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“Out of the blue” . . . as in: very sudden, unexpected, without warning. How many times did that phrase seem to apply to life at the University of Delaware? (. . . from the exam that seemed to sneak

up from nowhere, to the pop lab quiz, to news we didn’t re-

ally want to hear.) Although life here seemed tricky at best, and downright unbearable at worst, no one could say that they hadn’t grown in their years here. Of course, good

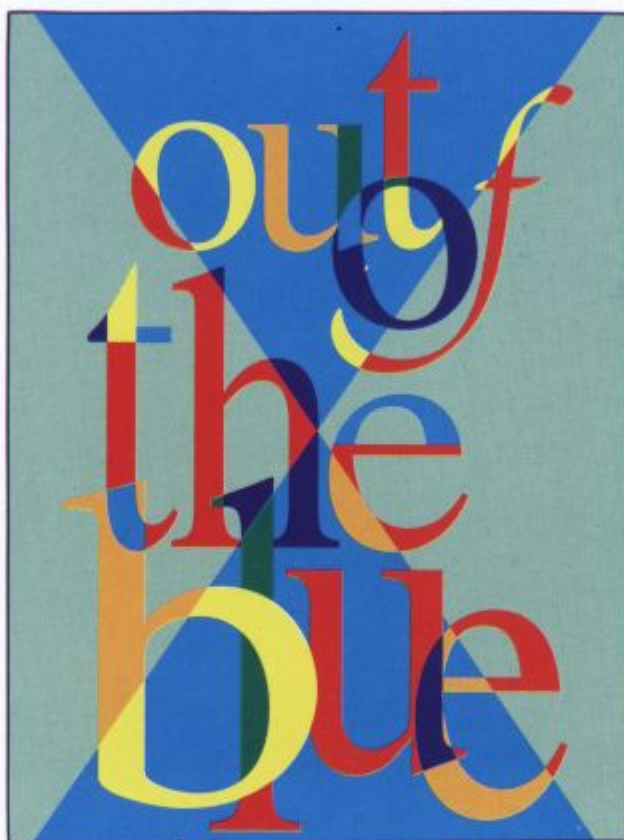
things came from the experience as well. Out of the stresses of college came the all-night chat sessions with friends, the pick-up football games on the Beach, late night food runs, and of course, drunken nights with pals at the Balloon. No one

could forget the memories made at the Homecoming tailgates, the evenings in front of the television set watching “Friends”, “ER”, or the always entertaining “Melrose Place”.

Students at the university found themselves caught up

in some unexpected events on campus, as well. Controversy erupted after Parent’s Day when the administration banned all chalking from the campus pathways, due, some said, to “offen-

sive” messages written in plain sight of wealthy alumni and parents. Wilburfest died an early death, as a new ordinance chased it out of Newark into Pennsylvania chasing away almost all the ticket buyers as well. The “Fightin’ Blue Hen sports



took a hard hit as men's basketball coach Steve Steinwaller resigned, soon to be replaced by a former Duke assistant, Mike Brey. Finally, in Spring semester, racial tensions on campus reached an all time high as a protest was made against a southern flag flown outside of the Kappa Alpha Order. The whole campus was then sickened by a cross burned on the lawn of the Rodney complex, thought to be in retaliation to the protest.

Later, Public Safety came under scrutiny as students claimed that the organization had not taken a bomb threat made against African Americans seriously.

However, in spite of all the unpleasant surprises, the students, and therefore the

university, persevered. As the new student center began to rise seemingly from nowhere and a parking deck suddenly overshadowed the Deer Park, the university showed its dedication to students by beginning renovations on Colburn Laboratory.

Finally, the student body began to show signs of renewed spirit through events like the Homecoming Pep Rally, Delaware Day, and many organizational events such as

the 5K for Bruce, Derby Days, and Ag Day.

It was clear that, no matter what came from "Out of the Blue", University of Delaware students were more than ready to handle the challenge.

