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Students visit Israel despite Gaza conflict

BY BRIAN ANDERSON

Executive Editor

On Dec. 27, Israeli forces began airstrikes on Hamas targets throughout Gaza after a ceasefire had been broken 10 days prior. Despite the escalated conflict that lasted until Jan. 18, some university students went to Israel through Birthright.

Birthright is a Jewish organization that sponsors free trips to Israel for Jewish young adults. More than 190,000 people have participated in Birthright trips since 2000.

Melissa Gordon, a senior communication major, went to Israel with Rabbi Eliezer Sneiderman of Chabad, a Jewish student organization at the university.

Gordon left the United States on Jan. 5

and arrived in Israel on Jan. 6. However, her group was not near Gaza, the area of conflict, and was not in any immediate danger.

For Israelis, the conflict in Gaza is something they are used to and accept, she said. However, people go about their lives without fear if they are not in the range of Hamas rockets.

One reason she felt so safe, Gordon said, was because eight Israeli soldiers joined her group during the trip, a common feature of Birthright experience.

"It wasn't as nerve racking when you had four women and four men show up in uniform," Gordon said.

Israeli men and women are required to join the military after turning 18. Gordon said the troops she was with helped relieve some of her stress.

"They took such good care of us that you weren't even aware there was a war going on at all," she said. "We were nowhere near the conflict. They kept us very safe."

Gordon said one of the only scary moments of her trip was while she was in Golan Heights, near the Lebanese border, when Hezbollah launched rockets into Israel.

"It wasn't as dangerous, but we at one point were 30 miles from rockets," she said. "We were on lockdown for a few days."

Due to the very mountainous terrain, however, she



Birthright travelers felt safe even though conflict in Gaza escalated during early January.



Photos courtesy of Melissa Gordon

Students who traveled to Israel emerge from the Dead Sea covered in mud.

was in no harm. Her group was supposed to be on a border tour of Lebanon that day. Gordon said it would have been ironic if they went on the border tour of Lebanon as Hezbollah, a group located in Lebanon, bombed Israel.

However, they cancelled the tour and "went about our day." She said the fighting in Gaza did not affect her trip, and the only change was the cancellation of the border tour.

Michael Blum, program director at the Kristol Center for Jewish Life on campus, takes university students on Birthright trips every winter and summer, which is usually when most Birthright trips take place. This winter was his fourth trip to Israel as a staff member.

Blum said everyone in Israel is concerned for the Birthright trips, including governmental and non-governmental organizations. He said he has never felt unsafe taking students or he would not take them.

He said it would be possible for the university Jewish community to cancel a Birthright trip if students did not feel safe, but it has never been done so.

"I don't think there's a safer way to travel probably anywhere, but certainly in Israel, than Birthright," Blum said. "Their safety is hardcore."

Blum said Israelis elsewhere go to work and continue to live with little fear for their own safety outside the 20 miles, the range of Hamas rockets.

He said the conflict did not affect the trip he led, but might have inspired more interesting conversations between the students and the local people. Both the students and the

locals talked about issues that might not have normally been brought up in times of relative peace.

Some students had concerns before they left, Blum said, but once they arrived in Israel, they felt safe and were happy to be in Israel. In fact, 15 students stayed after the trip was complete.

"Of our 37 people, 15 felt happy enough there to stick around by themselves or with their friends, but not with a guided tour," Blum said.

Senior Ben Capon said upon arriving in Israel, he was surprised to see guards with rifles everywhere he went. However, he got used to it and said he felt safer there than he does in the United States.

Capon said because the Israeli Defense Force is one of the best in the world, they have in-depth knowledge about Hamas and their capabilities. That information gets passed to Birthright representatives, who make sure the trips are safe.

"It's safe," Capon said. "It's not one of our concerns."

Capon went on Birthright with Blum and said they were nowhere close to the 20-mile radius the Hamas rockets are capable of hitting. Therefore, he felt safe knowing he could not be attacked and compared the situation with Newark.

"I can't throw a rock all the way down Main Street, so you wouldn't be worried about getting hit if you were on North College right now," he said. "There's really nothing to worry about."

Newark raises parking meter prices

BY ELISA LALA

City Desk Editor

Newark parking meter rates were increased 50 cents per hour, to \$1.25, on Feb. 2.

Newark Mayor Vance A. Funk III said one goal of the increase is to encourage drivers to park in the city's lots, which will help determine if the city receives enough revenue from its lots to eventually build a parking garage behind the Galleria on Main Street. The cost to park in the Pay-to-Use Parking Lots in Newark is \$1 per hour.

Councilman Ezra Temko, 5th District, said he voted against the increase.

"My concern is that someone like me, who lives farther down New London road, might opt to go to businesses and restaurants that have lower or no-cost parking like a Rite Aid rather than the Happy Harry's on Main," he said.

Zander Rogin, an employee of

Starbucks on Main Street, said parking is already a huge problem in Newark.

"We have a free lot behind our business," she said. "however, non-Starbucks customers illegally take up those spots."

The meter increase will most likely hurt the business, Rogin said.

"People aren't going to want to pay that much just to run in the store and grab a coffee," she said.

Funk said the city did have Main Street businesses that strive on the morning hours' turnover rate in mind when making changes to meter parking.

Temko said he believes parking meters costs should not have been raised at this time. Newark already has a very active ticketing system and parking issues, he said. Meter fee increases may add to these issues.

"In this economy, it is not the time to raise costs unless you absolutely have to," he said.



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Dean Apple had been named as a finalist for Auburn provost.

Tom Apple to stay as dean of college

BY KAITLYN KILMETIS

Senior News Reporter

Tom Apple, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, will not be leaving his current position at the university to serve as provost at Auburn University.

An article posted Feb. 2 on the Auburn University official Web site reported Mary Ellen Mazey of West Virginia University has been chosen to fill the position effective Feb. 15.

Apple, who has served as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and a professor of chemistry and biochemistry at the university since 2005, was named one of three finalists for the position in November.

David Brond, vice president of communications and marketing, stated in an e-mail message that he would not comment on a private matter.

Also in an e-mail message, Apple stated he would be happy to discuss university matters but declined to comment on personal issues.

UDMB performs in inaugural parade

BY KAITLYN KILMETIS

Senior News Reporter

The flutes sang sweetly, trumpets sounded loudly and the drums boomed rhythmically, keeping the beat as the University of Delaware Marching Band made its way down Pennsylvania Avenue in celebration of the inauguration of President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden.

Although the band spent the night before sleeping — or not sleeping — on a school gym floor in Virginia, the temperature on Inauguration Day dipped below 30 degrees and the parade was delayed approximately two hours, band members seem to agree the experience was rewarding and worth the trouble.

Director Heidi Sarver was unavailable for comment but her Twitter account, which she updated throughout Inauguration Day read, "Everyone is home. An incredible experience. Much more to tell — some rest first!"

Flutist Sarah Mainardi said performing in the inaugural parade was a special moment.

"It was really an awesome, unforgettable, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Mainardi said.

Jason Angelo, a trombone player, said although the arctic temperatures were difficult to bear, the cold retreated to the back of his mind once he began to perform.

"It was kind of tempered a little bit by the temperature," Angelo said. "It was so cold and windy, and we had to wait two hours for the parade to begin. It was pretty cold, and a lot of people were not too happy, but once the parade got started and we went down Pennsylvania Avenue it was pretty exhilarating, pretty amazing."

Band member Ashley Santana, another flutist, said the full weight of the moment did not strike her until she saw the crowds of spectators.

"It really didn't hit me until we saw all those people," Santana said. "It was amazing to see millions of people. It was a little overwhelming, but it was an amazing experience."

She said the crowd's energy was palpable.

"They seemed really excited," Santana said. "They were cheering for us and they kept calling us 'the small wonder.'"

Mainardi said the crowd presence and excitement — both during and after the parade — had a great effect on her.

"We were walking by, and there were little kids yelling, 'Oh, it's the flutes' and 'Oh my God, Delaware,'" Mainardi said. "Even after we finished the parade, we were marching back to buses and there were still people there cheering us on, even though we weren't in the parade anymore."

Santana, who said she was 20 feet from the president at one point, said although she was struggling with the cold and a lack of sleep, she did not want the president to be able to tell.

"I think it was more important that we looked professional in front of the president rather than look tired and cold even though we were very tired and cold," Santana said. "I couldn't feel my fingers by the end, but it didn't look like it because I didn't want the president to know. We all just kept saying we're going to keep going until the end and then we'll pass out somewhere."

Mainardi said the pinnacle of her inauguration experience was passing the guest of honor along the parade path.

"It was just awesome seeing him there waving at us," Mainardi said. "Biden was really excited about us going by. He was



Trumpet player Brooke Humfeld marches past the White House.

Courtesy of Trevor Sindorf

waving the whole time, too."

Santana, Mainardi and Angelo all said Biden's reaction to seeing their alma mater's band march down the parade route was exhilarating.

"He was going crazy," Angelo said. "He and his wife, Dr. Biden, they both loved us. They were clapping and singing along. Having him be so supportive of us really meant a lot after waiting outside for about two hours in the cold to see him."

Angelo said although the conditions may have been less than ideal, he was grateful to be a part of a moment of such gravity and importance.

"It's probably one of the most historic moments in modern American history, in my opinion anyway," Angelo said. "For us to be there and be a part of it is something I'll never forget. I'm sure a lot of people will be telling their children and grandchildren they were there when Obama was inaugurated and they actually played for him."

"It was exciting. We were tired. We were cold. We were hungry. But it's my personal opinion that it was worth it."

A band member's view of the parade route

BY JESSICA O'HARA

Staff Reporter

Jan. 20, 2009 is a day that will forever be remembered in history as the date of the inauguration of President Barack Obama. As one of the selected performing groups, the university's marching band will always be associated with this momentous day.

Along with the other 300 members of the University of Delaware Marching Band, I was ecstatic when we found out we were in the parade. I know I read the e-mail from director Heidi Sarver multiple times before reality finally sunk in. The preparation began almost immediately with forms to be filled out for the Secret Service.

Finally, after weeks of waiting, it was time for more than a day of rehearsals out in the cold and snow of Newark. I kept telling myself that all of this will be worth it in the end.

On the afternoon of Jan. 19, seven coach buses left campus, heading toward W.T. Woodson High School in Virginia, our sleeping accommodations for the night.

The Washington, D.C., chapter of the UD Alumni Club greeted us with signs of encouragement and plenty of snacks.

The lights were on at 3 a.m. and we were supposed to be up by 3:30. Even though we were only about 20 miles from Washington, D.C., three hours were allotted to ensure we would get there on time. It

was less than an hour until we arrived at the Pentagon for our security check-in.

All individuals, instruments and buses had to go through security. The sun was just coming up at this point and it was bitterly cold out. While we were finishing up security and getting our government-provided breakfast and lunch bags, our buses were taken to a separate parking lot to be searched by officers and canines. Once we received the all-clear, we would be led by police escort into the city itself to be put into our staging areas.

This is when the magnitude of the event started to sink in. The crowds were walking on the sidewalks because all roads were closed except for parade participants.

The most dramatic moment was when the bus made the left turn around the Washington Monument. It was a sea of thousands upon thousands of people at the base of the monument watching everything on a giant television screen. The buses pulled up to the loading areas where we were whisked off to our warming tent. Inside, we ate our lunches and watched all the ceremony and speeches on television.

Afterward, I went outside our tent and took pictures. If I looked left, I saw the back of the White House, where the moving vans were shown on television, and if I looked right, I saw the Washington Monument. Soon our assigned warm up

time began — the instruments were so cold!

In the line up for the parade, we slowly inched our way down the side streets until we almost made it to the starting point. We were stuck for two hours while medical personnel attended to Sen. Ted Kennedy, who suffered a seizure during a luncheon in the Capitol building.

It was great to just be moving forward again. The atmosphere was incredible, being surrounded by all the historical buildings in the city and the military personnel. The crowds had grown along the parade route, climaxing near the press and the president. As we passed, there were cheers for Delaware and Joe Flacco — after all, we were in Ravens territory.

Despite the early wake up, the bitter cold and endless hours waiting, it was still something special as we approached the final straightaway down Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House, the presidential viewing area and hundreds of cameras along the parade route. All of a sudden I was simply a few hundred feet from the President of the United States, as he stood talking with his wife.

I felt extremely privileged to have a chance to be part of history. I left Washington, D.C., with memories of a historic time in our country that previous generations never thought would be possible.

Having a ball with Obama and Biden

BY JENNIFER HEINE

Managing News Editor

Despite his new role in Washington, D.C., Vice President Joe Biden felt at home on Inauguration Night.

Biden, his wife, Jill, and President Barack Obama and his wife, Michelle, joined hundreds of supporters from both Delaware and Pennsylvania at the Biden Home States Ball in Washington, D.C.

Biden said for his inaugural ball, he wanted to be with people from both his home state of Delaware, where he served as a senator for more than 30 years, and his native state of Pennsylvania, where he was born and spent his childhood. Jill also grew up in Pennsylvania.

"When I die, Delaware will be written in my heart," Biden said.

Guests, who arrived throughout the evening at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C., donned their best gowns and tuxedos for the event. The James Gerard Orchestra started the night off by playing some popular soul and jazz hits. People of all ages, including children, attended the event.

Biden, who arrived at the event around 10:30 p.m. and stayed for less than 10 minutes, told the crowd he is appreciative of his supporters and is excited for the future.

"It's real simple," he said. "Enjoy tonight, because tomorrow we've got to begin to rebuild America."

Biden was later joined on stage by his three adult children, Beau, Hunter and Ashley. He joked about his dancing abilities, but he danced slowly with Jill to "Have I Told You Lately," played by the United States Marine Band.

Obama came to the event around 11 p.m., welcomed the Delawareans and Pennsylvanians and said he had an "extraordinary" day because of his supporters.

"We are grateful to you not only for the trust that you bestowed, but also for a guy named Joe Biden," Obama said.

Obama then joined his wife in a dance to "At Last," also played by the United States Marine Band.

University President Patrick Harker, who attended the ball with his wife, Emily, had served as master of ceremonies for Delaware Gov. Jack Markell's inauguration at midnight the night before, so he was not able to sleep much before heading to Washington for the inauguration ceremonies.

Harker said he was inspired by the swearing-in ceremony earlier in the day.

"It's tough times, but there's a sense of optimism," Harker said. "People are happy."

Sen. Bob Casey, D-Pa., said he has new hopes for the Obama administration, including improvements for the economy, health care and energy. As he woke up Tuesday morning, after sleeping a few hours in his Congressional office with his family the night before, he saw people up early on the National Mall.

"It was so uplifting to see that," Casey said.



THE REVIEW/Jen Heine

Vice President Joe Biden dances with his wife, Jill, at the inaugural ball.



THE REVIEW/Josh Shannon

Several university students were among the two million people who gathered to watch the inauguration. On the left, Steven Wilkie celebrated George W. Bush's last day. Center, The National Mall was littered with fliers and newspapers after the event.

Students brave crowds to attend inauguration

BY JOSH SHANNON

Managing News Editor

Several university students were among the estimated two million people who made the trek to Washington, D.C. Jan. 20 to stake out their spot on the National Mall — and in history — to watch the presidential inauguration.

Freshman Christina Hoffman was one of the students who endured hour-long lines, massive crowds and cold temperatures to see Barack Obama and Joe Biden sworn in as the next president and vice president.

"It's definitely a life-changing experience," Hoffman said. "It's like nothing I've ever experienced before in my life."

Hoffman attended the inauguration as part of the University Presidential Inauguration Conference, a program that brings together students from all around the country, and some international students, to attend the inauguration and hear from politicians and other dignitaries. She woke up at 2:30 a.m., left her hotel with friends and waited in line for five hours to get to the National Mall, where she watched the inauguration on one of several Jumbotron screens lining the mall.

"It was a very inspiring and motivational speech," Hoffman said.

Junior Andrew Lease and his friend, freshman Kelly Ehrenreich, stayed with one of Lease's family members who lives near Washington, D.C., and took a Metro train into the city early Tuesday morning.

"It was a great experience," Lease said. "Even though there was a lot of people, it was a lot of fun."

Lease and Ehrenreich waited for four hours in the Third

Street Tunnel with several thousand other people, only to find out the line was for people who had tickets, which Lease and Ehrenreich did not. They eventually made their way to the grounds of the Washington Monument, where they watched the ceremony on a screen.

Ehrenreich said although she had a good time Tuesday, not knowing where to go was frustrating, and city officials did not plan well for the influx of people.

"Every single official we saw had something different to say," Ehrenreich said. "There was a lot of miscommunication with dealing with the crowds."

Though she was disappointed she was not able to get closer to the ceremony, held on the grounds of the Capitol, she was glad to be a part of the day.

"I wanted to be close, but in the end, Obama would still be president," Ehrenreich said. "If they had to keep people out to keep him safe, that's OK — I'll stand further back."

Senior Andrea Malkowski had a much easier time reaching the National Mall.

"Once we got to the city, we walked right onto the Mall," Malkowski said. "We were there so early, we got up to the second Jumbotron."

She said the harder part was getting out of the city.

"Some of the roads were closed by Army guys, and some people behind me were pushing me," Malkowski said.

Ehrenreich said she enjoyed Obama's inaugural address and thought he set the right tone.

"His Election Night speech was emotional," she said. "[Jan. 20's] was all about, 'Now, we're getting the job done.'"

Ehrenreich, who worked on Obama's campaign, said the inauguration seemed surreal until Obama repeated the oath of office.

"During the line right before 'So help me, God,' it hit me that, oh my God, he's the president now," she said.

Malkowski said Obama did a good job laying out the challenges that face the country.

"I really liked how he didn't tiptoe around everything," she said. "He acknowledged we're in a crisis."

Hoffman said she was struck by the community spirit that most people showed Inauguration Day.

"Just to see so many people standing and cheering, hopeful for the future," she said. "It was good to be a part of."

Ehrenreich, too, said she was impressed at the common bond she felt with the other inauguration attendees, especially when riding the Metro home.

"You would have conversations with everyone around you," she said. "Usually, on the subway, you don't look at anyone."

Sophomore Andrew Grunwald, vice president of College Democrats, who took the Metro into Washington, D.C., from his home in Maryland, said attending the inauguration was a memorable experience.

"Just being there was amazing," Grunwald said. "It's so different being there than watching it on TV."

Lease said it was an experience he will always remember.

"Being around everyone who worked so hard on the campaign and seeing how much it meant to everyone — it was a once-in-a-lifetime moment," he said.

The Inauguration: A Global Perspective



The night of Obama's inauguration, I was in **Melbourne, Australia**, where it aired at 4 a.m. Wednesday morning. Some members of my trip stayed up to watch it, and our professors invited students to watch it with them in the common room of our dorm the next morning. Everyone I met said they were looking forward to our country's new leadership. Two travelers I met from England were among those I knew who stayed up all night to watch it live. I, a true proud American, waited a few days and watched it on YouTube.



In **Hanoi, Vietnam**, no one talked about the election except our tour guide, who said this was going to be good for the United States. I watched the inauguration excited about seeing history in our hotel room in bed while battling jet lag. One night after the inauguration, two Australian travelers seemed to be more interested in the politics of America than any Vietnamese natives. The general feeling from Vietnam was that this election was not any different from the previous ones.



In **London, England**, the inauguration began at 4 p.m. We decided to watch the events at The Globe, a traditional English pub complete with wooden tables and stools, low ceilings and a glistening bar top. The room was full with the sounds of clinking pint glasses, the scrape of stools on the floor and murmurs of conversation. When the camera panned on George Bush amongst a sea of faces in the crowd, a cackle and hiss of disdain emitted from the pub. However, when Obama began his speech, the room was suddenly silent.



The inauguration news coverage began at 3 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 21 in **New South Wales, Australia**. One of the five Australian TV channels played the inauguration events on loop all day with assorted commentators. The Australian newscast stayed on the Delaware Blue Hen Marching Band for a full four minutes, much longer than any other band, while the anchors mocked our beloved mascot and our sparkly blue and gold marching band hats. The overall feeling from the Land Down Under is that America is back on track.

In **Argentina**, President Obama quickly became the new and exciting topic of conversation between Argentines and those from the states meeting for the first time. After the initial, "Where are you from?" and the typical, "The United States" response came the exuberant, "How about President Obama?" to follow. Many Argentines as well said they expected great things from Obama, with a sound of relief reverberating behind their hope.

Seven or so U.S. students sat at the edge of their seats in a hotel lobby as they watched Obama's inauguration in **Siena, Italy**. The lobby was bustling with guests checking in and out of the hotel, and none turned their heads for more than a moment to see the event on the hotel's flat screen TVs. The students, in need of a more celebratory atmosphere, moved their party to one of the hotel rooms to watch the remainder of the inauguration.

Staff members from The Review, clockwise from the upper left:

Laura Dattaro, Claire Gould, Amy Prazniak, Jordan Allen, Maddie Thomas, Natalie Carillo

Library exhibit celebrates Lincoln

BY STEPHANIE KRAUS

Staff Reporter

Feb. 12 marks the bicentennial of the birth of the 16th president, Abraham Lincoln, an icon who has recently resurfaced in the media due to President Barack Obama's presidency. The Morris Library is commemorating the historical celebration with a special exhibition.

From Jan. 27 until June 12, the "Abraham Lincoln: A Bicentennial Celebration" exhibit located in the Special Collections Exhibition Gallery of the library will be open to the public.

Through the use of manuscripts, books, magazines, photographs and realia from the 1800s, the exhibit unravels the story of Lincoln's life and presidency. The exhibit was curated by Iris Snyder, associate librarian, and Timothy Murray, head of Special Collections.

"There were probably 3,000 or 4,000 books and pamphlets to choose from, so it was a difficult decision," Snyder said. "You have to find what is visually interesting and determine the story it tells."

The exhibit took the curators approximately two years to curate, but it has been on the university's schedule for about three years, Snyder said. Curating for this particular exhibit meant creating the idea and developing the themes about Abraham Lincoln's presidency, she said.

The Lincoln Club of Delaware, a non-partisan organization, donated all of the materials to the Special Collections department of the university approximately 10 years ago for safe keeping, Snyder said. Throughout the years, members of the club have purchased highly valued artifacts from Lincoln's era and donated them to the existing collection. The exhibit did not cost the university because the materials were donated, she said.

"There's no real cost, but in a sense, the cost is our time," Snyder said. "We do everything in house." Murray said aside from purchasing some frames, there were no outside costs because he and Snyder did the matting, framing and printing for the exhibit.

University Provost Dan Rich said the costs are part of the library's operating budget.

"There are always costs to library exhibitions," Rich said.

The exhibition is being coordinated by the Delaware State Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, Rich said. The idea for the exhibition occurred before former Gov. Ruth Ann Minner's appointment of the commission, which was signed into law on July 10, 2006.

Newark resident Bob Taggart, a recently retired historian in the school of education at the university, spent 30 to 40 minutes at the exhibit last Tuesday with his wife, Judy.

"President Obama talked about Lincoln so much that it made us want to come out and see the exhibit," Judy said.

Both agreed the exhibit was well done and an overall good use of the university's time and money.

"The exhibit makes it very clear what Delaware's place was — it might be nice to have even more on that," Bob said. "I suppose they'd love to have more, too, if someone is willing to buy it for them."

Snyder said her favorite part of the exhibit is the Harper magazines because it shows how citizens felt about Lincoln during his presidency. The magazines include a number of negative Lincoln cartoons from the Southern states and England.

"Instead of people looking and deciding how you're supposed to feel about Lincoln, it's what people really felt about him," Snyder said.

Since the exhibit opened two weeks ago, there have been few visitors, Snyder said, but the attendance is expected to increase once more students arrive back on campus for Spring Semester. Tours and classes will visit the exhibit throughout the spring, while Murray and Snyder work on an Internet version of the exhibit for the library's Web page. The Internet version is expected to be completed by sometime in March, Snyder said.

In conjunction with the exhibit, the university is holding a program at 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 17 in the Reserve Room of the Morris Library. The program will consist of readings of important Abraham Lincoln pieces by English and theater department students.

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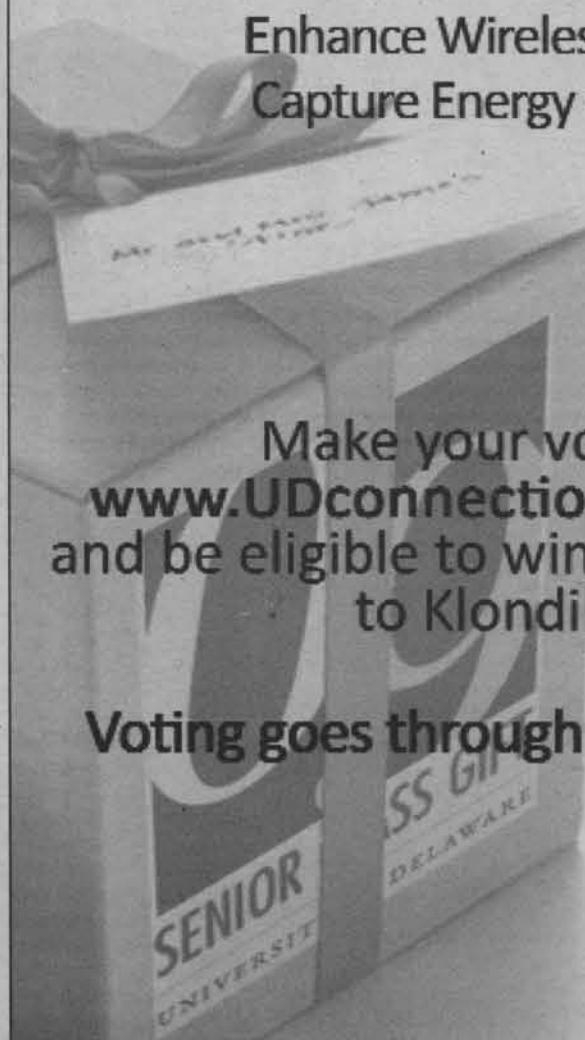
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Wilmington teens create documentary of Inauguration Day

BY MATT FORD

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For nearly two million people, the inauguration of President Barack Obama was a chance to witness and take part in history. But for 11 Wilmington teens who climbed trees and porta-potties to get a better look, Jan. 20 presented an opportunity to reflect on the significance of the day as it applied to their hometown's past and present struggles with civil rights.

The teens and their adult leaders, known collectively as 21st Century Village, have spent the winter meeting with some of the city's most prominent black leaders in order to fully understand and appreciate how race relations in the region have evolved over the past several decades.

In an attempt to capture and celebrate what they have learned, the youth group has filmed these interactions as well as their trip to Washington, D.C., on Inauguration Day for a documentary titled "From the Field to the Hill: Delaware's Journey."

Dee Cephas, a co-founder of 21st Century Village, said the organization was started in November 2007 with the goal of providing local youth with the chance to fully realize their potential.

"I said, 'You know what? We're now in a new age, we're in the 21st century, but we still need to deal with the same concept of it takes a village to raise a child,'" Cephas said. "We all need to take a part in the upbringing of our young people."

Throughout the documentary, these local leaders and the messages behind their conversations with the youth group are organized in a way that follows the path of Delaware's racial history from the 1960s up to President Obama's swearing-in.

"We're really journeying through time with the victory, which is a victory we feel is for everyone," Cephas said.

Shuaib Meacham, associate professor of education at the university, has been working closely with the teens as they listen to and learn from their elders' stories. He said the goal of the film was not only to expose viewers to the abundance of educational resources available in the region, but also to educate the teens on the magnitude of the election last November.

"When you want to motivate kids, I think this oral history has been tremendously successful," Meacham said. "I think it can make a big impact on their educational experiences."

Those impacts are felt throughout the group.

After the teens had met with local activist Bebe Coker, who discussed Martin Luther King Jr.'s "Letter from Birmingham Jail," one member read the letter himself hop-

ing to fully grasp the meaning behind King's words and Coker's lecture.

Meacham explained this was just one example of how the discussions instill high levels of motivation and curiosity in the group.

"They start to read some of the documents that are mentioned in the documentary to get a fuller appreciation for what the people have said," he said.

Maurice Pritchett, a member of Delaware State University's Basketball Hall of Fame and a former principal of East Wilmington's William P. Bancroft Elementary School, discussed with the children the importance of maintaining a positive attitude and remembering those who came before them.

"That's part of our history that a lot of times we don't share with youngsters," Pritchett said. "I think for them to be successful they need to know the roadmap that was utilized to help people get where they are."

He said where they are now is a place where excuses have become tired and opportunities limitless. The election of the country's first black president was a turning point for how young black Americans should view the world, Pritchett said.

"I just felt like that was something that I wish my mother, my grandmother and my grandfather and my aunt could have been able to witness, how we've overcome," Pritchett said. "It just made me very proud to be able to see how now maybe a lot of these youngsters can say, 'OK, I can become the president.'"

Though this type of reaction may have been common among those of every generation, Meacham stressed the need to ensure that Obama's victory does not lead to complacency among young people.

"They have to prepare themselves as much as possible and then stay connected with people and organizations that are out to truly help the communities that they're concerned about," he said. "This whole thing has taught me you really have to stay involved — get involved and stay involved — and continue to struggle to make progress because that's the only way progress takes place, through struggle."

"From the Field to the Hill" is scheduled for premiere on Feb. 28 at Belvedere Fire Hall in the Belvedere section of Wilmington. While this date will be important to the members of 21st Century Village, Cephas said the production of the film is just one way to expand the teens' awareness.

"For me, seeing the kids have opportunities and doors opened for them is enough for me," she said. "Because it's not about me, it's about them."

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Involvement starts with election

Political enthusiasm shouldn't end with inauguration

Now that the American people have had a few weeks to recover from the seemingly endless election and the elaborate inauguration festivities that followed, it's time — now more than ever — for the country to get more involved. In all of the inauguration craziness, millions of people gathered on the National Mall to show their support for President Barack Obama, welcome in the new era of change and put the country back on top.

If only it were that simple. Americans have put a lot of faith in Obama to make the country better and it's not going to happen overnight. Apathy is not an option now that the election is over and the excitement has lulled. The enthusiasm that spurred a new generation to get involved, attend political rallies and educate themselves on important issues should continue in spite of the difficult times.

The country is in bad shape. It's not going to change overnight. One man can't do it all by himself despite how much confidence we have in him. Change will come

when one man can inspire others to make a difference, and so far, Obama has done that.

America has shown incredible potential in recent months. People with diverse social and political beliefs have managed to put aside many of their differences in the interest of the country's progress. Of the two million people in Washington, D.C., on inauguration day, not one was arrested. Despite everything that's going wrong in America right now, people are genuinely optimistic about the direction Obama is taking it.

But we cannot just sit idly by and wait for change to come to us; we have to create it ourselves. The current environmental, political and economic issues facing all Americans are hitting our generation the hardest. We are the ones who will be graduating college and going out into the world and forced to deal with less-than-ideal circumstances. We have a responsibility to make life better for ourselves and work with Obama to create the change, not wait around for it to come to us.

Parking meter rates bad for city

Higher meter prices could hurt businesses in Newark

If you're planning on driving to Main Street, you better bring some extra quarters. Parking meter rates have risen from what was 75 cents per hour to \$1.25 per hour. The extra 50 cents will give city officials a better idea of whether or not they would use a proposed parking garage and help gauge how many students and visitors park on Main Street.

In Delaware, the only city that has more expensive parking meters is Rehoboth Beach. Charging Main Street visitors more money could have a detrimental effect on local businesses.

Many local residents and students travel to Main Street for different reasons — to grab a cup of coffee, get something to eat or go shopping. The increased parking meter rates could cause people to stop visiting Main Street. The extra 50 cents per hour adds up and may especially cause students to choose to stay home rather than go out. When a study session at a coffee shop for a few hours turns into an extra few dollars, it's not worth the travel to the local businesses.

In addition, people may travel outside of Main Street for similar

services, rather than spend the extra money to park when they could park for free — at the same store.

Illegal parking, which is already a problem in the city, could become more of an issue. Prohibited lots will become more appealing than dropping a quarter for every 12 minutes. Fewer people will pay the extra quarters for what once was an adequate amount for the time spent in a space. Towing will become more frequent. The city will have to deal with a bigger headache because of how the higher rates will affect Main Street visitors. While an extra 50 cents an hour may not seem like a problem, the change adds up — wasting money for students and local residents alike.

On the bright side, there is hope that higher meter rates could cause more people to walk around Main Street instead of driving. This could decrease the number of DUIs issued and move toward a greener campus and a greener Newark. If this does happen, then this will clearly outweigh the extra hourly 50 cents.

Let's just hope that Sunday parking remains free.

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THE REVIEW/ Allison Schwartz

"Can't win 'em all."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Take steps to stop global warming

As a young voter, the issue of greatest concern to me is global warming. The effects of it, though small now, will only intensify if the necessary precautions are not taken. America cannot rely on the rest of the world to solve a problem to which we contribute most. According to EarthTrends, America is the highest contributor to global warming — we alone contributed 30.3 percent carbon dioxide to the atmosphere. This means we need to step up and do something now or future generations will not be able to experience the wonders of Mother Earth.

Thankfully, here in Delaware, Mike Castle feels this way and is supporting legislation to help reduce Delaware's carbon

footprint. He cannot fix the problem alone. Though his efforts will make an enormous difference, if we really want to fix the problem there are going to have to be some changes.

Many citizens of Delaware probably do not know that their state has one of the lowest average elevations in the United States (60ft). Therefore, with the knowledge that global warming is contributing to sea level increase, Delaware citizens should be most concerned and most willing to help the cause by campaigning for better legislation to stop global warming and take more responsibility on their own.

On a nationwide level, newly elected President Barack Obama has made many promises to listen to the science backing global

warming and to propose legislation necessary to deal with the crisis at hand.

Just like Castle, Obama cannot solve the problem on his own. It is up to America to back our leaders and persuade others that global warming is real, and a problem that will not just go away while we all turn a blind eye.

I encourage all readers of this letter to get out and campaign, call on congress and send letters and emails to our nation's leaders to show your support for ending global warming. Though global warming is a serious issue, it is one that can be solved with the help of everyone.

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Sometimes, the dream is better than reality

Guest Commentary

Heather Plank

For a real relationship, only fake boyfriends are necessary

I am among the latest to join the Broken Hearts Club. I don't know how many members it officially boasts, but I'm guessing it's never lacking for union dues.

BHC members range in age from eight to 108. Some are first-timers. Some are life-long card-carriers. All and none are unique. I'm not here to point fingers (at him) or place blame (on him). I'm just here — like everyone else — to figure out what to do next. Some just need a little recovery time — a few pints of ice cream, a one-night-stand and you're ready to go again. Some try to figure out what's wrong with them. Some can't wait to get back on the horse. Others vow never to ride again.

I belong to the latter group.

I rode that horse for more than five years, getting back on despite frequently falling off. Bucked off, if you really want to

know the truth. Ever the optimist, I kept smiling despite getting kicked in the teeth.

Now I'm done. I have no desire to step into the minefield of love again. I will never again weather the storms of love, ride the roller coaster of love, lay on the bathroom floor sick with the food poisoning of love. Say what you will about the beauty and value of love — it's all crap.

The best part of a relationship is the beginning. All I want is the butterflies-in-the-belly feeling of seeing someone for the first time, meeting, then wondering if he'll call or text or ask me out. And then there's the first kiss. I would gladly trade the comfort and intimacy of five years for a lifetime of first kisses. Well, I guess I have.

The idea of getting to know someone again and then having to give myself over to scruffiness is frankly exhausting. I figured out a plan to avoid that and the inevitable drudgery, arguments and ultimate heartbreak of real relationships. From here on out, all of my relationships will be fake.

Fake relationships may range from crushes — whether on the barista at Brew-Ha-Ha who adds an extra jolt to the daily grind of buying coffee, or everyday encounters with people whose names you actually know — to bona fide relationship beginnings. But they must stop shortly after the beginning, or else you'll just be stuck in the middle of a real one and risk a broken heart.

My current crushes are a few of the regulars who come into the library where I work, none of whom know their status as my fake boyfriends. My FBF Nate is tall and cute with tattoos and good taste in music. He must have some idea how I feel since I blush like a 12-year-old every time we talk. Axel, my German FBF, is in his mid-40's with a wife and two kids, but there's something about his thick accent and nicotine-stained fingers that I find really sexy. Then there's Michael, who's kind of dorky, but clearly has a crush on me, and there's something attractive about someone who finds you attractive. I wonder — does he think of me as his fake girlfriend?

I have had a few fake relationships in the last few months. The first one had a successful beginning, which petered out rather quickly when we realized we had nothing in common — he's obsessed with all things athletic, even NASCAR, for crying out

loud. Plus he lives five hours away.

Distance is actually an advantage for fake relationships, but not that much. You want to see each other once in a while. Another lives a more reasonable four hours away and we do have more in common, but he is too unreliable, even by fake boyfriend standards. I'm willing to keep him on the back burner, though.

Most recently I met someone almost local — he lives a mere hour away — at a friend's barbecue. He was smart, witty, cute, funny and able to keep up with me in the trading of barbs. We shared weeks of texting and e-mailing before we actually went out. We should have kept it techno. When we saw each other again, something was off.

Maybe we had learned too much about each other through our cell phones and laptops. Maybe all the flirting via texting — sexting — stole all the thunder out of flirting face to face. That was our one and only date. Fine with me. He wasn't a very good kisser.

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JuicyCampus, renowned gossip whore, dies

Wolt This Way

Caitlin Wolters



After two years of reputation-ruining, friends and enemies say goodbye.

JuicyCampus.com passed away suddenly, Feb. 5, 2009, due to the economic crisis. Despite the many attempts by college administrators and highly-paid lawyers to take down the gossip Web site, since its birth in August 2007, it was able to live on for just under two years, showing the site's perseverance to outlast all other gossip outlets.

Throughout its life on the Internet, JuicyCampus was able to reach many landmark achievements. With a simple click of the mouse, users could easily find the best sorority girl for a one-night stand, or which member of the soccer team has herpes. Now, beloved friends and frequent users of JuicyCampus will no longer be able to look on iPhones and Blackberries to find which potential partners may have chlamydia or be a "butter face." If anyone knew how hard it was to tell in black lights, it was JuicyCampus.

When times got tough for users, JuicyCampus was always there to offer help. If you thought your girlfriend had lied to you

about her hook-ups before you began dating, JuicyCampus would try so hard to set the record straight. But it would usually just give more lies and a fight over who that frat guy was and why he never would have hung out with her in the first place if he hadn't been "totally wasted" and how she was the biggest mistake he's ever made and how every other guy should be warned to stay away from her and that she may or may not be the devil. JuicyCampus just knew. And it let you tell the whole world — anonymously, of course.

What may be the best accomplishment by the First Amendment pusher was the ability to transcend all universities, genders, races, sexualities, Greek life affiliations and sports team memberships.

It didn't matter how smart or dumb, pretty or ugly, skinny or fat you were, JuicyCampus would find you. And it would humiliate you. Badly.

Unlike the average college student whom JuicyCampus sought to degrade, the site was at over 2,300 college campuses throughout the country in less than two years. It's possible that JuicyCampus may have been in contact with more college "skanks" than any other Web site on the Internet.

But it wasn't always poor advice, inaccurate claims and character demotions that made JuicyCampus the site it was. It was

controversy that filled its life with the greatest and most publicized moments. Multiple law suits were filed to try to shut down JuicyCampus, including one by an anonymous University of Delaware student. Instead of letting the bad press take down the Web site, creator Matt Ivester would slyly say, "hate isn't juicy," letting JuicyCampus cause more heartbreak and tears.

Instead of allowing controversy to take it down, JuicyCampus would settle the law-suits, or just be blocked by various college administrations. By pushing through all the hard times, it seemed that JuicyCampus would survive and prove to be a fighter through all life's difficulties. So it was clearly a shock to all its anonymous writers — who were too cowardly to admit their identities and too insecure to leave a truthful positive comment about others — that the Web site was going under.

Unfortunately, JuicyCampus leaves many loved ones behind in the wake of its economy-caused death.

First, there are the stalkers. That girl who checked JuicyCampus every 30 seconds to see what had been written about her, her best friend, her regular friends, her friends' friends, her boyfriend, her enemies, her mom and even her dog. That guy who wanted to see if the cute girl in his history class was friendly with half the hockey team before he got friendly with her, too. JuicyCampus, the stalkers will miss you.

Then, there are the haters. That girl who

writes that every sorority on campus besides her's are a bunch of ugly dogs. That guy who claims he'd beat the crap out of his girlfriend's ex-boyfriend for texting her over the weekend. JuicyCampus, the haters will miss you.

Then, there are the attention-seekers. That girl who drank too much on Saturday night and was seen sucking the face off the nearest guy. That guy who wants to brag about it. JuicyCampus, the attention-seekers will miss you.

But despite the end of an era filled with lies, hate and ruined reputations, JuicyCampus is survived its visitors in many other ways. The stalkers, haters and attention-seekers will turn to the nearest Internet outlet to share their parasitic gossiping ways — preferably through Facebook and MySpace — to see what everyone else is doing, make fun of the people they don't like and post inappropriate pictures of themselves.

JuicyCampus, you will be missed. OK, I admit that's a lie as fake as the gossip you promote.

In the words of Matt Ivester, there is one thing everyone can do to remember the shallow legacy and pathetic effect JuicyCampus has had on our lives — "keep it Juicy."

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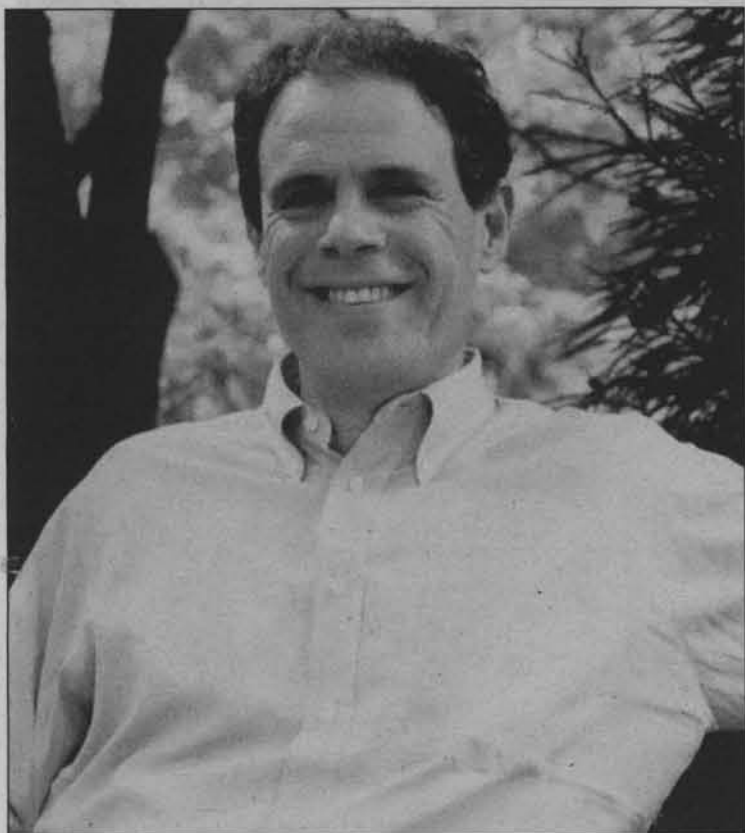


The crowning moment

*Student puts Delaware on the map
at Miss America Pageant*

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Prof. delves into 'Funny Business of America'



Courtesy of Ben Yagoda

Professor Ben Yagoda appeared on PBS as a Will Rogers expert.

BY JEN RINI

Staff Reporter

Although his biography on late 1920s political satirist Will Rogers was published nine years ago, professor Ben Yagoda still knows a lot about the funnyman.

Producer Michael Kantor sought out the English and journalism professor to be a part of his six-hour TV special, "Make 'Em Laugh: The Funny Business of America." Yagoda was featured in the second hour of the Jan. 28 premiere.

"I was contacted by the producer — this was I guess the summer before last, about a year-and-a-half ago," Yagoda says. "He said he was doing a series about comedy. They paid my way up to do the interview in Scarsdale, New York."

The "Make 'Em Laugh" series wasn't the first TV project that Yagoda has delved into. He has made appearances on "The Charlie Rose Show" as well as on A&E discussing his various books and prospective movie commentary.

Yagoda says Kantor, who wrote, produced and directed the series, was especially professional throughout the process.

"Michael Kantor takes a lot of care in the filming," he says. "The lighting was just right."

Yagoda likens the shooting of the segment to something similar to PBS alumnus and noted historical filmmaker Ken Burns. Burns started the technique of making the interviewees become characters, rather than a run-of-the-mill news interview, he says. Kantor followed the same format.

"Instead of just an interview on Channel 6 news, they make it almost a movie," Yagoda says.

This type of environment allowed for Yagoda's passion for Rogers to truly come out. Yagoda stresses that

Rogers was a different type of comedian for his time.

"The main thing is that he started talking about politics," he says. "It's not different from today, like Jon Stewart."

Rogers truly was ahead of his time. Yagoda says while other performers were fond of throwing cheesy one-liners into the crowds and focusing on confrontational humor, Rogers favored politics.

"They were doing really corny jokes and a lot of ethnic humor, so it was unusual to talk about politics," he says. "He acted like himself — that was not done."

The types of inhibitions that may have been present in Rogers' era, Yagoda says, aren't present in today's media circuit.

"Today everything is language and subject matter and everything is no holds barred," he says.

Yagoda says comedy has grown to become an integral part of society thanks to such provocative media displays on TV.

"With the media and technology today there is so much more of everything. Even when I was a kid there were only three networks, six TV stations total," he says. "No cable, no Internet, no iTunes — you went to the record store to buy a record once in a while. Now there is the comedy channel."

Yagoda says interviewing with PBS was a positive encounter. He maintains that being recognized as a Rogers aficionado who has something of substance to say was a positive experience. Although Yagoda says he would absolutely become involved again with such a series, students at the university shouldn't be worried about Yagoda giving up his day job.

"You wouldn't want it to take over your life," he says. "It involved travel, taking a day. [But] it's nice and it's fun to be recognized as someone with something to say."

All quiet on the Chrysler front: employees face uncertain future

BY SARAH HUBBS

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Mary Jackson began working at the DaimlerChrysler plant in Newark almost a decade ago. She worked as a fire security officer, doing safety inspections of the incoming trucks and opening the gates for deliveries, driving a 45-minute commute from her home in Maryland because she loved what she did.

"At one point when gas prices were over \$4, I was paying more to fill my car with gas than I was earning at the plant," Jackson says.

Since she is approaching retirement age, Jackson, 62, had hoped to stay at the plant long enough to draw into her Social Security. But last Christmas, the plant closed. And because she worked for one of Chrysler's contractors, not the company itself, it's a softer landing but still a bittersweet goodbye.

Another worker at the plant, Joan Shepherd, 61, had decided to cut back on some of her Christmas spending, stay at the Newark plant until her services are no longer needed and leave it up to the office personnel at Wackenhut Corporation to find her another position in the area.

Jackson and Matthew Debus, 38, a fire specialist and security supervisor, decided not to change their spending budgets for the holidays. With Jackson's children and grandchildren living in California, her holiday was low-key and her spending unaffected. Debus, on the other hand, still has children at home. So with another year left on his employment contract, he didn't trim down his Christmas spending either, he says.

While the contract workers are relieved to have a job for yet another year, the whole situation still made Shepherd's holiday less cheerful, she says.

"I don't like change," Shepherd says.

"Even though it's still a year away, I'm already depressed to leave all the people I've become friends with and nervous to start over with a new company."

Chrysler contracted with the Wackenhut Corporation, a private security group, in January 1999 to provide security for its plants nationwide. Additionally, Wackenhut employs 35,000 in primary services including energy consulting, government services and consulting and investigations, according to the company's Web site.

Wackenhut launched its security operations at the Newark plant in 2004 when the plant and its employees underwent major restructuring, according to Wackenhut's Web site. Jackson says the Newark plant temporarily closed for renovations and the manned gates were replaced with electronic gates. At that time, only security guards with seniority were hired by Chrysler to work inside the plant at higher wages. Those remaining went to work for Wackenhut, taking varying pay cuts for each position, she says.

Despite a decrease in pay, Wackenhut employees at the Newark Chrysler plant are paid more than any other site in Delaware, Jackson says.

Due to a decrease in car sales, especially SUVs, Chrysler has been cutting shifts and jobs at plants throughout the country. Early last year, the Newark plant began cutting shifts and was down to one shift before it officially closed. The Newark plant assembled two vehicles, the Dodge Durango and the Chrysler Aspen. The site was also the only plant in the country that produced the two models, according to a Chrysler press release.

In recent years, sales of the Durango have been down 54 percent and sales of the Aspen have been down 21 percent. When the plant

closed at the end of December, production of the two car models was either going to shift to Chrysler's Jeep Grand Cherokee plant in Detroit or come to an end, a Chrysler press release states.

Although Chrysler employees are no longer working at the plant, security contractors will remain at the Newark site through the end of 2009, with no change to their pay or benefits.

Debus says since the pay and benefits at the plant are good, he has no plans to search for another job until this one ends.

"Security workers will still be needed while the facility is being prepared for whoever takes over," Debus says. "The materials and equipment can't be taken out overnight."

Once the plant's future is finally decided and security is no longer necessary, Wackenhut will find new positions in the area for its workers. Debus, who is also a volunteer firefighter in Middletown, plans to continue taking firefighting classes and increasing his skills in the meantime.

"Firefighting and security isn't just a job to me," he says. "It's my passion."

Jackson, however, will explore other alternatives besides security work. Since she has prior customer service experience, she is considering returning to that field to pursue other employment opportunities until she retires, she says. Another career Jackson may explore is information technology since she recently learned how to operate a computer. If all else



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The Newark Chrysler plant closed in December, leaving many employees unsure of their next step.

fails, she will remain in the security field, she says.

As a fire marshal, Shepherd will take an obvious pay cut when the Newark plant no longer needs security in the building, since Chrysler was the only manufacturer in the area that required a fire marshal on site. When Wackenhut re-assigns her, she will have to accept a security guard position instead, she says.

"Unfortunately, as contract workers, we weren't eligible to take the training classes offered by Chrysler to its employees," Shepherd says.

Wackenhut has a contract with Chrysler to provide security at the plant for yet another year, but there have been rumors around the site that the building could be demolished as early as this spring, she says. This means Wackenhut employees could be out of work much sooner than expected.

Chrysler didn't keep its employees informed of its decisions or plans for the plant. Rather, they received their information from the media like the rest of the public, Shepherd says.

"We were told to refer any media questions to the headquarters in Detroit," she says. "But we couldn't answer them even if we wanted to."



Courtesy of Galen Giaccone

Galen Giaccone performed "El Cubanchero" on the piano, an instrument she's been playing since age 6, to capture the preliminary talent award at the Miss America Pageant.

View from the top: student makes pageant history

BY JORDAN ALLEN

Features Editor

Galen Giaccone went to the Miss America Pageant prepared for long days and little sleep, but she also went prepared for the competition. Giaccone received the preliminary talent award and finished in the top 15, something a Miss Delaware has not accomplished in more than 30 years.

Giaccone, a junior and a biology major and music minor, received a \$2,000 scholarship for her piano performance of "El Cubanchero" at the Miss America Pageant.

She describes the piece as fast and loud, with a Spanish flair. There was no sheet music available for the piece, so Giaccone had to learn the music from a video she had of a live performance.

"It was very challenging, but it was nice to be able to meet the challenge," Giaccone says.

She says she performs classical music, and was pleased with the positive reaction "El Cubanchero" received.

"Sometimes entertainment value is lost on those who don't understand classical music," she says.

Giaccone, who has been playing piano since age 6, says not a day goes by that she

does not play. Out of the interview, on-stage question, evening gown, talent and swimsuit steps of the pageant, the talent portion was by far her favorite part.

Junior Christina DePalma, Giaccone's friend and roommate, says she wishes Giaccone's piano performance on the first night of the preliminary competition had been aired.

"She would have blown everyone out of the water," DePalma says.

DePalma watched Giaccone in the Miss America Pageant and says her favorite parts were when they announced Giaccone made the top 15, and when they showed a portion of Giaccone's interview.

"She said one of her secret goals was that she wanted to open a candy shop," DePalma says. "It was cute because it was something we had talked about."

In order to become Miss Delaware, Giaccone first had to win a local pageant. She then prepared for eight or nine months to compete for Miss Delaware.

Junior Nicole Johnson, another friend and roommate of Giaccone's, has known Giaccone since the fifth grade and was there the first and second times Giaccone competed at the local level.

"She deserves what she's gotten because she works so hard at it and she always puts so much effort into it," Johnson says.

Giaccone first started doing pageants in her senior year of high school, and both Johnson and DePalma say she was hesitant to talk about it at first.

"She didn't mention it too much because there's a stereotype that comes along with it," Johnson says.

She says Giaccone has become more comfortable with competing because there are a lot more aspects to it besides the beauty pageant part that people picture.

Giaccone says she plans to go to dental school, and the scholarships she has won as Miss Delaware will help her get there. She found there's a lot to take from the experience professionally, and it opens up a lot of doors.

Though she is taking the year off from school to be Miss Delaware, she hasn't managed to find much down-time.

"It is a full-time job," Giaccone says. "There is nothing I don't enjoy about it."

She says she especially enjoyed her time at the Miss America Pageant. All of the pageant contestants participated in the reality show "Countdown to the Crown" on The Learning Channel in September and October.

Giaccone says going to the competition in Las Vegas was like a reunion, and the girls got to spend some time seeing what the city was like.

"We got to drive go-karts one night, and we went on gondola rides in the Venetian," she says.

One thing Giaccone says she wasn't expecting to see was the outdoor dressing room — a tent. It was raining during the competition, so they had to make tent hallways in order to get from the dressing room to the main building. There were leaks in the roof, so they also had to put garbage bags over the gowns to keep them from getting wet.

"We made it work, and it was definitely functional," Giaccone says.

One thing she says most people don't think of when they think of pageants is a positive backstage atmosphere.

"People expect backstage to be very catty and very cutthroat and it's not like that," Giaccone says. "There was no back-stabbing backstage."

She says she had a great time representing Delaware, and appreciated the support she received both in Las Vegas and back home.

"I couldn't ask more of Delaware and the people I know," Giaccone says.

Alum scores big prize with 50 Cent

BY ALEXANDRA DUSZAK

Entertainment Editor

Prior to his appearance on 50 Cent's reality TV show, Ryan Mayberry was just another entrepreneur in search of investors for his business idea — FitConnect.com.

Now that he's won, Mayberry has "The Money and The Power."

Mayberry, who graduated from the university in 2007 with a degree in marketing, was the winning contestant on 50 Cent's "The Money and The Power," which premiered Nov. 6 on MTV and aired its finale Jan. 22.

Fourteen contestants competed for \$100,000 in challenges designed to test their "hustling" skills and to help 50 choose the "next great business mogul," according to

MTV.com.

The challenges ranged from hawking Vitamin Water on the streets to talking trash on fellow competitors. In one challenge, the contestants had to run through the city while chained together.

Some of the challenges required mental toughness, Mayberry says.

"We had to carry horse shit at a stable onto a scale," he says. "It was gross."

Auditioning for the show was a challenge in and of itself, Mayberry says. After multiple interviews and drug and STD testing, the contestants were sequestered in hotel rooms while awaiting their final interview.

"You can't talk to anyone," Mayberry says. "Some of those people didn't even get on the show."

The contestants didn't get to meet 50 Cent until they were on the show. Mayberry says he found out about the show through an ad on Craigslist.com. He especially wanted to audition because he is a fan of 50 Cent.

He says he saw 50 Cent fairly often during the course of the show.

Although he likes the rapper, Mayberry says toward the end of the show, he looked forward to the days when 50 Cent wasn't the one to wake up the contestants.

"The days he wasn't around, it was a lot less stressful," Mayberry says.

Hanging out with 50 Cent after winning was Mayberry's favorite memory from his time on "The Money and The Power." When

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Courtesy of Ryan Mayberry

Ryan Mayberry won \$100,000 on 50 Cent's TV show.

50 Cent gives grad's new business a boost

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he won, 50 Cent took him out to celebrate with the production crew.

"I kind of wasn't expecting to win," Mayberry says. "I almost fainted, actually."

Mayberry, who was a brother of Alpha Tau Omega, believes college life rather than actual classes helped prepare him for the show.

"All I remember is partying all the time," he says. "I feel like that helped, actually."

Mayberry met his business partner, Troy Barlow, while at the university. The two were roommates for several years while in college. Barlow and Mayberry are working together to build FitConnect.com, a social networking site centered around gyms and fitness. Site members can blog, get diet and exercise tips and write on each other's chalkboards, which work

just like a Facebook wall.

Barlow, who was a computer science major, is primarily responsible for the programming on the site.

Mayberry's appearance on the show brought FitConnect.com a good deal of publicity, which has helped the site become more profitable.

Mayberry and Barlow have plans to grow their business even further — they plan to involve 50 Cent in FitConnect.com and pitch their idea to investors like Vitamin Water. After being on the show, Mayberry got into rapping and is recording an album. He is also scheduled to speak at several colleges, including Shippensburg University in Pennsylvania.

"We're hoping to fully integrate into every gym, so you can see how crowded it is," Mayberry says.

Indie film series sparks romance in cold of winter

BY ALEXANDRA DUSZAK

Entertainment Editor

There's no better way to spend a cold winter evening than watching a movie with a sweetheart. The fifth annual Winter Film Series, sponsored by Student Centers Programming Advisory Board, captured all the romance of the season with its theme, Indie Romance.

Every Wednesday during Winter Session, a free movie was screened at Trabant University Center. The movies ranged from popular favorites like "Garden State" to lesser-known films like "Quiet City."

All of the movies shown were independent films the planners of the Winter Films Series felt would appeal to the university community.

"It has to be something that I've seen or will be pretty confident that the majority of people going will like or at least talk about afterward," Student Centers program coordinator Alex Keen says.

Keen planned the series with 2008 alumnus Anup Patel, who is interning at Student Centers.

Patel stated in an e-mail message that he and Keen also considered a director-specific theme or a European indie film theme.

"Once we chose it, the movies all came together pretty quickly," Patel says.

Patel contacted the directors of the films to see if they would be available to introduce their work or to answer questions at the screenings.

Aaron Katz, the director of "Quiet City," came to Newark for the film's screening on Jan. 28. Despite the freezing weather, approximately 75 people came to see the film about a young woman who comes to Brooklyn, N.Y., to meet her friend. When she is unable to contact her friend, she spends the next 24 hours with the man she asks for directions.

Keen says the film belongs to a genre called mumblecore, an indie film movement characterized by an intimate focus on the relationships among a small number of characters.

"There's an element of romance to it, but it's also real. I really wanted to show Brooklyn and New York in general in a way that's different from how it's usually shown," Katz, who lives in Brooklyn, N.Y., says.

His other films include "Dance Party, USA," which also belongs to the mumblecore genre. "Quiet City" was made with the same group of people who worked on "Dance Party, USA," including producer Brendan McFadden, cinematographer Andrew Reed — both of whom attended the North Carolina School of the Arts with Katz — and musician Keegan DeWitt, Katz's friend from his home-



Courtesy of Anup Patel

SCPAB's film series featured five free movies.

town of Portland, Ore.

"We make movies with a pretty small group of people," Katz says.

"Quiet City" was screened at 14 festivals and was nominated for the John Cassavetes Award at the 2008 Independent Spirit Awards. It won Best Director and Best Cinematography at the 2007 BendFilm Festival. Katz says he didn't expect the film to be such a success.

"We just wanted to make a movie that we were proud of and make a movie on our own terms," he says.

Katz says "Quiet City" was born from his attempt to write another movie. Although the script didn't work, he liked some of the characters he had created. He began writing another story using the character of Jamie and created "Quiet City" in approximately a week.

Katz says he works best on feeling — over-thinking a project can lead to problems, as was the case with a movie he attempted to make about Pittsburgh, Pa.

"Pittsburgh" took months and months and months to write," he says.

The film was written in late August 2006 and premiered seven months later.

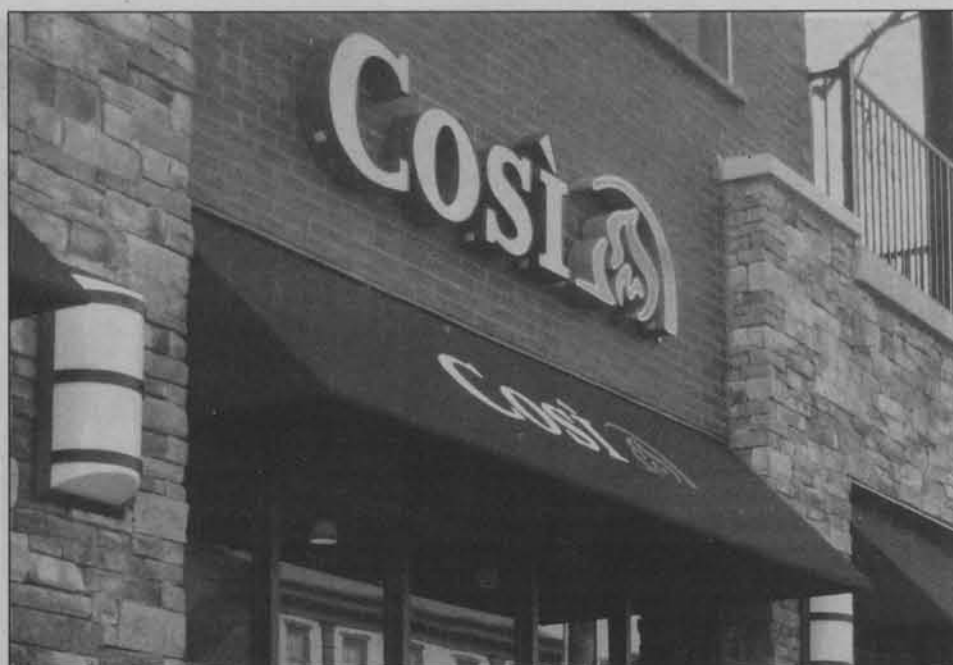
Patel says Katz was the only director to earn the rights to his own film. The distribution companies Swank and Criterion own the rights to the other films in the series.

"For indie movies, it's a challenge," Keen says.

Although the university is significantly less populated during Winter Session, attendance was strong at all of Winter Film Series screenings, with approximately 150 people attending "Once" and "Love Me If You Dare."

It was Keen's idea to create the Winter Film Series.

"I kind of did it as a, 'Here, let me prove to you that you can still get people to come to an event in the winter,'" he says.



THE REVIEW/Allison Ruppino

Fifteen Main Street restaurants, including Cosi, offered deals during Restaurant Week.

Annual Restaurant Week feeds locals, students for less

BY ALLISON RUPPINO

Staff Reporter

Although the much-anticipated snowball fights were few this year, Winter Session did come with some benefits — smaller food lines, more room in the gym and the cheerful sight of sparkling lights in the trees along Main Street. Along with these little conveniences, the students and residents of Newark were also able to enjoy Restaurant Week.

Restaurant Week, which ran from Jan. 19 to Jan. 25, is one week when people can come and spend less money to try foods from their favorite restaurants in downtown Newark.

The city of Newark Web site states there were 15 restaurants on Main Street that participated. Each restaurant offered specialty menus highlighting the best they have to offer at a lower price. The event featured seasonal decorations, in-restaurant entertainment, retail specials and free parking validation with meals.

According to the Web site, three different tiers were assembled for each restaurant. For example, the "Friends and Family Fun Meals" tier fed a group of four people for \$19.

Matthew Minella, manager of Cosi, says the restaurant sold two dinner pizzas, a s'mores dessert for four and a beverage for \$19.99.

"Restaurant Week happens to get the Delaware natives to come out and eat," Minella says. "I saw a lot of returning customers the following week."

Newark Councilman Ezra Temko says many cities have a Restaurant Week.

"With the amount of terrific restaurants in Newark's downtown, there is no reason for Newark to not have one as well," Temko says. "It is an exciting way to bring attention to and showcase restaurants and the foods they offer."

This was downtown Newark's third annual restaurant week. Many students, however, are away during Winter Session when it occurs, so fewer students can take advantage of the yearly event.

"This is one of the only downtown events that can be implemented completely indoors, so I think the winter makes sense," Temko says.

Newark Councilman David Athey says, "In general, I understand Main Street busi-

nesses and especially restaurants tend to do better when school is in session.

"Therefore, events are often planned for summer time and other breaks when Newark is not as crowded in an attempt to increase patronage during these otherwise slower times."

Mayor Vance Funk says by holding Restaurant Week during the winter, the city is able to double restaurants' business.

"The event was very successful, and the spillover into the following week was fantastic," Funk says.

Although residents of Newark came out to the event, some students were disappointed that they didn't hear about Restaurant Week earlier.

Senior Christina Wolff says she didn't know what Restaurant Week was.

"I wish they would've advertised it more," Wolff says. "I love cheap."

Brett Tunstall, Home Grown Café's general manager, says the restaurants do a lot to advertise to the people of Newark.

"The restaurants and the city put a lot into advertising — *The News Journal*, *Spark* — we use every medium we can," Tunstall says.

He says that Restaurant Week brings more people in because of the special offers.

"It allows people to come in to taste smaller plates for a good price," he says. "Besides Restaurant Week, there is also Newark Night. It is the first Saturday in June after graduation, and it's also meant to bring the locals out to eat."

Senior Andy Shine dined at Home Grown during Restaurant Week in January.

"If more students knew about Restaurant Week a lot more would have gone out to eat," Shine says.

Shine had seen the event posted on a flier, but thinks students could have been informed other ways.

"I think on campus, it was more a word-of-mouth kind of deal," Shine says. "I know this is lame, but if there could've been Facebook messages sent out, a lot more students would've heard about it."

Shine enjoyed all the benefits he received when dining at Home Grown.

"For a two person meal, I paid the same price as I would have if I paid for myself," he says. "My parking was validated, and they gave away coupons."

delawareUNdressed International intrigue



Alicia Gentile
Columnist

This is the true story of 29 strangers picked to study abroad, to find out what happens when people stop being polite and start getting real — study abroad Delaware.

Like many, I studied abroad this winter in Spain. In addition to learning about history, eating strange cuisines, taking part in different cultures, seeing tons of cathedrals and boozing, I also learned a lot about what happens when 29 strangers are asked to live together for a month. It's very simple — hook-ups happen.

Being forced to live with someone on a 24-hour basis for a month and a half will definitely change the dynamics of a relationship. Sometimes this includes random hook-ups with locals or random hook-ups among people on the trip.

There are several reasons you'll find promiscuity occurring at such a high level, the first of which is how romantic it is to be in a foreign country.

When you're surrounded by beautiful people all showing affection, when you're surrounded by architecture that embraces relation-

ships, when all you hear is the romance languages, it's almost inevitable to crave lovin'.

The idea of an adventure in a foreign country could lead to the beginning of relationships and hook-ups. Nothing says romance like adrenaline-seeking spontaneity, and nothing says spontaneity like being overseas, embracing something new and different. Also, the level of partying that occurs while abroad plays a role in friskiness. To us, studying abroad is not

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only studying, but it's also like a vacation from reality. The lower drinking age, the quest to meet the locals and the desire to dance the night away would easily explain why things get heated.

Another reason for promiscuity may have a lot to do with the intrigue between locals and Americans. Who doesn't want to know more about people from other cultures, and more than that, who doesn't have assumptions about people from other countries? This intrigue to get to know others explains hook-ups with locals.

In addition to random hook-ups, study abroad could also lead to budding

relationships. Love occurring in a foreign country is romantic and sounds just perfect. It's funny how quickly a relationship can spark when you're with each other on a constant basis for a month. It only makes sense that couples are born, since people are thrown into a situation where they need to get to know each other quickly.

Along with the start of new relationships, study abroad sparks disloyalty among existing couples. It's a sad truth and one that I have trouble understanding. Maintaining loyalty over study abroad is something with which many people have trouble. Whether it's because they spend a majority of nights boozing up or because they believe in the different-area-code rule, cheating is nothing new to study abroad trips.

On the other hand, a majority of people on study abroad trips do remain loyal. They manage to find an even balance between fully taking advantage of international travel and keeping a relationship at home strong.

In retrospect, it seems study abroad is a tangled web of late-night make-outs and international sexy time.



fashionforward

The fashioning of a first lady

While you may have been gone and far removed from the pressures of school, it's safe to say the world of fashion never rested. Of course, there was Paris Fashion Week where designers presented their Fall/Winter '09 collections before the world's fashion capital. While any American fashion lover would find the allure of Paris runway shows intriguing, let's not forget that recently, America has caused its fair share of intrigue for the rest of the world.

On Jan. 20, 2009, Americans watched President Barack Obama as he was sworn in as the first black president of the United States. Although reports about Paris Fashion Week spanned the pages of *Women's Wear Daily* for all of its faithful subscribers, it's clear the Obamas are the most fashionable couple in the world right now.

Fashion can be considered as a means of communication and expression, and it's no coincidence that leadership comes from the ability to do both of these well. A true trendsetter exudes a confidence that will eventually earn admiration. I assure you, America, the Obamas are your present-day trendsetters. My reasoning? Both the president and Michelle have demonstrated well-received modes of action. The president's way of accomplishing this is obvious. He had a successful campaign, won the votes of Americans by showing that he had promising prospects for the United States and is now the president.

On the night of inauguration, the 44th first lady was also well-received, looking elegant in her white chiffon dress. With cascading organza flowers and sparkling crystals, it was designed and made by American designer Jason Wu. It so happens that in his pre-inaugural ball days, his name was spoken about only in much smaller circles. Michelle's choice of the 26-year-old up-and-coming American designer's submission matches her previous choices of designers as well. She has chosen to wear pieces by American designers such as Isabel Toledo and Narciso Rodriguez, who are relatively unknown among the general public.

Her choices inspire the support of small American companies that utilize American labor. As the new first lady, the examples that Michelle has already begun to set for America symbolize the spirit of a prouder and more conscious nation of people. After all, it's no secret that small companies are struggling to remain swimming in a modern sea of corporate competition. With her choices of classically stylish attire, Michelle has managed to communicate her belief in endorsing American designers, and without excluding the emerging generation of designers.

Aside from inspiring support of American designers, it's obvious that she recognizes America's melting pot of talent — Toledo was born in Cuba, Rodriguez was born in the United States to Cuban immigrants and Wu is originally from Taiwan. Her choices have served to capture the American spirit of welcoming diversity. Her daughters have often appeared wearing smart and tasteful ensembles from the American brand J. Crew. The first lady's approach to fashion is one that appears to be promising for the fashion industry, and will undoubtedly be one that earns admiration as she continues to lead by example.

America is curious as to how the first lady's garment choices will compare with others such as Jacqueline Kennedy. Will Mrs. O. be idolized for her fashion as Jackie O. once was? We'll just have to continue following America's most fashionable couple to find out.



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mediadarling Chasing the pot and the gold

Michael Phelps is burnt out. The 23-year-old Baltimore native spent years preparing for his second Olympics, and after bringing home eight gold medals, the kid needed a break. So, like any wildly successful young swimmer, he packed up and headed to the nation's premiere vacation spot — the University of South Carolina.

Last November, Phelps donned his Rastafarian hat and his "Legalize It!" T-shirt, put on the soothing sounds of Bob Marley and drove his Volkswagen van south, where the air is warmer and the pot is stronger. Before he left, he turned on the vacation responder in his e-mail with this memo: "I am away for the weekend. If you're a fan inquiring about your free autographed goggles, please leave a message with my agent. Also, I intend to break your heart while I'm gone. Love, Michael."

It's all more or less true. More, if you like imagining things. Less, if you prefer facts.

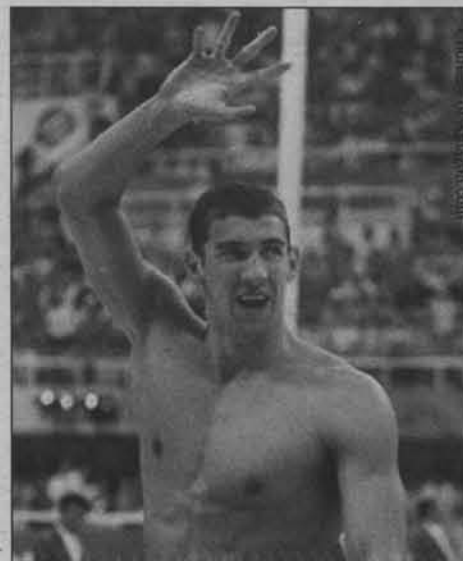
But the important part isn't how Phelps got to South Carolina — it's what he did once he arrived. He partied every night, according to the British tabloid *News of the World*, the paper that published an exclusive photo of Phelps looking a lot like he was taking a hit from a bong. That photo, released Feb. 1, now has Phelps and his future as a professional swimmer reeling.

In an interview with *The Baltimore Sun* — his first since the photo began making its rounds — Phelps expressed uncertainty as to whether he would swim in the 2012 Olympics. The ceaseless eye of the public, it seems, is becoming too much for him. While Phelps has received much of the media atten-

tion, often depicted as a remorseful and victimized fallen hero, there's a party with much deeper wounds that has been largely ignored — the public.

Now that Phelps — the golden idol, the slayer of all things French, the man with the rock-solid abs and puppy-dog face — has betrayed us, where will we focus our intense and often disturbing admirations? Do we even know the name of another swimmer? It's overwhelming, but there are steps we can take to begin the healing process.

For example, after such a blatant display of disregard for your feelings, you may be tempted to burn your "Phelps Phan" T-shirt. Don't. You can easily salvage it by changing it to "Phelps Phailed Me, My Phamily and

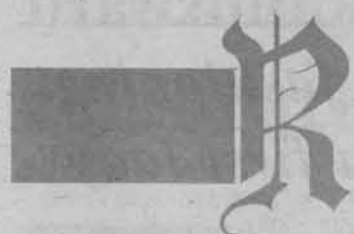


All My Phriends." Feel free to add "Pherret" or any other animal name that used to begin with "F," provided you actually own such an animal.

Also, discontinue use of your Visa credit card and stop wearing Speedo swimsuits under all of your clothes. As long as these two companies continue to sponsor Phelps, you can't be associated with them. However, freely continue consumption of your favorite Kellogg's cereal. They used to be part of the Dark Side, but you can trust them once more now that they've pulled sponsorship of the athlete, labeling his behavior as "not consistent with the image of Kellogg." This move follows a distancing from Tony the Tiger, who described the photo taken of him doing a line last month as "grrreat."

Finally, if you have kids and you signed them up for swim team last fall while riding a Phelps-induced moment of euphoria, encourage them to continue swimming. Their hearts may be broken — as USA Swimming stated when it suspended Phelps, he "disappointed so many people, particularly the hundreds of thousands of USA Swimming member kids who look up to him as a role model and a hero" — but they have to continue to follow their dreams. This is of the utmost importance, since it's likely that among these young swimmers is our next golden champion. It's up to us, the public, to cultivate that child's talent, lovingly nurture his Olympic dream, wear embarrassing fan paraphernalia when he finally makes it big and then shun him the moment he reveals his human flaws. After all, we wanted eight gold, not eight gold and a bong.

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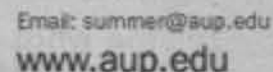
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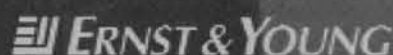


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Hens quarterback Pat Devlin threw for a Pennsylvania high school record 8,162 career yards.

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Men's and Women's
Indoor Track and Field
@ Lafayette/Rider Invitational
11 a.m.

Saturday, February 14

Men's Lacrosse vs. UMBC
1 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs. Hofstra
4 p.m.

Sunday, February 15

Women's Basketball
@ Old Dominion
2 p.m.

Dec. 17 — Women's Golf to Become Varsity Sport

In an effort to create equal athletic opportunities for both men and women, the university announced plans to add women's golf as a new varsity sport. After much controversy, men's indoor track will be reduced to club status to make room for the program. The decision came amid ongoing speculation of the future of the men's cross country and track teams as a result of Title IX.



Courtesy of Sports Information

Kyle Davis helped turn 21 double plays last year.

Dec. 19 — Baseball Announces Davis and Shockley as Captains

Baseball head coach Jim Sherman announced seniors Kyle Davis and Scott Shockley as captains to lead the 2009 baseball campaign in the spring. Davis split time between short-stop and second base last year, earning a reputation as a strong defensive middle infielder. Outfielder Scott Shockley is known for his bat in the middle of the lineup.

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Charles Graves was one of a few bright spot in the Hens' disappointing 4-8 season.

Dec. 18 — Charles Graves Announced as an All-American

After quarterbacking a defense that allowed 20.7 points per game, standout safety Charles Graves was honored as an *Associated Press* All-American and was awarded a spot on the second-team. The 6-foot 195-pound Graves took charge of the Hens' defense during the 2008 season, leading the team with five interceptions and 78 tackles, 43 of them being solo stops. The junior also had two sacks, five pass breakups and two fumble recoveries. Three times throughout the year Graves was honored as the Blue Hen Touchdown Club Defensive Player of the Week. He posted a season-high 14 tackles in the season finale against CAA rival Villanova.

commentary



RYAN LANGSHAW

"Spring Solutions?"

Ah, yes, the wonderful start of the Spring Semester, and for many of you, the annual update on what you missed while you were away in your respective state, country or seven-week siesta. I thought it would be fitting to offer up my opinion as to not only what has been gone from our struggling men's basketball team this winter, but also how everyone's favorite football coach, K.C. Keeler, has a new plan to recapture pigskin glory after a career-worst 4-8 season.

The men's basketball team got off to a flat-footed start this year. Particularly average efforts against Vermont, Central Connecticut and Old Dominion all produced early-season losses that have been hard for the team to overcome. Add to that a 4-9 conference record and you have a team that has been searching for leadership and clutch play all winter long.

Although St. Joseph's transfer Jawan Carter and fellow backcourt mate Alphonso Dawson have been promising, the team has continued to lag at the bottom of the CAA in both steals and defensive

rebounds; stats which have given many opponents second-chance baskets. Most concerning has been the team's inability to win close games, showing a lack of leadership many times this year. On a team featuring four contributing seniors, the Hens have lost six games by 10 points or less, despite scoring more overall points than their opponents in the second half of games. This all can be traced back to clutch play and big shots, which are things this team has been searching for all winter.

Speaking of experience and clutch play, at this point everyone realized Keeler and his football program went without a solid quarterback throughout last season. Robbie "I never saw a double coverage-I did not like" Schoenhof has been ousted and should return as a wildcat player, splitting time between quarterback and tight-end. By admitting that mistake, Keeler can now potentially move on to the next one, with transfer quarterback Pat Devlin.

Devlin, with two years of eligibility left, is much more reminiscent of the dearly departed Joe

Flacco then any quarterback on the Hens' roster. Keeler will once again hand the reins of the offense over to a big-school transfer. Devlin had a reasonable amount of success at Penn State before his arrival and has similar physical characteristics to Flacco. He will benefit by going into this coming season with two healthy running backs and a more experienced offensive line, two things Schoenhof played without last year.

Even though both have had their share of headlines, with the return of thousands of students and the added attention and awareness placed on each team, the microscope once again has fallen into place. Two of the most popular programs at UD will attempt to right their ships and live up to their high expectations.

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Courtesy of Sports Information

Hans Gillan was named CAA swimmer of the week three times.

Jan. 17 — Multiple Delaware Swimmers Break Records

Delaware men's and women's swim teams combined to break four records at Drexel during a sweep of their CAA rival. Three of the broken records were pool marks. Men's swimmer Josh Hyman broke the all-time program record in the 400-IM, blazing in at a time of 4:05.12. Teammate Hans Gillan set a mark of 50:49 in the 100-butterfly and women's swimmers Cortney Barry and Hannah Facchine set their own records in the 200-freestyle and 100-breaststroke of 1:53.75 and 1:06.95, respectively. Gillan, Barry and Facchine's records were also pool marks for the Dragons' Daskalakis Center.

Jan. 29 — Dickson named pre-season Player of the Year



Courtesy of Sports Information

Dickson has scored goals in 10 straight games entering the year.

Curtis Dickson was named the CAA pre-season Player of the Year. His success this season should go a long way toward helping the Hens fulfill their No. 2 CAA ranking in pre-season coach's polls. Delaware has posted five consecutive winning seasons. With 19 returning letter-winners from last season's 9-7 play-off squad, their odds of contention are once again strong. In addition to the CAA poll, UD was picked in the top 25 nationally by both *Inside Lacrosse's* and *LAXNews.com's* pre-season polls. Delaware got off to a fast start at home by dismantling Saint Joseph's to the tune of 13-2 in their Feb. 7 season opener.



Courtesy of the Arizona Cardinals

Ben Patrick (89) made clutch receptions in this season's NFL playoffs.

Feb. 1 — Ben Patrick Catches Touchdown Pass in the Super Bowl

Former Blue Hen Ben Patrick scored Arizona's first touchdown in Super Bowl XLIII. After a couple early scores put the Pittsburgh Steelers ahead 10-0 in the second quarter, the Cardinals, led by quarterback Kurt Warner, drove down the field to the Steelers one-yard line. From there, Warner found Patrick, the team's second tight-end, open for the touchdown. The score not only put the Cardinals on the scoreboard, but it was the Cardinals' only offense for the first half of the game before a furious fourth-quarter comeback. Patrick became the first Blue Hen to ever rush for or receive a touchdown in the Super Bowl.

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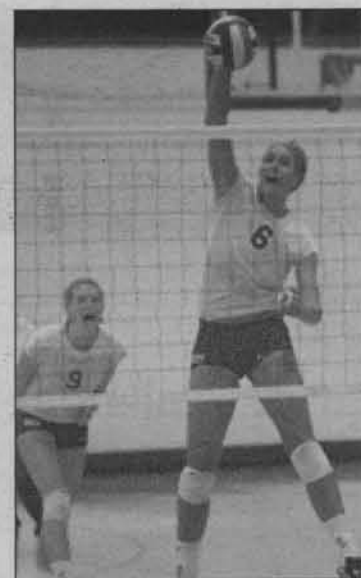
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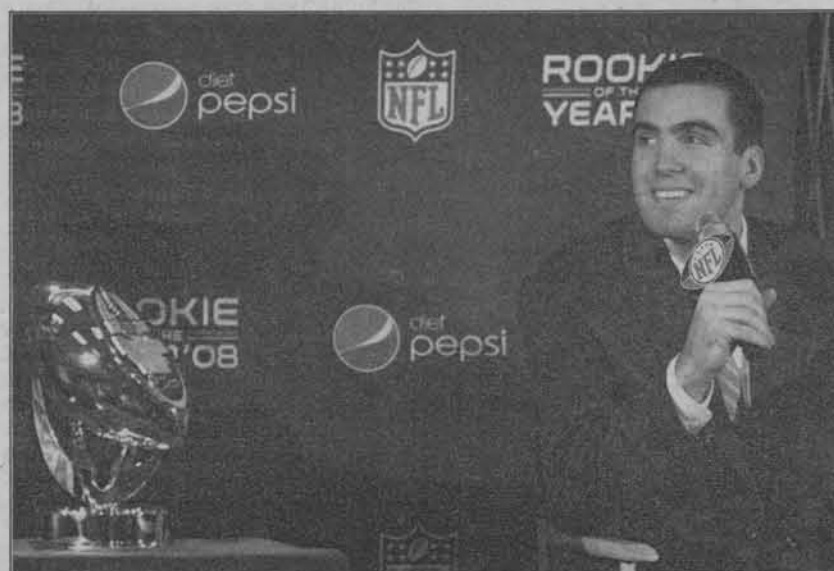
Jan. 25 — DelleDonne named DSBA Athlete of the Year.

After a sensational high school career, women's basketball phenom Elena DelleDonne began the transition from heralded recruit for the UConn Huskies basketball team to a transfer on UD's volleyball team. Despite the confusion amid her change of heart, DelleDonne proved herself a first-class athlete and quickly perfected her craft under head volleyball coach Bonnie Kenny, finishing with 46 digs and over 100 total kills. For her outstanding performances, the Delaware Sportswriters and Broadcasters Association named DelleDonne the Delaware Athlete of the Year.



Courtesy of Sports Information

DelleDonne impressed many with her transition to volleyball.



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NFL Rookie Joe Flacco started every game this season for the Ravens.

Jan. 30 — Joe Flacco wins Diet Pepsi Rookie of the Year Award

Former Delaware standout and first-ever NFL Draft first round pick Joe Flacco finished a record-setting rookie season as the Baltimore Ravens' starting quarterback. After taking the reins from the beginning of the season, Flacco passed for 2,971 yards and 14 touchdowns, taking his team all the way to the AFC Championship game, the farthest a team has gone in the playoffs with a rookie quarterback at the helm. Though Atlanta Falcons rookie quarterback Matt Ryan was named AP Offensive Rookie of the Year during the regular season, Flacco's playoff performances helped earn him the Diet Pepsi Rookie of the Year award.

Feb. 4 — Pat Devlin Transfers to Delaware

Following a sub-par season offensively, Delaware Football head coach K.C. Keeler announced that Pat Devlin, former Penn State backup quarterback and Pennsylvania high school football standout, will be attending Delaware this spring. He will have two years of eligibility starting in the fall. Keeler called Devlin "probably the most proven quarterback we have brought to our program." Keeler's track record includes Joe Flacco, who transferred to Delaware from Pittsburgh at the start of his junior season and is currently starting in the NFL for the Baltimore Ravens.



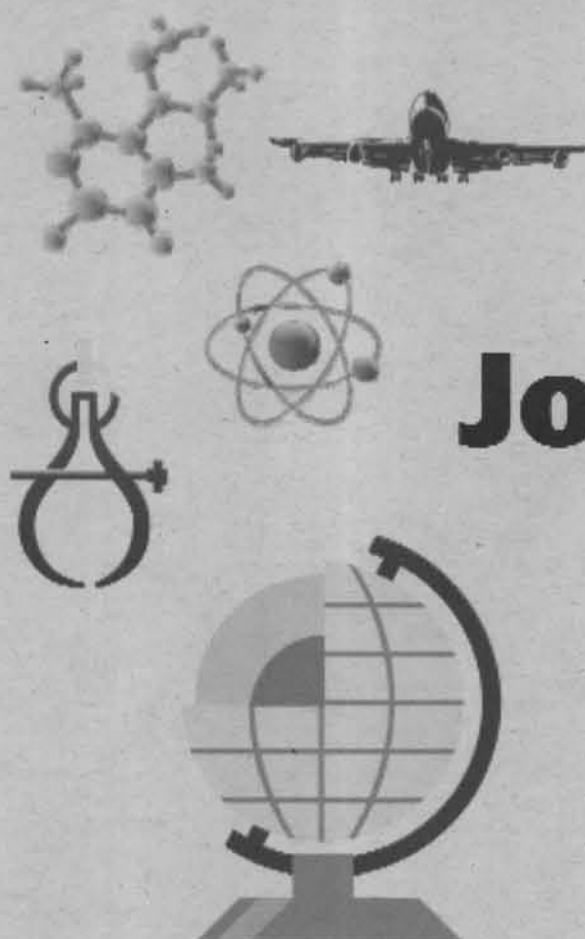
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Devlin hopes to be UD's answer at quarterback.



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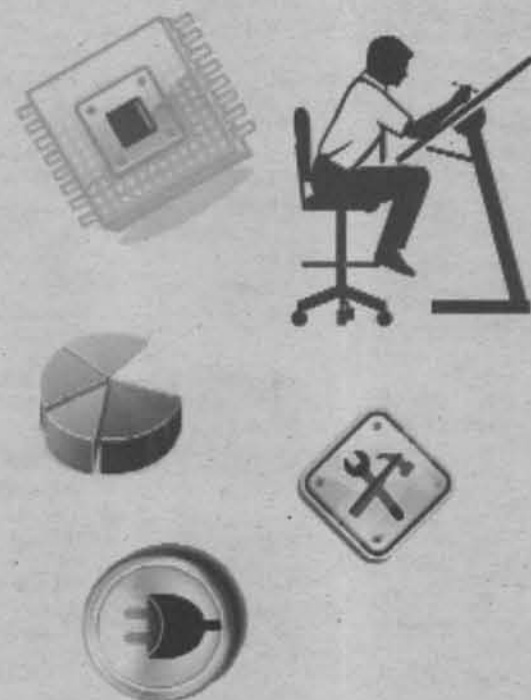
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