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Plan would make advising mandatory

BY MELANIE WILLIAMS
and JOSH SHANNON

The Review

Under a new proposal, students would be required to meet each semester with their academic adviser before being permitted to register for classes.

The policy, though not yet definite, could be in place as early as May, just in time for fall registration, Provost Tom Apple said last week.

"I'm very excited about doing that, and I expect we're going to implement that as soon as possible," Apple said.

Under the plan, announced by Apple at a Student Government Association meeting Dec. 1, students logging in to register for classes would be prompted to type in a passcode. That pass code could only be obtained from the student's adviser.

According to current university policy, students are assigned a faculty member from their major to serve as their adviser, but are not required to meet with that person regularly. That means some students do not have as much interaction with their advisers as they should, Apple said.

"Your adviser really ought to be your friend, your mentor," he said.

The university used to mandate meeting with advisers, but changed the policy approximately

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'It's overwhelming, actually'

Experts say UD faces long road in
cleaning the Chrysler property's
12 areas of contamination

BY JORDAN WOMPIERSKI

Staff Reporter

Tonight, nearly 500 university officials and their guests will spend two and a half hours drinking cocktails and enjoying a holiday buffet at the newly purchased Chrysler Assembly Plant. The dinner, hosted by the Board of Trustees and President Harker, is a celebration of the university's "Vision of Excellence," the invitation said.

However, several environmental experts are worried about what lies in the ground beneath those party guests. Reports show that the 272-acre assembly plant site has at least 12 known areas of contamination, ranging from chemicals used in paint thinner to arsenic and PCBs. Many of the chemicals are above state regulated levels.

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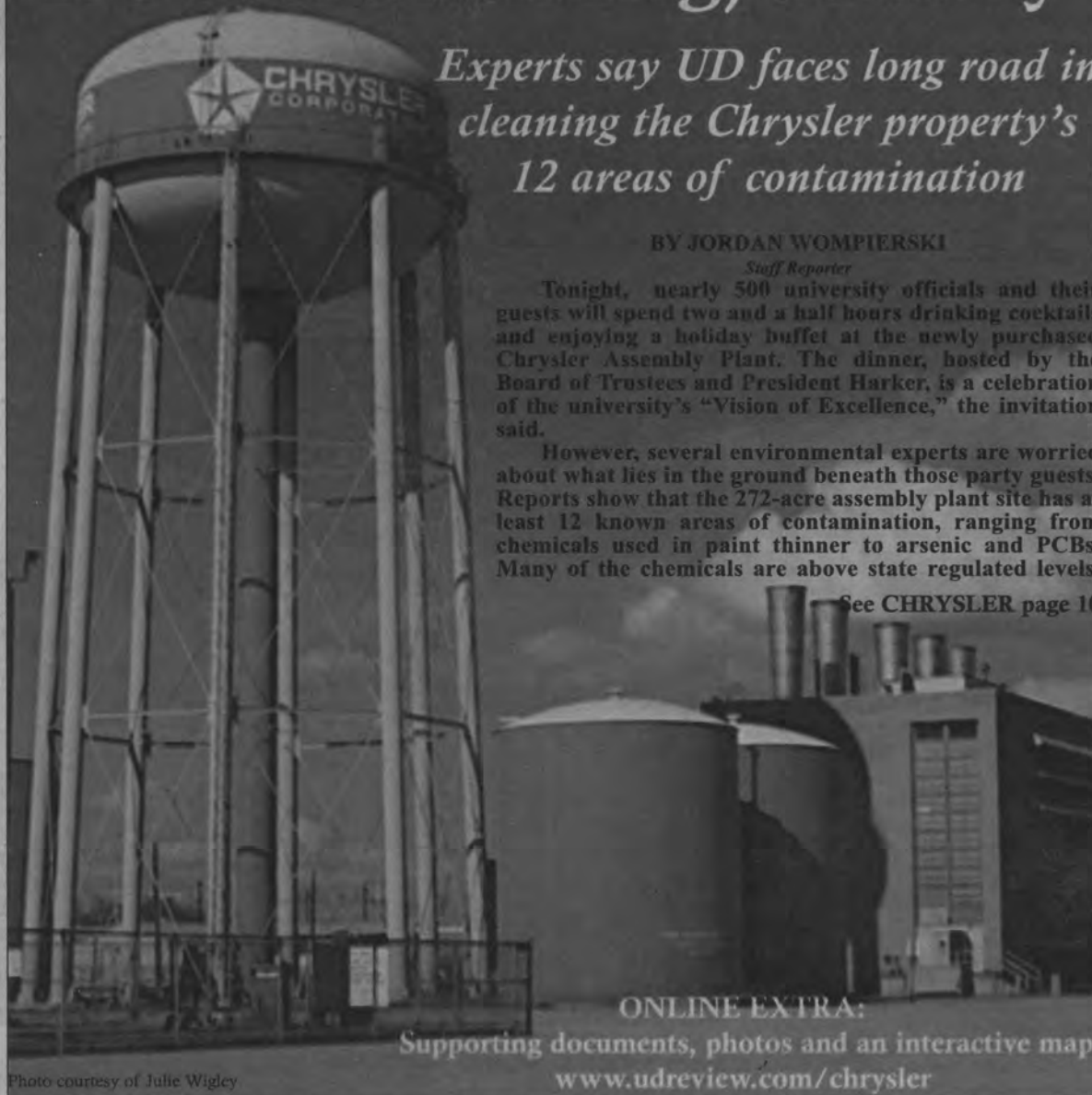


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Jill Biden to speak at Winter Commencement

BY STEVE PESSAH
and JOSH SHANNON

The Review

Second lady Jill Biden, the wife of Vice President Joe Biden and a university alumna, will speak at Winter Commencement, university officials announced on Dec. 1.

By tradition, Winter Commencement typically features a university alumnus as the keynote speaker.

"Jill Biden is a most fitting choice to deliver the address since she herself was awarded her doctoral degree three years ago at Winter Commencement,"



Jill Biden university Vice President and Secretary Pete Hayward said in a statement. "A loyal and dedicated Blue Hen who earned her undergraduate degree at UD as well, Dr. Biden has conscientiously demonstrated her commitment to education and community activism throughout her career."

A long-time educator, Biden taught English at Delaware Technical and Community College in Wilmington for 15 years before moving to Washington. She now teaches at a community college in the Washington, D.C. area.

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Courtyard residents worried about safety after last week's armed robbery

BY ADAM TZANIS

City News Editor

Some University Courtyard students are fearful after six students were bound and gagged on Nov. 30 by four armed robbers who police say broke into their University Courtyard apartment looking for drug money.

The incident occurred at 1:20 a.m. in the 500 building of the apartment complex on Scholar Drive, said Lt. Brian Henry of the Newark Police Department.

The suspects made noise in the hallway, prompting a resident of the apartment to open the door slightly. The suspects then pushed the door open and entered the apartment.

Inside, they allegedly bound the students' hands and covered their mouths with duct tape. The victims, all between 18 and 20 years old, include four male residents of the apartments and two female guests. One of the women suffered a bruised eye after being struck by the door when it was

pushed open, but no other injuries were reported.

The suspects, armed with two black pistols and a knife, demanded drugs and cash and eventually fled with a safe and several personal items, Henry said.

Henry said residents of the apartment told police marijuana is openly used there, but police have no indication drugs were being sold in the apartment. Based on the suspects' demand

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File Photo

Six students were robbed at the University Courtyards
Nov. 30

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Letter from the Editors

Dear Readers,

This week we're excited to feature a special report on the Chrysler property, both in this week's issue and on our Web site. Reporter Jordan Wompierowski has spent the last month investigating contamination at the South College Avenue site recently purchased by the university. His findings are outlined in this week's front page story.

On our Web site, we have prepared a multimedia package to go along with Wompierowski's article. In our special site for the Chrysler property, www.udreview.com/chrysler, you can read the contamination report commissioned by Chrysler, LLC, explore an interactive map of the contamination sites and view pictures from inside the plant. We've also aggregated on the site all of our recent articles about the closing of the plant and the university's purchase of the land.

As university officials have pointed out, the Chrysler site is the future of the university. Conversation about the clean-up and construction on the site will no doubt go on for years. We will continue to follow the story as it develops.

This is The Review's last issue of the Fall Semester. Print publication will resume Feb. 12 with a special "While You Were Gone" issue. However, The Review will be active online throughout Winter Session. We'll have extensive coverage of Jill Biden's commencement address on Jan. 9 and will keep the Web site updated regularly with other news. We'll continue to send out weekly e-mail editions to subscribers and will send breaking news alerts as situations warrant. You can sign up the alerts at www.udreview.com/register.

We'd like to thank you for your readership this semester. Enjoy the holidays.

Faithfully yours,

Josh Shannon, Editor in Chief
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A Kwanzaa celebration was held last week in the Trabant University Center.



THE REVIEW/Alyssa Benedetto

Mitchell Hall's illumination shows off its architecture.



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The UD Swing Club held a masquerade ball last week.

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Courtesy of Adrianna Esposito

Junior Anthony Esposito, an avid fisherman, died Nov. 26.

Friends, family remember student's zest for life

BY HALEY MARKS

Editorial Editor

Friends and family are remembering Anthony Esposito, a junior at the university who died Nov. 26, while home in West Orange, N.J. for Thanksgiving break.

"He loved life — his friends his family — he loved his school, his job," said Adrianna Esposito, Anthony's mother. "He was a biology major and he was thinking about going into teaching. He really liked teaching and tutoring kids, but now we'll never get to know."

Adrianna said at this time the family is still unsure of the exact cause of Anthony's death.

"We are still pondering," she said. "They are doing an investigation. At this point we think it was asphyxiation."

His mother said Anthony was a person who loved life and enjoyed sports, particularly the New York Yankees.

"He really loved life, he liked it all," she said.

One of Anthony's closest friends at the university, junior Allie Rodriguez, said he always knew how to make people laugh.

"He was an amazing guy and a great friend. He lived life to the fullest and never cared about what people thought about him," Rodriguez said. "For me, it's kind of general disbelief. We can't believe that he's gone. He was loud and obnoxious, but he was my best

friend. He was always talking and always full of life."

Sophomore Amanda Telesca said she and Anthony had been dating on and off since March.

"We met outside of Perkins one day and have been inseparable ever since. He really was the greatest kid ever, he had such personality," Telesca said. "He would talk to everyone, waiters, workers at Starbucks. He touched everyone's life, whoever he met instantly."

Anthony's high school, Seton Hall Preparatory in West Orange is accepting donations in Anthony's name for a scholarship fund.

"The scholarship fund has not officially been set up yet," said Patrick Donahue, director of institutional advancement at Seton Hall Preparatory School. "The school did not initiate the scholarship. We heard that the family and friends of the family were looking to make donations in Anthony's name, and have been receiving envelopes addressed to the scholarship fund."

Donahue said in the upcoming week the high school will be speaking with the family to further develop the scholarship program. Donations can be sent to the Anthony L. Esposito Jr. Scholarship Fund, c/o Seton Hall Preparatory School, 120 Northfield Ave., West Orange, N.J. 07052.

Student injured near Perkins still a mystery

BY MARINA KOREN

Administrative News Editor

The circumstances surrounding the discovery of an injured student in front of Perkins Student Center Nov. 13 is still under investigation, police officials said.

Skip Homiak, executive director of campus of public safety, said more interviews have been conducted and other investigative leads have been followed up since university police reached out to the community for information about the incident late last month.

"We're diligently pursuing any type of leads that are available and there are some things that we're following up on," Homiak said. "This is an ongoing investigation, so I'm not in a position to get into specifics."

Detectives are still trying to determine whether the student sustained injuries from a fall or from an assault. Police do not believe the incident was a robbery because the victim's wallet and money were not missing, Homiak said last month.

At 6:21 a.m. that morning, Public Safety found a 20-year-old student with injuries to his head and scrapes on his hands and arms. He was treated at Christiana Care Medical Center where it was determined that he had slight skull fractures on the forehead and back of the head.

Maj. Joel Ivory of Public Safety said the injured student has not returned to school since the incident. The student is still suffering from medical issues that are preventing him from returning to classes, he said.

"We have had the opportunity to interview him, and he does not remember what occurred," Ivory said. "It's still ongoing so I can't really say much more."

Freida Davis, the custodial technician who found the injured student outside of Perkins, said she was upset by the incident. Davis said she arrived at work at approximately 5:45 a.m. on Nov. 13 and she heard a person moaning outside as she was cleaning the dining area of the Scrounge.

"It was a hurtful moan, but it just scared me because it was Friday the 13th and I thought someone was playing a joke on me," Davis said.

Davis said she enlisted the help of a fellow coworker to investigate the noise, which she said sounded like it was coming from the stairs leading to the basement near the university bookstore entrance. At first, Davis and her coworker did not see the student, but after further inspection of the area, they spotted the stu-



File Photo

The student was found outside Perkins Student Center Nov. 13.

dent leaning against the door near the basement.

They did not notice his injuries until after paramedics arrived and put a neck brace on the student, she said.

"The kid never saw us," Davis said. "He just was leaning against the door with his back against the door looking out, swaying back and forth."

Davis then dialed 911 from a phone inside the student center. She was asked to describe what the student was wearing and was then advised to watch the student in case he walked away. Public Safety arrived on the scene 10 to 15 minutes after the phone call, she said.

Davis said the police officer that responded to the call took her and her coworker's information after investigating and further discovering the extent of the student's injuries. Ten minutes before that, Davis said, the officer had told her the student was fine.

She said she thinks the student sustained the head injuries and scrapes from falling down the rough cement steps.

"They said, 'Well, we think he's been in an altercation because his knuckles are all scratched,'" Davis said. "And I said I completely disagree. The kid fell down those steps. I don't think that he was attacked, I really don't, because I know where I heard that moan from. He fell down those steps."

Brelsford resigns as dean of students, position remains open

BY ELISA LALA

Managing News Editor

George Brelsford, dean of students, has resigned from his position and left the university.

Michael Gilbert, Vice President of Student Life, would not comment on the circumstances surrounding Brelsford's resignation, but said at the Dec. 1 Student Government Association meeting that the position will remain at the university. He will announce plans for Brelsford's successor later this month.

"That [Brelsford's resignation] in no way reshapes or changes my thinking about the need for the university to have a dean of students," Gilbert said at the SGA meeting.

Gilbert would not agree to an interview but stated in an e-mail message that he is planning to announce his plans for the open position in approximately two weeks.

Gilbert said the position, the second-in-com-

mand in the Office of Student Life, is important to the university.

"The university does best when it has a fully engaged dean of students working on their behalf," he said.

Brelsford's responsibilities included providing oversight to services and programs on campus, such as the Center for Counseling and Student Development, the Office of Judicial Affairs, the Student Services for Athletes program and the Center for Black Culture, as well as assisting students and their families when there are crises or emergencies in students' lives.

"In the year that George Brelsford was at the university, we found many occasions when students and their family members called on the university for additional support and guidance during times of emergency and crisis," Gilbert said.

Brelsford also played a part in the development of the alcohol amnesty policy in July, which

declares that individuals seeking medical attention due to intoxication will not face sanctions by the Office of Student Conduct and students who assist individuals seeking medical attention will also not be subject to judicial sanctions.

Brelsford said in September he put this policy into place so students can seek treatment for alcohol related emergencies without fear of judicial repercussions.

Gilbert said he plans on making a few modest changes to a couple of the responsibilities to the position, which will be announced in the coming weeks, but it will remain intact as a dean of students and as the second-in-command in student life.

"I do want to make sure the student leaders at the university are aware of my thinking that it's a critical position to serve our goals and also the needs of our students," he said.



George Brelsford

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This Week in History

Dec. 7, 1990- More than 200 people marched on The Mall (now The Green) to protest the Gulf War.



THE REVIEW/File photo

policereports

Arrest at Ivy Hall

A 20-year-old man was arrested early Sunday morning for underage alcohol consumption and trespassing at the Ivy Hall Apartments on Wollaston Avenue, according to Cpl. Gerald Bryda of the Newark police.

Bryda said at 2:10 a.m. officers responded to a disorderly conduct complaint. Complex security guards told police they had seen the described man urinate in the hallway of the Ivy Hall D building. The security officers said they did not want to press charges, but wanted a trespass warning issued for the offender to leave the property, Bryda said.

The officers issued the subject a trespass warning, Bryda said. Approximately 10 minutes later, at 2:55 a.m., officers observed the subject walking back to Wollaston Avenue where he entered Ivy Hall property and they arrested him for trespassing. During this encounter, the subject was found to have consumed alcohol prior to the age of 21 and received charges for underage drinking, Bryda said.

Multiple automobile break-ins

Unknown suspects broke into the driver's side window of a parked car that was discovered Sunday at 9:55 a.m. in the 700 block of Scholar Drive in the University Courtyard, Bryda said. Suspects removed a window-mounted GPS unit, an iPod and prescription drugs from the vehicle after smashing through the window.

Other vehicle break-ins occurred on School Lane at the Garden Apartments, some of the shopping centers in that area, as well as a few in a neighborhood unaffiliated with the university, all of which involved cars with smashed windows. Bryda said police suspect all 10 incidents are connected.

Police advise that if anyone has valuable items in their car that are in plain view, please conceal them or bring them inside their residence.

bestoftheblogs

A sampling from The Review's blogs this week



Campus Craving

Marina Koren writes about Food Network's recessipes, recession-proof dishes that keep stomachs and wallets full.



UD's Citizens of the World

Haley Marks writes about Obama's decision to send 30,000 more troops to Afghanistan and how women in the country hope it will bring them more freedom.



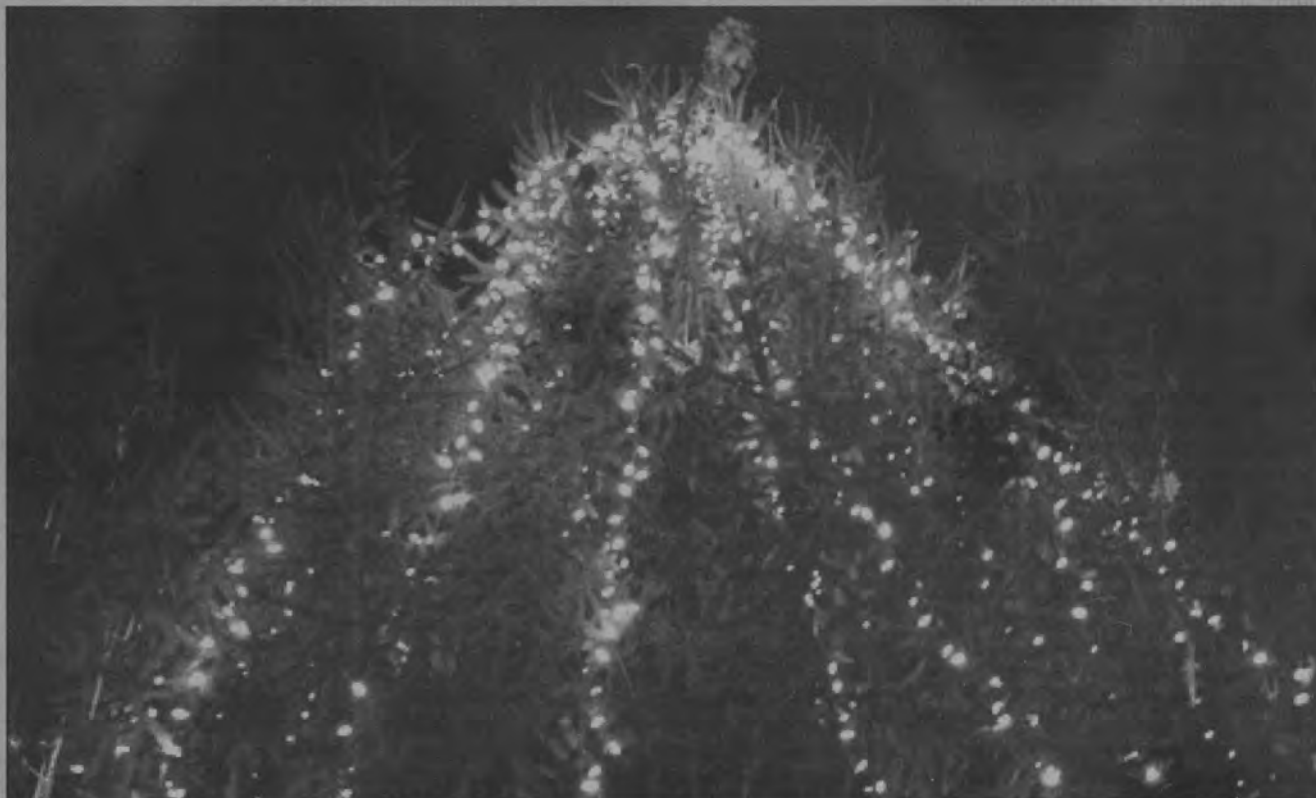
UD Review Music Blog

Mike Nigro, inspired by this year's first snowfall, writes about Real Estate's first full-length release and its final cut, "Snow Days."

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THE REVIEW/Alyssa Benedetto

The Christmas tree on the Academy Lawn was officially lit on Friday.

inbrief

Right lane of Elkton Road closed until May

Starting yesterday, the right lane of Elkton Road will be closed until May while DelDOT installs a new gas line. Construction will take place in the section of Elkton Road between Gravenor Lane and Delaware Avenue.

Traffic will narrow to one lane wherever the construction is occurring at the time.

Late-night study locations for finals week

Morris Library will be open until 2 a.m. everyday until Thursday Dec. 17 to cater to university students' studying needs. The Morris Library Commons, the seating area by Bleeker Street café, will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Beginning Thursday, Daugherty Hall, located in the Trabant Center, will be open until 2 a.m.

Kent Dining Hall will remain open until midnight during finals week, with dining stopping at 7:30 p.m. Kent will hold a "PJ's and Pancakes" event from 10 p.m. to 12 a.m. on Monday Dec. 14.

Toy drive ends Wednesday

The university Student Centers wraps up its "Toys for Hope" drive on Wednesday. The toys and other donated gifts will be given to the Child Life Program at the Nemours Alfred I. DuPont Hospital for Children.

The drop-off sites will be in the Activities and Programs Office in Room

218 of the Trabant Student Center and at the Perkins Student Center until today. The final donation drop-off site will be at the Perkins Student Center concourse from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"Toys For Hope" organizers request donations of gifts for ages ranging from infant to teen, such as a new toy, game, stuffed animal or arts and crafts activity or a gently used book, DVD, CD or video game.

Parking permits requests available

University Parking Services has made online requests for Winter and Spring semester parking permits available on the office of campus and public safety Web site.

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Submit events to calendar@udreview.com

Tuesday, Dec. 8

Chanakahpalooza
Trabant MPR A, 7:00 p.m.-9:00p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 9

Toys for Hope
Perkins Student Center, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 10

Reading Day

Friday, Dec. 11

Women's Basketball vs. Navy
7:00 p.m., Bob Carpenter Center

Saturday, Dec. 12

Men's Basketball vs. Ohio University
2:00 pm, Bob Carpenter Center

Sunday, Dec. 13

"Bus Stop by William Inge"
2:00 p.m., Hartshorn Theatre

Monday, Dec. 14

ABC: an Exhibition of Alphabet Books
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Partnership with Google allows students to keep email accounts after graduation

BY JOSH SHANNON

Editor in Chief

Students will now be able to keep their university e-mail addresses for life, thanks to a new partnership between the university and Google.

The move allows students and faculty to use the Gmail interface to read their university e-mail and gives them access to the Google Apps for Education suite of products, including a Web-based calendar, online document sharing and Web site hosting.

In addition, it gives each account more than seven gigabytes of storage, nearly 94 times the storage space the university currently provides for e-mail.

"It's a feature-driven move," said Pat Sine, director of information technologies, client support and services at the university. "We can solve a lot of our problems in a time of budget restraint by using Google."

With the Google Apps @UDel.edu program, e-mail will now be stored on Google servers, freeing the university from the need to store e-mail on its own servers in the basement of the Computing Center on South Chapel Street.

Users' e-mail addresses will stay the same, but they will access them through Gmail rather than through the current university-hosted UD Webmail Direct system.

Sine said students and faculty were asking for more e-mail storage space and better features like calendars, and the Google Apps program, offered to schools free of charge, was an easy and cost-effective way to offer better services.

"There are a lot more opportunities with Google Apps," she said. "Gmail is an easy argument because you get 94 times more storage space at no cost in storage to us."

Sine would not say how much it costs the university to run its e-mail servers, but said the savings from switching are significant.

The program began in a pilot phase last month, and any student or faculty member who wishes to switch can do so by contacting the IT department. Beginning in January, users will have the option of making the switch themselves by logging into the Network page on the university's Web site.

At the end of spring semester, students and faculty still using UD Webmail Direct will be switched over automatically, and access to the old system will be disabled. Starting in the summer, all new accounts will be on the new system.

With the cost prohibitions lifted, the university will now allow students to keep their e-mail addresses for life. Previously, students lost their e-mail addresses when they graduated.

Sine said approximately 60 users have already switched to the Google system.

Some unhappy with high prices, expired food at P.O.D.

BY PAUL MUSSONI

Staff Reporter

While the new Provisions on Demand market on Laird Campus has received praise for its convenience, some students have been critical about the prices, while others have complained about the quality of the food.

Junior Mary McDermott said even though she does not live on Laird Campus, she was excited when the P.O.D. opened. She said she and her roommate wanted to spend a little bit of the \$100 in points that she had. However, a lot of the prices were not listed and she was shocked when they rang up her bill.

"It ended up being \$40 for a small block of cheese, a can of peas, two cans of soup, salsa and chips," McDermott said.

Ryan Boyer, marketing director of university dining services, said he has only heard positive feedback about the P.O.D. He said the P.O.D., like other Aramark locations on campus, bases its prices around those of its competitors. Each year in January, the university dining services conducts an analysis of its prices, Boyer said.

"At the Scrounge, we have a cheese steak and a cheese steak price," Boyer said. "We compare it with the price of a cheese steak in Wilmington."

He said the prices at the P.O.D. are set to match its true competitors. He said a place like the P.O.D. is a convenience store and needs to be held to the same standards as other convenience stores.

"Superfresh is not considered a competitor of the P.O.D.," Boyer said. "It's more comparable to a Wawa."

He said in the case of produce, the prices were set based on local supermarkets, such as Superfresh. A comparison late last month of produce prices between the P.O.D. and the Superfresh on New London Road found the prices to be at a similar level. Fruit and bread were also similarly priced. However, the super market had produce on sale, which the P.O.D. did not.

Other than prices, a few students have also com-



now understand there is a certain level of awareness we need with perishable items."

Boyer said there is constant product analysis to stock items that sell and eliminate those that do not. This is particularly true in the case of perishable items, where food has to be removed before it expires. He said the P.O.D. eliminated steaks from its selection because students were not buying them.

Senior Andrew Bruno said he goes into the P.O.D. a few times a week. He said he bought tomatoes that were not yet ripe, but had no problem letting them ripen in his room. He said he likes the P.O.D. for its convenience but not its prices.

"I try to not think about that because I use points," Bruno said.

He said he has not seen other students buy produce and does not think students without kitchens would be interested in shopping at the P.O.D.

Hailey Cockerham said she likes to go to the P.O.D., but only when she uses points. She feels the prices are high, but said she has no basis for comparison because she does not shop at a grocery store. She said she likes the new market, particularly the expanded food options.

"If I had points left, I'd use it once a week," Cockerham said.

Junior Khalid Bilal said he likes the selection at the P.O.D., but does not foresee himself shopping there often. He said he

prefers the prices at a supermarket because they have sales.

"The P.O.D. has convenience prices," Bilal said. "I don't do a lot of convenience shopping."

Boyer said the location of the P.O.D. makes it more attractive to students.

"Even if it has slightly higher prices, we think the fact that they [students] don't have to go off campus makes us a value," he said.

plained about the quality of food. At times, the P.O.D. has left produce on the shelf that was not fresh. A reporter from The Review purchased expired lettuce on Nov. 23 and expired milk on Nov. 24 at the P.O.D. The milk was left on the shelf two weeks past its expiration date.

Boyer said this was part of the adjustment process to the new products offered. He said the goal is to eliminate this type of problem.

"It's a brand new location," he said. "With any brand new location, there is going to be a learning curve. We

THE REVIEW/Ayelet Daniel and Paul Mussoni

Letter from Thomas Jefferson found in archives

BY LAUREN SAVOIE

News Features Editor

Sifting through the delicate contents of the final boxes of the university's Rockwood collection, graduate student Amanda Daddona carefully peeled back the pages of a folder containing 18th-century financial documents and Quaker meeting minutes. As she neared the back of the folder, an unmistakable signature popped out from one of the pages.

Sitting in front of her, nonchalantly tucked amongst everyday documents, was an original letter penned by Thomas Jefferson.

"I saw his signature and I just sort of stared at it for awhile, not really believing that it was from him," Daddona said. "I just sat with it for awhile and enjoyed the moment. It was incredible."

She called over Matt Davisa, a doctoral student who is also working with the collection.

"It's not something you come across every day," Davis said. "There was a lot of excitement, an understanding that this is a big deal and should be showcased."

Daddona and Davis have been working over the past months to catalog more than 200 boxes of archives from the Rockwood Museum donated to the university by New Castle County this summer. Neither expected the expansive collection to contain a personal letter written by an American president.

"Knowing that this family was so well-connected, and they were elite members of society, there was some expectation that there would be a connection to prominent members of society," Daddona said. "We just didn't know there would be a presidential connection."

The letter, dated 1808, was addressed to Joseph Brighthurst, expressing Jefferson's condolences on the death of Brighthurst's close friend, John Dickinson. Brighthurst and Dickinson were both prominent members of elite society in Delaware.

Dickinson, who represented Delaware as a member of the Continental Congress, had opposing views from Jefferson on the issue of American independence.

"There's still this question of, 'Did Jefferson bear animosity towards Dickinson?'," Davis said. "You have to take it with a grain of salt — Jefferson is president and Dickinson is dead — but nevertheless, the praise Jefferson heaps on Dickinson in this letter is substantial."

In the letter, Jefferson praises Dickinson's commitment to the revolutionary cause.

"A more estimable man, or truer patriot, could not have left us. Among the first of the advocates for the rights of his country when assailed by Great Britain, he continued to the last the orthodox advocate of the true principles of our new government: and his name will be consecrated in history as one of the great worthies of the revolution," the letter reads.

Rebecca Johnson Melvin, librarian and coordinator of the manuscripts unit in special collections, said she was deeply moved by the contents of the letter.

"It's hard to find the right words. Every sentence was more amazing than the last one," Melvin said. "When Jefferson

talks about 'our revolution,' those words are just so powerful."

Daddona said, for her, the document is special because of its intimacy.

"I think it's the personal nature of the letter that makes it so unique because it's not directly about politics or about business," she said. "It was a heartfelt letter to this man, Mr. Brighthurst, about someone who Jefferson had a lot of respect for."

While Davis said the contents of the letter were already known and cataloged in the Library of Congress, the whereabouts of the original letter remained a mystery until found by Daddona last month.

Davis said he hopes the discovery of the letter will bring attention to the Rockwood collection and the other important material found during cataloging.

"It's a very important collection because it documents the everyday lives of people of historical significance," he said. "There's over 200 years of material — to have a whole family so well documented is pretty rare."

Melvin said the discovery of the letter also holds historical merit for the university and the state.

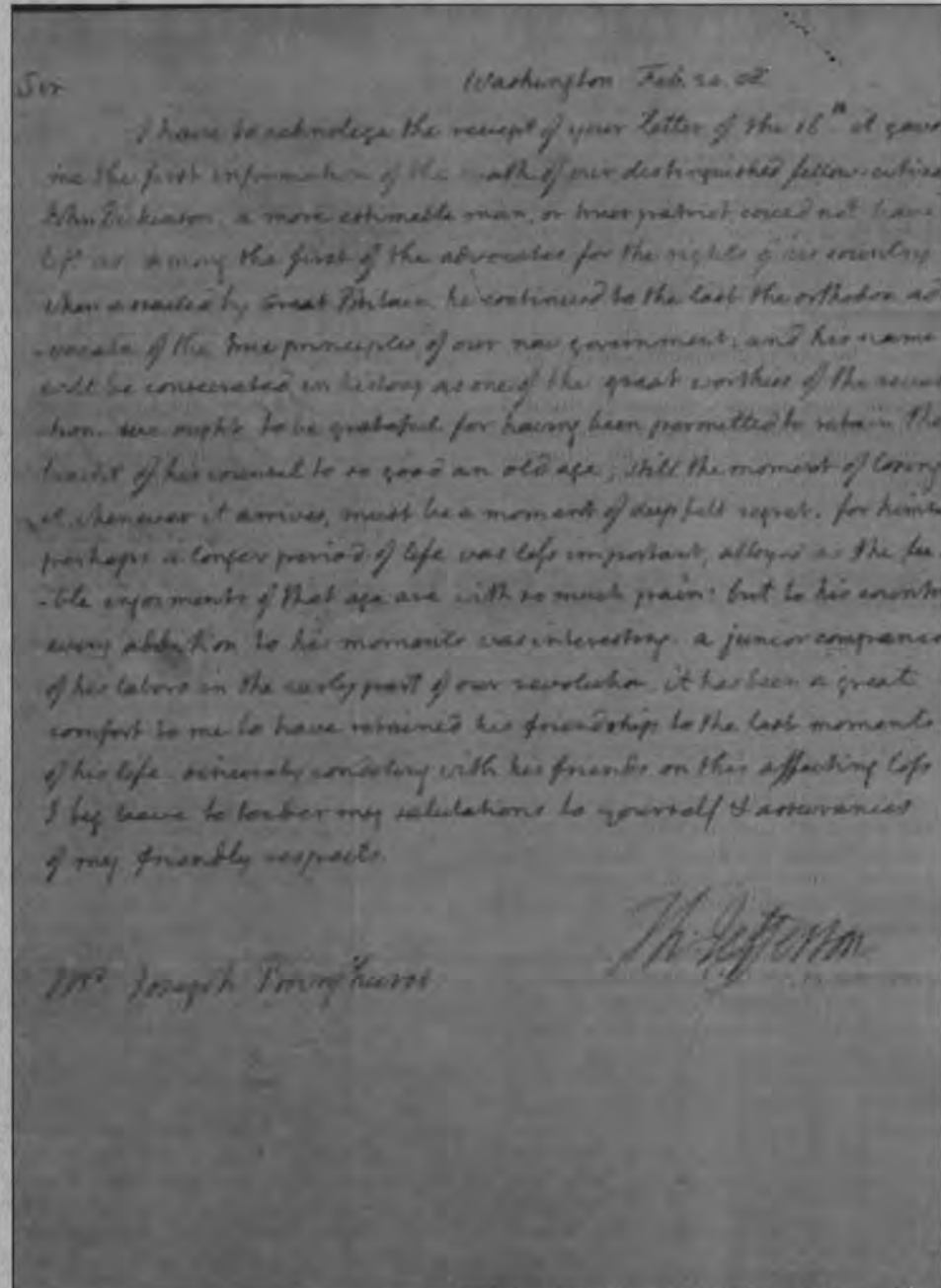
"It's an original letter with a substantial statement that connects it to Delaware," she said. "It's not just Jefferson talking, it's Jefferson talking about Dickinson being connected to Delaware."

The discovery also draws attention to the university's graduate programs, Melvin said.

"It really highlights the experience these two grad students have had," she said. "The fact that these students are able to do hands-on, achievable work at the university is something that's really nice."

Melvin said she has been excited by the feedback the discovery of the letter has generated.

"It's nice to know people are still interested in history," she said.



Courtesy of Special Collections, University of Delaware Library

A letter Thomas Jefferson wrote to Joseph Brighthurst, February 24, 1808.

Honors Day to be eliminated starting spring semester

BY LAUREN SAVOIE

News Features Editor

The university will no longer be setting aside a specific day to honor students receiving awards, university officials announced last week.

Honors Day has traditionally been organized by the university as an event to acknowledge students who had received a university or departmental award for that academic year.

In previous years the event has taken place on a weekday during the spring semester and featured a university-provided lunch for students and their families, followed by departmental recognition of awards.

This year, events to honor recipients of awards will take place on commencement weekend for seniors and on Parents and Family Weekend for undergraduates. Instead of a general university initiative, celebrations will be organized by the individual academic colleges, Deputy Provost Havidan

Rodriguez said.

The decision to change honors recognition was made to ease strain on parents traveling to campus, he said.

"One of the major issues we confronted was that we have a variety of activities throughout the spring," Rodriguez said. "The honors celebration was one in which the parents came for that celebration and then they had to come several weeks later for commencement."

He said replacing Honors Day was part of a greater university-wide initiative to evaluate university events and activities.

"One of the things we wanted to do was group these celebrations together in order to have a significant number of parents who are here to celebrate with their sons and daughters," Rodriguez said. "It was in the context of the broader activity of commencement and trying to be as efficient and effective as possible."

While the university will maintain its traditional honors breakfast for graduating

seniors, he said any additional events are at the discretion of specific departments.

"All those initiatives are all up to the individual colleges," Rodriguez said. "It's up to them if they want to offer a lunch for students and their families like we have had in the past. Some colleges will, some will make other plans."

He said the decision had nothing to do with the university's budget, but was an attempt to be more conscious about the financial strain put on parents traveling to the university.

"Two-thirds of our students are from out-of-state, and in order to minimize the cost for the parent and increase the possibility that these parents can come to all celebrations, we needed to group them as close together as possible," Rodriguez said. "It means you reduce the amount of travel parents have to do to the university."

Senior Victoria Clark, who attended honors day two years ago, said she feels combining honors awards with commence-

ment diminished the recognition students deserved.

"One day those honored students will be alumni, and if they have fond memories of how UD acknowledged and supported them, they would be more willing to give back money to the school," Clark said. "Without Honors Day it's nothing more than a verbal pat on the head."

She said she also enjoyed the opportunity to hear about students in different majors or years.

"I personally liked seeing students from other disciplines, because I never get to hear about the accomplishments other people are making around the university," Clark said.

Senior Lisa Fox received a nursing award at Honors Day last year. Her parents live in Hawaii and were unable to make the trip to attend.

"It would have been nice to have them there. I wouldn't say better, though," Fox said. "Receiving my award at the same time as my diploma will be nice."

Showing of controversial documentary canceled

BY ELLEN CRAVEN

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Hours before a controversial documentary was scheduled to be shown and discussed in honor of World AIDS Day on Dec. 1, it was canceled because of a disagreement between the LGBT community office and filmmakers about how to structure and carry out a balanced panel discussion at the university.

The LGBT community office planned to host a screening and panel discussion of the documentary *House of Numbers*, a film that some say denies the existence and causes of AIDS. The filmmakers, however, say that the film itself creates open dialogue instead of pushing its own message.

The film gathered much attention and opposition around campus from groups angry that AIDS denialist propaganda would be shown.

The film was to be followed by a panel planned by Brian Reece, who works in the LGBT community office. It would have been comprised of Brent Leung, the film's director, David Syner, the producer, Diane Herson, a biology professor, and Daniel McCormick, a physician's assistant who works with AIDS patients, as chosen by the groups cosponsoring the event, who Reece said were unwilling to host it without medical expertise represented on the panel.

Reece stated in an e-mail message that the event was canceled because the university refused to remove physician's assistant McCormick from the panel, and the filmmaker's refused to screen their film without prior information about the panelists, which Reece could not supply to them.

Usually, event organizers pay a licensing fee and show the film under any conditions. But in this case, Reece needed the permission and presence of the filmmakers for the panel.

"I was unaware that the film itself

was not yet officially released," he said. "So the filmmakers pulling their support unfortunately also meant pulling the film entirely."

Reece said the event was intended to create an open, balanced dialogue about the myths and realities of HIV/AIDS and AIDS Denialism. For this reason, the university rejected the filmmakers suggestion to replace the panel discussion with a question and answer session with the director.

Syner said he and Leung were open to structuring a meaningful, public dialogue, but not without the courtesy of knowing who they would be speaking with beforehand.

"We did not strong-arm anybody," Syner said. "We wanted to present this film in an incredibly open format and we have no opposition to debating anyone, I just want to know who it is."

Herson, who would have been a panelist, said she spoke to Syner before the event about his concerns with the discussion turning into a personal attack on filmmakers.

"I told Brian if he [Syner] was concerned, he could call me, that I'm not going to go and beat him up, but I have questions," Herson said. "Isn't that what a panel is for?"

Reece said leaving out the panel discussion risked promoting some of the ideas in the film.

"Rather than present something that could leave viewers in an unsafe place, confused about the contents of the film and unsure of what to do about them, we decided the best thing to do was not have the program at all," Reece said. "I thought it was important as a university community to listen with open, but very critical, ears. The critical ears part was aided by the inclusion of panelists from the biology and medical background."



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Ed Gillespie spoke about the Obama administration at Mitchell Hall Wednesday night.

Obama has missed many opportunities, Gillespie says

BY ASHLEY BIRO

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Ed Gillespie, former chairman of the Republican National Committee, told an audience at the university on Wednesday that President Barack Obama's first year has been a year of missed opportunities.

Gillespie also discussed his stance on gay marriage, Delaware congressman Mike Castle and the war in Afghanistan during the final installment of the semester-long lecture series "Assessing Obama's First Year" in Mitchell Hall. The event was moderated by communication professor Ralph Begleiter and juniors Alexandra Curry and Sarah Marx.

Gillespie said he is a believer in the two-party system and thinks it is important for this country.

"Coke makes Pepsi better. Pepsi makes Coke better," Gillespie said. "We can make the Democrats better, and they can make us better."

He said Republicans are currently playing catch-up with the Democrats in regard to the use of media outlets to help vote political candidates into office. The Obama campaign in 2008 laid the trail for direct voter contact through electronic media.

Obama received approximately 67 percent of the votes of voters between the ages of 18 and 34 during the election, Gillespie said. He said he thinks younger voters have a reason to be concerned about the debt being accrued under the Democratic congress and administration.

"Under the president, we're going to double the national debt over five years and triple it over 10. That's a huge burden on younger workers," he said. "The healthcare proposal that the House passed would put a big burden on younger workers."

Gillespie said he thinks there are economic opportunities for the Republican Party to recruit young Democrats when they realize the healthcare proposal is not working for their best interest. He also said he thinks the Republicans can win back the House of Representatives in 2010.

"I would say parties have to organize around principles and beliefs and stand for something or it's not worth running," he said. "If there weren't differences between the two parties, we could save everybody a lot of money and flip a coin — heads would be for Republican and tails would be for Democrat, and we'd all go home."

Gillespie vocalized his stance on gay marriage, saying he does not agree with it but can be tolerant of it. He said he thinks the reason why no Republicans have voted for gay marriage is because no Republicans supported it.

"I accept people for who they are, regardless of their orientation — love them," he said. "I don't necessarily agree that the government should sanction marriage between a man and a man or a woman and a woman. That's my view. I was raised that way and that's my faith. I don't think I need to turn my back on the tenants of my faith, but I can be accepting of people and loving of people and tolerant of people."

Gillespie said he is glad Delaware Rep. Mike Castle will be running for the Senate in 2010. He said Delaware is lucky to have Castle, who is respected by not only the Republicans, but by the Democrats and Independents as well.

Begleiter closed the lecture by asking Gillespie to try and assess Obama's first year as president. Gillespie responded by saying, "It's only been a year?"

He said voting an African-American into U.S. presidency was a proud moment for America, and that Obama is a formidable individual. Gillespie said he feels Obama has lost his post-partisan identity, which has contributed to a drop in his approval rating.

"I think the focus on healthcare has cost him. It has been a mistake," Gillespie said. "Most people are worried about jobs and the economy and what we're going to do to get it back on track. You really hardly hear him talking about that. I don't think the dogs are eating that dog food. I don't think people are buying that, with good reason."

Gillespie said he agrees with Obama's decision to maintain a commitment to the war in Afghanistan, and that the war will yield a successful outcome for America. He said he thinks Obama is promoting the policies that he is because he thinks they will help.

"If I'm wrong in 2010 and 2012 and unemployment is back down around four and a half percent and the deficit has come down as a result of his policies and we're safer in our national security because of what he's done — I just don't think that's likely to be the case," he said. "So, I think he's still got a ways to go. I guess I would sum it up by saying his year has been one of missed opportunities."

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University climate study examines diversity on campus

BY CHRIS MEIDANIS

Staff Reporter

For the first time in more than 15 years, the university has released a campus-wide climate study. The survey, released Dec. 1, contains questions targeting the personal feelings of students, faculty and staff regarding the state of diversity at the university.

Becki Fogerty, director of the Office of Equity and Inclusion, said the survey should be able to give administrators a feel for the underground issues that students and faculty are dealing with on campus. School officials hope to achieve this through questions that ask survey participants if they have ever felt discrimination based on their race, gender, sexual orientation and political or religious beliefs.

"We can't tell how people feel they're being treated and how welcome they feel on campus," Fogerty said. "We know the racial and ethnic makeup of our student body and the gender makeup of our work force, but we don't know what's happening underground."

Shown through banners draped over building walls, courses designed to educate students and committees dedicated to spreading ideas, "diversity" is quickly becoming the word of the year at the university.

University President Patrick Harker has made diversity a cornerstone value of his administration and has expanded its meaning from traditional racial, ethnic and gender discrepancies to include political, religious and geographical inconsistencies. To expand knowledge around the school on the issue, Harker has taken the advice of commissions and appointed his own committee as well.

The Commission on the Status of Women and the Commission to Promote Racial and Cultural Diversity both advise Harker on matters relating to diversity. In addition, in April 2008, Harker appointed the Diversity Task Force, a group of faculty and administrators charged with assessing the university's state of diversity and offering recommendations for improvement.

"We're trying to connect the idea of diversity to the intellectual mission of the university," said Margaret Andersen, co-chair of the Diversity Task Force. "From research, we know that all people learn more when working in diverse groups. That is a com-

elling reason why diversity has to be instituted."

However, more than a year into the program, it's unclear what effect, if any, it is having on students.

From 2004 to 2008, the admitted African-American undergraduate students have remained steady at around 5 percent, with numbers never rising above 5.5 percent. Asian and Hispanic undergraduate students have been admitted at an increasing rate, but the percentages have never gone above 5.6 percent.

James Madison University, a university of similar size, has an admittance rate of 3.8 percent for

strong sense of belonging at the university, will hope to facilitate this process as it takes a first look inside the minds of students, faculty and staff since 1996, when the last survey was conducted.

"The information gathered from this survey will be used to inform and improve our ability to create an educational community that is intellectually, culturally and socially inclusive, enriched by the contributions and full participation of persons from many different backgrounds," Jennifer Davis, vice president for administration, stated in an e-mail message. "Several demographic questions are included on the survey to assist in determining whether certain groups perceive being treated equitably."

In addition to the climate study, which closes on Dec. 11, university officials said further steps are being taken to improve conditions at the university. The Diversity Action Council is a committee of senior-ranked officials, vice presidents, deans and directors that takes recommendations from the Diversity Task Force. In addition, the Task Force itself turned in a report to Harker last February that highlighted goals and recommendations to foster a more diverse atmosphere at the university.

"At a time when diversity can often seem to be only rhetoric, bold action will be needed to foster diversity — in all its dimensions — on our campus," the 23-page report stated.

The admissions office has also gotten involved in promoting diversity. Assistant Director Erica Hinson said the office has created Destination Delaware, an overnight program held in April that allows underrepresented students to see the university as a welcoming place. Tiffany Scott, admissions counselor for the Admissions Office, has enjoyed success with the program, as she said 80 percent who attended Destination Delaware enrolled at the university this year.

"We don't want minorities to be intimidated or scared, we want them to realize that UD is a welcoming place," Scott said.

"We've got a lot of action happening here that has to do with making the university a more welcoming and equitable environment, but it's not happening in a centralized way," Fogerty said. "We're hoping to get everyone together and make it bigger and better."

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-Margaret Andersen, co-chair of the Diversity Task Force

African-American undergraduates, 4.8 percent for Asians and a 2.3 percent Hispanic population. Minorities make up 11 percent of the population and are put into a campus climate containing approximately 83 percent white students.

West Chester University has similar statistics to JMU with an admittance rate of 9 percent for African-American undergraduates, 2 percent for Asians and a 3 percent Hispanic population. Minorities make up 14 percent of the population, with the other 86 percent being white.

Growing up as an African-American in predominately white communities, senior Rich Skinner said he has been accustomed to not being surrounded by numerous ethnicities. He said it is important for the university to build a reputation of minority student happiness and well-being.

"I would love for Delaware to somehow bring more minorities here," Skinner said. "I think that college is a place of learning and growth and it only enhances those qualities with more ethnicities and cultures."

Fogerty said the university is still not as far along as it could be in terms of improving diversity. Results from the climate study, which asks students if they feel a



THE REVIEW Alyssa Benedetto

Runners participated in the Reindeer Run, a charity 5K that was part of Winterfest on Friday.

Santa comes early to Newark at Winterfest

BY DAVID TUSIO

Staff Reporter

Walking in a winter wonderland, the city of Newark held its annual holiday festival, Winterfest, on the Academy Lawn on Friday, with members of both the city and university community coming out to show their holiday spirit.

Joe Spadafino, recreation superintendent for the city, organized the event.

"Winterfest is a nice family-friendly event, with a lot of fun activities," Spadafino said.

The evening included the lighting of the city's Christmas tree, the Reindeer Run — a 5K that raises money for the Delaware special Olympics — and a visit from Kris Kringle himself.

"It has a nice hometown feel and it's always good to see the members of the community come out," Spadafino said.

Also participating were the Opus One Jazz Ensemble, the university dance team, and Kirk Clemens, who made an ice sculpture of the infamous holiday gremlin, the Grinch.

Clemens, a professional cook and Newark resident, has been volunteering with the event for a number of years.

"I live locally, and I'm always happy to come out and help with Winterfest," Clemens said. "It's the start of the holiday season and great to be out in the community."

Clemens was a hit attraction for all the children, but had some tough competition once Santa appeared.

The kids were thrilled to see the Santa, Spadafino said.

"Seeing the smiles on their faces is the best," he said.

University graduate David Krygier and his wife Deana made it out to Winterfest for the first time with their children.

"Honestly, it's the first time we've ever heard of the event," Krygier said. "We figured it's a nice night so why not bring the kids out for a little holiday cele-

bration."

Their son, P.J., was patiently waiting to ask Santa Claus for his own personal jet pack.

Over the past few years, the event has really grown and become a really nice event for the city, Newark Mayor Vance A. Funk III said.

"Winterfest has about doubled in attendees in the past couple years," Funk said. "It's a special event for the city — it's good for the members of the community and businesses and vendors."

Bill Galbraith, university graduate and manager at the Stone Balloon Winehouse on Main Street, was out selling homemade hot cocoa and marshmallows, recognizing the meet-and-greet opportunity for potential customers.

"Winterfest brings a lot of people down to the city," Galbraith said. "It's good for business."

Making her way into Newark from Wilmington, Jen Cutrona, and her husband and children, came out to partake as well.

"We thought it would be great for the kids," Cutrona said. "My daughter Olivia thought it was a party so she's extremely excited to be here."

Four-year-old Olivia was surprised when she heard Santa Claus was coming. With eyes lit up, she said she was ready to ask Santa for a Dorothy doll from the Wizard of Oz.

Santa led the countdown to the city's tree lighting mid-way through the night.

Since the inception of the event, the tree has been located on the corner of Academy and Main Street, outside the Office of Communication and Marketing. The event is just another way to bring together the city and the university, Spadafino said.

Counting down with much anticipation for the official lighting, the crowd began to cheer.

"Three. Two. One. Happy Holidays!"

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Bookstores on campus compete for buy-backs

BY KATHARINE GRAY

Staff Reporter

Junior Rachel Perry is looking forward to the end of the semester, but not because she will have a temporary break from her extensive course load.

Like thousands of other university students, Perry said she will sell her textbooks back to one of the three bookstores close to campus — the UD Bookstore, the Delaware Book Exchange or Lieberman's — in hopes of picking up some extra cash.

She said she does not pay for her own books but keeps the money she gets when she sells them back. While she does not rely on it for her spending money, Perry said it's nice to have some extra cash around the holidays.

She said she does not shop around to see who will offer the most money for her used texts, but rather sells to the first place she passes.

"I'm just lazy. On my way home from class I just stop somewhere and sell them," Perry said. "Usually the difference between places isn't that much so it's worth the five bucks not to have to walk."

She said her parents spent about \$500 on her books last semester, and she got back less than half of that when she sold them back.

Bill Dill, manager of the Delaware Book Exchange, said the reason the prices tend to be comparable from store to store is because they all use roughly the same formula for buying back.

The policy is as follows: students will get half the original selling price if the book is being used again the next semester. But if it's not being used, then the price drops down to the wholesale price, Dill said. For that reason, there should not be huge price variances between stores, he said.

Steve Antonas, assistant textbook manager at Lieberman's, said it's hard to explain the prices because they literally vary from hour to hour just due to the fact of supply and demand.

"If you need a certain textbook and there's 30 people in that class, once you hit 30 then the price will go down because you really technically don't need any more copies of that book," Antonas said.

Dill said it is hard to speculate about what books may or may not be used more than one semester ahead since it is not clear which classes will be offered, so students lose

out on buying back a lot of books.

"A college textbook is not like a wine," he said. "It doesn't age well. It doesn't get better with time."

The competition between stores gets intense, Dill said, because each store sets up tents around campus where students can sell their books in addition to bringing them back to the store.

"I think it's one of the most intensely competitive buy-back environments that I've seen, or that exists," he said. "They're set up everywhere."

While students like to sell back books to pick up some extra spending money and try to make up for how much they may have spent in the beginning of the semester, bookstores also rely on building up their stock of used books, Dill said.

"Students clearly want to save money. Used books are 25 percent less than new books," he said. "The new book prices have become so astronomically high that it's almost as if you don't have the used books, you don't have the sale."

Since book publishers do not see royalty money on books that are being sold back to bookstores and then re-sold to students, they have begun to release new editions of the same books more and more frequently, Dill said.

He said it makes sense that publishers do this because nationally when books are resold, the publishers lose out on production costs, editing costs and other costs that are associated with producing books.

This has driven students to become much more creative about where they are getting their books from, and also where they sell them back, Dill said.

Junior Sean Weaver said he uses Amazon.com to buy his books at the start of each semester and also uses the Web site to sell the back at the end, something he began doing in the fall of last year.

"I usually save about \$200 buying them online and get about 80 percent of the original cost back when I sell them," Weaver said.



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A student sells his books back at a sidewalk stand in front of Lieberman's Bookstore on Main Street.

He buys his own books, so it is important to him that he saves money, he said.

Dill said he believes that what happened with the music industry and Napster will eventually happen with the book industry. Books are becoming available for download on computers and devices like Kindle, not to mention at discounted prices on different Web sites.

"There's been a lot of change in the last five years and I see it only accelerating as we go forward," he said. "Textbooks are the heart of on-campus bookstores. It'll be interesting to see what happens in the next few years."

Scarcity of honors classes a problem for some

BY CHELSEA CALTUNA

Staff Reporter

Students are familiar with the struggle of reserving a spot in classes required for their major during the registration period. For students enrolled in the University Honors Program, these classes often do not exist or are cancelled due to low enrollment in some majors.

Brian Ackerman, a professor in the psychology department, said there are typically not enough honors students to fill more than one or two stand-alone classes in his department.

"We have compensated with add-on sections," Ackerman said. "Even here, the add-ons frequently only get a couple of students."

Historically, students have met honors course requirements by constructing an individual contract with a faculty member, he said, but he believes these are unfavorable options for students.

"Add-on courses are relatively unpopular for both students and faculty because they incur additional costs in time and effort but few benefits," Ackerman said. "Our goal is to offer enough honors sections so that students do not seek out individual contracts with professors."

Part of the problem is the current registration procedure, he said. Under the previous system, departments could reserve 10 to

15 seats for honors students, and then allow non-honors students with GPAs over 3.0 to register for the class during the pre-registration period. With the new procedure, students that are not in the honors program have to wait to add the course in the week before the semester begins, Ackerman said.

"Few students are going to wait that long to sign up for courses in the upcoming semester," he said. "Students want their schedules pretty much set during pre-registration."

Alan Fox, director of the honors program, said this problem has been addressed by now allowing non-honors students with GPAs above 3.0 to register after Dec. 14, rather than at the beginning of the semester.

"There seem to be plenty of seats in honors classes for honors students," Fox said. "Although certainly some classes filled with seniors first, and not all schedules accommodate all honors classes."

Junior Christine Nolan, an honors sociology and criminal justice major, said she has decided not to take any more honors classes because there are too few offered within her major.

"Since there is not a large number of students with honors sociology and criminal justice majors, it is difficult to find upper level classes to fulfill the requirements needed for an honors degree," Nolan said.

She said she wishes she had been given more information about alternatives to traditional honors courses from the program.

"When the honors catalogue comes out every semester, I see what honors classes are available and if any of them pertain to the schedule I intend on taking. If no classes do, then I don't take any," Nolan said. "The honors program really never gave me any information on creating my own honors classes. I found out that I could do this through various friends who had done it for a course."

She said she believes the honors program is not to blame for the lack of courses, but the program does need to offer more assistance to students.

"Since there is such a small number of people, I can't really expect them to have a variety of different sociology classes available every semester," Nolan said. "However, I think that in cases similar to mine, we need to be advised by the Honors Program. They are the ones who can really motivate us and help in the process of coming up with ideas and collaborations with my professors."

Junior Katherine Hayes, a music education major, said she has had to be creative in scheduling her honors courses.

"There are only four classes in my major that are offered at the honors level,"

Hayes said. "Once all these classes are taken, there is no way of taking honors classes within the music major, unless you take a course for graduate credit or get permission for a professor to take their class as an honors write-in."

Hayes said she is planning to take one of her music courses as a write-in next semester.

"I think this has been a helpful solution because it has kept me from adding classes that would take up room in my schedule, being solely for an honors requirement, rather than a class that, in addition to counting towards an honors degree, would apply toward my major or count as a group requirement," she said.

Hayes said she has taken 21 honors credits so far and has received the General Honors Award, which requires 18 honors credits in a student's first two years.

"It wasn't really a struggle as much as it was to stay diligent in making sure I had enough honors credits," she said. "I had to take nine honors credits in the spring of my freshman year, because there were no honors classes offered at all during the fall semester of my sophomore year. If you stay on top of what classes you take, it's possible."

Chrysler: Arsenic, PCBs, other toxins identified by report

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and federal agencies say that some are linked to cancer growth and other medical problems.

The university has agreed to pay \$24.25 million for the site, which originally opened in 1951 as a tank manufacturing plant for the Army and closed last December after decades of manufacturing cars. School officials plan to use the land as a center for research and technology, health sciences, and transit operations.

Executive Vice President and Treasurer Scott Douglass said the university is aware of the environmental state of the property, but cannot disclose the potential costs the university may incur over the estimated 18 to 36 months of cleanup and demolition.

"We've engaged consultants already. We have ideas about what it would cost," he said while the purchase was still pending. "All of that is competitive information that we would not want out publicly until after we own the property."

However, after the purchase became official, both Douglass and Vice President for Administration Jennifer Davts deferred questions from The Review about the cleanup process to university spokesman David Brond.

Brond issued this statement last week:

"At this point the university is interviewing firms that will be assisting in the demolition, salvage and subsequent cleanup of the property. We do not have further details to be able to provide a scope or magnitude of this effort."

An October 2008 report by ATC Associates Inc., a New York City-based environmental consulting firm, was ordered by Chrysler as a follow-up to an earlier report from August 2008 in which 13 areas of possible contamination were identified. It is publicly available from the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control.

ATC and another company supervised the collection of soil borings throughout the potentially contaminated areas, and groundwater samples were also taken from these sites. The report shows that of the 13 sites examined, 12 were determined to have con-

taminant concentrations exceeding DNREC standards.

Neil Wise, a former director of the Environmental Protection Agency's Region 3 Office of Remediation Enforcement, said he was not surprised the land showed so much contamination.

"The practice in the '60s was to just take stuff out the back door and dump it in the ground or the stream, or later to bury it in the ground," he said.

Chrysler, which no longer owns the property, declined to comment on the state of the land.

"I don't think that we have any comment for such a story," said Mike Palese, who works in Chrysler's corporate communication branch.

Kathy Stiller, a manager with DNREC's Site Investigation and Remediation branch, said the university will be responsible for 100 percent of the cleanup costs. The university has signed a Brownfields Development Agreement with DNREC to aid with the effort, which includes up to \$1 million in reimbursement grants for cleanup expenses.

"Brownfields is when you have a site that is vacant, abandoned, or underutilized, and it is due to contamination or perceived contamination on the property. The property is not being returned to active, productive use in the economy," Stiller said. "They will receive certain liability protections and they also are eligible for up to a million dollars in reimbursement grants for the cleanup work that they do."

Stiller said that while DNREC is aware of the problems on the site, it will be up to the university to hire a consultant to fully assess the situation.

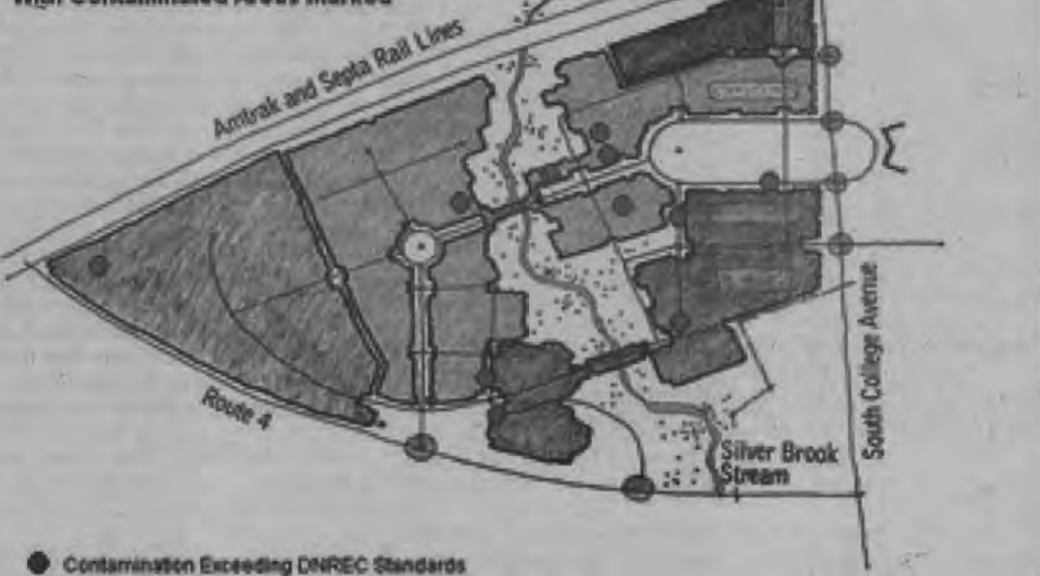
"We have some data that there are areas of concern out there with contamination," she said. "The property owner will hire a consultant to do the work, and we will oversee what the consultant does."

Groundwater expert John Talley, director of the Delaware Geological Survey housed at the university, declined to comment on the possible ramifications of the contamination levels present at the Chrysler site.

"We are not aware of any contamination at the Chrysler Plant," Talley stated in an e-mail message in November, just before the university took control of the site.

Maureen Querey, manager for the university's Office of Equity and Inclusion, was asked to serve as a member of the "Chrysler Team," a group of university staff

Chrysler Site Development Concept
Zones of Activity
With Contaminated Areas Marked



The circles, overlayed on the university's preliminary plan for the site, represent areas of contamination identified by the 2008 report.

being utilized by the university to support the purchase, because of her previous experience in the state budget office. She said university employees were allowed on the site for approximately a month to examine the property.

"I spent the last two days there," she said in October. "It's massive. It's dirty."

Querey acknowledged the extent of possible contamination at the site and the risk it poses to the university.

"It is a risk that the university is taking," she said. "They're in the process of evaluating all of the environmental documents. They're still reviewing that."

The first location examined in the report was the former paint mix area, which has had a history of problems. Previous reports had indicated contamination, with causes such as a fire in 1980 and a 7,500 gallon release of solvent. A 1986 report found the chemicals toluene, xylene, and methyl ethyl ketone floating in water adjacent to the site.

A 2007 report stated that these chemicals, referred to as "light non-aqueous phase liquids," or LNAPLs, had been effectively removed from the paint mix site, but in the 2008 report, they were still found to be present in several of the monitoring wells placed in the area.

Scott Andres, a hydrogeologist with the Delaware Geological Survey, described LNAPLs as liquids that are less dense than water and therefore do not dissolve.

"Think of oil and water," he said. "Oil is a non-aqueous liquid. They'll float on the water."

The investigation also found volatile organic compounds (VOCs) exceeding DNREC standards in three soil samples from the former paint mix area.

According to the EPA, VOCs are a variety of chemicals that can have adverse health effects on humans depending on the level of exposure and length of time exposed to the chemicals.

On its Web site, the EPA states that VOCs can cause "eye, nose, and throat irritation; headaches, loss of coordination, nausea; damage to the liver, kidney, and central nervous system," while some can cause cancer in animals and humans.

Dr. Ted Emmett, a professor at the Center of Excellence in Environmental Toxicology at the University of Pennsylvania, said VOCs are generally chemicals which can get into the air.

"They certainly are harmful if they're breathed in," Emmett said. "It's not desirable to be breathing in too many."

The MCI Tower area of the plant was also examined in the report. Benzene and acetone, both VOCs commonly used in paint thinner, were found to be exceeding DNREC standards. The EPA classifies benzene as a known carcinogen.

Another area from which soil and water samples were taken was the drum storage area. A 1985 report prepared by DNREC for the Environmental Protection Agency noted "poor housekeeping practices at the Hazardous Waste drum storage area."

According to the report, the drums were placed on racks which had no secondary containment for possible spills, and several drums were found open. In addition, "there was evidence that solvents and paint mixtures had spilled in the drum storage area previously."

The problem was eventually fixed, but soil samples taken from the drum storage area in 2008 had a petroleum odor and gray or black staining, and arsenic was detected above DNREC unrestricted use levels.

In groundwater samples from the storage drum area, chloroform was detected.

"Chloroform in water has been implicated as a potential contributor to cancer, depending on the use of the water," Emmett said.

The North Tank Farm area of the plant, which was a grouping of nine underground storage tanks on the property that held materials such as transmission fluid, antifreeze, oil, and gasoline, was one of several former tank locations found to be contaminated.

VOCs were detected in the groundwater samples taken from the tank farm, and arsenic was found in four of the five groundwater samples in amounts ranging from seven to 600 times over the DNREC standard for arsenic in water.

However, the report notes that the arsenic may not have come from the Chrysler plant. The land was previously used for agricultural purposes, and arsenic used to be common in fertilizers and pesticides.

Regardless, Emmett said the amount of arsenic found in the groundwater samples is too high to be considered safe.

"That higher level is pretty well above

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Courtesy of Ralph Begleiter

A spill kit photographed on the Chrysler site in Spring 2009.

Property: University hires consultant to study contamination clean-up

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the standard," he said. "It is certainly something to be concerned about."

According to Emmett, some of the main effects of arsenic on humans are skin problems and an increased risk for cancer if it is inhaled or ingested.

"Arsenic in high doses is a very strong poison," he said. "It certainly would be undesirable to drink that water for any purposes or for any length of time."

Wise said one reason to be concerned is because the state of Delaware generally has a very shallow groundwater table.

"That's bad news," he said when told that arsenic was detected in the groundwater samples.

Wise said that even if the arsenic isn't currently posing a threat to drinking water sources, it is possible that it could end up being ingested by humans.

"A lot of it kind of moves along very slowly until it reaches a riverbed and it becomes part of a stream," he said.

According to DNREC, Newark city wells 5 and 8 are located near the plant site, and both had shown contamination in the past. TCE and PCE, solvents used to clean and degrease metals, were detected in the water, and well 5 was closed in 1980 as a result. However, it is unknown if the

contamination was caused by operations at the Chrysler plant.

Bill Zimmerman, a water quality engineer with the City of Newark, confirmed the closing of well 5 and said well 8 is no longer in use either.

"Since I've been here, which is 10 years, we've never used it," he said. "It's not a part of our treatment system."

Zimmerman doesn't believe that the possibility of contamination at the Chrysler site ending up in Newark's drinking water is anything to worry about.

"We have a south well field, but it's spread out to the south and east of that area quite a bit, so it's not impacted by the Chrysler plant," he said.

An area of the plant that used to have wood flooring was also tested. The flooring has since been mostly replaced by concrete, but wood remains in two locations. Underneath, the soil was stained black. Soil samples were taken and the results showed the toxic organic compound polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) was present.

Andres, an expert in groundwater pollution, said PCBs are a class of chemicals that have been banned from use in manufacturing in the country for quite some time.

"They're a known or suspected carcinogen," he said. "At some concentrations they're very toxic."

Andres said that while PCB can start off in small amounts, it can eventually become a more serious problem.

"It goes through the food chain," he said. "A bacteria might eat it, and then some insect might eat that, and then every time it goes through another step in the food chain it concentrates. It becomes a problem if it gets into fish and birds."

Despite the dangers of PCB, Wise said it is possible the university might not have to remove it.

"To what level you must clean up is largely dependent on the prospective use of the ground," he said. "If you have PCB in the ground and you are going to put a playground there, you have to remove all of it. If you were going to put a building on top of it, you don't have to remove any of it because it's going to stay in the ground."

The ATC report concludes the contamination is consistent with Chrysler's activity on the land, with the exception of the arsenic.

While the school plans to begin salvage and demolition operations in the spring, it will be some time before the land is brought up to standard.

"There's a lot of work that needs to happen before anybody can even step foot in there," Querey said. "It's overwhelming actually."

Advisers: Apple hopes plan is implemented by spring

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four years ago, Apple said.

The provost, who took questions from SGA senators, announced the idea in response to a question from freshman senator Tom Jackson who raised concerns about advising at the university.

Jackson said later that he is a big supporter of Apple's proposal because students should make some sort of contact with their advisers.

"I think it is important for us to meet our adviser since our school is so big," Jackson said.

Jackson said he agrees with Apple that advisers should be more like mentors to students.

"I know for me personally, I want to go to law school, and my adviser actually graduated from law school," he said. "So I know I can go to him for picking classes and advice for law school."

Junior Dalila Sandoval said she likes the idea because it will allow students to register for courses that they actually need instead of signing up for something they are not really interested in or is not necessary for their major.

"It might be inconvenient for both the student and the adviser, but the student wouldn't end up wasting their time and money taking classes they won't need,"

Sandoval said.

However, not all students support the idea.

"With the amount of advisors to students it would be impractical," said junior Eric Blazewicz. "Advisers wouldn't have enough time to spend with each student because there are so many of us."

Sophomore nursing major Nicole Bartone said mandatory advising would add to the problem of already-overbooked advisers.

"I know in nursing there are a lot of students who report to one adviser, so there are so many students trying to squeeze in time to meet with her," Bartone said.

Kim Wilson, a general academic adviser in the Alfred Lerner College of Business and Economics, said the proposal is a good idea, but she worries that students who are not able to see the adviser will end up unable to register.

"I strongly encourage students to meet with their advisers to make sure that there are no mistakes when picking classes," Wilson said.

Apple said he will seek input from students and faculty, but said it can likely be implemented administratively, without needing approval by the Faculty Senate.

"It's hard to see a reason why we wouldn't do this," he said.

Robbery: Suspects still not caught, police say

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for drug money, police are investigating whether the suspects were aware of drug use in the apartment and assumed drug sales were occurring.

Another possibility, he said, is that the suspects intended to rob another apartment, but got the wrong location. Either way, Henry emphasized the crime was not a random act.

"We can say with almost certainty they were targeting this apartment for the purpose of stealing drugs or drug money," Henry said.

The same apartment was burglarized sometime between Nov. 25 and Nov. 28 when none of the residents were present. Henry said it appeared that the burglars were searching for something in particular, but nothing of value was taken. Police are investigating whether the two incidents are connected.

The suspects fled carrying two dark-colored backpacks, one camouflage backpack and a pillowcase. Police believe they left in a silver, four-door, newer model car with dark windows.

There are no suspects in last week's burglary at the same residence.

Juniors Allison Zaloba and Jenna Kolker have lived on the first floor of the University Courtyard's 500 building for the past two years. They said this incident has caused them some alarm.

"We were really scared when we heard about it," Zaloba said. "Something huge like this happened and everyone's freaking out."

Kolker agreed.

"Break-ins are happening all around, and we all just thought nothing of it until they come three floors above us," Kolker said. "We're four girls, what are we going to do?"

The roommates said they feel vulnerable in an all-female apartment and building security could be much better. Zaloba explained the 500 building's lack of a "double entry" system, which includes a keycard-accessible door separating individually locked apartment doors from the outside. The system is present in most of the other Courtyard apartment buildings.

"It sucks because we are paying the most out of anyone in the Courtyard really, unless you live in a single, and we have probably the least protection," she said.

Kolker explained the 200, 300 and 500 buildings are the only that include apartments with four bedrooms and four bathrooms. She said none of the buildings have indoor security cameras.

"The security cameras are actually surrounding the parking lot to check out the cars, so all the cameras are facing toward there, as opposed to being in the actual halls of where we live," Kolker said. "For the amount of money that we pay per month, you would think that we would get some kind

of security guarantee that this wouldn't happen."

She said in addition to parking lot security cameras there is an undercover officer patrolling the area each night, as well as panic buttons located in each room of the apartments.

"There is a lot of security here in regards to alarm systems," Kolker said. "In terms of what they can do, they're obviously not doing enough because it's still happening."

Courtyard managers could not be reached for comment. Zaloba said the robbery was unexpected despite break-ins to the same apartment in the days prior.

"Supposedly, they broke in the day before they actually did it to kind of scout it out," she said. "There was damage done to the door and maintenance fixed it; they just thought it was vandalism."

Kolker said it is obvious the criminals were looking for something and said she is shocked by the armed home invasion.

"It's just a shame to see the extent that they're going to go to for drugs," she said.

The suspects in the robbery are described as three white males and one black male, all 20 to 25 years of age, 5 feet, 10 inches to 6 feet tall, average build, and wearing baggy blue jeans. One was wearing a Philadelphia Phillies hat, and another had a bandana covering the lower portion of his face.

Biden: Graduates will receive 8 tickets to Dec. 9 commencement ceremony

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She earned her undergraduate degree in English at the university in 1975, and in 2007, received her doctorate in education.

After getting two degrees here, Biden says the university is a special place for her.

"I love being at the university," Biden told The Review last year. "I have memories of the time I had there as an undergrad as an English major and just being around the campus. It was just a great memory to be

there."

The commencement ceremony will be held Jan. 9 at the Bob Carpenter Center at 10:30 a.m.

Senior Joe Madanat said he thought it was great idea to have Biden speak at Winter Commencement.

"It's good for the morale of Delaware that someone from a small state has had such a profound impact on others," Madanat said.

Senior Phil Stanley said he was not

impressed with the university's choice.

"I think the school is trying to get some prestige by getting the vice president's wife to speak," Stanley said.

Senior Jessica Snyder said she was not excited about hearing Biden speak at commencement.

"She's not really a big figure for me," Snyder said. "I wish it was someone more inspirational."

Senior Samantha Kopson said she hopes Biden discusses what kind of future

she and her fellow graduates should expect.

"I think it's cool that she's a UD alumna who's coming back to speak to graduating students," Kopson said. "I would like her to talk about life after Delaware and what she did when she graduated."

As in past years, space in the arena is limited and each graduate will receive up to eight tickets to the ceremony. The ceremony will also be Webcast live on udel.edu.

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Contamination cleanup is a must

Public safety should be number one priority for Chrysler

With the university's recent acquisition of the Chrysler plant comes serious worries over its past. A 2008 report shows that the 272-acre site has at least 12 known areas of contamination. They range from chemicals used in paint thinner to arsenic and PCBs. Many of these chemicals are above state-regulated levels, and federal agencies say some have been linked to cancer and other medical problems.

These chemicals are a serious issue the university must now deal with. Although the university has yet to make an official comment, there is one fact that needs to be stressed by the community—this cleanup needs to be held to the highest of standards.

Students, faculty and administrators that will be working on the

new campus have to be assured that harmful chemicals no longer exist under their feet. This can only come from an extensive and, hopefully public, effort to strip the land of all toxins.

With the initial \$24.25 million purchase, additional costs of demolition and cleanup are sure to be great. However, a moral responsibility to public safety should be the number one priority.

Cleanup should be a process accurately and easily communicated by the university to Newark communities. The liability involved in chemical contamination cleanup is huge. A future campus site with arsenic detected in groundwater samples is a frightening thought but hopefully with careful and hard work, any danger can be avoided.

Advisement should remain a choice

Apple's plan for mandatory meetings is unnecessary

University provost Tom Apple introduced a proposal last week that would require each student to obtain a password prior to class registration. This password could only be obtained from a student's advisor, effectively mandating preliminary advisement before signing up for classes. Apple hopes to implement this new policy in time for Fall 2010, but he is using next semester to receive student and faculty input.

This mandate is unnecessary and forceful. Students should want to utilize their advisors, but they should not be required to do so.

Before the creation of such binding policies, the university's advisement program needs strengthening. While many students complain that their advisers are unable to sufficiently help them, many advisers feel they are not adequately pre-

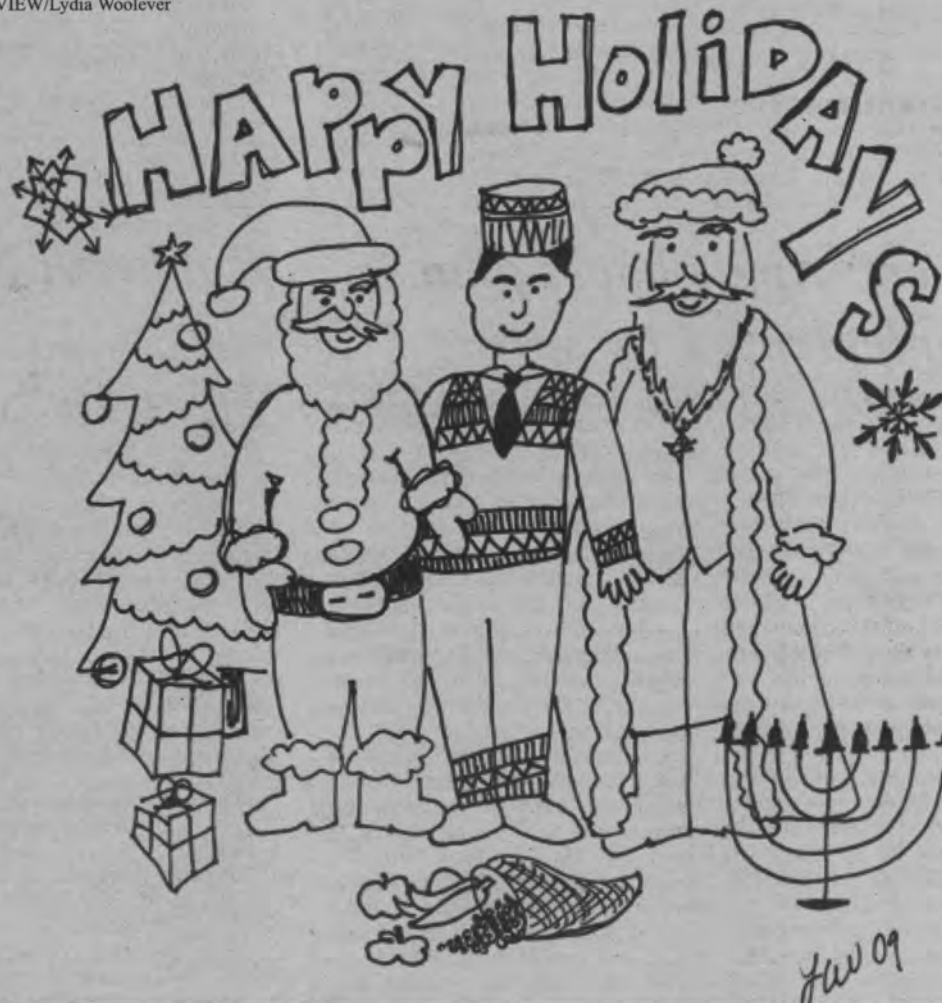
pared to answer certain questions.

As college students, we are adults and should not be forced to seek out advice from others. If we feel that we are able to manage our own schedules, we should be allowed that freedom. At the same time, professors have their own busy schedules. With dozens of students in need of advisement on top of managing their own course work, a sudden bombardment of advisees come spring or fall registration could stretch professors too thin.

If professors were trained for these positions more adequately, perhaps advisement would improve and operate in a more efficient manner. Mandatory meetings would not be necessary. Students should be encouraged to meet with their advisers, but they should not be forced to seek help.

Editorialisms

THE REVIEW/Lydia Woolever



Letter to the Editor

Stellar performance deserves recognition

An amazing performance of Haydn's oratorio "The Creation" occurred in Mitchell Hall on Saturday, Dec. 5. The UD Symphony orchestra under Conductor Stone, the Scholar Cantorum under Director Richard, and the soloists, Brandt, Racheva and Smith, deserve the heartiest congratulations for an excellent job. To hear such sustained and eloquent praise on our campus for the created works of God is truly a blessing.

—Dermott Mullan, Professor, Dept. of Physics and Astronomy

yoUDon'tSay:

Staff members discuss cold weather, goodbyes and flip-flops



Ayelet Daniel, Staff Photographer:
"I don't understand why girls wear just a piece of cloth around them in 20-degree weather. Why trouble yourself in seven-inch heels when it is snowing outside?"



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Alexandra Duszak, Managing Mosaic Editor: "The new flip-flop store on Main Street, Flip Flop Shop, is apparently selling Uggs. Since when are boots considered flip-flops?"

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A century later, the need for Turkish recognition remains

Samantha Brix

Sam's Sentiments

One family's story: the need for closure and the economic repercussions of the Armenian genocide.

One night in 1914 in Edirne, Turkey, there was a knock at the door. It was midnight. The Turkish police burst through the doors of my grandfather's home and shot and killed his older brother. Upon learning a different brother was in the Turkish army, the police spared the lives of the rest of the family and left the house, but not before stealing all the money they found and forcing my grandfather and his mother on a train into the desert. Eating orange peels tossed out the windows of the train when it stopped, my grandfather survived the Armenian genocide.

For almost a full century, Turkey has vehemently denied that genocide ever occurred in the killing of more than a million Armenians. Turkey's denial comes in large part from the economic reparations it would be required to make to survivors as stipulated under international law. Meanwhile, Armenia has been demanding that Turkey recognize the genocide, apologize for it and

provide restitution.

Talk in Armenia today swarms around the possibility of opening a border with Turkey in what would be a new era of Turkish-Armenian relations. Opening this crucial border that Turkey has kept closed for the last 16 years would mean trade, energy and transportation opportunities for both countries. A deal of limitless benefits, it would have particular significance for Armenia, a small, Christian country in the Middle East characterized by endless government and military corruption, and dependent on two-thirds of its economy on Armenians abroad. Turkey will only agree to the deal if talks of an Armenian genocide are silenced once and for all.

Armenia has always struggled between outrage at Turkey's denial and desperate economic dependence along with shared cultural traditions with its neighbor. Armenia is now at a crossroads, caught between economic desperation and moral justice.

In Turkey, the "G" word has long been hushed. The government has used Article 301 of the Turkish Penal Code, which makes it illegal to "insult the Turkish nation," to prosecute more than 60 people, some for simply mentioning the existence of an Armenian genocide. When speech is restrict-

ed and has threatening consequences, can Turks ever come to a consensus and reconciliation about what their ancestors did to Armenians?

I went to Turkey on a study abroad trip last winter session, after vowing to my parents I would tell no one I am Armenian. In Istanbul, I met a Turkish student, Mehmet. During the first week, Mehmet and his friends took students on our trip to Araf, a nightclub that means "purgatory" in Turkish. When Mehmet mentioned some Greek friends of his, I told him I thought Turks and Greeks didn't get along. He chuckled and said the younger generations have no problems with each other. When I asked if it's the same way with young Turks and Armenians, the chuckle I expected never came. His boyish face turned to stone. He said he is not friends with Armenians because they are liars.

In 1914, Mehmet said, Armenians were trying to take Ottoman land and naturally, the Ottoman army, called the Young Turks Army, fought back in self-defense. Armenians attacked and killed the soldiers and some Armenians had died in the mess. He said Armenians today lie and say Turkey perpetrated genocide against them. I suddenly realized the reason his voice was raised was no longer so that I could hear

him over the noise of the band. I avoided his cold eyes so he wouldn't see the hurt in mine.

For almost the entire month of the study abroad trip I had kept my secret, telling no one of my true heritage. During the last week, I had dinner with another Turkish student, Veysi, who was one of Mehmet's close friends. Sitting in close proximity at a small table in the back of the restaurant, Veysi lowered his voice and told me he thinks what happened in 1914 was definitely genocide. In almost a whisper, he said that a year earlier when a prominent Armenian journalist was killed for writing about the genocide, he marched in a large protest on a main street in Istanbul. With thousands, he had chanted, "Today, we are Armenians."

Many professors and students I met in Turkey told us, in careful language, they do not share their government's stance on what happened almost a century ago. While they dispute their dark history, the two countries cannot escape the intertwining of their cultures. The genocide has virtually paralyzed Turkish-Armenian relations to date, but the opening of this border could mean miraculous recovery.

Indeed, genocide has legal ramifications, but it seems a unique deal is in order. Armenians

should absolutely demand Turkey admit to genocide in the slaughter of over a million of their ancestors, but should relinquish restitution demands. An open border with Turkey could pave the way for vast economic prospects for Armenia's future, which Armenians should consider restitution in another form.

Let us not stand on ceremony and be our own worst enemy, hanging our hats on a restitution unlikely to materialize. Armenia must insist on hearing the word "genocide," but release its stubborn hold on the demand for formal restitution. Through the open-border deal, economic benefits likely will flow in restitution's place. Armenia can feel morally victorious and economically pragmatic.

Without a restitution requirement, Turkey is more likely to admit to genocide. Turkey must deliver its guilty plea, in honor of the Armenians deported to concentration camps to be slaughtered, and in honor of survivors and their families. Turkey must admit to genocide and allow Armenian hearts to heal and the future of both countries to prosper.

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Cutthroat majors, the true test of our futures after college

Emily Nassi

Nassi's Notes



The trials and tribulations of a communications major.

Before I came to Delaware, I decided to change my major from English (which I had put on my application) to Communication. I want to be a journalist, and since this university does not offer journalism as a major, I researched communication, and it sounded like it might be the thing for me. I thought I would go on the broadcast journalism track, and all my college dreams would come true. Perfect.

Then I found out how one actually gets into the communication major. For those of you not familiar, students take four core classes and at the end of sophomore year, or whenever those four classes are finished, they let the top 100 people into the major. I have taken three

out of four of these classes. All were held in lecture halls. And in these three classes, I have taken nine multiple choice tests. And this is where I see a huge problem.

I would say it's understandable that the major can only take 100 people, but it's really not. If there is such a high demand of students that not everyone can be accepted, and this has been happening for a few years, maybe, just maybe, they should expand the faculty and try to accommodate the demand. I doubt that this is going to happen, but it is worth mentioning.

So we're back to only 100 people getting into the major. If this procedure is going to stay in place, changes need to be made, since this creates a number of problems.

Multiple choice tests tell nothing about a student, just that they study a lot and are good at tests. And considering it's a communication major, I'm going to guess and

say there are a lot of people vying for those 100 spots whose strengths lie in writing, rather than test-taking. I could be wrong, but if you look at the class average of the first exam in the Introduction to Communication Research Methods



course this year, I would say I'm not too far off.

Professors say that students should always come to them, make themselves known, the usual spiel. But that's not going to get them into the major. Having an intelligent conversation with a professor, no matter what they try and say, is not

going to make a person's test score go up. I've often heard that interested students who go to their professors do better, but I can tell you—I'm very interested in learning. I'm just bad at taking tests.

Ultimately, my biggest issue comes financially. I want to say I pay close to \$30,000 a year when all is said and done to go to school here. I'm not paying this much money to play around with my future and not find out if I have gotten into the major until the end of my sophomore year. And then what if students don't get in? Changing your major after sophomore year is difficult, and I'm sure there's plenty of students who end up having to stay more than four years, which is more money being drained out of bank accounts.

So by all means, keep your 100 students in the communications major if that seems to be what's best, but something needs to be done when it comes to going about how students actually get in.

Perhaps the major should have

a separate application when applying to the school. This is probably a little bit more accurate than test scores. If students are transferring into the major, have them fill it out too. Keeping the idea of the classes would be okay, but spreading them out over two years is difficult.

Having smaller size classes with a mixture of tests and papers is another idea. There's very little communication in these lecture classes, so a smaller class size would allow for a participation grade, and having both tests and papers would play to the strengths of both types of students in the classes.

Finally, just have some sort of interview process. This is a communication major after all, and if a student cannot speak or interact well, why should they be in the major? Tests don't talk, but people do.

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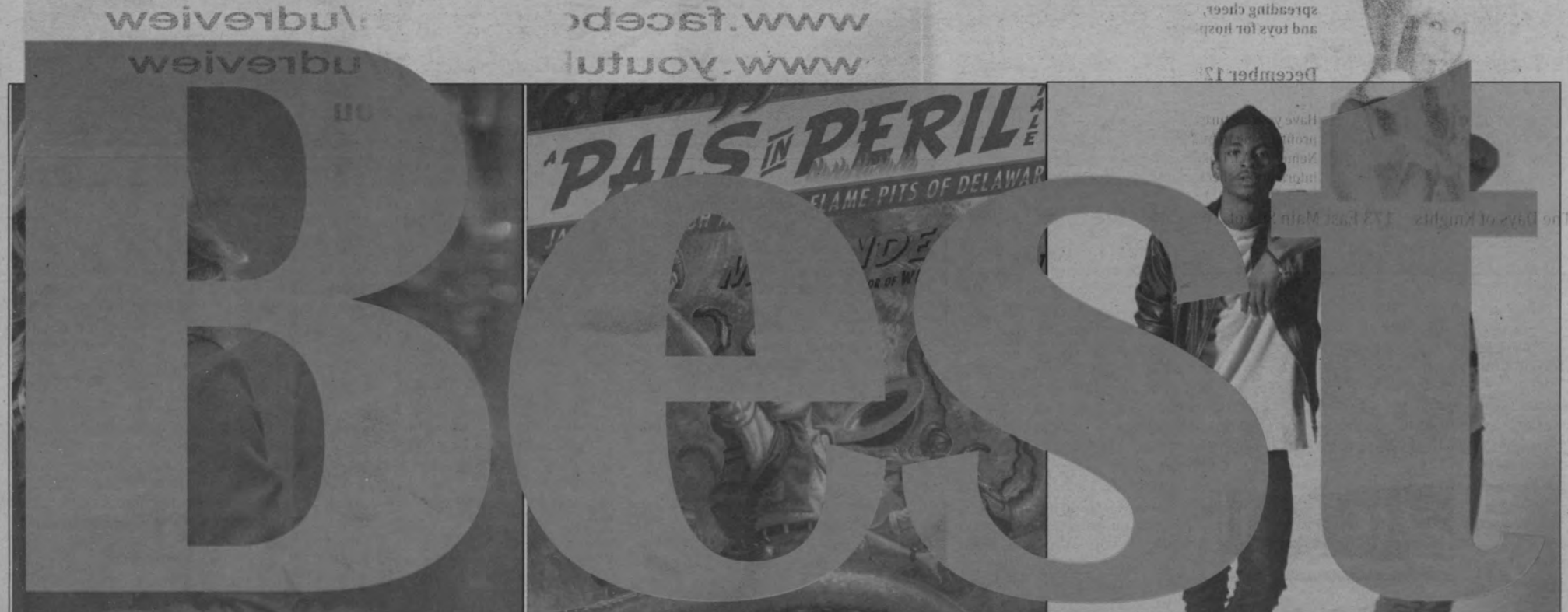
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The third highest-grossing film of the year, **"Up,"** found its way into the hearts of millions of children and adults. The animated Pixar film opens with a young Carl Fredericksen, who meets a spirited girl named Ellie. The two friends share a passion for adventure and admire the great explorer Charles Muntz. Carl and Ellie eventually marry and dream of traveling to South America, building a house near Paradise Falls. Seventy years later, Ellie has passed away. In order to fulfill his and Ellie's lifelong dream, he attaches thousands of balloons to his house and sets off for South America. Shortly after takeoff, Carl realizes that he has another passenger onboard — an 8-year-old named Russell. Carl and Russell embark on a dangerous adventure where they encounter a rare bird named Kevin, several talking dogs and an evil villain.

"Twilight" fans anxiously awaited the opening of its sequel, **"New Moon."** The film's midnight screening set box office records, raking in \$26.2 million on opening day — the biggest of all time. **"New Moon"** picks up where **"Twilight"** left off. Edward (Robert Pattinson) and the Cullen family are celebrating Bella's (Kristen Stewart) birthday, when a small paper cut leads one of the vampire clan to nearly attack Bella. In order to protect her from further danger, Edward and his family disappear. Bella finds solace in her childhood friend Jacob Black (Taylor Lautner), who possesses a supernatural secret of his own. When someone from Bella's past seeks revenge, trouble ensues and Edward finds his way back into Bella's life. **"Twilight"** fans won't want to miss the second chapter in the Edward and Bella love story.

Directed by Quentin Tarantino, **"Inglourious Basterds"** takes place during World War II in Nazi-occupied France. A group of Jewish-American soldiers have been chosen to spread fear throughout the Third Reich and to destroy all Nazis in their path. Their leader, Brad Pitt's Lt. Aldo Raine, orders them to each bring back at least 100 scalps of Nazis they have killed. While following orders, the group encounters Jewish refugee Shosanna Dreyfus (played by Mélanie Laurent), who runs a movie theater in Paris. She also seeks revenge against the Nazis for the slaughter of her family. However, the movie theater becomes an ill-fated playground for Dreyfus and the Nazis as disastrous events ensue. Pitt's performance is astounding and should not be missed.

Forty-six years after the beloved children's book **"Where the Wild Things Are"** was published, director Spike Jonze brought the story to life on the big screen. Newcomer Max Records stars as Max, a rebellious little boy who disobeys his mother and is sent to bed without supper. Max decides to run away from home and sets sail to a magical land of his imagination. On this mystical island, Max meets large creatures known as the Wild Things, and he is crowned their king. After finding adventure and fun in a lush forest, Max decides to return home to his mother. **"Where the Wild Things Are"** is a great reminder for individuals of all ages to recall the magical adventures they enjoyed as children.

Sacha Baron Cohen follows up **"Borat"** with a hilarious new comedy titled **"Bruno."** Cohen stars as the gay Austrian fashion guru Bruno. After a disaster on his fashion television show **"Funkyzeit,"** Bruno is disgraced in all of Europe and decides to find refuge in America. He travels to Los Angeles to reinvent himself. Accompanying him on his travels is his personal assistant Lutz (played by Gustaf Hammarstan), the only individual who still believes in Bruno's potential for greatness in the fashion world. In his quest for celebrity status, Bruno adopts an African baby and starts a riot at a boxing match in Texas. Fans of **"Borat"** will find Cohen's latest political and social satire just as hilarious and shocking as expected.

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The year's box office hits and fan favorites

Director J.J. Abrams provided one of the strongest movies of the summer with his reboot of the **"Star Trek"** series, which satisfied Trekkies young and old.

Chris Pine makes Captain James T. Kirk egotistical and edgy, redefining a character who is mostly associated with William Shatner's portrayal.

The film provides a nostalgic feel with original cast member Leonard Nimoy as he reprises his role as Spock, but maintains a fresh attitude with a new story that could make **"Star Trek"** a popular franchise for decades to come.

New villains, exciting action and humor boosted this movie to receive strong reviews from critics. And here's more good news for the Trekkies out there — a sequel is already in the works.

Michael Bay's reputation for special effect action holds true with his sequel **"Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen."** He shows, however, that a strong script may not be his number one priority when making a film.

All of the favorites from the first movie return, including stars Shia LaBeouf and Megan Fox, reprising their roles to deliver a jam-packed action movie filled with explosions and battle scenes.

For a movie that grossed over \$400 million, the response wasn't as positive as anticipated for the second installment in the **"Transformers"** series. The story wasn't as strong as in the first and the humor that made the first film so enjoyable was replaced by overwhelming special effects.

As the crew gears up for its third movie, fans can only hope that the magic of the first film is restored in **"Transformers 3."**

Big names aren't always necessary when creating a great film. **"District 9"** is arguably one of the biggest surprises for a strong summer movie. Sharlto Copley, an unknown actor, had a strong performance that launched him onto the radar and into the upcoming **"A-Team"** film.

"District 9," produced by Peter Jackson, is set in South Africa after an alien space craft crash-lands. The aliens are weak and malnourished and soon live in awful conditions similar to refugee camps. The South African government's object is to move the aliens out of District 9 and into a new and equally rundown facility, but the aliens rebel and chaos ensues.

The film is realistic for a science fiction movie and is equipped with lots of action. Critics praise the film for its unique concept, making it worth the time to watch.

Despite the challenges of filming a movie with a storyline like **"Watchmen,"** Zack Snyder took the reigns in turning the impossible into reality. **"Watchmen"** appears to be a superhero movie, but is really a movie about people who happen to be superheroes. Tons of twists and turns and confusion over who is the hero and who is the villain makes the film's duration seem short.

Billy Crudup and Malin Akerman deliver solid performances, and characters like Rorschach (Jackie Earle Haley) provide interesting people to follow throughout the movie.

The movie is accompanied by song selections unique and appropriate for each scene. Notably, the opening montage is set to Bob Dylan's **"The Times They Are A-Changin'."** Viewers unfamiliar with the book, however, might be in for some trouble following this complex plot.

Paul Rudd and Jason Segel have appeared in many movies together, but **"I Love You, Man"** features both actors in leading roles together for the first time.

The movie shows very different sides of Rudd and Segel. Rudd plays the awkward Peter Klaven, who is much different from his previous know-it-all characters that viewers are familiar with. Segel shows a wild side with his character, Sydney Fife, who is much different from Segel's more mellow characters of the past. The two team up in this **"bromance"** film that gives some variety to the two budding actors, as the movie shows solid acting from the duo, rather than just their usual banter. The two fill theaters with laughter no matter what films they choose to star in.

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From start to finish: Best CDs of '09

Keeping up with the growing trend of energetic electronic indie music, Passion Pit gives fans something to dance and to sing along to with *Manners*. The band's sound is comparable to that of bands like MGMT and Ratatat. Comprised of Michael Angelakos (lead vocalist and keyboardist) and Ian Hultquist (guitarist and keyboardist), along with Ayad Al Adhamy on the synthesizer, Jeff Apruzzese on the bass and bass synthesizer and Nate Donmoyer on the drums, Passion Pit's music has an edge that fits nicely on the indie shelf but also has some distinct characteristics of its own. Tracks like "Sleepyhead," "Little Secrets" and "The Reeling" — which enjoyed spot No. 29 on the the Billboard Alternative Songs chart for the fall of this year — feature high-pitched voices paired with synthetic harmony and beats.



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Eminem is back with a 20-track studio album, *Relapse*. It is his sixth release and the one that terminated his five-year musical hiatus. (We haven't seen an album from Slim since 2004's *Encore*.) Marshall Mathers, a.k.a. Eminem, has told various news sources that his inspiration comes from the ending of his drug rehabilitation and fall back into drugs, bringing out his crazy fictional alter-ego "Slim Shady." The album holds true to Slim's standards of explicit lyrics, but one thing's for sure — Eminem's success is merited. Every track, including "Old Time's Sake" featuring Dr. Dre, "We Made You," "3 a.m." and the most popular, "Crack a Bottle," featuring Dr. Dre and 50 Cent, include head-nodding beats and freestyle rap flows. The real Slim Shady's record sales for *Relapse* already stand at 1,533,000 copies in the U.S.

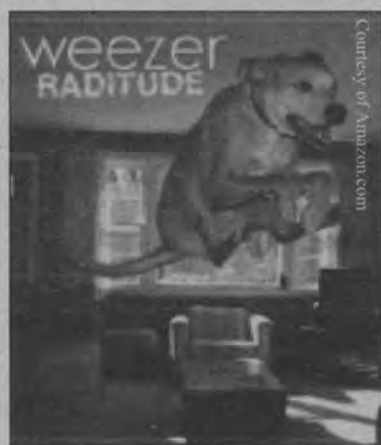


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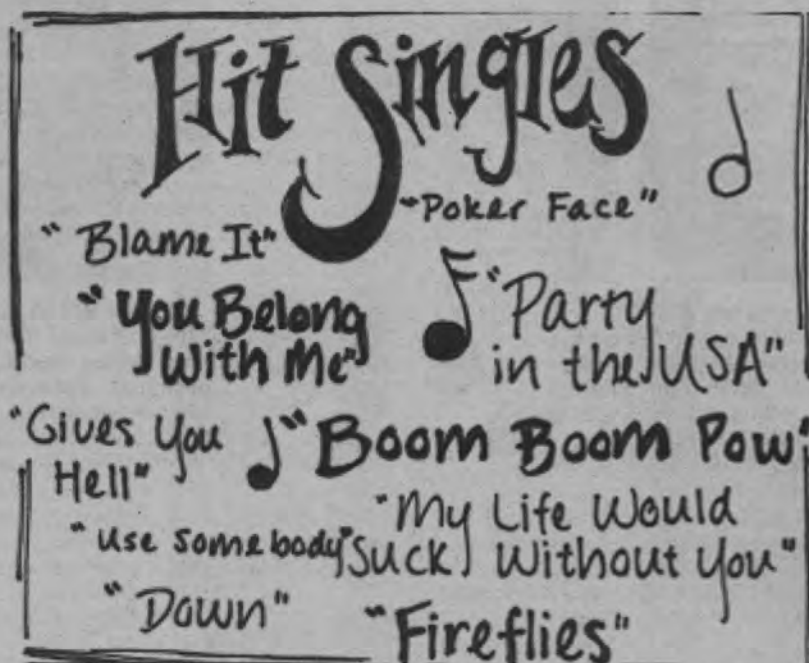
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The charming Vancouver native is back with his fourth studio recorded album release. On his Web site, Michael Bublé says his album is the "ultimate record about the inevitable roller coaster ride of relationships." *Crazy Love* is chock-full of romantic ballads, a seductive jazzy sound and soulful melodies. Since making it big worldwide in 2003, Bublé has sold more than 22 million albums to romantics and jazz-lovers the world over and has become a multi-Grammy-winning artist. Bublé's soothing voice, charm, and sexy edge make this album a must-listen for 2009. He covers classic tracks like "Crazy Love" by Van Morrison, "You're Nobody Until Somebody Loves You," "Cry Me a River" and "Georgia on My Mind." Bublé attributes his style and vocalistic qualities to the likes of Bobby Darin, Dean Martin, Sinatra, Ray Charles and Elvis Presley, and his music has a universal appeal.



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Raditude, released Nov. 3, is Weezer's seventh studio recorded album. This new album doesn't stray far from the energetic Weezeresque sound fans know and love, with the exception of the track "Can't Stop Partying," featuring Lil Wayne. The biggest hit, "(If You're Wondering If I Want You To) I Want You To," is still on MTV's Hot List. The song sounds like 1950s rock with a modern twist. Since their first self-titled album was released in 1999, Weezer has recorded five other studio albums prior to *Raditude*. The dynamic foursome delivers yet another toe-tapping tune with catchy, amped up beats and lyrics. The album is perfect for those looking for high-energy dance-rock tracks that don't sacrifice creativity or lyrics and actually tell a story.



THE REVIEW/Alexandra Duszak



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21st Century Breakdown was released on May 15, 2009. Billie Joe Armstrong and the boys are back with their eighth album and their second rock opera, following the album *American Idiot*. Known for their politically-charged statements, anti-authority state of mind and "nothing is sacred" conclusions about our nation's government, *21st Century Breakdown* follows suit. The album is divided into three acts, "Heroes and Cons," "Charlatans and Saints" and "Horseshoes and Handgrenades." The connecting thread between the acts is the story of a young couple, Christian and Gloria, and their challenges in the United States in a post-Bush era. Pretty heavy, huh? Well the guys may not be soft-spoken or timid, but they send out their messages effectively with a sound that is all their own — punk-rock and pop in a mélange dominated by a generous helping of anger. As long as there is some form of authority in our country, the guys in Green Day will have something to sing about.



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In the Hip-hop and rap world, most artists don't last past their twenties, but Jay-Z has been around for a while — he is now 40 years old. Jay-Z has defied standards and continues to define them on his own. *The Black Album* is the third installment of the *Blueprint* trilogy — *The Blueprint* came out in 2001 and *The Blueprint 2: The Gift and The Curse* was released in 2002. The album sold 476,000 copies in its first week alone, and features many popular tracks, including "D.O.A. (Death of Auto Tune)," "Empire State of Mind," featuring the soulful piano R&B goddess Alicia Keys, "On to the Next One" featuring Swizz Beatz, "Already Home" featuring Kid Cudi, "Run This Town" featuring Rihanna and Kanye West, "Off That" featuring Drake, and "Young Forever." *The Blueprint 3* is nothing short of a solid comeback for the artist who had announced his retirement from the rap scene, planning to focus on producing from there on out.

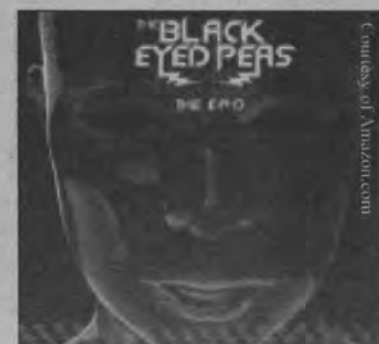


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Only By Night is Kings of Leon's fourth studio-recorded album, following 2007's *Because of the Times*. The boys (Caleb, Jared, Matthew, and Nathan) of the Followill family of Nashville, Tenn. are an international sensation. The album was nominated for Best Rock Album at the 51st Grammy Awards and the single "Sex on Fire" won the Grammy for Best Rock Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocals. Caleb's raspy, sensual voice paired with the unique rock sound that is all their own has given them the best-selling album of all time in the UK, surpassing Amy Winehouse's *Back to Black*. Top tracks include "Closer" — which Caleb says is about a lovesick vampire — the hit "Use Somebody," "Crawl," "Sex on Fire," which puts the sexual undertones of all the groups' songs right out in front, "Notion," and "Revelry." The Kings of Leon's success looks like one that has no foreseeable expiration date.

The name says it all, according to Black Eyed Peas band member Taboo in an interview with iProng Magazine. *The E.N.D.* could be the last BEP album released in physical form as the band favors nurturing the market for digital-only album releases, Taboo says. BEP is one of only 11 artists/groups to have two tracks simultaneously hold the No. 1 and No. 2 spots on the Billboard Hot 100 chart. *The E.N.D.* is the group's fifth studio album and the third since Fergie joined and made BEP what it is today. "E.N.D." stands for "the energy never dies," and how true that is. BEP is famous for some of the best dance songs of our generation, and this album upholds this standard and places them even higher on the musical totem pole. Since the album *Elephunk* was released in 2003, BEP has sold over 23 million albums and 29 million singles. Although this album may be their "E.N.D.," these guys are unstoppable.

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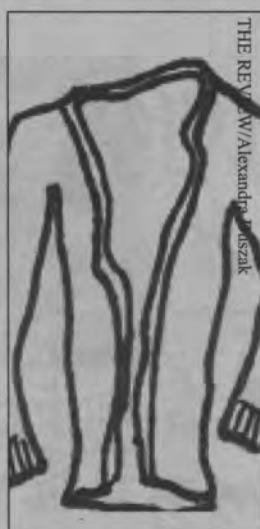


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Tried and true fashion trends of 2009

Cardigans

Appearing to have stemmed from last year's "grandpa sweater," over-sized cardigans were big for both sexes this year, and played into a classic, laid back, collegiate look. Their style is sophisticated, yet practical and trendy, and we wore them with jeans, leggings or shorts. Long, easy-fitting, button-up knitwear reminiscent of times of the T-birds and the Pink Ladies proved to be a popular wardrobe staple.



THE REVIEW/Alexander Pisszak

Flannel

This year, fashion chose to reminisce on '90s grunge. While flannel may have adorned hunters and lumberjacks in the past, our '90s-loving generation is more accustomed to the fleecy plaids of "Boy Meets World" and "Rosanne." (The '90s were ours, and we won't let those lumberjacks forget it!) This unisex trend made our shopping easy (what Salvation Army doesn't have 'em?), and we paired it with jeans, shorts, leggings, a belt, skirt, dress or anything, really. Comfort, value and thoughtless fashion all wrapped into one — what's not to love? But best of all, cut, size, gender and season need not apply. Flannel shirts have become the ultimate recession-proof trend.

Gender-Bending Fits

Guys' pants just seem to get tighter and tighter, don't they? And although girls gotta have their skinny jeans as well, women's fashion couldn't resist this year's tendency to borrow from the boys. Relaxed fit T-shirts, men's flannels, vests, tailored blazers, motorcycle jackets and wide-leg pants were all-too-tempting to turn down. For guys, skinny jeans, shorter shorts and swim wear, close-fitting button downs and V-neck T-shirts made for popular — and slightly feminine — items.



THE REVIEW/Mike Dondi

Peace Signs

Despite political views, parties or qualms, a good deal of Americans chose to "give peace a chance" this year. The peace sign — born as a symbol for nuclear disarmament — was quite a motif in fashion accessories this year, appearing on footwear, bags and jewelry galore. Other popular peace accessories were rings, earrings and bracelets with a peace pendant strung onto a cord, twine or string. It seems a social tendency to revert to the past — which in this case happens to include wartime — was reflected in accessories through the incredibly obvious yet classic, peace symbol. Although its original message isn't always known to those who wear it, the symbol continues to stand for positive change throughout time.

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THE REVIEW/Ted Simmons

Boots

We commenced 2009 with them, so what better way to boot us into a new year? For women, boots have been popular for a few years, but the tail end of 2009 has yielded taller, over-the-knee styles. In leather, pleather or suede, scrunchy, bunchy or plain, flat or stiletto, a pair of over-the-knee boots can serve to jazz up even the simplest of ensembles. Other

styles included combat and riding boots. As the year comes to a close, more and more men have begun picking up the boot trend as well. Again, they just can't get away from what the girls are doing.



THE REVIEW/Alex

New technology to ring in a new decade

Facebook Applications

Facebook is feeding into students' networking addictions with applications that, in some cases, have replaced studying. One such app is The Social Interview, which allows Facebook users to answer random questions about their friends. The questions are a good opportunity to get to know people and see what others think about them.

The Farmville application has also gained popularity as it allows city-dwellers to become virtual farmers. With this application, Facebook users get a personalized farmer and a piece of land which can be plowed and can grow a variety of crops. The goal of the game is to gain points by growing the seeds and harvesting the food. Farmville players can also earn money to purchase seeds by selling livestock. Farmville has become addicting because it indicates how long it will take for the seeds to grow, so players must constantly check their farm.

Flip Camera

There's a new HD ultra-compact video camera that doesn't jeopardize quality. The Flip camera allows users to keep in touch with family members or friends at other universities. Users of the Flip camera can create their own "channel" where friends and family can log in and access uploaded movies. These videos can also be shared on Facebook, MySpace and Twitter. Applications of the Flip camera include a greeting card feature, a movie maker and a DVD feature. When creating a film, it's now easy to include several functions like music and edits in the final production.

The Flip camera is fun to use and helpful for students who want to stay close to loved ones who live far away.

iPod Applications

iPod applications are computer programs that can be put on the iPod Touch or iPhone. They can perform functions similar to those on the Internet, but without a browser.



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One of the most popular applications is Google Earth, which allows a user to see anywhere in the world through satellite imagery. This application is commonly used to find destinations or even directions to a friend's house.

Games are also popular iPod applications for students because they offer a chance to reconnect with friends and people on the Internet. A popular game is Tap Tap Revenge, which is similar to Guitar Hero. With Tap Tap Revenge, Guitar Hero addicts can now get their fix away from home, especially if they

can't fit a Guitar Hero system in their dorm.

Kindle 2

The Kindle is a portable device that enables users to carry and read a number of books on a digital screen. The Kindle 2, the newest edition, came out this year and boasts lighter and smaller features. It is apt for students because books are heavy and can be a burden to carry around. Although the Kindle costs \$259, books bought for the reading device are cheaper than actual hard copies. The Kindle 2 is superior to its predecessor because the problematic glare of the screen is no longer evident. The new version also has a larger memory, a larger book selection and longer battery survival. The books also only take 60 seconds to download, which is perfect for the student on the run.

Mini Computers

Netbooks are here — and here to stay. In 2009, consumers flocked to stores to snatch up these miniature laptops. What these tiny computers lack in power and performance, they make up for with their portability and affordability. The absence of an optical drive and traditional hard drive allow for an extremely light computer, built for basic computing functions. In turn, the lack of these costly components drives prices down — they are often less than half the estimated price of a conventional laptop. These portable machines are perfect for taking notes in class, or quickly surfing the Internet on the go. As technology improves, expect to see netbooks rival the performance of their larger counterparts.

— Zoe Read, zread@udel.edu



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The TV moments that captivated viewers

It was a perfectly harmonious relationship and a hectic nightmare of a wedding, but through all the typical hijinks, Pam Beesly and Jim Halpert still managed to tie the knot on the highly-anticipated "Office" wedding. Michael, Dwight and the usual cast of characters nearly ruined the day Jim said he's been waiting for since he met Pam, but the two finally exchanged vows in a not-so-dry ceremony a Niagara Falls. The hour-long episode solidified Pam and Jim's love for one another and gave viewers a climactic ending to their six seasons of flirting. The wedding even has its own Web site featuring a photo gallery, guest list and video diaries by Pam of the days leading up to their nuptials. It's all a reminder that "The Office" gave us a perfect view of television's perfect couple.



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It was a match-up that pulled people in. Philadelphia vs. New York, the Phillies vs. the Yankees. It didn't matter if you were wearing navy blue pinstripes, bright red apparel or something in between — the 2009 World Series had everyone glued to their television sets. It took the Yankees six games to beat the Phillies for their 27th World Championship. Outfielder Hideki Matsui walked away with the MVP award after helping the Yanks clinch the series on Nov. 4 going 3 for 4 with a home-run and six RBI's. There were 39 percent more viewers for this Series than last year, giving the Fall Classic its biggest ratings increase ever. Thanks to Godzilla's big bat and the rekindling of a rivalry close to home, the 2009 World Series was as good as playoff baseball gets.



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The words are infamous now. "Taylor, I'm really happy for you. I'll let you finish, but Beyoncé had one of the best videos of all time! One of the best videos of all time!" When Kanye West jumped on stage at this year's MTV Video Music Awards and crashed Taylor Swift's acceptance speech, it shocked audiences everywhere. West hasn't been outburst-free in the past, but interrupting the young singer was a new low. The backlash was immediate, with celebrity presenters and internet bloggers criticizing the rapper's rude, and reportedly drunken, VMA scene. West has since apologized and countless jokes have been made, including some by Swift herself when she appeared on "SNL" Nov. 8. It may have been traumatic for West and Swift, but it's a gem of a moment for anyone with unoccupied DVR space.



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They captivated us all summer with their "big announcement," but it wasn't hard to see the signs. Jon and Kate were getting a divorce and the public couldn't get enough. The hour long Jun. 22 episode of TLC's reality program "Jon & Kate Plus Eight" saw 10.6 million viewers tune in as the Gosselin's announced their plans to separate. Watching the couple sit on the couch for what could have been the last time was the culmination of the frenzied tabloid media storm that felt like it only had one ending. Still, after five seasons of watching the Gosselin clan run around, many had to watch the ship go down too. "Yes, Kate and I have decided to separate," Jon said at the end of the episode. But it would take a lot more to separate viewers from the couple.

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Most prominent celebrity deaths of the year

Remembering the singers, actors and influential figures lost in '09



"Thriller." "Beat It." "Billie Jean." "Smooth Criminal." "Black or White." In a career that spanned nearly half a century, Michael Jackson produced countless songs and inspired a generation of artists.

Jackson was as well known for his strange behavior as he was for his music, but in the immediate aftermath of his death, allegations of sexual abuse went unnoticed as major news networks devoted most of their broadcast time to cover his death and funeral.

Over 1.5 million Jackson fans entered an online raffle to win tickets to his memorial service, which was held at LA's Staples Center and broadcasted live on national television. For weeks after the memorial service, the world continued to mourn Jackson's passing, and months later heated debate continues about who is responsible for his death.

As Berry Gordy said at Jackson's memorial service, "He is simply the greatest entertainer who ever lived."



On the same day Michael Jackson died, the world lost another icon — Farrah Fawcett. In fact, E! aired a show titled "Michael & Farrah: Lost Icons" soon after their deaths. Fawcett, who played P.I. Jill Munroe on "Charlie's Angels" and whose haircut was as ubiquitous as Jennifer Aniston's "The Rachel," was one of the biggest sex symbols of the '70s and '80s. She was diagnosed with cancer in 2006 and after treatment, was in remission until May 2007.

Fawcett had a prolific television and film career, and was nominated for four Emmys, including one post-humous nomination for her role as a producer of the NBC documentary "Farrah's Story."

Coverage of Fawcett's death may have taken a backseat to coverage of Jackson's, but we'll never forget her — or her 'do.



Billy Mays — the man who brought OxiClean, the Quick Chop and Mighty Putty into the public consciousness — died unexpectedly this summer at his home in Tampa, Fla.

Mays was known for his booming voice and demonstrative persona, which he employed as he pitched a variety of "As Seen on TV" products. His commercials almost always began with the famous line, "Hi, Billy Mays here!"

Even though there was initial debate surrounding the cause of his death — head injuries sustained in a plane crash were cited as a possible factor, and rumors of a cocaine overdose flooded the media — Mays in fact died from heart disease.

Sadly, the only way to get OxiClean since Mays' death has been to go the supermarket — no infomercial needed.



In the original incarnation of "Dirty Dancing," Patrick Swayze danced his way into the hearts of millions of girls. As Johnny Castle, the rough-around-the-edges but nevertheless seductive dance instructor at Kellerman's Lodge, Swayze showed Jennifer Gray's character, Baby, how to dance and what it was like to be in love. The film was initially a low-budget project set to go almost straight-to-video, but it became an international success and skyrocketed Swayze's star into the international arena.

Throughout the 1980s and 1990s, Swayze appeared in many other films, including "Point Break" and "Donnie Darko." In 1991, he was named "People" magazine's Sexiest Man Alive.

Sadly, Swayze's career was cut short when he was diagnosed with Stage IV pancreatic cancer in Jan. 2008. He fought a courageous, 20-month-long battle, before passing away on Sept. 14, 2009. One thing's for sure — Swayze's legacy will live on.



Throughout the 2009 baseball season, the Phillies sported an extra touch on their uniforms — a small black patch that read "HK." Those HK signs commemorated Harry the K, formally known as Harry Kalas, the Phillies' lead play-by-play announcer from 1971 until his death in April.

Kalas called game after game from 1971 until his death. One of his best-known narrations went, "Swing ... and a long drive, and this ball is ... outta here! Home run Utley!" (Or Howard or Werth or any other Phillies player.) Kalas saw the Phils through a number of milestones, including the opening of the now-demolished Veterans Stadium and two World Series championships.

Kalas had his major league baseball debut with the Houston Astros in 1965, and was also an announcer for "Inside the NFL" from 1977 until 2008. The beloved announcer will truly be missed.

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Mosaic goes to the mtvU Woodie Awards

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In my time on staff at *The Review*, I've been lucky enough to experience a good deal of access. It's one of my favorite perks of being an entertainment writer — flash a press badge, get backstage; drop your publication's name and the red rope drops. So when I was told about press opportunities for the mtvU Woodie Awards, my access antenna sprung up.

An off-shoot channel of MTV, mtvU caters their content to college audiences. Their annual award show, the Woodie Awards, which aired Dec. 4 from the Roseland Ballroom, features the best artists as voted by college students. In Aug. 2006, mtvU purchased the parent company of College Publisher, which runs the Web sites of many college newspapers, including *The Review*. On Nov. 3, I received an e-mail from College Publisher saying they were giving two red carpet and show passes to each of their partner papers. Two weeks later, on Nov. 18, I'd be standing face-to-face with musicians ranging from Pete Wentz to Clipse and actors like Zoey Deschanel. But it took days and days of preparation to get there.

My first concern was wardrobe. Granted, a college themed award show probably requires a less formal dress code, but I wanted to do the red carpet right, which meant clean, classy style. I settled on a black velvet double-breasted vest and grey slacks from Express; maybe slightly overdressed, but by no means amateur status. My more-famous counterparts took some drastically different directions. Rapper Asher Roth sported a grey cardigan over top a replica Charlotte Hornets Larry Johnson jersey. It's the kind of sports apparel he would have received over a decade ago and could have only pulled off at the mtvU awards. Roth opened last year's show with what other song than, "I Love

College," making him the face for such an award show. Black Eyed Peas lead man Will.i.am looked like a flying squirrel in his grey fleece muu-muu, and singer Janelle Monae kept things different with her signature hair style and a black and white cape that floated across the red carpet along with her.



The 2009 mtvU Woodie Awards aired on MTV on Dec. 4 and were filmed in New York City at the Roseland Ballroom on Nov. 18.

The artists on the red carpet (which was actually black) were as diverse as the outfits. Internet-made rockers were followed by Hip-hop veterans, and MTV personalities were paraded around just as famous Hollywood actors were. I was placed around a sharp-corner with other college journalists, well out of any camera shot. If I was lucky, a manager or agent would approach me with a slip of paper that detailed who exactly who acts like P.O.S. and Sparks the Rescue are. If I was interested in interviewing them, I'd wait patiently for the artist to make his/her way down the line of reporters until they reached the piece of paper taped on the floor that read "University of Delaware." A few people shared memories of our oft-forgotten state. Fall Out Boy bassist Pete Wentz said he used to spend his Thanksgivings in Delaware, and To Write Love on Her Arms founder Jamie Tworkowski remembered a trip to the university fondly.

Most of the celebrities were rushed past my end of the carpet, though. Opening act Matt and Kim had to rush into the venue to get ready for their set, while Asher Roth skipped the tail end of reporters almost completely. Other guests like Nick Cannon, Mary Louise-Parker and Jack White hurried past, granting no interviews at all. "Did you see Jack White just pass?" I asked the reporter from St. John's College to my left. She hadn't, she was looking down in that instant. I wasn't though.

I was as attentive as I could possibly be, grabbing Cam'ron's attention as he walked past, peeking my head around the corner to see who was coming. But only about a dozen acts showed up. Nominees Kings of Leon, Green Day, Drake, Wale and Kid Cudi weren't present, which disappointed me and my new friend from St. John's but truthfully, I expected it. This isn't the VMAs we're talking about, it's the Woodies. The star power would be lesser, and attendance would be too. I wasn't upset, but the realization that

"I write my life, as it progresses, as it stays the same as it gets worse, being in tune with my fans being on tour all the time that's how I stay afloat."



Tech N9ne

"I try to be a lifestyle designer and a pop culture architect as opposed to being the lifestyle itself or the pop culture itself."



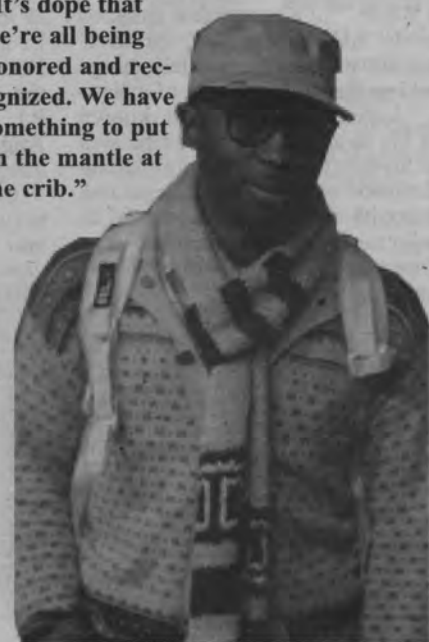
Kenna

"We haven't really tried to reach any demographic in particular. We're trying to reach, if anything, the cougar demographic."



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"It's dope that we're all being honored and recognized. We have something to put on the mantle at the crib."



88 Keys



this was MTV's "kiddie table" award show was all too clear once the show began.

The inside of the Roseland Ballroom was MTV's version of a frat party. One sequence involved a flip-cup-type percussion section as P.O.S. performed a barely audible verse from the crowd. Beer pong was set up in one of the V.I.P. areas, while teenagers and twenty-something's packed into the standing-room only main room. Making any type of effort to work towards the main stage would have resulted in lots of tight squeezing and being left stranded in a sea of sweaty co-eds. My photographer and I opted for seats outside of the main area, but well within sight of the action. We watched the show from the side of the stage, peering past heads and through bars.

But it wasn't hard to know what was going on. Most of time we were waiting in between performances and presenters, but when there was action to see, it was usually chaotic. Judging by the general mood of the crowd, it seemed the audience was either too diverse or distracted to get on the same page. The crowd in front of the performer's stage waved their hands up and down more because it's what they were supposed to do, and when Roth took a drunken stage dive after presenting, he landed on the floor rather than on a bed of hands. He popped up immediately, but had left his drink at the podium. Everyone was drunk, Mary Louise Parker went on to say as she introduced the Dead Weather, the night's closing act. Parker herself seemed inhibited, looking into the camera with glassy eyes and dropping an F-



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Death Cab for Cutie performed at the mtvU Woodie Awards this year, along with Passion Pit, The Dead Weather, Matt and Kim and Clipse featuring Cam'ron and Rick Ross.

bomb without hesitation. It was a night of celebration and music, not really awards. There were only eight wooden statuettes to give out and five performances. Matt and Kim, Passion Pit, Death Cab for Cutie, Clipse featuring Cam'ron and Rick Ross and the Dead Weather provided the night's

view questions were. I may have been at my first-ever red carpet, but I haven't arrived yet. I may have gotten a taste of the access, but I still have a long way to go before I can expect it.

high points, taking focus off of the disorganization that marked the entire night.

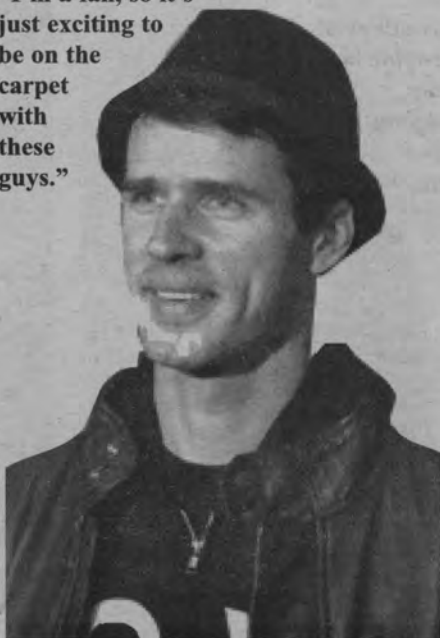
It shouldn't have mattered what happened, though. I should have just been happy to be there. I didn't come to this conclusion until the next day, as I was overcome with a desire to get into the after party. We asked some of the College Publisher staff to help us get invites, and even found out where it was being held. But access was denied. We stood outside of the Opera & Eden watching as artists snuck into one entrance and V.I.P.'s lined up for another. Getting into the after party would have been the perfect conclusion to an already eventful night, but as we walked away from the club, towards a midnight train home to suburban New York, my feelings of defeat transitioned into something else. I was lucky to have even been there. I was still just a 21-year-old college student itching to rub elbows with the celebrities I wanted to be. I wasn't a reporter for "Rolling Stone," or an MTV VJ or even a nameless V.I.P. attendee. I was still on the outside, regardless of how fresh I looked, or how good my inter-

"I always feel like I'm being led, as long as I'm staying true as an artist, staying to the message and not getting side tracked I think the best in me will come out."



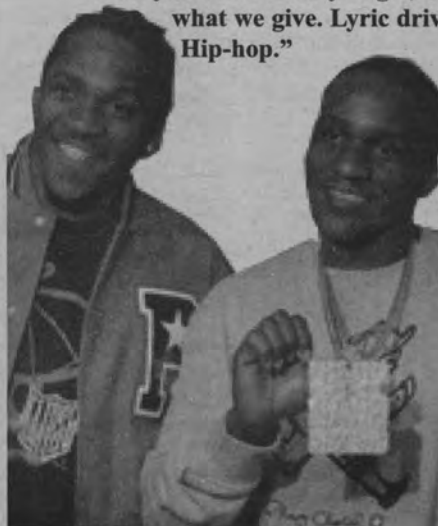
Janelle Monáe

"I'm a fan, so it's just exciting to be on the carpet with these guys."



Jamie Tworkowski

"The chemistry's always been the same from the first album to now. What you see is what you get, it's what we give. Lyric driven Hip-hop."



Clipse

"I've spent a lot of time in Delaware. My grandpa lived there; he worked for DuPont for his whole life. And I spent every Thanksgiving there for about 20 years."



Pete Wentz

From frumpy The female

Lady Gaga

After getting her start singing in clubs in New York City, Lady Gaga splashed onto the music scene with her debut album, *The Fame*. The album's first two singles, "Just Dance" and "Poker Face" instantly became international No. 1 hits. "Just Dance" was also nominated for a Grammy Award for Best Dance Recording.

Lady Gaga continues to attract her audience with not only her music, but her outlandish fashion sense and unforgettable performances as well. In an interview for Germany's RTL broadcasting station, Gaga stunned spectators with

her lumpy green outfit made entirely of Kermit the Frog puppets. At the MTV Video Music Awards, Gaga changed outfits five times. She first donned a Victorian-style dress complete with black feathers and a gold neck brace. The singer/songwriter then changed into her performance gear — a combination of white, knee-high boots, a belly bearing top and white underwear. Gaga also assured ample airtime by wrapping herself, including her face, in a shroud of red lace. While accepting her award for Best New Artist, Gaga had to unravel herself simply to speak. In addition to being known for literally wearing her art on her sleeve.

Taylor Swift

Taylor Swift first arrived on the scene in 2006, but has since gone from appearing on Billboard magazine's Hot Country Songs chart to performing at the MTV Video Music Awards. Swift's fame exploded with the release of her second album, *Fearless*. Hit singles like "White Horse," "You Belong With Me" and "Love Story," landed Swift as the first country artist to top the two million mark in paid downloads. Swift also became the youngest artist in history to win the Album of the Year Award at the Academy of Country Music Awards. The Academy also

credited Swift with attracting a younger audience to country music. Most recently, Swift was awarded Best Female Video at the MTV Video Music Awards for her hit single "You Belong With Me." Audiences were shocked when rapper Kanye West stole the microphone from Swift during her acceptance speech to exclaim that Beyoncé's video for "Single Ladies" was the "best video of all time." The event triggered negative backlash for West and genuine empathy for Swift, who eventually got the chance to thank her fans when Beyoncé invited her on stage during her own acceptance for the Video of the Year Award.



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to fabulous: icons of '09

Susan Boyle

A humble, soft-spoken woman from a small village in Scotland, Susan Boyle gained international attention after singing a breath-taking rendition of "I Dreamed a Dream" as a contestant on "Britain's Got Talent." Her appearance on the show triggered immediate media and Internet response as videos, interviews, and the "I Dreamed a Dream" performance were watched over 300 million times, setting an online record. Boyle continues to attract media interest because of the stark contrast between her sophisticated voice and her plain appearance in front of the camera. However, Boyle

showed her glamorous side in the September issue of "Harper's Bazaar" for her first magazine shoot ever. Keeping with her own personal style, Boyle embraced the natural looks Harper's Bazaar planned for her. Looking polished in a J.Crew cardigan and modest heels, Boyle retained her own unassuming attitude while glossing the pages of a high fashion magazine.

Boyle's first album, *I Dreamed a Dream*, was released in November and has become Amazon's best-selling album in pre-sales. In Britain, the CD was the fastest selling UK debut album of all time. In the U.S., the album sold 701,000 copies in the first week, the best opening week for a debut artist in over a decade.

Megan Fox

Megan Fox got her breakthrough role in "Transformers," acting alongside on-screen love interest Shia LaBeouf. With piercing blue eyes and jet-black hair, Fox quickly won the hearts of sci-fi nerds everywhere. Since then, Fox has graced the covers of magazines like Esquire, GQ, Rolling Stone, Elle and Cosmopolitan, to name a few. This year, Fox starred in the "Transformers" sequel, "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen," a huge box office success that achieved the highest grossing Wednesday opening in history. The film brought in nearly \$60.6 million nationally and \$119.1 million world-

wide. Fox's newest movie, "Jennifer's Body," in which Fox plays a possessed teenage serial killer who uses her stunning good looks to lure in male victims, was released in September. Although Fox has been nominated for a series of different awards for her work in the "Transformers" series, she recently won the Choice Summer Movie Star: Female Award from the Teen Choice Awards. Not surprisingly, Fox has also been awarded FHM's Sexiest Woman of the Year for the second year in a row. Sorry, gentlemen. Fox is currently dating Brian Austin Green, former 90210 star and Fox's on-again, off-again fiancé.

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The finest vampire of them all... Robert Pattinson as Edward Cullen



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Whose half-smile and ice-cold romantic touch can make a girl melt in less than four seconds? Who can hear trouble approaching a mile away? Whose skin glimmers in the sun like a Tiffany's diamond and whose voice gets every mortal and non-mortal's blood pumping? None other than the king of all vampires this year, Edward Cullen, played by Robert Pattinson in the "Twilight" films.

Hitting the top of the "Sexy Supernatural" list is Cullen, the 107-year-old, pale-faced mind-reader whose flawless physical features attract female fans of all ages. As his human love interest, Bella Swan, admits in the series, he is "impossibly beautiful." Although his bod is rather on the slender side, his actions and words alone speak for themselves.

As a vegetarian vampire who only feeds off animals, Edward falls deeply in love with Bella. With every step in the relationship, he goes above and beyond to protect her and what they have. This attribute of bravery in his character makes readers and view-

ers believe that eternal love and soulmates do exist, and who doesn't love a happily ever after ending?

Edward possesses superhuman strength, speed, endurance and agility, just like most vampires, but his "topaz eyes" and messy hair make him especially attractive. Let's not forget how he mesmerizes everyone with his ability to play the piano like a virtuoso. Even better, his "bankroll got a lot of zeros" (in the words of T-Pain). Who wouldn't love endless presents? No one — except for Bella.

As a whole, Edward Cullen is a character who appeals to the romantic nature in most girls: he's understanding, loving, caring, responsible, intelligent, beautiful and gifted in every possible way. He's perfect and so different from the mortal guys that girls meet in their everyday lives. Minus the whole sucking-blood-and-staring-at-you while-you're-sleeping thing, most girls would say, "I do" in a heartbeat, or in this case, a bite.

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The debates that rocked the nation

We've all seen it on Facebook — the tiny notification in the upper right corner of your screen signaling a group request, this one asking you either to support or appeal Proposition 8. Passed in California on Nov. 4, Prop 8 is a law outlawing same-sex marriage in the state. Since that time, it has been met with mixed emotions — from outrage to ecstasy and everything in between.

While many gay rights supporters have been lobbying to overturn the law next year and reinstate gay marriage in the state, more recent news said the chances of this being a successful effort are slim. On Nov. 30, the Associated Press reported, "Rick Jacobs, founder of the Los Angeles-based Courage Campaign, said Monday that polling and other research his organization commissioned shows that gay marriage supporters do not have the financial backing, leadership or edge in public opinion to try to overturn Proposition 8 in 2010." However, lacking the backing of established organizations will not stop gay rights groups from gathering signatures in support of a gay marriage measure for the next ballot in Nov. of 2010.

But not everyone is aching to take back the new law. Those who are for laws similar to Prop 8 are finding their own ways to show support. The leaders in a large Orthodox Jewish community in New Jersey recently decided to form a coalition, made of Roman Catholic bishops, evangelicals and some black and Latino leaders, to promote their anti-same-sex-marriage sentiments. Gay rights activists are trying to push a same-sex marriage bill through legislature before Jan. 13, when the new Republican Chris Christie takes office as governor of New Jersey. The coalition of religious leaders and their followers are trying to raise support to hold any bill until after Christie takes office, since he openly claims he would veto any bill proposing the legality of same-sex marriage in New Jersey.

Clearly, gay marriage is a national issue, but Proposition 8 served as exceptionally strong fuel to what was already a fire of a debate. Gay rights activists and those in opposition have been battling the issue. For now, the decision is up to each state, but before long this civil rights question may call for national legislature.



Now that things with the economy seem to finally be calming down, the next big issue is the country's health care system.

Since the 1935 election of Franklin D. Roosevelt, who wanted to include a health care plan to go along with Social Security, almost every Democratic president and some Republican presidents have attempted to create a national health insurance plan. The purpose of such a plan is to provide all citizens with more affordable health care. Passing a bill on health care is one of the Obama administration's top concerns. On Nov. 7, the health care bill passed in the House of Representatives. Another bill was recently passed in the Senate.

The proposed reforms include expanding coverage by making more individuals eligible for Medicaid and by offering subsidies to help moderate-income citizens buy insurance. They also prohibit insurance companies from denying coverage due to pre-existing conditions. The reforms suggest a government-regulated marketplace where individuals and small businesses go to purchase insurance coverage. Those who get insurance through their employer would keep their coverage, but everyone would be required to have some form of insurance or be charged with a penalty. Businesses would also be required to provide insurance or in some way contribute.

The House and Senate bills are for the most part very similar, but diverge on a few key issues. Both state Americans must have a minimum form of health insurance or pay a penalty fee. However, the House bill says the penalty should be a tax equal to 2.5 percent of the adjusted gross income over certain limits. There will be no penalty if the cost of the cheapest available plan exceeds 8 percent of household income. Both plans exempt American Indians, people with religious objections and people who can show financial hardship from the penalty. The bills also differ in bigger issues such as abortion, immigration and a new government insurance plan.

The Congressional Budget Office said both bills should reduce the federal deficit over 10 years. However, Republicans are still against the plans, considering them to be expensive and infringing on individual rights. Democrats insist doing nothing for health care would cause prices to skyrocket and the number of uninsured citizens to increase.

Though the debate is still raging, Congress is closer than it has been in the past 75 years to reaching a consensus on a national health care plan.

Even before President Obama took office, the nation was wondering: what's this new brilliant stimulus bill we've been hearing so much about? You know, the one that made up a bulk of his platform throughout the election process? Well, now I guess we're starting to find out.

In February, Congress requested \$787 billion towards a stimulus package proposed by Obama. The money would be used to improve the nation's economy, which had been devastated after the credit crisis that fall. The Republican Party has fairly consistently resisted the bill. None voted for it in the House of Representatives, while only three voted for it in the Senate. Some governors, like Sarah Palin, even tried to refuse to use the stimulus money they received.

Liberal economists insisted more money was necessary to really get the stimulus moving, while conservatives said the package has been wasteful and unsuccessful. In November, with a quarter of the stimulus package funds spent in nine months and an unemployment rate of 10 percent, analysts finally began to notice an improvement in the state of the economy. Obama's promise to save or create 3.5 million jobs by the end of 2010 appears to be on track, though most areas are opting to focus on saving jobs as opposed to making new ones.

Some of the key aspects of the stimulus package include giving aid to state and local government, spending money on infrastructure, giving loans to small businesses, extending the social safety net, weatherizing buildings, giving tax breaks for job creation and promoting more public-works programs. The Obama administration is brainstorming different ways to fund the stimulus package without significantly adding to the country's already \$1.4 trillion budget deficit. They may use a portion from the Troubled Assets Relief Fund used to bail out banks. They are also considering tax increases or spending cuts once the economy recovers, or a tax on Wall Street transactions that would raise about \$150 billion a year.

Though Democrats began discussing another round of stimulus money, any new plan would likely be dubbed a "jobs bill" in an attempt to avoid conservative criticism.

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Hardly darlings — the media harlots of '09

Octomom

Nadya Denise Doud-Suleman Gutierrez, more commonly known as Octomom, gained attention after giving birth last January to the second full set of octuplets born alive in the U.S. By the octuplets' one week birthday, they had surpassed the international survival rate for a complete set of octuplets. However, the positive media attention slowly began to wane as the public realized the single unemployed mother had six other young children — from previous in vitro fertilization treatments — already at home.

After IVF treatments from her first five pregnancies, Suleman had six embryos remaining. She asked Dr. Michael Kamrava, a fertility specialist, to implant her with all six, two of which split into twins, leaving her with eight embryos. Dr. Kamrava had received public scrutiny for his decision to implant her with all six embryos. The norm for women under 35 is to implant only two to three embryos, reducing the risk of multiple births.

The public has also been a harsh critic of Suleman, questioning her decision to have the octuplets, which has resulted in protests outside of her home and even death threats.

Over the past year, Suleman has also sought a trademark for her "Octomom" nickname for a line of diapers and children's clothing. There is even an Octomom game for the iPhone. Suleman was also offered a \$1 million contract with Vivid entertainment to produce an X-rated film, although she declined.

Suleman has been interviewed by Ann Curry and has appeared on the Dr. Phil Show. More recently, Suleman told Matt Lauer, on NBC's "People of the Year," that she is open to the idea of having more children.

Kanye West

As Taylor Swift accepted the first award of the night at the MTV Video Music Awards, Best Female Video, for her hit "You Belong with Me," Kanye West jumped on stage, grabbed the mic from Swift and declared that Beyoncé had one of the best videos of all time for her song "Single Ladies." Probably expecting applause from fans agreeing with his opinion, West instead received a stunned look from Beyoncé, shocked looks and "boos" from the crowd. After West left the stage, a stunned Swift walked off as the audience cheered her on.

West posted two apologies for his outburst on his blog, apologized on "The Jay Leno Show" and called Swift personally to apologize. Although Swift has forgiven him, it looks like West's temper won't soon be forgotten, as the clip from the VMAs now has a permanent home on YouTube.

Also this year, West was sentenced to serve 50 hours of community service to dismiss battery and vandalism charges he faced after he and his manager smashed two pho-

tographers' cameras at the Los Angeles Airport last September.

Glenn Beck

Glenn Beck, an American radio and television host, political commentator and author, has had his fair share of attention over the past few years. However, 2009 was a new record for Beck. Since his start in the business, he has become a well-known figure in the media with his television show on Fox News and his nationally-ranked radio program. Although his work has been gaining him popularity, it has also been highly criticized for its right-wing views and outlandish comments.

Beck is criticized because he is set in his conservative ways and is not afraid to show it. This year, Beck even insisted that Obama himself is racist, saying that he has a deep-seated hatred for white people. Because of his comments, many advertisers requested that their ads be removed from his programming to disaffiliate their association with Beck.

In 2009, Beck accused Van Jones, a member of the Obama administration, of being involved with a communist non-governmental group. Beck's comments led Jones to resign from his position in the administration.

Also in 2009, Beck became critical of the ACORN for claims of voter fraud in the last election, among other things. Because Beck played two damaging videos of the organization, the Census Bureau cut ties with ACORN and the House and Senate ceased giving federal funding to the organization.

More recently, Beck has taken his New York Times best selling book, *The Christmas Sweater*, and put it in front of a live audience.

In September, Beck took the top seat in the media by being featured on the cover of *Time* magazine, which had a piece focusing on his political rants.

Chris Brown

Chris Brown and Rihanna always seemed like the perfect R&B couple until the early in the morning on Feb. 8. Brown and Rihanna started to argue while in a car. After the car stopped, Brown and Rihanna got out and the argument escalated. Rihanna was left brutally beaten and scarred. Early on Feb. 9, Brown was arrested and charged with making criminal threats to Rihanna and was released on bail.

Pictures of the beaten Rihanna's face, with bruises and welts above her eyebrows and on her cheeks, started leaking on the Internet and speculations about Brown began to circulate.

Both Rihanna and Brown were not present at the Grammy's held that day, even though they were scheduled to perform.

The following Sunday, Brown issued a statement of apology, but since the attacks, he has been con-

tinuously scrutinized and has even been removed from the ad campaigns he was featured in.

Rihanna remained silent about the attacks until her first television interview with Diane Sawyer on Nov. 3, in which she said she wanted to speak out so her and her fans could move on from the attack.

Although Brown has issued apologies and taken responsibility for the attack, and although the two have been spotted together after the incident, Brown's songs will never be heard the same way again.

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Some of this year's biggest "media darlings" — like the Octomom, Kanye West, Glenn Beck and Chris Brown — were actually "media devils" who gained attention for their infamous antics.



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Delaware stadium switches to artificial turf

Stadium to be used for concerts, lacrosse

BY JOSH SHANNON and
 WILEY TAYLOR

The Review

Artificial turf will be installed at Delaware Stadium this winter, university officials announced Nov. 24. The new surface will allow other teams besides the football team to hold games in the 22,000-seat stadium.

Starting Dec. 1, crews began removing the grass surface of Tubby Raymond Field and installing FieldTurf, the same surface installed on the football practice fields in 2008. Associate Director of Athletics Sue Groff said the surface will be installed by Clark Companies of New Delhi, New York. Work is expected to be finished in time for the 2010 lacrosse season.

"We chose to start now because there are no events between now and April," Groff said. "The financial funding wasn't available until this past summer and its perfect timing."

Men's lacrosse will play three games at Delaware Stadium this spring, and both the men's and women's lacrosse teams will play all their home games there starting in 2011. Currently, the teams play at Rullo Stadium, because officials worried overuse of Delaware Stadium would tear up the grass surface.

"With artificial turf, we can hold more events on it such as concerts and university-related events," Groff said.

The university also has preliminary plans to use the stadium to host more high school events, such as championship and all-

star games.

"This is just one of several improvements we plan to make as we enhance the footprint of our athletics facilities here at the University of Delaware," athletic director Bernard Muir said in a statement, adding that the universi-

ty has future plans to install more artificial fields on campus for recreational use.

Men's head lacrosse coach, Bob Shillinglaw, said the new installment will increase the attraction for recruits and the level of play. Shillinglaw said that some of the alumni did fundraising for the new field.

"The lacrosse team hasn't played on grass since 1999," Shillinglaw said. "It's sturdier and more reliable than grass. To play in a quality facility like ours, it will attract top recruits."

The current field at Delaware Stadium was installed only four years ago, at the cost of \$900,000, after a significant rain in 2005 left the old field in such poor shape that a home football game had to be moved to Richmond, Va. Officials have not yet said how much the latest renovations will cost.

The university's decision follows a national trend, as the school becomes the 10th Colonial Athletic Association school to install artificial turf. By next season, Rhode Island will be the only CAA school that still plays its home games on natural grass.

In a statement, Hens' head football coach K.C. Keeler praised the move.

"This is an exciting enhancement for our program, gives us a great surface to play on and makes Delaware Stadium so much more valuable," Keeler said. "It provides the university another place to hold events such as all-star games and state championships."



Tubby Raymond Field in Delaware Stadium is just one of many fields to get the turf upgrade.

THE REVIEW/Ayelet Daniel

Swimming competition can't catch Carter

BY EMILY NASSI

Sports Editor

Shoulder injuries and competitive swimming are a combination that can often end poorly. However, despite his two shoulder surgeries, Delaware swimmer Grady Carter has shown no sign of slowing down in the pool this year.

The junior Newark native has posted a 8-1 record in individual races and was named CAA Swimmer of the Week on Nov. 10 after winning four events in the CAA Pod Meet.

For all his triumphs, however, Carter is not one to act arrogant. The resounding answer from coaches and teammates is that he is very quiet, reserved, and perhaps most importantly, humble.

He said his coaches are an important part of his success.

"I do whatever [my coaches] say for practice and try to just maintain perfect form and technique the whole time," Carter said. "I try and put as much trust in the coaches and that what they're doing is the best for me."

His coaches say Carter does just fine on his own.

"Grady is reserved, but he has a clear idea of what he needs to do to swim fast and I think he's successful because of that," graduate assistant and sprint coach Marc Christian said. "He takes ownership of his swimming, and knows what he has to do to get better and that makes it easier on my end."

Carter is bouncing back from his second shoulder surgery in March. He has had both shoulders operated on while at Delaware, but has not let that hinder his training. Carter said he's looking to qualify for the NCAA Tournament next season since he feels the season is not

long enough to recover.

Nonetheless, Carter's performances so far this season have been spot on. Last weekend at the Loyola Invitational, he won the 50- and 100-yard freestyles in 20.66 and 45.72, along with the 100-yard backstroke in 51.89, all in-season best times. His freestyle times are also the fastest for a Delaware swimmer this year.

According to Christian, Carter makes an effort to research swimming techniques on his own, and bring suggestions and ideas about different styles to practice based on what some of the top teams in the nation are doing. Head coach John Hayman said Carter's focus in practice is something rare in most swimmers, let alone athletes in general.

"He's so in touch with what his body needs and how to go about achieving success. That's very unusual for an athlete," Hayman said. "He knows what his body is doing in the water, and in swimming you lose all sense of touch, feel, and he doesn't. He knows where his hand is and if it's out of position he corrects it right away. There's very few people like him."

Carter, a graduate of Newark High School, is a swimmer Hayman knows well. Carter also swam for a club team in high school that practiced at the university, and was a top sprint freestyler. He chose Delaware after not wanting to move too far from home. Hayman said since entering college, Carter has expanded his range of swimming immensely.

"He really has become a lot more versatile as he's gotten older but his big race that he loves is the 50 free and I'm not going to take See SWIMMING page 31



THE REVIEW/Alyssa Benedetto

Carter has led the swim team to success in 2009.

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Men's Basketball

The Hens continued their struggles into CAA play last weekend, losing the first conference game of the season to Old Dominion 44-65 Saturday. Since the team's double overtime victory over Penn, the basketball squad has dropped three straight, including an overtime loss to Virginia Tech. At 1-6, Delaware will need a second wind when it faces off against non-conference opponents Hampton and Ohio University this week.

Women's Swimming & Diving

Delaware is off to a strong start this season, posting an 8-2, 2-2 record. The team has dominated non-conference play, but has only beaten one CAA opponent, George Mason, twice. At the Loyola College H2Ounds Invitational, the Hens swam to victory past Loyola, Iona, and Marist. After the Christmas break, Delaware will have nautical battles against CAA rivals Towson and Drexel at the Carpenter Sports Building.

Men's Club Ice Hockey

Delaware is having another good season thus far, posting an 18-9 overall record. After defeating Penn State Friday 2-1 in a shootout, the Hens lost to the Nittany Lions Saturday, 6-0. Kevin Miller leads the hockey squad with twelve goals, and Andre Menard has twenty-four points. Delaware will play its last game before the Christmas break on Thursday against Drexel at the Fred Rust Arena.

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MATTHEW WATERS "THE DECADE'S BEST"

Here at Delaware, athletics take a backseat to almost everything else in student life. If not for the heavy support from university alumni and surrounding residents, some of our athletic programs may have been cut, just as the football programs at Northeastern and most recently Hofstra (both former CAA opponents; see sidebar on right) have.

Thankfully for us as a student body, Delaware has a community fan base that'll root for the teams whether the student body pays attention or not, keeping the programs afloat. Many programs have undergone changes in the past decade which have led to successes great enough to rally the student body, while other changes have consequently ruined any chance of student interest.

Delaware's most popular sport, football, has changed drastically during the decade. 2001 marked the end of an era with the retirement of head coach Harold "Tubby" Raymond after 36 years of running the show that is Blue Hen football. His retirement made way for Delaware alumnus K.C. Keeler to take over at the helm, which has led to mostly positive things for the program.

Under Keeler, the Hens were A-10 co-

Champions in 2003 and 2004, and won the NCAA I-AA Championship in 2003 in just his second season. After reaching the quarterfinals of the '04 NCAA playoffs, 2005 and 2006 were generally disappointing seasons missing the A-10 tournament all together.

Then came 2007, and although the regular season ended with the Hens tied for third in the CAA South, the Hens pulled off multiple upsets throughout the playoffs and made the trip to Chattanooga for their second chance at a championship in five years.

Although the game ended in a disappointing loss, many Hens fans are left with images of Joe Flacco and Omar Cuff working together as one of the best tandems in Blue Hens football history. The departures of Flacco and Cuff, along with numerous offensive and defensive linemen, left the Hens at the bottom of the totem pole, missing the playoffs in both 2008 and 2009.

Football's exciting 2007 season was just element of a really great year for some of Delaware's best sports programs. Sharing the fall limelight with the football team was the best volleyball team head coach Bonnie Kenny has ever coached at Delaware. The squad finished an impressive season at 31-5 and made it to the second round of the NCAA Tournament after being crowned CAA Tournament Champions. Later in the winter, Tina Martin's women's basketball team saw their first NCAA Tournament berth.

Perhaps the most exciting Delaware sport in 2007 was men's lacrosse. Coached by Bob Shillinglaw, now in his 30th season as head coach, the Hens finished 13-6 and third in the CAA. Shillinglaw's squad stole the CAA Tournament Championship with their surprising resilience, but the Hens were far from done.

They continued their unbelievable season into the NCAA Tournament, where they were eliminated by Johns Hopkins University in the Final Four. This was a turning point for the lacrosse program, and ever since they have been held to a higher standard than most Delaware athletics programs.

Hopefully the end of the decade won't

Hofstra University follows in Northeastern's trails

Ends football program after 69 years

Two of Delaware's Colonial Athletic Association rivals, Hofstra and Northeastern, decided to discontinue their respective football programs after the 2009 season. In a Nov. 23 press release, Northeastern officials stated that they wanted to reallocate the resources required for the football program to other academic and non-academic investments. Despite winning its last two games this season, Northeastern finished its last season 3-8, and 3-5 in CAA play.

On Dec. 3, Hofstra's issued a press release stating that its board of trustees voted to end the football program. The team was created in 1937, and ascended from Division III to the Division I level in 1991. Hofstra ended its final season on the gridiron with a 52-38 win over Massachusetts, and 5-6 overall record. The program produced two notable wide receivers. Former New York Jets wideout Wayne Chrebet, and current New Orleans Saints receiver Marques Colston are Hofstra alumnae.

Both universities said they would honor the scholarships of the players, and the contracts of the coaches.

bring the end of the success these current coaches have had. Keeler has a strong football team returning for next season, with young running backs Leon Jackson and David Hayes helping quarterback Pat Devlin in their return to the playoffs. Tina Martin has gained a future WNBA All-Star in Elena Delle Donne, and Shillinglaw still has a competitive core group that could do some damage in the post season.

With that kind of talent, next decade's success stories could start as early as next year. Get your blue and gold ready.

Timeline: highlights of a Blue Hen decade

2000: Michael Brey, head basketball coach from 1995-2000, left Delaware to become the head coach at Notre Dame. Brey left Delaware with a 99-52 record and a .656 win percentage — the highest of any Delaware basketball coach.

2003: Just two seasons into Keeler's Delaware career, the Hens won the NCAA I-AA National Championship after a nearly perfect 15-1 season.



2007: Under longtime coach Bob Shillinglaw, the men's lacrosse team posted a 13-6 record en route to a CAA Championship as well as an appearance in the NCAA Tournament's Final Four.

2008: After signing with the University of Connecticut, Elena Delle Donne transferred to Delaware shortly after the beginning of her freshman year. After helping the volleyball team to their second straight CAA Championship, Delle Donne joined the women's basketball team in 2009.

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2001: After Harold "Tubby" Raymond stepped down after 36 years as head football coach of the Hens, Delaware alumnus K.C. Keeler was hired.



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2006: After a 9-21 2005-06 season, Delaware hired Monte' Ross, former St. Joseph's assistant coach, as their new head coach. Despite an abysmal .340 win percentage, Ross was given a multi-year extension in 2009.

2007: Behind QB Joe Flacco and RB Omar Cuff, the Hens finished their season 11-4 and tied for third in the CAA South before surprising everyone and advancing to the FCS National Championship in Chattanooga, where they lost to Appalachian State.

2009: After 25 years as the university's Athletic Director, Edgar Johnson retired. Taking the position was former Georgetown University athletic director Bernard Muir.

Women's basketball struggles with injuries

BY KELSEY KERRIGAN

Staff Reporter

The Hens' women's basketball team has started their 2009-10 season at .500 with a record of 3-3. With a roster complete with five upperclassmen that have collected a total of 12 letters, one would think a starting lineup would be simple task. Repeating the past with a beginning schedule full of away games, pressure is on for young, talented new faces to step onto the court, thus bringing a challenge to head coach, Tina Martin.

"The beginning of our season has brought ups and downs," Martin said. "I have found myself juggling a starting lineup for many different reasons."

Injuries have put a hold on Martin's game day strategies. Having to come to terms with three injured starters, other players have been forced to step their game up to get wins for the Hens.

"I consider our team to be rather young," Martin said. "I have been starting three freshmen, one sophomore, and one junior. Having my top freshman, Elena Delle Donne, miss two games on an ankle sprain really set the tone for the other girls."

Elena Delle Donne injured her ankle on Nov. 27 while leaping for a ball in the Hens' 72-43 win over Houston.

Delle Donne has been the team's leading scorer in the games she has played. "Coming off of the team's latest win versus UMBC, Delle Donne had a high of 20 points and nine rebounds. Saturday was Delle Donne's first game back from rehabbing her ankle in a 70-61 win over UMBC.

"Elena is a really talented athlete, as well as a good passer," Martin said. "She has really stepped her game up, because of the time she lost due to her ankle injury in the first game of the Colorado Tournament."

The Colorado Tournament was just two of the many away games the Hens have played. The first game was played at St. Francis University. Next the Hens traveled to Princeton, followed by the Colorado Tournament in which they played the University of Houston and Colorado State. At this point the Hens

were at an even 2-2 record.

Delle Donne and sophomore guard Jocelyn Bailey agree playing several away games is no easy thing.

"At times it is very difficult playing games on the road," Bailey said. "One of the top reasons is missing classes, but as far as basketball you are going to an unfamiliar court and also having to deal with the other teams' fans and referees. The home team on the road always has the fair gain unfortunately."

Martin believed the Hens have played a difficult sched-

ule.

"In a sense of coaching, scheduling has been really unfair to us this year," Martin said. "It sometimes feels like I have to beg teams to come and play at the Bob Carpenter Center. Our girls do not get to sleep in their own beds and at many games we do not even get a shoot around. That home feeling is lost."

Once the Hens return to conference play, they will get a chance to play on their home court Dec. 11 versus Navy. The Hens will then play four straight home games against La Salle, Buffalo, Massachusetts, and a conference game against Old Dominion.

"The conference is tough top to bottom," Bailey said. "I believe James Madison University will be our toughest game on our schedule right now."

Martin agreed.

"A lot of teams have most of their starters back this year," she said. "Our conference is often considered the eighth best conference in the country. I believe Drexel, James Madison and Old Dominion will be our toughest games on our schedule."

Despite the team's inexperience, the players are hopeful that this season will lead to many wins and that the team will become a force nationally.

"This is the sport that I grew up loving my entire life," Delle Donne said. "I feel so at ease back on the basketball court where I belong, and I want to help my team as much as possible. We are a very young team, so I feel as if we will grow a lot over the next couple of years and be a team that will definitely make some noise."

Titles and wins will not be the only highlights of this 2009-2010 Hens' basketball season. The program's 1,000th game will be played on Feb. 14 versus CAA conference member Georgia State.



THE REVIEW/Andy Bowden

Delaware is 0-2 without Elena Delle Donne (shooting) in the starting lineup.

Volleyball misses chance at third straight CAA title

BY SEAN RIDER

Staff Reporter

While the Volleyball team was not able to win its third straight CAA title or receive a bid for the NCAA Tournament, it finished off a strong season Saturday with a win over Pittsburgh, a member of the Big East.

The season was highlighted by several individual honors and a ranking that rose as high as No. 46 in the nation, according to the Ratings Percentage Index. They were also ranked No. 4 in the regional rankings according to RichKern.com.

In an attempt to win their third straight CAA Championship, the Hens entered the CAA Tournament as the second seed. They were eliminated in the semifinals to eventual champions George Mason, a team the Hens had already defeated twice earlier in the season.

The team was also hoping to receive a bid to compete in the NCAA Tournament but was not given one. Two teams they had beaten previously, Clemson and Miami, received bids. No CAA team other than the George Mason, who was guaranteed a place for their victory in the tournament, received one.

"If you have a few days to sit back and reflect on it, you did better than you think you did," head coach Bonnie Kenny said. "I thought this team was probably one of the better teams we've had here even though we didn't achieve the goal of winning the conference championship and ultimately get into the NCAA Tournament."

The team will miss a strong group of seniors in Stephanie Barry, Kelly Gibson and Michelle LaLonde.

"[The seniors] all had roles on the team and they always have," junior Jess Chason said. "Barry was the best in the conference, and one of the best in the nation, she's amazing. Michelle LaLonde was our captain and led a lot of things on and off the court,

and was a really good player. Kelly Gibson, she hurt her leg her senior year and came back for her fifth year and really earned a role."

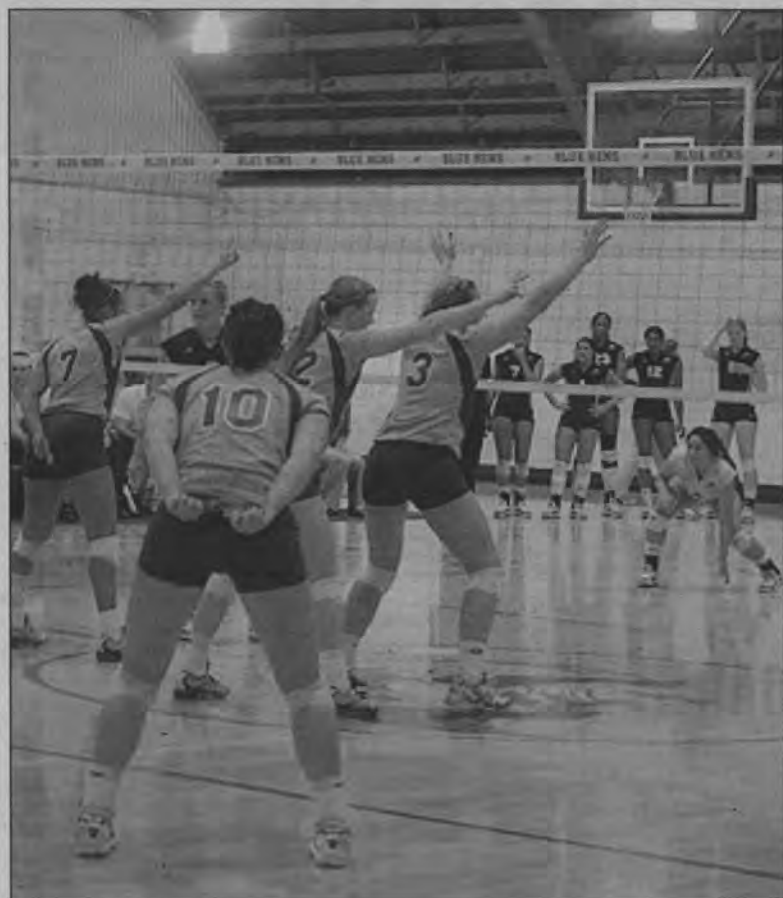
Barry was named the CAA Defensive Player of the Week three times this season and LaLonde was honored with the award once. The pair was also named to the second-team CoSIDA/ESPN the Magazine Academic All-District team. Junior Jess Chason was named the CAA Offensive Player of the Week twice and became only the second player in team history to be named the CAA Setter of the Year.

The Hens managed to find some consolation in the final matches of their season at Virginia Commonwealth's Thanksgiving Invitational last week. They defeated Liberty quickly in a 3-0 bout on Friday and went on to defeat Pitt the following day. Playing over Thanksgiving break was a first for the program.

"We have never played over Thanksgiving and I like the fact that our team thought it was good," Kenny said. "I think it was a highlight for our team to go into the NCAA selection with that hope."

On Nov. 12, the team announced they signed three recruits for the upcoming year. Kenny said in a statement that it will be difficult to replace the graduating members, but with solid recruits and a strong returning group of players, the team is looking forward to next season.

"I regret that I couldn't get them into the NCAA Tournament and obviously when you don't achieve the goals you do a lot of reflecting on what we could have done differently," she said. "But I think the body of work that they've done over their four years has really put our program on the map and has set high standards for whoever comes in afterwards to uphold, so that's a good thing, and that's what they should feel good about."



THE REVIEW/Samantha Mancuso

Delaware's early exit from CAA Tournament cost them an NCAA bid.

Track copes with club status

BY KELSEY KERRIGAN
Staff Reporter

A decision was made last December to cut the Delaware men's indoor varsity track program and demote the team to club status. A women's golf team was established to uphold the regulations of Title IX, a law designed to provide equal opportunities for men and women. There was a threat of possibly cutting the entire men's track and field along with the cross country program to make way for women's golf.

The only team that got cut was the men's indoor track team.

The new status brought about different regulations for the team. Instead of having a coach at the varsity level, club sports have a president. Everything to how many meets, where they are located, uniforms, apparel, community service ideas now ride on President's back. There are elections held annually to pick a Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary as well.

"Thank God for my officers," team president Corey Wall said. "As a student-athlete, I have to stay very organized for the team and myself."

Track head coach Jim Fischer found the transition difficult to make.

"When you have been doing it for 27 years one way all it is now is a learning process," Fischer said.

This decision has come as a learning process to not only the coach, but his runners. With different responsibilities and roles surfacing, it is now the runners' choice of how to go about their 2009-'10 season.

"There are behind the scenes differences now," Wall said. "We are lucky to be involved in some of the same meets as last year, but it is the officers and I doing the work — the work our athletic director did for us last season."

Fischer, Wall and runner Nick Morrissey all felt disappointment at indoor track being named a club-

level sport.

"I feel that the change to the club level for our team has hurt our morale," Morrissey said. "I think it shows that the university chose an easy solution to their problem, instead of one that benefits all their student-athletes. It is only going to make it more difficult to build a stronger team."

"I personally know a lot of good club teams," Fischer said. "It is not that we cannot be a strong team on the club level, it is the sole fact that we were a great team on the varsity level."

As a club level sport, the indoor track team's schedule has not changed significantly. Wall and his officers have done the majority of the work to get as close to the previous schedule of meets ran last year. The team this season will host two home meets and travel to Villanova, Lehigh and Penn State.

Fischer, Wall, and Morrissey all share the same ideals and hopes for this 2009-10 season—being reinstated as varsity-level sport were at the top of all their lists. Other goals are to place top three in their CAA conference, build a strong team for the future and break some school and personal records.

"Having an appreciation for the sport, I know and understand how much pain and work effort these athletes put into their running," Fischer said. "They are going to get through this. We are not dwelling on status, we are thinking of improvement."

Last year the team was allowed to only have 92 people for their indoor and outdoor team. Now, as a club sport, the roster holds no limits. Wall expressed that the outdoor team is made up of 46 people and indoor just as many people want to join.

"The thing about running is, you can always run," Wall said. "It is not like the sport of football when after your four years of college are over you are done. I personally, along with other members of the team will continue to train when we complete college. Running is running."

Carter: no record safe

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that away," Hayman said. "But he's gotten to the point that he's realized he can be pretty successful in some other events too."

Carter has very specific goals for the CAA championships at George Mason in February.

"For the team, I would like to win, and I feel like it could be done," Carter said. But individually, I'd like to at least win one event, and time-wise I have specific goals. I want to go :43 in the 100 and :19 in the 50."

Even while Carter is unsure of whether or not he'll qualify for the NCAA championships in March, both of his coaches have faith that he has a good chance of doing so.

"I think his end goal is to qualify for NCAA's and I think he's got a shot at it," Christian said. "It's tough because it's Division I and we're a mid-major school so to qualify on your own is pretty difficult, but I think he's got the talent to do it."

As quiet as Carter is, he certainly makes his presence known in the pool. Along with his many individual victories, Carter has anchored a number of winning relays for the Hens this season. This past weekend at Loyola, he was a part of the first place 200 and 400 medley relays, as well as the 200 freestyle and 400 freestyle relays. Earlier this season, he was a member of the school record setting 200 medley relay at the CAA Pod Meet.

"People definitely look to him for his leadership in the pool," Christian said. "He definitely is reserved so he's not the most vocal leader, but he makes up for that with what he does in the pool and how he trains. I think people do look to him because they can rely on him the relays because they know he's going to step up and swim fast, and we put him as the anchor in the relay because we know he's going to get the job done."

Hayman agreed.

"He knows what needs to be done and he does talk with other guys on the team about how to race and race strategy and what we've got to do for this relay or that," he said. "He's definitely involved with the development of the team. He's just a very quiet guy."

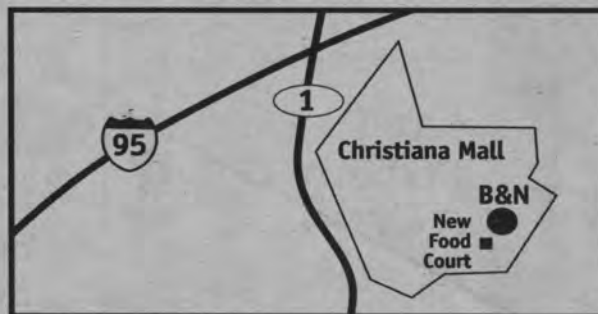
Delaware has finished its meets for 2009, and will travel to Florida for its annual training trip in December. The Hens have three more regular season contests before the CAA championships. Christian said Carter's influence on the team and vice versa is invaluable.

"I'm excited about his season and I think he's going to do well along with the rest of the sprint team," Christian said. "We've got a good environment. He's feeding off everyone else. They're feeding off him. His success is everyone else's success. I think that's just going to elevate the whole team."

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ORDER PIZZA AT RESTAURANT



What began as a typical dining-out experience quickly turned into a scary situation yesterday when sophomore Danny Rivers and his friends realized that the Italian restaurant that they had chosen for lunch... was completely Italian-speaking.

Looking for something more authentic than local favorite Pizza Barn, the group had decided to venture out and try a new place.

"I swear it was the scariest moment of my life," Karl Winsey, a friend of Danny's, recalled. "It was like we time-warped into Italy or something. The waiter came over and started talking in Italian! Um... what? I had no idea what to do."

Fortunately for the group, Danny Rivers did.

"I've been taking Italian 101 this semester," Danny explained, "so I was pretty comfortable in that environ-

ment. Once I heard him say 'amici' I knew he wasn't mad at us or anything, so I just stuck with what I remembered... 'saluti'."

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managed to tell the waiter that he and his friends wanted one very much good pizzas on the large. It was exactly what they received, much to everyone's surprise.

"It was a good day," Danny added. "Professore Vacanti would've been proud of me. Or maybe I should say would've been feiro di me."

Professore Vacanti refused to comment.

FACULTY FOUND TAILGATING BEFORE BIG EXAM

It was Thursday afternoon before the big exam, and Professor Jay Limbaugh's office was empty. As were Professor Rick Stein's and Dr. Denise Carrol's. Where was everyone during the last-minute question frenzy? Apparently, tailgating.

According to Senior Ben Higgins, eight professors (including those mentioned above) were spotted in the faculty parking lot behind the school just after noon, watching football and playing hacky-sack.

"They were freaking tailgating?" Ben exclaimed furiously. "Charcoal

Apparently, Money is always better than books.

"It's not really a shock," Sheriff Steven Kimbo stated at the press conference. "I don't know of many books that people would prefer over straight cash money. Maybe a stack of inappropriate magazines or something, but not textbooks."

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GREEK SYSTEM RUNNING OUT OF LETTER COMBINATIONS

Panic struck the heart of fraternities and sororities across the nation this week when word spread that the number of unique remaining Greek letter combinations was in critical

The news certainly left the Greek System in a state of turmoil, as rumors began to fly immediately. Some suggested a move to a 4-letter system, while others questioned why it always had to be Greek. "I think English is a pretty good language," said Debra Boomgarden. "I mean, this is the United States, not a foreign domestic country."

AREA SENIOR GETTING REALLY GOOD AT WRITING ANSWERS ON TINY SCRAPS OF PAPER

Sixth-year senior Craig McGroff may not be good at a lot of things, but he's the best there is when it comes to writing answers on tiny pieces of paper (commonly known as crib sheets). At least, according to the advertisement he ran on Facebook last

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tion Mu... just about every option out National Greek Board President, Henry Boggins. "There were only about 18,000 possible letter combinations to begin with, so you had to know it was coming."

The Junior is currently negotiating rental agreements for food, tuition, back massages and... "If I could rent all that I wouldn't ever need a job." And if he does? "I'll probably rent a guy to do that for me too."