO International" collections ensure that I'll be a Target lifer.

Fashionistas will know the names of Luella, Tara Jarmon, Paul & Joe and Behnaz Sarafpour, each of whom had a three-month stint in the women's department beginning in February 2006 (except for Behnaz, who only got two). Behnaz Sarafpour was probably the most well-known designer on the list, until the Minneapolis, Minn. company brought in Proenza Schouler, that is.

Pronounced "pro-enza school-er," the young duo of Lazaro Hernandez and Jack McCollough won the Council of Fashion Designers of America's Perry Ellis Award for new talent in 2003 (a HUGE deal). Since then, they dressed Oscar presenter Maggie Gyllenhaal in that fabulous blue-and-black beaded gown. Their signature bustier-style top has been spotted on starlets like Mandy Moore after appearing in various incarnations, in seven of their nine runway collections. And yes, a version of the top is in the Target line. This version is not as expertly crafted as its collection counterpart, but what do expect for \$24.99?

Let's be honest — what a fashion mag deems as a "steal" is really a "splurge" for most of us. Why spend lots of money on a trendy item that you can really only wear for three months without looking dated? For the record, the most expensive item in the newest "International Flights of Fashion" collection for Target is a cropped and belted suede jacket for \$139.99. At \$44.99 are the second-most expensive pieces — a '60s-style swing coat and a printed silk dress.

As for the men's collection, there is no "GO International" equivalent, but Target does bring in guest designers. Most recently, edgy Brit rocker-turned-designer Keanan Duffy. Think what Mick Jagger would wear if he was 25 and not manorexic-looking. His looks are unfortunately out of stock on the site, which could mean that he's "departing" the store but fear not, shoppers, there are plenty of other options.

The house designers in the men's section are less edgy than their female counterparts but that's OK. Go for the Roma Atletica line for fresh-looking track jackets and hoodies. You pretty much can't go wrong with anything from Mossimo — classic polos, button-down shirts and sweaters. Some of the most playful items are the screen print Ts from Utility and Freeze. Some samples: cartoon characters Tom and Jerry in a mock-Scarface movie poster, Yoo-Hoo and some rock star-looking stuff.

Whether it's Proenza Schouler or Mossimo, Target truly lives up to its slogan of "Design for all."

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mediadarling Britney: Off her rocker

I can't name any of the stars from "The O.C." I confused hot and hunky Slater with obnoxious goofball Screech, probably due to the fact that I've never actually seen an episode of "Saved By The Bell." I had to be taught the difference between the Academy Awards and the Oscars — apparently, there isn't one.

Let's face it, I'm not exactly a pop-culture guru.

Despite the fact that my head is basically devoid of even the most commonplace media knowledge, I have managed to pick up on a new Mr. Clean look-alike showing her face on TV screens, Web sites and magazine covers everywhere.

No, it's not a new ad campaign for a better toilet cleaner. It's the former object of men's lusty fantasies, the girl that made pink fuzzy pigtails sexy, one of the most famous bodies ever to be decorated with rhinestones — yes, it's Ms. Britney Spears herself.

In a gutsy move that caught the attention of pop-culture fanatics and amateurs alike, Spears forced the owner of a closed mom-and-pop salon to reopen just for her, then held an electric razor hostage and used it, against its will, to add the finishing touches to what has been a steady decrease in attractiveness over the past few years.

The pop star decided to shave her head because she was sick of people touching her and wanted the media to leave her alone for once. She is calling this time her "rocky period" and says she "knows what she needs

to do" — this includes checking herself in and out of rehab as if she has an all-week pass to an amusement park.

Apparently, Spears didn't think this one through too well. Sure if she's bald she won't have stylists pulling at her natural hair — they'll just be giving her wigs and touching those instead.

Oh, and whether you're a multi-million

night.

If her wish is to be ignored, it was definitely granted in the VIP room of the club.

She reportedly sat alone for much of the night, garnering no attention from other partygoers or friends. A bad rendition of a familiar song finally forced the star to leave — a drunken clubber had chosen "...Baby One More Time" for his or her chance in the karaoke spotlight.

I'm tempted to wonder what has happened to Britney Spears, but in reality, her recent behavior is not all that shocking. Spears has been experiencing a continual decline since her years as the teen queen, from her choice in husbands to her grungy fashion sense.

In fact, maybe chopping off all that greasy, dirty hair was a good thing. Perhaps it will offer her a new beginning, her bubbly personality and catchy pop tunes resurfacing with each emerging inch of shiny clean hair.

Maybe Spears needed to commit pop-culture suicide in order to be reborn as the person she wants, and her fans expect her, to be.

Maybe now she can finally move on from one-and-a-half failed marriages, get through her self-proclaimed "rocky period" and reinvent herself as a singer, a mother, a celebrity and a role model.

But what do I know? I don't even watch "Grey's Anatomy."

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Courtesy of Google.com

dollar media icon or not, a bald girl always turns heads — lots of them.

Spears was seen a few days after her flip-out at The Roxy, a swanky Hollywood club, sporting a "Stepford Wives" style blonde wig and big aviator sunglasses, which she wore inside the club most of the

It's a risky business: fake IDs on campus

BY MAGGIE SCHILLER

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Editor's Note: Only the first name of sources have been provided to protect their identities.

When college students gather a bag to take out on a Friday night there are those few essential items they cannot leave home without. Cell phone, check. Wallet, check. Fake ID, check. At a university where bars are a popular hotspot almost every night of the week, being able to go to one is essential — 21 or not.

The real question isn't if students have the IDs, but rather where students are finding these fakes. It isn't those sketchy Web sites where anyone can send in a picture of themselves standing in front of a piece of white cardboard their roommate is holding up, only to receive a state ID card from Texas weeks later.

It's become easier than that.

Most students receive fake IDs as hand-me-downs from older siblings or friends who have turned 21. If that fails, maybe they know a kid who knows a kid whose brother produces homemade IDs in his basement.

If it comes down to it, some students will ask almost anyone who shares similar facial features with them.

Helana, a junior, says she is one of these students.

"I was so desperate to get one I went down my list of friends on Facebook just to find people with brown hair," she says.

Nick, a senior, is one of many students who say they are aware of what type of IDs pose a risk when trying to get into a bar.

"The best ones to get aren't actually you, but a real ID," he says. "It is so hard to make fakes now to match the real state holograms."

Marc Conway, a bouncer at Klondike Kate's, the bar notorious on campus for being the "hardest" to get into under-age, according to students, agrees.

"If the ID is legit and says they are 21, then the restaurant cannot get in trouble, as long as we make a reasonable effort," Conway says.

He says there are two kinds of IDs that bouncers are trained to catch. There are the "fake" fake IDs — ones that were made to copy a real state ID — and the "real" fakes, which are the real state IDs, but not the correct person.

"When we look at the 'fake' fake IDs we are looking out for the lamination on the card, the hologram and the background," Conway says. "When we look at the 'real' fakes we look at the height, weight, facial structure and pay attention to the person's behavior. We don't just look at the dates."

He says the best way to train a bouncer is simply experience.

"We keep the same group of people at the door," Conway says. "They learn how to read people's reactions to the questions we ask them. If we ask someone for back-up and they say they have none, but are holding a huge purse and wallet full of cards, we know they are most likely lying."

Ryan, a senior at the university, says he was unaware of this busting tactic.

"I was out at a bar for my friend's birthday," he says. "I gave the bartender my fake, which said my name was Brian. He looked at it and then looked at my open wallet, grabbed it, took out my real student ID, and said 'Brian, next time please tell Ryan to get your beer.'"

Students who were unfortunate enough to have their fake ID taken away might be comforted to know that their property is now being used for practical purposes. Bartenders and bouncers collect these IDs in order to train others on fake ID detection.

Sean Cannon, a former bouncer at Grotto Pizza, says the restaurant has a necklace ring of different IDs from all over the nation.

"When we find the ID we either collect them, or if we already have that state, then we give them back," Cannon says. "After being trained and seeing so many different IDs it becomes easy to pick them out."

Many fake IDs will have a generic state hologram, as opposed to a real state ID which has a state seal.

Along with the IDs they have confiscated, bartenders have books with every state's ID inside and scanners to help them.

Many bouncers will interrogate the

student with questions about his or her zip code or zodiac sign. In addition, many will ask for a backup ID — an obstacle that many students work around.

"It is so easy to give a friend back-up," Nick says. "Give them an old student ID card or an expired credit card."

Ryan says he has experienced times when a bouncer tried to make a profit from a confiscated ID.

"I was at a bar on Main Street," Ryan says, "and the bouncer looked at my ID and said, 'This isn't you.' I had a really good back-up so I tried to argue with him. Then he took me around the corner and said, 'How much money do you have on you?' Luckily, I only had \$15 and then he told me if I wanted my ID back, I would have to give him the money. So I did."

Luke Chapman, a bouncer at Shaggy's on Main, says when all else fails, they call the cops.

"If we think an ID is not real but the person keeps telling us it is them, we call the police," Chapman says. "We sometimes have the Newark Task Force taking people out of line on busy nights."

Konway says Kate's has arrested less than 10 students in the past three years, and takes away approximately five IDs per night.

With such a trained line of bouncers and backup police forces guarding the doorways to what many under-aged students believe to be social euphoria, there is one piece of advice junior Jarrett, a former victim, gives to his fellow students.

"Don't go to Kate's."



Courtesy of Gauri Nanda

Alarm clocks like Clocky, above, offer modern ways of waking up.

A new awakening Clocky, other technologically-advanced alarms hit the market

BY MATTHEW GALLO

Staff Reporter

Every college student can recall a moment where they hit the snooze button refusing to wake up on a Monday morning, just yearning for 10 more minutes of sleep. But with the recent technological advancements in alarm clocks, students will no longer pull the sheets over their head or throw their alarm clocks across the room in a violent rage.

Clocky, one of these new items, jumps off the nightstand and wheels around the room looking for a place to hide. The mobile clock that has a starting price of \$49.99 comes in white, aqua and mint.

When the snooze button is pushed, Clocky rolls off the bedside table, tumbles to the floor and, thanks to shock-absorbing materials and rubber wheels, races away from the bed, Gauri Nanda, Clocky's inventor, says. It bumps into objects, repositions itself and eventually comes to rest in a place far enough away from the bed to force the owner out of bed.

A built-in microprocessor randomly programs the clock's speed, distance and routes, she says, so that it won't land in the same spot twice.

Nanda says parents and students are calling and writing, thanking her for such an effective product.

"One happy mother wrote to me saying their daughter was thrilled with Clocky her first morning," Nanda says. "The mother said her daughter woke up smiling as she chased it around her room in an uncontrollable laughter."

Nanda says she got the idea for Clocky from her childhood habits. When she was a student she would hit the snooze bar repeatedly, never realizing how late it was getting. As a designer, she says it was obvious that the functions and personality of alarm clocks needed to be improved.

However, she says she did not anticipate that there would be much interest surrounding Clocky.

"Clocky does more than just make a marginal improvement to alarm clocks," Nanda says. "Plus it has such a huge market since there are so many snoozers out there."

Clocky is one of many new technological advancements in alarm clocks helping college students wake up on time.

The Sonic Boom Alarm Clock with Bed Shaker is an alternative product for heavy sleepers. The Sonic Boom has an adjustable volume alert with a maximum loudness of

113 decibels. If one manages to sleep through the deafening noise, there is a bed shaker that is placed under the mattress which causes the bed to vibrate.

Chasin, a researcher for the Centre for Human Performance & Health, comprised a decibel loudness comparison chart of loudness which can be viewed on his Web site. The chart shows the Sonic Boom alarm clock is 12 decibels below severe ear pain which occurs at 125 db. It is louder than a power mower, subway train and a power saw.

Sophomore Adam Perfitt says he doesn't need to pay a lot of money for such a small necessity.

"I use a standard alarm clock with a snooze feature and AM/FM radio to wake me up each morning," Perfitt says.

He never used to have a hard time waking up, but feels since he has arrived at college it has only gotten worse. On Friday, he says he hit his snooze at 8:20 a.m. hoping to wake up in 10 minutes. As the clock struck 9:15, he says he finally woke up to the realization that he had not only missed his class but the first quiz of the semester.

"I feel the older I get, the harder it is to wake up," Perfitt says. "Since I have come to college I hit the snooze a lot more. I need at least seven hours a night to function."

Alarm clocks with moving gadgets and high decibels often tend to break or malfunction after you take it out of the box, he says.

There are currently more versions of Clocky in research and development that can't be disclosed, Nanda says. She says she envisions a Clocky product line to be released within the next few years.

Some college students feel such necessities are not needed in the morning.

Sophomore Amy Christinzio says she can wake up in the morning without the 113 decibels ringing in her ear. She says she has a mental alarm that has no trouble waking her up every morning.

"Right before I go to bed I tell myself I have to wake up at 9:30 for class and I do," Christinzio says. "It's a mental thing that has yet to fail me."

She says occasionally she will set an alarm but for some reason she always wakes up five or 10 minutes before the alarm sounds.

Christinzio says she is jealous she doesn't need an alarm clock.

"I want to go pick up an aqua Clocky just for fun," she says. "The clock seems like it makes waking up enjoyable."

Is it harder for Generation X to believe?

Scholars, students comment on the science vs. religion debate

BY BRITTANY TALARICO

Staff Reporter

Independence. Choice. College is a place to develop one's individuality. Parents can only provide guidance up to a point. Everyone grows up and becomes self-sufficient and free to make his or her own decisions.

Faith. Belief. Religion plays an important role in many people's lives. Once comfort zones and parental influence are left behind, do students continue to practice their faith as they did at home? Does the scientific knowledge available to our generation give rise to questions about God's existence? Or, are these two ideas congruent to each other?

Reverend Richard Palmer, of the Christiana United Methodist Church on Main Street, says yes.

"I see science and religion as compatible," Palmer says. "We are speaking about the same reality through different languages. I started out as a physics major. I think the problem for people is when their theology says they can't be compatible with science. For me evolution does not dismiss God's work at hand."

Palmer has been a United Methodist Pastor for more than 25 years and has been working in Newark for 18 months.

At the four Sunday masses, approximately two to three dozen college-aged students attend each service, Palmer says, and the overall presence of students has started to pick up.

He says the United Methodist Church is a very open place for students to worship.

"We have created a contemporary style of worship service," Palmer says. "We also have students who like the liturgical style, so we offer both options."

Patricia DeLeon, a professor of human genetics at the university, says her students are interested in using science as a tool to cure diseases.

"The students I teach are interested in understanding how science can cure cancer, birth defects and diseases more than philosophy," DeLeon says.

She says the modern-day student is more interested in finding cures, drug discovery and the use of science to make life better. She gives Francis Collins as an example of a leader in science expressing his faith.

Collins, the head of the National Genome Project, recently wrote a book entitled, "The Language of God: A Scientist Presents Evidence for Belief."

Collins identified all genes found in the human genome, which allows us to understand the basis of disease. He was an agnostic and found belief in creation through his research with the human genome project.

"He found his faith and belief through science," DeLeon says.

Tony Manzella, a junior civil engineering major, is an active participant in the St. Thomas More Oratory Parish. He is a leader in Bible study and helps out with many events. Manzella says he made an effort to get involved when he started college.

"In the Catholic Church there are daily masses people attend," Manzella says. "I think it's easier to go to these daily Masses because you can get these chunks of time in your schedule throughout the day."

He says science and religion are two ways of looking at the same thing.

"Sometimes they are played off to oppose each other," Manzella says. "I think they are two different ways of looking at the same thing and they can also complement each other."

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Even if science and religion lead to questions, it can be a good thing in strengthening one's faith and it isn't detrimental, Manzella says.

As a civil engineer, Manzella says he learns all types of equations describing nature.

"This augments my belief in religion," he says.

Kim Zitzner, the university religious leaders liaison, says students' studies strengthen their faith and provoke awe in what they're learning.

"The greater you delve into science, the more respect you have for something more powerful and greater than we are," Zitzner says.

She says students come to her with all kinds of issues spanning from faith to relationship problems. Students are choosing their faith for themselves now that they are away from their parents and family.

"There are students who claim and embrace their faith while they are here, especially on a secular campus," Zitzner says.

She says in practicing faith on a college campus, students are surrounded by their peers.

"In college you live and study with the same people, so why not pray with them," Zitzner says.

Junior Stephen Brasowski is serving as the president of the Orthodox Christian Fellowship group on campus. The group meets every Sunday night at 7 p.m. at St. Paul's Chapel and also organizes off-campus activities. Approximately 10 people attend these meetings, and the group is very close knit, Brasowski says.

"When I was born until I graduated high school it felt like I was just going through the motions and going to church because my parents told me," he says. "After attending college and being away from home I fell back on my faith to help me along."

Science doesn't pose a threat to religion, Brasowski says. There were saints in the Orthodox Church who have worked with medicine as healers.

"People want to make God comprehensible, but what makes God, God is this being beyond comprehension," he says. "People always want to be able to understand things so they can be in complete control. Even without science, people question their faith."

Who is David Walter?

Local youth wins 'Jeopardy's' teen tournament

BY SAMMI CASSIN

Staff Reporter

At first glance, 17-year-old Wilmington resident David Walter seems like a typical high schooler. But as this straight-A student heads to Princeton University next year, he'll have some impressive facts to tell during his first floor meeting.

With the correct question to an answer about Greek mythology, Walter, a senior at Wilmington Friends School, was awarded \$75,000 and the title of "Jeopardy! Teen Tournament" champion.

It was a come-from-behind victory. His opponent, Benjamin Schenkel of Allentown, Pa., had a sizable lead over Walter going into the last round. Schenkel, who came in second place, ended up with a nice chunk of change himself at \$42,800.

The tournament itself went by quickly because several shows were taped at one time, Walter says. When it was his turn to be a contestant, the game went even faster.

Walter says one of the hardest parts about being on the show was waiting around. While they're not competing, the other contestants are held in a secluded room together so they can't watch the game in progress.

"One day I got there at 7 a.m. and didn't start playing until 5 p.m.," Walter says. "Sitting and waiting with everyone just made me more nervous, but it also gave me a chance to calm down and get myself together before I went on."

Walter says he has been a fan of "Jeopardy!" for a long time and likes to play along when he watches at home. So, he wasn't surprised when familiar categories showed up in some of his rounds.

"There are a lot of categories that you notice popping up again and again if you watch the show a lot, so I looked at old archives on the 'Jeopardy!' Web site to study from," he says. "I

made sure to study Shakespeare, literature, state capitals...stuff you see all the time. You know you're going to get some of those."

Walter says he was pleasantly surprised at how many answers he knew and how prepared he was.

For Walter, the best part about being on the show was getting up and actually playing. There's a big difference from shouting the answers from your living room couch and being up on the podium.

"Being up there standing on the podium and writing your name and having the buzzer in your hand, it's like, 'Wow, I'm really doing this,'" he says. "After that, whether you win or lose, you were up there and you did it."

Walter's favorite category of the tournament was literature, in which he got all the questions right, but also really liked the pop-culture categories.

"My friends were all pretty impressed when I got a question about Ludacris right," Walter says. "They thought that was pretty funny."

Walter says although he won, the most common topic of conversation among friends was long-time host Alex Trebek.

Walter admits he didn't see much of Trebek when he was filming the show. Walter barely spoke to him, but noticed he was friendly and tried to talk to the contestants and audience members during breaks.

Walter also says it's obvious Trebek's intellectual-snob vibe that he often gives off is no act. In fact, Trebek was extremely knowledgeable, even without his blue note cards with the answers written on them.

"He seemed to really know what he was talking about," Walter says. "When the judges needed to deliberate on an answer he would throw his 2 cents in. It's not an act, he's a very smart guy."



Courtesy of David Walter

David Walter stands with his sister, Abby Walter, on the set.

Walter's parents Robert and Rhonda, who took the trip to California with their son to watch the taping, say it was completely nerve-racking to watch from the audience and later on TV.

"I was much more nervous watching him in person from the audience," Robert says. "But when we were home watching him on TV, even though we knew what was going to happen we were still just as nervous. I was actually a little nauseous."

It was Walter's father who encouraged him to apply to be on the show in the first place. The two would often watch "Jeopardy!" together, and when Walter would get a good amount of questions right on adult "Jeopardy!," his father mentioned he should try out.

On the last night of the tournament, the Walters set up four televisions in their living room and invited a few dozen of David's teachers, friends and family to watch the championship round. Before the final round aired, the Walters had to keep the outcome of the show a secret.

Walter says the \$75,000 cash prize that he won will be put to good use. Some will be put away for college, although how much is still being negotiated between Walter and his parents, and some he will use to travel.

All in all, Walter says the experience was once-in-a-lifetime and one he will never forget.

New condoms aim to keep you up

BY TIM MISLOCK

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Is condom slippage preventing you from having the sex you want? Fear not — there is a new condom in the works to help him keep it up. Futura Medical, a company based in Surrey, United Kingdom, is developing two new condoms to fight against condom slippage due to feminine dryness and a male's inability to stand at attention.

The Condom Safety Device 500 and the Female Lubrication Device 500 are two new developments in sexual health, according to the Futura Web site. The CSD500 contains

an "erectogenic compound to help men maintain an erection during intercourse," the site says. This compound will be the first non-prescription Viagra-like substance aimed at male maintenance.

According to Futura, the condom is for healthy men to use, not just men with erectile dysfunction.

The FLD500 has a coating on the outside that will encourage a female's natural lubrication process during sex.

"FLD500 is aimed at helping healthy women maintain lubrication during intercourse, reducing the risk of condom failure," the Web site states.

SSL International, the company that owns and distributes Durex condoms, is working with Futura Medical to develop the products, which are currently under testing in Europe right now. SSL issued a statement saying the company is currently unwilling to comment on the new condoms.

"The product is still in the developmental stage so we are unable to comment further on that product idea," the statement says. "Durex will be working hard to bring innovative new products to help to improve the health and satisfaction of people's sex lives."

According to Futura, CSD500 would contain a small dose of the Viagra-like compound inside the con-

dom which would be absorbed by the penis.

"This will result in increased local blood flow which in turn should lead to improved rigidity, tumescence and duration of an erection," the site states.

Freshman Nicole Fleisher thought it was good to see a condom company trying to make advancements since condoms are not guaranteed protection against unwanted pregnancies.

"Durex is taking into account that condoms aren't 100% effective," Fleisher says.

The FLD500 works in a slightly different way from the CSD500. The compound is located on the outside of the condom and will be absorbed by the vagina during intercourse.

"This will result in improved local blood flow which in turn will enhance natural vaginal lubrication," Futura says on its Web site.

The FLD500 differs from other lubricated condoms because of this. Instead of artificial lubrication, this condom would encourage the woman's natural response to sexual stimulation.

Since the condoms are still being tested and the company manufacturing them is reluctant to speak about possible problems and complications due to using the condoms, some students seem equally reluctant about using them.

Freshman Jordana Turkel feels there is not much of a need for the CSD500 but that the FLD500 could be useful.

"The female version seems like it would be effective but the Viagra condom is pushing it since keeping it up is not really a problem," Turkel says. "It might cause problems because elongated erections could get messy."

According to Futura, the condoms are currently being tested in Europe with a scheduled release there for the end of 2007.

Senior Mike Sacra says the female condom is a good idea.

"It would be an alternative to getting lube halfway through sex," Sacra says. "It will cut down on the problem of friction."

He says if the condoms were eventually released in the U.S. he would consider trying them.

"It's something to try. I've tried different types with my girlfriend to see if there are different reactions," Sacra says. "Trying different types we find out which ones we both respond to better or worse."

Sophomore Josh Hack says he would think about using them depending upon their price.

"If they were the same price as the others than I would use them, as long as they work and don't cause any problems," Hack says.

He says he probably would not tell his partner if he was using the condoms, but not because he would be embarrassed by them.

"You don't announce which type you're using every time. You just get a variety pack and go," Hack says.



Everyone has an opinion on Miss University Online

BY JEREMY SMITH

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When it comes to online social networking, Myspace addicts and Facebook fiends have seen it all before — the provocative pictures of barely dressed women and shirtless men, overly pimped-out pages with pointless information about each person, scene kids posing in artistically-thoughtful ways and those who add as many people as possible like it's a competition.

Miss University Online aims to create something different.

The Web site, run by university juniors Philip Abruzzese and Alex Chew, launched in October of 2006. The Web site's allows college girls the opportunity to submit picture portfolios of themselves and each month there is a different "theme" that the girls can interpret with their photos. Then visitors can vote on which girl they think best fits the theme of the month.

The prizes awarded are \$250 for second runner up, \$500 for the first runner up, and a spring break vacation awarded to the winner. For the November contest, Amber Stratton, a university junior, took the top prize. The month's theme was "School Spirit."

Stratton states in an e-mail message that she heard about the Web site from friends who were also promoters of Miss University Online. She says her experience was a positive one.

"I liked the whole idea of the contest, and would definitely recommend entering to anyone who is confident and comfortable in their own skin," Stratton says.

The idea for the Web site came from Abruzzese. During his usual rounds on Myspace and Facebook, he started to notice that some profiles were rather intriguing and portrayed well-put-together photos. Abruzzese decided that there was no end to the creativity and imagination, so he set out to set up a Web site similar to, but not exactly the same as Facebook.

Abruzzese contacted his friend from University of Pennsylvania State friend, Scott Krukowski. They worked for six months on the site before launching it.

To get participants for the new site, they used flyers and other means of low-scale promotion. They intentionally did not over-promote the site.

"We kept the first contest smaller in order to gain appropriate criticisms and feedback so we can adapt the Web site to what the audience wants," Abruzzese says.

So far, the feedback for the Web site has been of general success, now spanning more than fifty different colleges across the country, with a crew of thirty and growing.

Chew says they have contacted companies and received sponsorships. The most notable being a spring break company called ExtremeTrips.com.

"It's a business venture," he says. "We're offering a product that people are interested in. This is not at all just about some horny guys wanting to look at pictures of hot girls. It's about expressing beauty and creativity through an online social network."

That last bit brings up some of the criticism they have faced — that this is just another site, allowing young guys to gawk at pictures of girls who fit a certain beauty standard and that pictures are so provocative that it's cheapening the girls who take part.

John Patrick Montano, a university professor, has a strong opinion of the Web site.

"I think they look like they're audition-

ing for a trucker calendar," Montano says. "All participants should be embarrassed."

Chew and Abruzzese consistently respond to similar criticism.

"It's not meant to be like a dirty magazine," Chew says. "It's a forum for creativity and beauty. It's a tastefully done site."

Abruzzese agrees with Chew's defense. "Criticisms are just as welcome as the praises we've received," he says.

Freshman Heather Palmer says the Web site is only promoting physical attractiveness, which is just one aspect of beauty.

"It's like, 'Mirror, mirror on the wall, who's the fairest one of all,'" Palmer says.

As to the idea the Web site promotes a certain standard of beauty, Abruzzese assures that this is not the case.

"No effort has been made by the staff to promote one type of beauty. We don't believe there's one type of beauty," he says.

Both he and Chew also pointed out that the participants are voted on by people registered by the site — they have no sway over who wins or who doesn't.

There's also a question of diversity — or, lack thereof.

"It's not big enough yet to attract a wider audience," Abruzzese says. "The majority of girls are from UD, and you know, this is not the most diverse school. We feel that as the Web site grows, the diversity will grow as well."

Student reaction to the site has thus far

been critical.

Senior Don Romaniello questions the "university" element.

"It's odd because it's called Miss University, which implies education," Romaniello says. "But the focus of the site seems to be sex."

Junior June Green says the site disgusts her.

"Girls can be such sugary sluts," Green says. "Girls try to appear sexy because they get attention. It's OK, I guess, but they're just dressing to please others or valuing their bodies far more than is healthy."

Stratton says she disagrees with the negative feedback and says the women participating offer more than just looks.

"I think it's significant to mention that the girls in the contest are obviously intelligent and hardworking, since they do attend college," she says. "They are trying to make something for themselves, and are not relying solely on looks to get by in this world."

Abruzzese says he is looking to expand the site in order to go beyond what Facebook and Myspace offer. He says there are plans to include portfolios which would allow participants to put information about music, friends, photo albums or post videos of themselves doing a talent.

"We're going to transition from Montano's 'calendar audition' into a national online experience," Abruzzese says. "And more individuality — this site will offer opportunity for exposure. It'll create global opportunity rather than just a collegiate popularity contest."

Abruzzese says that the idea isn't just to ape Facebook, but rather to revolutionize the whole social online networking system.

"People are so tired of Myspace and Facebook," he says. "Every person has a story, and this site plans to take that story and somehow materialize it on a flat screen. As you know, our adage for the site is, 'A podium for beauty, competition and imagination.'"



Laundry 101: rules of dryer engagement

BY ESTHER WALSH

Staff Reporter

Students cast it into dark corners, stuff behind extra long, skinny twin-beds or jam it into any crevice available in their cramped 11-by-12 foot dorm room. These discarded articles are none other than dirty laundry.

Laundry loves procrastinators. The inevitable task challenges timely, responsible students and feeds off sheltered freshmen who have become accustomed to relying on their parents to do the dirty work.

Everyone dreads being stuck undertaking this domestic chore, especially college students forced to do laundry in the residence halls. Laundry rooms on campus are known for their limited and outdated washers and dryers, dryers that never actually dry clothes and the notorious weekend laundry traffic.

Harrington resident Dana Carroll, a sophomore, says laundry facilities have declined since her freshman year.

"There are not enough machines and the laundry room is so small here," Carroll says. "It's smaller than Dickinson's. They can get nasty sometimes."

These are the various factors of underground dorm life that the Blue Hen Ambassadors always seem to leave out on orientation day.

The business of doing laundry can be a frustrating and wearisome process, especially when students haul colossal heaps of tangled clothes down flights of stairs only to find that all the washers are taken. Even worse, is when the washer cycle is completed yet someone's wet clothes are still occupying the washing machine.

So, how does one deal with these laundry predicaments? The only way to handle it is to play police to fellow laundry patrons who break the laundry code of etiquette.

The initial step to preventing laundry mishaps is knowing how to identify the laundry lawbreakers.

First, there is the kid who is building up laundry for weeks, until he or she finally realizes that they have been forced to wear bathing suit bottoms instead of underwear. This person decides to monopolize every washer and dryer in the facility, setting back an entire residence hall of people waiting in line.

The second laundry lawbreaker is the person who leaves his or her wet clothes sitting in the washing machine after the time has run out. Leaving a neglected load in the washer forces the next in line to waste time waiting around for them to return. The only other option is to

take up the awkward role of shuffling through a stranger's unmentionables while removing them from a machine.

Sophomore Sypherd resident, Josh Godfrey, says he usually tries to be considerate when it comes to removing someone else's clothes from a machine.

"Yeah, I take them out, but only if there are no other machines open," Godfrey says. "I'll give them 10 to 15 minutes."

Freshman Mark Stevenson says he dislikes when people remove his personals from the machines, however, he admits he breaks the code of the laundry room.

"I went down to the laundry room and caught a chick in the act of taking my clothes out of the laundry room,"

Stevenson says. "I told her, 'Those are my clothes,' but she just brushed me off. I was angry that she was touching my stuff, but understanding because I had left it in there for about four days."

For the students who cannot stomach the task of washing their own laundry, there is also the option

of sending dirty clothes out to professionals. One business that caters to university students is Soapy Joe's Laundry Service. Soapy Joe's offers a pick-up and delivery service for all their clients. Their Web site, Soapyjoes.com, provides a quick and easy sign up for interested consumers.

Once students register online, they fill out an inventory sheet of the clothes they wish to be cleaned, gather up their dirty laundry and wait for it to be picked up by a Soapy Joe's employee. It will then be packaged into secure individual Soapy Joe's laundry bags. Its Web site says Soapy Joe's will pick up 10 pounds of laundry for 11 weeks for \$139.99.

The business of washing laundry is a dirty one. Already overburdened students are obligated to perform this responsibility using only the washers and dryers supplied in their residence halls — unless they're lucky enough to be able to bring their laundry home.

The unlucky ones, who are forced to drag their entire wardrobe down to the basement of their residence halls, must remember to be considerate of one another. Follow the basic code of laundry etiquette, use good judgment when faced with awkward laundry situations and for goodness sake open up a FLEX account, because finding seven quarters to wash and dry only one set of clothes can drive any student insane.



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The sisters of Sigma Kappa would like to welcome its newest addition to the Theta Delta chapter




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Transfers attempt smooth transition

BY ALYSSA R. JIMENEZ
Staff Reporter

For some transfer students, the first days of classes and moving into a residence hall at a new institution can be as awkward and nerve-wracking as the first day of kindergarten — the exception being your mother was there to hold your hand and gently encourage you to “make new friends” and “play nice.” Transfer students starting classes at the largest university in Delaware may find it easy to get lost in the crowds and feel as obscure as the blinking dots on navigation systems.

According to the university's Web site, of the 15,849 undergraduates who are currently attending the university for the 2006-2007 academic year, 4 percent are students who have transferred from other academic institutions all over the United States and from countries overseas such as Belarus, China, France and Norway.

Louis Hirsh, director of admissions, states in an e-mail message the university generally enrolls between 175-200 transfer students for the Spring Semester and approximately 450 transfer students for the Fall Semester.

He says while transfers might need extra time to graduate due to inconsistencies with transferring credits, most transfers are generally successful in their academic careers at the university.

“We periodically check on the progress of individual students,” he says, “and these data suggest that the great majority of transfer students do graduate.”

Unfortunately, the university does not employ “hand-holders.” Rather, it provides guides in the form of resident advisors and the officials at the Residence Life office to help transfer students through their transition.

Linda Carey, director of Housing Assignment Services, says in the past, they attempted to place transfers on the same floors in order to help them adjust. Recently, however, she says they have assigned students to residence halls all over campus in an effort to integrate them into the social network.

“Though normally transfers are housed in the Laird campus area, we look at where the transfers have preference to go and work to accommodate them if at all possible,” Carey says. “We look at cancellation rates during the past few years and make predictions on how

many spaces will be available in the residence halls for the fall.”

Freshman Erin Ryan, a fashion merchandising major, says she requested to live in South Central campus, away from where most transfer students are situated, so that she could be closer to her classes.

“My resident advisor is great though,” Ryan says. “She’s putting me in contact with some girls in this building who also have a fashion merchandising major and she’s so sweet.”

Junior Amanda Cusumano, who transferred to the university in the spring of 2005 from Montclair State University in Montclair, N.J., says being placed on a floor with mostly transfers in Christiana’s West Towers did not have a negative effect on her experience.

“If anything, it made the transition tremendously easier,” Cusumano says, “since I was placed with students who were new to the school as well and hadn’t already established friendships. Our resident advisor and hall director were especially helpful if we had any questions concerning registration, bus schedules, laundry and room switches. Even if they didn’t have the answers they would always point us in the right direction.”

Cusumano also joined the Transfer Exchange Connection, a program formed to give transfer and exchange students an opportunity to meet each other and to gain support and guidance in their transition into the university community.

Dena Kneiss, Complex Coordinator for the Christiana Towers, says TEC contacts transfer students through e-mail to inform them of events that they have set up.

Some past social activities included potluck suppers, ice cream socials and movie nights. Students meet in a conference room in the Christiana Towers where they are able to socialize and discuss any recent issues or concerns that have come up since arriving at the university.

Kneiss says these events are crucial for transfer students looking to meet new people at the university.

It is through programming that these students are able to choose social outlets and find a niche for themselves in the university network,” she says.

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Faculty Advisor: Ms. Suzanne Tierney-Gula, FLL

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3:20 SERVICE-LEARNING ABROAD: TEACHING ENGLISH IN PANAMA
Presenters: Linsey Beeson, Marisa Keen, Caroline Meliones, Justin Greenberg, Professor Jorge Cubillos
Faculty Advisor: Professor Jorge H. Cubillos, FLL

Participants: Linsey Beeson, Jeffrey Brodzinski, Lori Brown, Taryn Gonabe, Marisa Keen, Sonrisa Lewis, Christine Lowe, Lorraine Makone, Diona McIntire, Caroline Meliones, Shawneila Pierre, Lindsay Prather, Ann Rulli, Lauren Streisfeld, Erin Toole, Rebecca Walker, Bryana Williams

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Presenters: Erica Craig and Danielle Norris
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Participants: Tiffany Armstrong, Rebecca Clark, Erica Craig, Kerri DeMott, Stephanie Eisenberg, Kerri Faulkner, David Fuhrman, Chelsea Gussaroff, Mary Hutchins, Kristin Johnson, Kaitlin Kernan, Rebecca Lee, Erica Melman, Laura Milazzo, Melissa Morris, Megan Murray, Danielle Norris, Nicole Pegno, Maria Constanza Pizano, Lyell Scherline, Michelle Schulte, Megan Smith

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Presenters: Jissell Martinez and Sally Mikhail
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UD Faculty/Staff/Community: John Courtright, Undergraduate Studies, Martha Carothers, Bonnie Albertson, Bruce Bigatel, Celestine Lyght, Suzanne Potts, Linda Russell, Sue Serra

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Seniors help Hens rip Drexel

BY STEVE RUSSOLILLO

Managing Sports Editor

The women's basketball game Sunday had the potential to be a trap game. With Delaware coming off one of its most impressive wins of the season Thursday night against No. 22 James Madison, and the Colonial Athletic Association tournament only a week and a half away, the Hens could have easily overlooked third-to-last place Drexel.

But Delaware made sure there would not be a letdown from the get-go.

The Hens jumped out to a 25-3 lead and held Drexel without a field goal until 12:05 in the first half, en route to a 64-36 victory over Drexel, witnessed by 2,113 fans at the Bob Carpenter Center.

"Coach always talks about character after a loss, and I think there's something to be said for character after a big win," senior guard and captain Alena Koshansky said. "After the [James Madison] game, we had to come back for practice on Friday and Saturday, be focused on the game-plan for Drexel and come out with the same amount of intensity."

Delaware's starting backcourt combined to score 49 of the team's 64 points to lead the Hens to their fourth-straight victory and eight of their last nine overall.

Senior standout guard Tyresa Smith led Delaware with 18 points and recorded her 13th straight double-digit scoring game of the season. Junior guard Kyle DeHaven added 16 points, five steals and four rebounds and Koshansky poured in 15 points and grabbed seven rebounds.

"When we play well, it's usually because we've been led by the guards and our pressure and defense," Delaware head coach Tina Martin said. "That was the same thing today and it's got to be the theme for us throughout rest of the season."

The Hens (24-4, 15-2 CAA) opened the game on a 10-0 run, marking the third time this season Delaware has scored the first 10 points of a game.

Drexel was ice cold from the opening tip as it missed its first seven shots and committed seven turnovers in the first eight minutes of the game before Narissa Suber nailed a three-point field goal.



Tyresa Smith (above) led Delaware with 18 points on Sunday. Chrissy Fisher (below left), Alena Koshansky (below middle) and Smith (below right) were honored during Senior Day festivities before the game.

Delaware held a 40-18 half-time advantage and never let the lead slip below 18 points for the remainder of the game. The Hens, who finished 13-0 at home this season, have won 15 in a row at home and 26 of its last 27 games at the Bob Carpenter Center.

"We wanted to come out here and jump right on them," Smith said. "We didn't want to give them any chance to get in the game. We just wanted to start the momentum and we came out here playing defense and pushing the ball."

Delaware has now beaten Drexel 18 consecutive times dating back to the 1999-2000 season. The Dragons (8-20, 3-14 CAA) were coming off a dramatic 98-90 victory Thursday night against Northeastern in a game that spanned five overtimes, the longest in NCAA women's basketball history.

Drexel's 36 points Sunday against Delaware, however, were the fewest it has ever scored

in a single game and the least Delaware has allowed since defeating Loyola 54-27 Dec. 14, 2003.

The Hens will close out the regular season March 1 at Northeastern before returning to the Bob Carpenter Center March 8-11 for the CAA tournament.

Delaware honored Smith, Koshansky and forward Chrissy Fisher — its three seniors — before the game as it was their last regular-season home game.

Smith, an All-American candidate, is averaging 19.9 points per game this season, tops in the CAA and 19th in the country.

She scored a career-high 32 points Thursday against James Madison and currently holds the university's single-season scoring record. She also moved into third place on Delaware's all-time scoring list with 1,599 career points.

Koshansky's 139 career three-pointers and .374 career

three-point field goal percentage both rank second on Delaware's all-time list. Her 331 assists and 244 steals each place her fourth in the university's record books.

Fisher came to Delaware last year as a transfer from Maryland and made an immediate impact. She is averaging 13.5 points and 7.6 rebounds per game this season.

She also has the ability to spread the offense as she leads the Hens with 35 three-pointers and a .455 three-point shooting percentage.

"We've got three great seniors and this day was all about getting the win for them," Martin said. "The three seniors definitely put their blueprint on this game. Between Chrissy's rebounding, Alena's shooting and Tyresa's defense, what else can you say, they dictated the game for us."

commentary



MIKE LORE

Where are all the jerseys?

"Put a jersey on."

We all should remember those lines yelled by ex-Buccaneers defensive tackle Warren Sapp at ex-Packers head coach Mike Sherman after a game in 2003.

Though in a different context, Sapp's words can be used for what I'm trying to accomplish, so I'm telling every university student to do what the big man said. Put a jersey on. What do I mean? Let me explain.

I know there are many out there, including myself, that would love to own an official University of Delaware jersey — whether it be football, baseball, basketball or hockey. Why doesn't the university manufacture these jerseys? Your guess is as good as mine.

Professional sports teams and many universities have official jerseys for fans, so why can't Delaware do the same? I wear my jerseys if my team wins or loses and the same should be for Delaware apparel, but we'd need to have them on the racks before we could even make that decision.

Last year, I went out on a quest to purchase a Delaware football jersey for a few reasons. First, I wanted something besides a Cockpit T-shirt to wear to games. I also wanted to show off my Delaware football pride to friends and family.

After browsing through clothes racks at the National 5 & 10 and the University Bookstore, I found an all-blue, mesh "jersey" that looked like a pinny with sleeves made by OT Sports.

Have you ever heard of OT Sports? I haven't either, until I spent \$40 on this jersey. After I walked out of the bookstore with my No. 5 jersey, I started wondering a few things about official Delaware sports apparel, mainly the lack thereof.

If I know my athletic logos, which I do, I've noticed the jerseys the players wear on the field don't have a big "OT" on them, rather a

see HENS' page 34

Who is this year's CAA Cinderella?

By Jason Tomassini, Managing Sports Editor



No. 5 Northeastern

There is a huge drop-off from the top four teams with byes and the rest of the schools, as evident by the Huskies' 12-18 record.

They still won nine games in the conference and a win Saturday over

George Mason earned them the right to play Delaware in the first round, but this team is not as talented as its seed indicates.

Northeastern lives and dies by the three-pointer, attempting more than any other team in the conference. The Huskies connect on .366 percent, third best in the league, but are still ranked 11th in the CAA in scoring. Only seven players on the team average more than six minutes per game so they won't enjoy the bench advantage most teams have over the Hens.

Prediction — Shooters go cold and they will suffer a first-round loss to Hens.

"So you're saying there's a chance?"

The Hens' slim chances of winning a first-round game from the bottom seed got a lot better Saturday when Northeastern beat George Mason to gain the five-seed. Instead of facing the Patriots, who the Hens have lost to twice by a combined 50 points, they face a familiar 12-18 Northeastern squad they played Feb. 21.

Northeastern needed eight three-pointers to win that game 70-61 and its lack of size and seven-man rotation matches up well with the Hens.

A much-needed, five-day rest should have the short-handed Hens fresher than they have been all season. With that said, it's still going to be tough for Delaware to win and create a match-up with rival Drexel, who it beat last year in the CAA tournament.



No. 12 Delaware

The Hens' weakness has been their three-point defense, which is 11th in the CAA, and Northeastern's strength has been the long ball. If Delaware can defend the three and continue to get its recent scoring from guards Sam McMahon and Brian Johnson to complement forward Herb Courtney, the Hens could pull an upset in a league known for its underdogs.

It has been a tough season for the Hens in Monté Ross' first year as head coach, but a victory in the first round could help ease the pain of a 25-loss campaign and, all things considered, would generate some momentum going into next season.

Prediction — Part match-up, part optimism, the Hens upset Northeastern, but fall to Drexel Saturday.



No. 8 William & Mary

The Tribe, picked to finish 11th in the preseason CAA poll, was the surprise team in the league this year before dropping its last three regular-season games. With 10 players aver-

aging more than 10 minutes per game, the Tribe can put many fresh bodies on the floor.

Their depth and the CAA's fourth-best scoring defense will make up for their lack of scoring.

William & Mary's top-ranked, three-point defense won't be a big factor against poor-shooting Georgia State, but it could give Virginia Commonwealth — who is second in the league in three-point shooting — a scare.

The Tribe crushed first-round opponent Georgia State twice this year and a first-round win would mean a successful year for this young team.

Prediction — A closer-than-you-think second-round loss to VCU.



No. 9 Georgia State

The Panthers almost spoiled VCU's regular-season championship Saturday but were unable to hold on despite leading by as many as 13 in the first half.

Leading scorer Lance Perique, a 6-foot-8 wing player,

should pose match-up problems for William & Mary. But with the Tribe's depth and Georgia State's lack of a true point guard (they are last in the CAA in assists as well), points could be hard to come by for the Panthers. All of that could change if the CAA leader in three-point percentage, Leonard Mendez, has a hot night. But overall, the Panthers are outmatched. They have lost to the Tribe by a combined 30 points in two games this season.

Prediction — They pulled a first-round upset last year as a 10-seed, beating Towson, but William & Mary will knock them out this year in a low-scoring affair.



No. 1 Virginia Commonwealth

Despite winning the regular season CAA championship, VCU has just the third-best RPI in the conference at 60, behind Drexel and Old Dominion.

What does that mean? Nothing short of a tournament championship and an automatic bid is going to get the Rams into the Big Dance.

Barring any big surprises, the Rams will face Drexel in the semifinals Sunday. They won at Drexel earlier in the season but the Dragons were without leading scorer Frank Elegar. While the hometown crowd should help the Rams, their regular rotation doesn't feature a player taller than 6-foot-7. Drexel's front line and tough perimeter defense should be a big, possibly season-ending problem for VCU.

Prediction — Fans can't make up for talent. VCU will lose to Drexel in semis.



No. 4 Drexel

Drexel head coach Bruiser Flint would hate to see his good friend Monté Ross and the Hens for the third time this season. Delaware knocked Drexel out of the CAA tournament last season and have played the Dragons tough both times this year.

Drexel, with an RPI of 44 and wins at Villanova, Syracuse and Creighton, probably needs to play their way into the NCAA Tournament. A win over VCU in the semifinals should be enough, but surely Flint doesn't want to leave it up to the selection committee.

The Dragons have the best frontcourt in the conference with Chaz Crawford and Frank Elegar, which should be the difference against VCU, but it's the offensive production of their guards that will be a concern.

The Dragons have a CAA-best field-goal per-

centage defense, just less than 40 percent, but it's been their oft-stagnant perimeter offense that has often led to losses. Last year's leading scorer Dominick Mejia is scoring over three points less this season than last.

One of the advantages Drexel does have on the perimeter is point guard Bashir Mason, a three-time All-CAA Defensive First Team member. It could be his defense that slows down VCU's high-powered, three-guard attack of B.A. Walker, Eric Maynor and Jorge Pellot-Rosa in a possible semifinal match-up.

Prediction — They should get by Delaware/Northeastern easily and then squeak by VCU. But a final loss to Old Dominion could put the Dragons on the good side of the bubble.

Forecasting the conference tourney

The Monarchs enter the CAA tournament squarely on the bubble with an RPI of 33 as of Sunday. On the bright side, their RPI is the highest in the conference — six of their seven losses have been against possible NCAA tournament teams and they have won 11-straight games.

But a loss on Saturday or Sunday would leave the Monarchs with a week of waiting before the selection committee decides their fate. With an abnormal amount of bubble teams this season, each team would feel much safer by controlling its own destiny.

They should have the most fans present besides VCU and a semifinal match-up against Hofstra might come down to that extra boost from the fans. They split both regular season meetings with the Pride with the home team winning both games easily.



No. 2 Old Dominion

dominance.

Prediction — The fans will get them by Hofstra in a close one and the Monarchs will cut down the nets Monday night after edging by Drexel.

Old Dominion is led by arguably the best of the CAA's impressive European imports, senior forward Valdas Vasyllus. He's averaged 30 points and 10.5 rebounds in two games — his highest scoring games of the season — against Hofstra, taking advantage of their suspect front court.

If ODU faces Drexel in the finals, it would be welcomed by head coach Blaine Taylor. The Monarchs beat the Dragons by a combined 37 points in two regular season meetings. It's tough to beat a team three times in a season, but it's hard to argue with that kind of



No. 3 Hofstra

It's been a strange season for the preseason-favorite Pride. Wins over Drexel, ODU and VCU are impressive, but losses to Delaware and Northeastern certainly are not. They have the lowest RPI of the top four teams at 68 and probably need a

CAA championship to play another meaningful game in March.

Hofstra's three-headed backcourt of Loren Stokes, the odds-on favorite for player of the year, Antoine Agudio and Carlos Rivera account for 54 points per game but if those three struggle, it rarely wins.

A George Mason-Hofstra quarterfinal game should be the best of Saturday even though Hofstra won comfortably at Mason this year. The Patriots have the size to make Hofstra pay inside and should be the fan favorites.

Prediction — They will eek by George Mason, but, despite their superior talent, will fall to ODU in the semis.



No. 7 Towson

In tournament play, a team can be as good as its best player and CAA leading scorer Gary Neal has certainly shown his ability to carry a team. At 25.6 points per game, Neal is fourth in the nation in scor-

ing, but Towson has just one other player, Dennard Abraham, averaging more than six points a game.

If Neal isn't on or is disinterested, as he sometimes can be, UNC-Wilmington has the size and perimeter defense (third in the CAA in three-point defense) to pull a possible upset.

But Towson beat the Seahawks 75-61 in their only meeting this year and Neal has averaged just under 29 points per game in his last five.

Prediction — The Tigers will get by UNC-Wilmington but have little chance, save a career performance from Neal, to upset Old Dominion in the second round.



No. 10 UNC-Wilmington

The defending CAA tournament champs are on the opposite end of the spectrum this year with a 7-21 record and just four wins in the conference. The Seahawks needed

to beat Delaware Saturday to avoid going from first to worst.

Much of last year's team graduated, but the frontcourt of Vladimir Kuljanin and Todd Hendley, who combine for almost 25 points per game, could give Towson problems. The game will be decided on Wilmington's ability to contain Towson's Gary Neal.

They have some depth with 10 players averaging at least 10 minutes per game, but it hasn't translated into good defensive numbers as they are 10th in the CAA in scoring defense and last in forced turnovers.

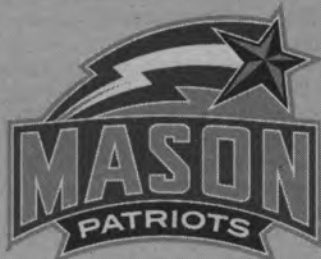
Prediction — The Seahawks have a chance of beating Towson, but won't. They have no chance of beating ODU.

Everyone's sentimental favorite isn't going to the Final Four again this year. In fact, George Mason will be lucky to make the final four of the conference tournament.

In both meetings this year, the Patriots blew out James Madison and a battle of the top defensive team in the CAA (George Mason) and the worst (James Madison) should be pretty one-sided.

Gone are 2006 standouts Lamar Butler, Jai Lewis and Tony Skinn. But two juniors who played significant roles on last year's Cinderella squad, forwards Folarin Campbell and Will Thomas, should keep them close with Hofstra.

In tournament play, a team that plays defense like George Mason and rebounds like it does (the Patriots have the best defensive rebounding in the CAA), usually always has a chance, but Hofstra's terrific guards



No. 6 George Mason

2006 team, hopefully the NIT will come calling.

Prediction — They will win by more than 15 against James Madison in the first round; but there will be no glory for head coach Jim Larranaga this year as they lose a hard-fought battle with Hofstra Saturday.

should be a problem for the Patriots, who are without the aforementioned Skinn and Butler in the backcourt this year.

The Patriots also struggle from three-point range as they are 10th in the CAA in three-pointers made, while Hofstra is first.

Regardless of their performance, fans will certainly show their support for a team that has changed the way the basketball world looks at the CAA.

No one is going to count out the Patriots, but this is a shell of the



No. 11 James Madison

Despite recording a win over Old Dominion this season, the Dukes have struggled mightily and come into the tournament losing 10 of their last 11.

Point guard Pierre Curtis is a candidate for CAA Rookie of the

Year, but their weak interior will be no match for George Mason's Will Thomas.

They are last in the CAA in three-pointers made, three-point defense and defensive rebounds and are ninth in turnover margin. Those numbers aren't going to win a lot of college basketball games, especially in tournament play.

Sophomore and leading scorer Juwann James could be a future star, but Dukes fans should start counting down the days until football season.

Prediction — The last game of a long day of basketball Friday ends in a lop-sided rout with the Dukes losing.

DeHaven brings toughness to UD

BY SEAN CONSIDINE

Staff Reporter

"I like defense. What can I say?" Kyle DeHaven says.

The junior guard for the women's basketball team modestly speaks of her desire for defense, but with her team-leading 85 steals this season, her actions definitely speak louder than her words.

Growing up with three brothers, DeHaven was forced to be tough. As a child, she always played basketball with the boys. Her brothers treated her as any other boy treats a girl who is trying to fit in. She remembers complaining to her mother that her brothers would never give her the ball.

"My mom told me to go get the ball," DeHaven says, crediting her defensive ability to her mother's advice. "It definitely helped."

She eventually gained the boys' respect, but she had to earn it. She developed an aggressive playing style, getting a reputation for fouling and earning the name "Hacker."

Playing with guys instead of girls was difficult, DeHaven says, but it has helped in situations against larger and more athletic teams.

DeHaven moved into the starting lineup this year after a back injury to junior guard Melissa Czorniewy.

"Kyle stood out from all other options," head coach Tina Martin said. "DeHaven is a good, consistent player. No questions, she earned the spot."

DeHaven says she had no problem assuming a starting role. Her mind was set on building chemistry with the team and establishing her new place among the other players after sitting out the previous season.

DeHaven transferred from William & Mary two years ago, but was not allowed to play last year due to NCAA regulations.

"It was rough," she says. "I was only allowed to practice and had to sit on the bench during games."

She says her game has improved, especially little things, like her footwork.

Martin says DeHaven has become more disciplined since

transferring. DeHaven used to charge out of control to the basket, but now she paces herself and uses her tremendous speed at the appropriate times.

Martin says DeHaven would rather take a short jumper in the lane than a three-pointer and has reverted back to the way she played when she first arrived at Delaware.

DeHaven said she has naturally improved because she is surrounded by more experienced players.

She sees her role as bringing energy to the court and sparking the offense by making steals.

"Everyone is working hard and having lots of fun," DeHaven said. "But we need to stay together on the court. If the team stays together throughout the game, we will go all the way this year."

With the Colonial Athletic Association tournament approaching, she says balancing school with playing basketball can be difficult. During the spring tournaments, she is forced to take her work on the road. The other players and tutors help everyone complete their work and her professors are very understanding.

DeHaven studies criminal justice, a major that did not exist at William & Mary.

"I immediately changed my major when I came to Delaware," she says.

She became interested in the field from watching "Law and Order" and "CSI." She wants to play basketball as long as possible and hopes to coach after college.

Her dream is to become an assistant or head coach at the college level. She says she loves college players as well as the bonds coaches and student athletes share.

If she cannot coach at the college level, she says she would like to teach players who are just getting their start and learning the foundations, bringing her back to playing with her brothers.

When she is not studying or playing basketball, DeHaven says she spends her free time mostly with her teammates.

"We like movies," DeHaven says. "I like horror movies a



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Kyle DeHaven leads the Hens with 85 steals this season.

lot. Most of the others never want to watch them though. The team is one big family.

"Basketball is my outlet. Whenever I'm out on the court I feel at home."

Delaware athletes react to recent sexuality issues in the sports world

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"I hate gay people, so I let it be known. I don't like gay people and I don't like to be around gay people," former NBA All-Star Tim Hardaway said on Sports Talk 790 The Ticket. "I'm homophobic. I don't like it. It shouldn't be in the world or in the United States."

This debate was inspired by last week's announcement that former NBA center John Amaechi is gay.

Hardaway's opinion on how he would respond to having a gay teammate and about gay people in general has been made loud and clear across the country.

But some athletes at Delaware had a more positive response than Hardaway.

"A player is a player," women's lacrosse senior captain Katie Muth said. "I don't think it would be a problem, our team is all pretty accepting with most things."

Senior baseball captain Bryan Hagerich agreed a teammate is a teammate.

"Obviously, either way, he is a teammate no matter what," Hagerich said. "It is his own decision what he does on his own time."

Aside from being teammates on the field, several players said they are close friends off the field and nothing could change that.

"The whole team is really close

and all friends," junior men's lacrosse captain Tommy Scherr said. "So it really wouldn't make a difference."

Many say sexual preference should not get in the way of playing the game and people are allowed to make decisions for themselves.

"Everyone has their own preference," Hagerich said. "You cannot make decisions for others."

Women's basketball senior cap-

"I judge people more on character and the way they handle themselves...I don't judge if they like men or women."

— Chrissy Fisher, Senior captain of the women's basketball team

tain Chrissy Fisher said people should not judge others on their sexual preference because it does not mean they are different, it is just a different life choice.

"I judge people more on character and the way they handle themselves," Fisher said. "In other words, I don't judge if they like men or women."

The unanimous opinion among these athletes is that sexual preference would only become an issue if it

changed a player's performance.

"I don't really think it affects everyone," Scherr said. "All of the team would be pretty cool with it as long as it didn't affect what happened on the field."

Hagerich agrees that no matter what, a person is still a teammate and working for the same goal as the rest of the team.

"It is not a problem until it becomes an issue and starts to affect practice and games," Hagerich said.

These opinions coming from different college athletes contrast those of Hardaway's, since he said he wouldn't want a gay person on his team at all.

"First of all, I wouldn't want him on my team," Hardaway said on the radio. "And second of all, if he was on my team, I would, you know, really distance myself from him because I don't think that is right. I don't think he should be in the locker room while we are in the locker room."

It is clear sexual preference should never change how a teammate is treated, these athletes said. An athlete should be judged on his or her skill and character, not by sexual preference. According to Fisher, all that matters is if he or she can get the job done.

"What is most important is how they play," Fisher said. "A player's sexual preference has nothing to do with their production on the court."

Hens' fans left without authentic apparel

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white Nike swoosh. Why can't the university ask Nike to make more than say, the 100 or so, jerseys they make for the players? This jersey that the school sells looks like a cheap knockoff.

I haven't seen too many people wearing a Delaware football jersey and I have a feeling it's because the jersey doesn't look like the real thing, which is why no one buys it. I know that our football rival Villanova offers official Nike football jerseys at its bookstore for \$50. Its football team was only one game over .500 last year. Its program is no better than ours but the fans can go to games wearing official jerseys while I'm stuck wearing my knockoff.

Let's move away from football. Where are the basketball jerseys? We have some nationally-ranked programs, but fans can't show their support by wearing jerseys because they're not sold. Men's lacrosse is No. 15 in the nation and I didn't see the bookstores loading up on lacrosse jerseys for the start of the season.

Browsing at other universities' bookstores, it seems that a program's success results in what apparel they carry. Notre Dame offers official jerseys for their nationally-ranked football and hockey teams. Villanova does the same for football and basketball and Hofstra offers basketball

and lacrosse jerseys.

So, if that were the case for Delaware, it should offer football, basketball, lacrosse and baseball jerseys. Our football team won the Division I-AA national championship in 2003. The women's basketball team has won more than 20 games in six of the last seven seasons and reached the NIT Tournament four times. Men's lacrosse made it to the NCAA Tournament two years ago. Baseball, which is currently ranked No. 43, led the nation in home runs per game, doubles per game and slugging percentage last year.

It can't be hard to get these jerseys made. If the university has a deal with a company to make them for the team, why not make more for the students and fans? They'll sell. Just look at how many people are wearing the Under Armour hoodies after they came out in the fall. The bookstore was on the right track with the Under Armour sweatshirts and shorts and need to take a big-named company like UA or Nike and market official jerseys.

Hey, bookstore, check out those stats and get started on making jerseys for the fans to wear. I'm tired of "Fear the bird" shirts.

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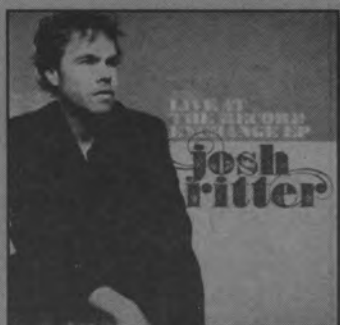
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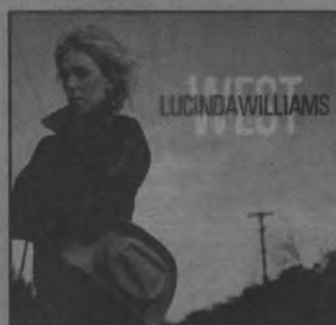
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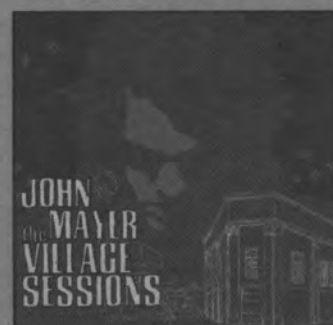
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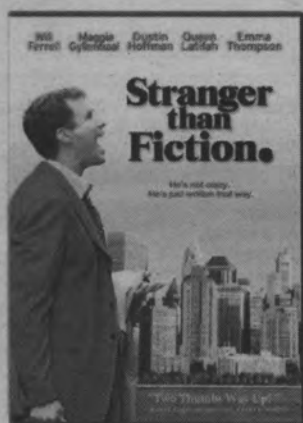


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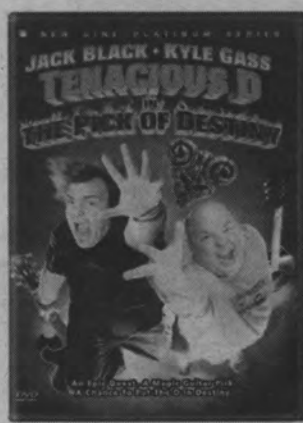


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