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Bonistall's murderer seeking new trial

BY ELISA LALA

City News Editor

On May 1, 2005, university student Lindsey M. Bonistall was raped and murdered in her off-campus apartment. In the coming months, the Bonistall family may have to relive the trial of their daughter's murderer.

James E. Cooke Jr., convicted in 2007 of Bonistall's rape and murder, is appealing his case to the Delaware Supreme Court on the grounds of being denied his right to due process and the right to counsel. Cooke claims his defense team asserted he was guilty but mentally ill over Cooke's objections and claims of innocence, Newark Police Department Cpl. Andrew Rubin said.

Rubin, the chief investigator in Lindsey's case, said Lindsey wasn't given a second chance, and neither should Cooke.

"Having to retry the case would mean having to start all over again from the beginning: bringing in the evidence, obtaining a jury, all of it," Rubin said. "The Bonistalls would have to suffer all over again."

Legal studies professor Nancy Schweda-Nicholson, whose research interests include language and the law, as well as court interpretation, said even though

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James E. Cooke Jr. was convicted of Lindsey Bonistall's rape and murder in 2007. He is now seeking to appeal to the Delaware Supreme Court.

Labor group investigates UD apparel supplier

BY SHANE WEBER

Staff Reporter

Thirty-six universities including Pennsylvania State University, the University of Maryland and Rutgers, the state university of New Jersey, have all decided to discontinue their contracts or refuse to continue business with the Russell Corporation, a supplier of apparel to universities across the country. The universities have separated themselves from Russell over alleged violations of workers rights at the company's factory Jerzees de Honduras. On Jan. 31, Russell closed JDH, one of the only unionized plants in the country. Russell is still a supplier of apparel for the University of Delaware.

Freshman Sarah Forst wrote about the situation in an article for the student-run magazine *DEconstruction* after attending a speech at the University of Maryland. The speech was given by a woman who was previously

employed at Russell's JDH factory.

"The woman who worked at this Honduran factory talked about how workers at this plant were trying to form a union to get things like fair wages and clean water — and the factory got shut down," Forst said.

Senior Amy Saltzman, co-editor in chief of *DEconstruction*, was not aware of the Russell Corporation situation until Forst presented the magazine with the issue.

"Of course you don't really think about how sweatshop labor applies to you," Saltzman said. "You always think of the picture as a larger problem until it is brought to your attention."

In the article, Forst provided a letter for students to cut out and to mail to university officials. The address, phone number and e-mail address of university President Patrick Harker and the Office of Communications and Marketing were also given.

"Clearly students in other schools are getting things done, and I think it is possible here as well," Forst said. "We basically vote with our wallet — if we refuse to buy those things, they're not going to make them anymore."

The Worker Rights Consortium, an independent labor-rights organization, accused the Russell Corporation of violations of labor standards in a 36-page report, "documenting serious violations of university labor standards by the Russell Corporation."

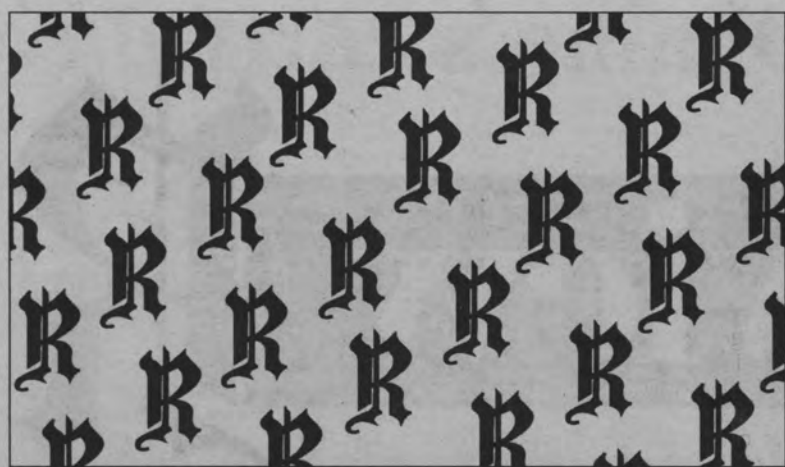
The report claims there were multiple threats from the management that the factory would close because of workers exercising their right to unionize.

On Feb. 2, the Fair Labor Association, a non-profit organization for the supervision of

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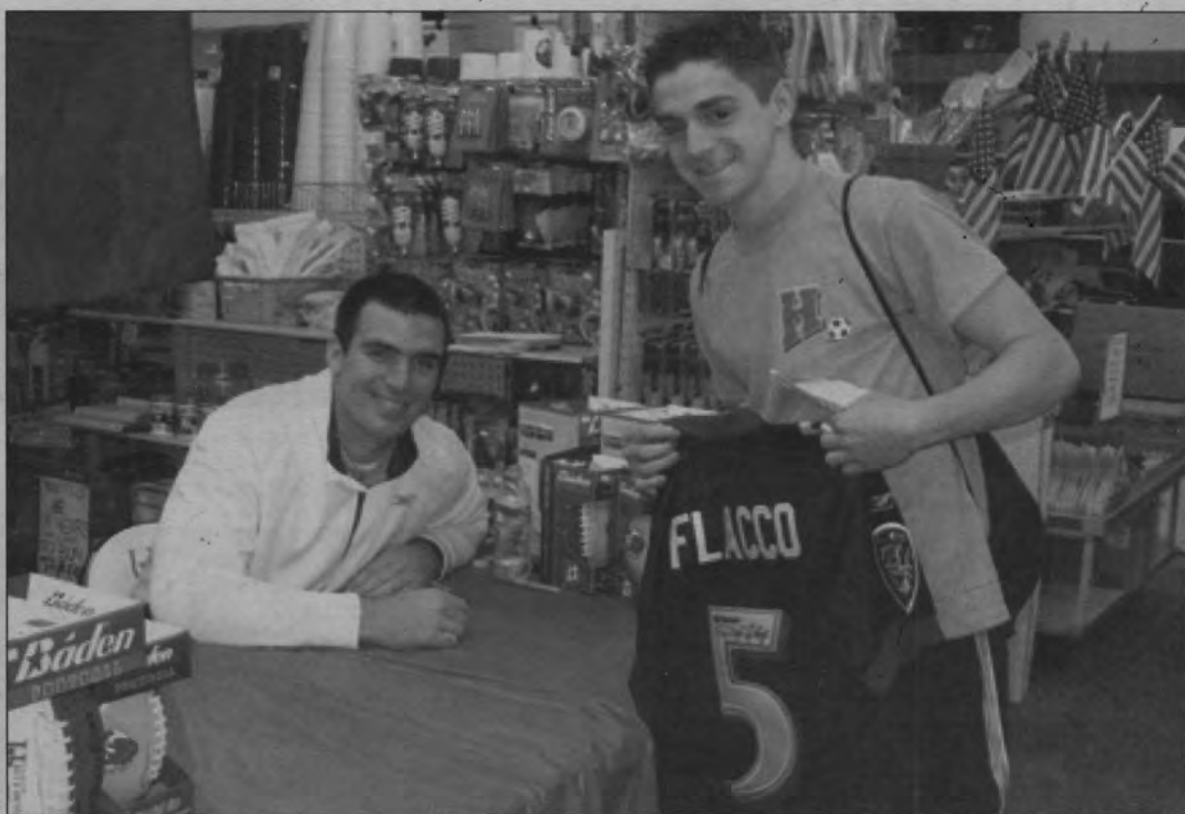
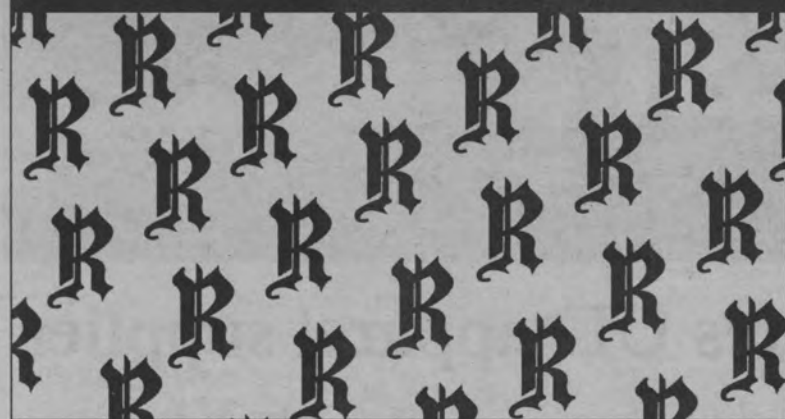
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Joe Flacco signed autographs Thursday evening at the National 5 & 10.

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Two guitar players sat outside at the Kirkbride fountain last week, enjoying the weather.



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Plouffe, Schmidt discuss Obama's early days

BY TAD KASIAK

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Almost six months after the closing battle of the 2008 presidential elections, two hardened generals from opposing sides sat down to discuss the war. David Plouffe, Barack Obama's campaign manager, and Steve Schmidt, John McCain's senior campaign adviser, candidly conversed on the subjects of political strategies and tactical decisions and described several well-kept camp secrets.

Schmidt said he realized that McCain's bid for the presidency was over before the first presidential debate had even taken place.

"When Lehman Brothers collapsed [in September], I knew pretty much straight away, that from an electoral strategy perspective, the campaign was finished," Schmidt said. "The strategic challenge was equivalent to that of throwing a football through a tire at 50 yards."

The unraveling economy coupled with the state of the Republican Party and the current president's unpopularity turned many issues that were not McCain's fault into McCain's problems, he said.

For Plouffe, the real battle had already been won much earlier.

"We thought that nine times out of 10 Hillary Clinton would probably win the primary," Plouffe said.

After Barack Obama's nomination as the official Democratic Party candidate, Plouffe said his attention switched to securing the nation's 270 electoral votes by battling over largely conservative states such as Indiana or

Virginia.

The discussion between the two strategists took place Thursday before approximately 500 people in Clayton Hall. The talk was part of an event titled "A Conversation at the Epicenter of Politics: The Election and the First 100 Days."

The moderator during the hour-long discussion was communication professor Ralph Begleiter, who said he believes that such talks have great educational value.

"It's very important for the students at the University of Delaware today to realize that you can reach a level of enormous power, leverage, influence and decision-making as a result of being a student at the University of Delaware," Begleiter said. "That's a simple lesson, but every student needs to realize it."

During the event, Plouffe said the only time he ever had an urge to call and ask Schmidt what he was thinking was, "When I heard they had picked Sarah Palin."

Careful not to be overtly critical of Palin, Schmidt explained that abortion rights supporter Sen. Joe Lieberman had been the campaign's first serious contender for the vice presidency.

McCain debated taking a one-term pledge with Lieberman to fix the biggest issues facing the country. But party leaders declared the nomination of any abortion rights candidate unacceptable, Schmidt said.

"It would lead to a floor fight at the convention with an alternate nominee for vice president put into play," he said. "Blowing up the party wasn't one of the menu items of

things that were going to improve our situation."

But the plan for Palin to excite the Republican Party base and close the gap with women voters backfired when the Alaska governor was interviewed by Katie Couric, Schmidt said.

"It was the most devastating political interview since Roger Mudd interviewed Ted Kennedy who could not answer the question as to why he wanted to become the president," he said.

Plouffe was quick to acknowledge that technology and social networking through such Web sites as Facebook enabled volunteers to organize themselves to a much higher degree than in any previous election.

Throughout Obama's first 100 days in office, Plouffe said Obama did not bite off more than he could chew.

"Whether it's equal pay for women or health care for children or the recovery package that's creating or saving 3 million jobs or beginning real reforms of the executive branch, in terms of the question of the power of lobbyists, I think it's a wonderful record," he said.

According to Plouffe, Washington, D.C. would be the only place in which waiting to make the country more energy-efficient or waiting to cut health care costs would be credible debates.

"[Obama] ran for president because he believed Washington was not tackling those challenges," Plouffe said. "This should surprise no one. This is not even a decision for

him."

Schmidt said in order to revive itself, the Republican Party has to find a way to appeal to moderates in the Northeast, West Coast, Southwest and the Sierra states such as Colorado.

He also agreed with Plouffe that McCain may have lost Arizona had it not been his home state.

"We have to be comfortable recruiting candidates who do not fit the profile of an Alabama conservative," Schmidt said.

He also said Republicans are currently wrestling with a vacuum of leadership.

"Currently we are in our 'Lord of the Flies' period, when there is no leader," he said. "Now is the time when the next generation rises. So no longer can your winning philosophy be to hold the South and every four years spend 80 million dollars to win Ohio... Republicans need to be competitive in all races, in all 50 states."

According to Plouffe, Obama has paved the way for changes in both parties.

"The number one lesson from this election is that insurgents can win nominations," he said.

If it is possible for an insurgent to become the president of the United States, then anyone can run for office without establishing a backing, Plouffe said.

"Many may not win, but more will, and I think it will give us higher-quality candidates," he said. "Now running for office and winning will be more accessible to all people."



THE REVIEW/Steven Gold

From the moderator's chair: the student panelist experience

BY JOSH SHANNON

Managing News Editor

As I sat in Ralph Begleiter and Joe Pika's Road to the Presidency (POSC467) class on Sept. 16, I listened to a discussion of the dramatic events that happened in the days prior, resulting in the failure of Lehman Brothers and a large drop in the stock market.

The bad economic news and Sen. John McCain's inconsistent response to it would have a significant impact on the presidential election, the professors said.

It was that day that I realized Barack Obama was on track to win the presidency. But, I've since wondered if McCain's campaign also saw the writing on wall that day.

On Thursday, I got my chance to ask Steve Schmidt, McCain's senior campaign adviser, confirmed my hunch.

"When Lehman Brothers collapsed in the fall, I knew pretty much straight away the campaign was finished," Schmidt said during the panel discussion. I helped moderate, along with Begleiter and my colleague at The Review, Stephanie Kraus.

It was candid answers like that from Schmidt and Obama's campaign manager, David Plouffe, that made the panel helpful in understanding the behind-the-scenes actions of the campaigns that so many of us followed so closely last year.

Steph and I were fortunate to get an opportunity that any student journalist would jump at — to question the masterminds of the

campaigns and have the answers to our questions make national news.

When Begleiter approached me three weeks ago about serving as part of the panel, being a journalist and a political junkie, I couldn't pass it up. Still, moderating a public discussion was a new experience for this print reporter — normally, if one of my questions sounds inarticulate, that stays between me, the source and my trusty digital voice recorder.

Begleiter said the forum would feel "just like having a conversation," but I remained a bit skeptical of that. "My conversations aren't normally witnessed by 500 people and the national media," I thought to myself.

But in the end, he was right. My nerves quickly calmed and it did, indeed, feel like a conversation. With the candidates responding to Steph and me, rather than playing to the audience, the event seemed more casual.

I was pleasantly surprised by the candidness of both men — Plouffe wasn't boastful, and Schmidt wasn't bitter. Instead, both were engaging and humorous and provided good insight into the campaigns.

Though the university's slogan "The Epicenter of Politics" may be a little corny — even *The Washington Post* poked fun at the number of times it was mentioned during the forum — it was fitting for Thursday's event.

With our discussion being picked up by Politico.com, CNN, *The Washington Post* and MSNBC, I did indeed feel as though I was in the epicenter of politics.

BY STEPHANIE KRAUS

Staff Reporter

When I was asked to be a student moderator for "A Conversation at the Epicenter of Politics: The Election and the First 100 Days," it raised some questions for me.

I'll start with what I knew about it.

I knew that Barack Obama's campaign manager David Plouffe and John McCain's campaign manager, Steve Schmidt, were visiting the university to speak about their experiences in the 2008 election. I knew that I was planning on attending the event on April 23. That's it.

As for my questions, my first was: what's with the name? Why wasn't it just called a debate? My professor, Ralph Begleiter, who asked me to moderate, explained the purpose of the event. He knew two professional campaign managers would never be found in the limelight debating, especially after the campaign was over and done with. Rather, the purpose was to pull back the curtain and allow people to see the inside workings of the campaign team.

The second question: Why me? Your guess is as good as mine. I had no political science background whatsoever; sure I had followed the election like any other American, but surely not to the extent where I could engage freely with political masterminds such as Schmidt and Plouffe in front of an audience of 500.

I quickly realized I would be a fool to

turn down an opportunity like this, even if I risked looking like one on stage. Thankfully, I would not be the only one feeling this apprehension. Josh Shannon, a colleague at The Review, would be the other student moderator for the event.

Like any other mature journalist, I ran home and called my mom.

I arrived at 3:30 p.m. to meet Josh and Begleiter, and we sat in a conference room waiting for university President Patrick Harker, Arts and Science Dean Tom Apple, Plouffe and Schmidt to arrive. Amidst these successful academics, I felt completely inept. When I shook Plouffe's hand, he asked me to go easy on him with the questions. As if a question from me could ruin his career.

Begleiter kicked it off with this question: "Wasn't there ever a point in the campaign where you wanted to call up the other guy and say, 'What were you thinking?!'" Without missing a beat, Plouffe responded, "Sure, when I heard they had picked Sarah Palin!" Great answer. Too bad my first question about choosing Sarah Palin had already been answered. Josh made eye contact with me as if to say "that's rough."

Our rounds of questions went fast, and Plouffe and Schmidt answered all questions elegantly. Sometime while Plouffe was talking about the Iowa caucus, I realized I was learning more up here on stage than I had learned in the past year, about politics anyway.

Harker announces Climate Action Plan

BILLY DESAUTELS

Staff Reporter

University President Patrick Harker officially announced the university's Climate Action Plan on Earth Day, April 22, at the Perkins Student Center.

The plan outlined the university's strategy to lower carbon emissions by 20 percent by 2020. Harker also announced interim checkpoints of 5 percent by 2012 and 10 percent by 2015.

Harker explained that the plan is aggressive and is going to approach the issue of carbon emissions based on the results of the carbon footprint study, the Class of 2008's senior class gift.

The plan calls for the addition of on-campus solar panels, a decrease in the number of cars traveling through on a daily basis and more energy-efficient buildings.

However, even with an official plan, reducing the university's carbon emissions will have to be a group effort. Harker said meetings have been held campus-wide and have generated a strong sense of community across the campus.

"Without an engaged and committed community, we simply can't reach carbon-neutrality," Harker said.

John Byrne, the director of the Center for Energy and Environmental Policy and the leader of the carbon study, also spoke at the event and said it is very likely that individuals' behaviors have negatively impacted the climate.

Byrne explained that Earth has a specific level of tolerance in regard to carbon emissions. Based on the global population in 1990, every person would be allowed 3.3 tons of carbon emissions per year. Currently, the United States outputs 21 tons per person per year.

He said in terms of colleges, the university is about average in its level of emissions.

Byrne said one part of the plan is to install solar panels, which are the Class of 2009's senior class gift to the

university. The university will install six megawatts of solar panels over a period of three years, possibly starting next year.

"This is not only the largest campus installation in the nation," Byrne said. "This will be the largest campus installation in the world."

He showed a picture of Gore Hall with several windows still lit late at night to help explain the need for a "smarter" system to manage resource-use in campus buildings. More than three-quarters of the university's carbon emissions come from campus buildings, 70 percent of which is from using electricity.

Byrne said cars were the other major source of carbon emissions. More than 8,000 cars travel through the campus daily, primarily driven by students and faculty. The plan places emphasis on dissuading travel by car by proposing increased parking prices, possibly offering fewer parking spaces and improving the campus's public transportation.

He mentioned that there are other aspects of the plan, including a campus-wide introduction of single-stream recycling and research into a cost-effective fuel cell plan.

"Having reviewed every published climate action plan in the United States by a university, this is the most aggressive plan in the United States," Byrne said. "You can be proud of your university."

He said initial capital hurdles would have to be dealt with, but he stressed the point that the Climate Action Plan was organized to eventually save money for the university.

Bill Early, acting regional administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency, also spoke at the reception. He said the university's efforts to reduce carbon emissions and go green are admirable.

Early said the university's Climate Action Plan is evidence that real-world reductions are possible with the proper action.

"In some ways, the university is a little bit ahead of the EPA," Early said.



THE REVIEW/Ricky Berl

Students for the Environment proposed a composting plan to the university to help alleviate the use of pesticides and fertilizers on campus, and also to reduce waste from the dining halls.

RSO's composting proposal not in university's Action Plan

BY ERICA COHEN

Staff Reporter

On Wednesday, Director of the Center for Energy and Environmental Policy John Byrne, announced the university's plan of action to reduce carbon emissions at the official release of the Carbon Action Plan.

One of the student proposals that the university had taken into account was Students for the Environment's composting proposal, which Byrne did not mention explicitly in his speech on Wednesday.

"We have discussed the composting but have not reached any practical solutions yet," Byrne said after his speech.

S4E is a student group on campus that works to protect the earth, focusing on issues in Delaware that affect the environment. The primary goal of the organization is to make the university more environmentally friendly.

The idea for the compost proposal came from co-president Jackie Weidman, who originally covered the topic for an assignment in a written communication in business class.

Weidman traveled to Montclair State University, in Montclair, N.J., and worked with Professor Nicholas Smith-Sebasto, who helped implement the composting program there. Since 2007, 30,000 pounds of food scraps have been processed there, Weidman said.

She brought the concept to an S4E meeting, and the group responded well and decided to get involved in bringing this program to the University of Delaware.

The university has been encouraging students to voice their sustainability ideas. Officials take these ideas and analyze them to determine which can be utilized. S4E submitted its project this way, and it was these

results that were discussed during the Earth Day presentation.

The proposal stresses the importance of buying a composting vessel for the university, in order to turn the food waste that students and dining halls produce into a fertilizer or mulch substitute.

"This would replace mulch and fertilizer that is around campus now, which is not a great system in place," Weidman said.

Many students are worried about the use of pesticides around campus, she said, and this would put an end to the need for those chemicals.

Weidman cited a thesis written in 2000 by former university student Becky Crooker in 2000 that found 8,647 pounds of food waste are produced per week from the dining halls. This waste is then sent to landfills at cost to the university.

The initial cost of the compost vessel would be approximately \$40,000, but the amount of money the university would save in cost from fertilizer and landfill use would pay for itself in two years if all dining halls took part, Weidman said.

This initial cost, however, is why Weidman thought the plan may not have been mentioned in the university's Climate Action Plan.

"With the economic situation they want to cut carbon as soon as possible, and maybe composting isn't one that cuts carbon right away," Weidman said.

At the Earth Day event university President Patrick Harker stressed the importance of first working on green infrastructure, sustainable transport and green power. These three areas of focus would allow the university to reach its goal of 20 percent less carbon emissions by 2020, and thus should be tackled first.

Byrne said many students

thought the university should continue to look into composting.

Freshman Courtney Simmons, a natural resource management major, said she was happy that the school had plans to install solar panels and was working with solar energy but still thought that there was more to be done.

"I think [composting] would be good because so much food goes to waste in the dining halls," Simmons said.

Weidman was hopeful, despite the fact Byrne did not mention the composting proposal during the Earth Day event.

"He mentioned recycling which had to do with the proposal but I was hoping when he said he would be looking into projects for that, he meant composting," she said.

Weidman stressed that S4E would keep working in effort to help the university eventually take part in composting when the school is ready, citing that it has worked for other schools like Montclair State University and University of Massachusetts Amherst.

"It's definitely something we want to keep helping them with," she said.

S4E would also like to help the school obtain a grant for the project and put in work as often as is needed.

"We have a really good relationship with Dr. Byrne and when they do start thinking about it seriously we are 100 percent here to help with that whenever they do think it's a practical time for the program," Weidman said.



THE REVIEW/Steven Gold

Bill Early of the Environmental Protection Agency said on Wednesday that the university, in some ways, is ahead of the EPA.



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Environment high on prospective students' list

BY SHANE WEBER

Staff Reporter

Both the university and publishers of college-recommendation guides have become increasingly aware of the importance prospective students are now placing on the environmental consciousness of universities.

Approximately 15,000 high school graduates entering college and their parents from across the country were polled in a survey by *The Princeton Review* gauging the importance of a university's environmental awareness.

David Soto, director of content and development for *The Princeton Review*, said even with a downturn economy, 68 percent of applicants said it was important to them that their school was committed to environmental issues, a 4 percent increase from last year.

"We think that students are really using this information in making their college decision, and universities are reacting to that and implementing programs," Soto said. "It has definitely become important from both a student perspective and an administration perspective."

On April 22, university President Patrick Harker announced the university's Climate Action Plan and the goal to have carbon emissions reduced by 20 percent in 2020.

"The U.S. Department of Energy has named UD a center of excellence for energy research and development," Harker said while announcing the Climate Action Plan. "We will build on this reputation for unparalleled renewable energy leadership and put more money into education, research and development."

Last summer, *The Princeton Review* gave the university a "green rating" of 81 out of 99 points. According to the recently completed carbon footprint study, the university accounts for approximately 150,000 metric tons of carbon emissions every year.

Soto said the educational company compiled green ratings for approximately 534 universities and plans to rate more schools in the future.

"We decided that it would be useful to come up with a rating that would tell students in an easy way what schools are committed to environmental issues," Soto said. "We wanted to

give them a measuring stick to compare colleges and come up with an idea with what schools are doing good things in terms of environmental awareness and what schools need work to be done."

After finishing a campus tour, prospective freshman Christine Harris wasn't aware of the university's Climate Action Plan, but she and her mother said it wouldn't be a determining factor in deciding whether or not to attend the university.

"I have considered how environmentally green a school could be," Harris said. "It would be something nice to be a part of, but I wouldn't say it would make or break my decision."

Blue Hen Ambassador Ryann Quinn said for events like Decision Day, where the university hosts a free lunch for admitted students, there are a larger-than-usual amount of recycling bins at the event. The university also tried to avoid letting some food go to waste.

"Anything extra that you had, like a bag of chips you didn't want, they told people to put them in cardboard boxes that they saved," Quinn said. "The parents were really excited with what the university was doing."



THE REVIEW/Steven Gold

The Delaware African Students Association hosted "Snapshot of Africa: Tales by Moonlight" Friday. The night consisted of food, dance, fashion shows, a play and more.

Night of arts and food captures African culture

BY JOY WEDGE

Staff Reporter

The festive sounds of Africa filled Bacchus Theater on April 24, introducing the fourth annual "Snapshot of Africa: Tales by Moonlight" coordinated by the Delaware African Students Association. The event brought African culture, clothing and food to the 178 people in attendance, with dances, fashion shows, poetry, commercials, dinner and a play.

Senior Jeffrey Idigo, the president of DASA, said he wanted to bring attention to the good aspects of Africa.

"The event is to bring the awareness of the African culture to UD," Idigo said. "People in Africa are as normal and human as people here in America are. It is not just the starving children people see on TV. People still smile and have a good time there."

He said the main goal of the event was for students at the university to experience Africa in a way they don't normally see.

"You come to college to be enlightened and in the general media when it comes to Africa, the culture isn't fully represented," Idigo said.

To represent Africa in dance, DASA's dance troupe performed several times. With cultural music as their base, they used leaps and twirls to display their skill and originality.

Graduate student Modupeola Fadugba said he enjoyed the dance performances at the event.

"The dance was very creative," Fadugba said "I loved their songs. They had nice levels, really good movement. It was very energetic."

As a former active member in DASA, he said he appreciated the effort and vigor students put into the event to keep its message alive.

"Compared to what people are used to seeing on TV, it brings a different dimension of the African culture to UD," Fadugba said.

A play about an African male falling in love with an American woman used comedy to show how the acceptance of new cultures can bring controversy as well as contentment.

African men and women were seen as nurturers in the play and took care of their families as African women continuously do for those who are struggling to have food because the government is not maintaining their promises, according to Erastus Mong'are, the president of Delaware Kenya Association, Inc. (DEKA).

In the midst of the fashions, food and entertainment, Mong'are tried to educate the university community on the need for help in Africa.

"Africa has been raped, but we can make a change,"

Mong'are said.

He shared with the audience a phone call he received from a mother in Africa who needed food. Instead of denying her request, he decided to take action, he said.

"I could ignore her or reach into my conscience and notice the sadness within me and decide to help her," Mong'are said.

He encouraged the audience to take part in a fundraiser to help African children obtain food despite the unpleasant economic state.

"When you serve your heart, it is the biggest gift you can give yourself," Mong'are said.

Donations for the children of Africa continued to come in despite the overflowing of collection bowls.

The required attire of students was formal, but some showed up in their personal African garments. Multiple fashion shows presented elegant and casual clothing with African flavor. The designers included Ike-Dela's House of Fashion and Naa Designs, showcasing fashions for men and women.

Freshman Joanna Adadevoh said she was excited by the performances and other entertainment.

"I think the event was awesome — it was flashy and formal, the dances were really awesome," Adadevoh said. "With the African attire and all, it's like bringing Africa to Delaware."

Brick's Politics

A senior political science major presents his weekly views on politics and current events from a center-right perspective.

In my mind, and I believe in the minds of many others, America is not a perfect nation, but is still a very great one. We American Exceptionalists believe that America is defined by her successes, not her failures, and that despite our past mistakes as a nation we have contributed more to the advancement of humanity than any nation in this or most any other era.

We do not see ourselves as possessing some special personal gifts or powers, yet we find ourselves in the midst of something great and powerful and useful to the rest of mankind. Still, we derive our power for good mostly from our ability to lead, and to lead in a morally sound way, and so we know we can also lose this power if we engage in evil.

Some wish for a more nuanced view of the world, but if we as Americans know one thing, we know that freedom is good. Moreover, we wish to spread that freedom to others who lack it. Be it through trade, stopping genocide or pressuring leaders who imprison and deprive their own people, we know that before peace and prosperity comes freedom.

Yet from time to time, our beacon of freedom can fade from view as we travel down darker paths ourselves. John Winthrop's "Shining City on a Hill" must sometimes be reintroduced to the world by the John Kennedys and Ronald Reagans of history who see America as more than a nation but a set of guiding principles.

These figures, or more accurately, these attitudes seek to correct our failings and return us to our previous station now ever wiser. One such recent failing is our use of torture on prisoners during our ongoing war on terrorism.

Recently released memos show the Bush administration's documentation and justification of so-called "enhanced interrogation techniques" on prisoners in U.S. custody.

The most severe and controversial of these techniques is waterboarding, in which drowning is simulated, and some would say actually experienced. It must be noted that many would deny the techniques we have used to be torture, while many would still affirm our right to use these techniques, be they torture or not, in the name of saving American lives. Yet a procedure that seeks to inflict a feeling of peril and impending death in order to gain information seems like torture to me.

The next question that must be asked is whether these techniques are useful. Do waterboarded prisoners give us useful information? This question is hotly debated. Former FBI interrogator Ali Soufan claimed that such techniques gained "no actionable intelligence that wasn't, or couldn't have been, gained from regular tactics" and that, "these alternative methods...backfired on more than



Michael Brickman
Columnist

a few occasions."

On the other hand, President Barack Obama's Director of National Intelligence Admiral Dennis Blair seems to have been censored by the Administration for claiming that the techniques did, in fact, yield valuable information.

Ultimately, we should ask whether such methods should be used even if they might yield important information that could potentially save lives. Blair concluded the following, "the bottom line is these techniques have hurt our image around the world, the damage they have done to our interests far outweighed whatever benefit they gave us, and they are not essential to our national security."

I tend to agree and would note that information gleaned under such circumstances is often fabricated and lends justification to terrorists who would do far worse to our soldiers without a second thought.

Moreover, incidents such as the abuse at Abu Ghraib Prison, which were harsher, yet unsanctioned forms of abuse, served as significant recruiting tools for terrorist organizations. If the Obama administration releases some 2,000 photos of these interrogations, as it is considering doing, expect them to become instant propaganda for our enemies.

Americans are still getting used to the idea of having to constantly battle and defend ourselves from terrorists who, in their deprivation, seek to rob us of our wealth. Yet we can look to nations that have been at this game longer than we, including Great Britain and Israel. Both of them have banned such harsh interrogation techniques.

Obama deserves credit for seeking to restore a piece of our image that has been lost in Guantanamo Bay and in secret prisons around the world. However, if he is to successfully do so, he must restrain himself from his habit of denigrating the United States on foreign soil while considering show trials of Bush administration officials at home. In seeking to show the world our skill at introspection, he is actually speaking of our failures and instead should be reminding them of our responses to them.

Newark: a great place to live, now the best to start a business

BY CASSIE KALINGER

Staff Reporter

Newark was selected as Delaware's best city to start up a business by BusinessWeek.com. The city can partly attribute this to its surroundings: the University of Delaware.

Many of the selected business-affluent cities in the different states are in or very near college towns, where businesses are able to use faculty and student resources on and around the campuses to their benefit.

"Just about every one selected is in a university town or close to one," marketing professor John Antil said. "This is not uncommon or surprising at all, not just for hiring people, but for using the resources on campus. Some of the business faculty will assist a new business or even an already-established one."

Antil said having a university nearby is extremely attractive to businesses, especially smaller ones.

Sandra Patterson, owner of Clothes in the Past Lane on Main Street, which sells new and retro-inspired clothing and accessories, said this April marked her store's third birthday.

Patterson, a university alumna, said she has always wanted to open her own store in Newark.

"Being on a college campus is the way to go," Patterson said. "You have a constant group of customers — you just have to sell the right merchandise."

Patterson said the summer, when most college students are out of town, isn't really a problem for her business — it's just a different atmosphere.

She said Newark City Council works hard to have many activities and events to bring out community members, who seem to enjoy the quieter and less-crowded atmosphere when students go home.

Newark and its surroundings have a lot to offer to larger businesses, as well.

"With people that aren't that familiar with Delaware, you have to think about some of these huge companies that are just a stone's throw away: DuPont, AstraZeneca. The cost of living is so low, which is also another big factor, especially in this economic situation," Antil said. "Also, businesses like a fairly educated population, Ph.D.s and so forth, so a university campus is full of that."

Business administration professor Meryl Gardner said she believes Newark is not only one of the best cities in the state of Delaware, but one of the best cities

anywhere. She said there are very few or even no other cities that have a location like Newark because of its proximity to larger cities, like Baltimore or Philadelphia.

"You can work in Newark and have a spouse who works in a bigger city, like Washington, D.C., and only commute an hour or so," Gardner said. "There's no other place like that."

Antil described Delaware as a very business-friendly state. He said due to its laws, low taxes for businesses and the number of top business-law firms in the world located in Wilmington, many companies are drawn to the state.

"There are more Fortune 500 companies registered in the state of Delaware than compared to the nation as a whole," Antil said. "We are the leading state by far."

Paul Owens, owner of the newly opened Sugar Rush Café on Main Street, said he likes the size of the city of Newark.

"You have the businesses that complement one another in the town, you're not dealing with the large hierarchy of the city and you walk down the street and see people you know and know their names," Owens said. "People know us, and we'll get to know them. It's a really nice family type of atmosphere."

He said Newark and the university have many resources to offer him while kicking off his business.

"The more information you have, the better decision-making you can do," Owens said. "I fully plan on taking advantage of that."

He said, for example, students he hired have strong computer skills and were able to quickly learn his store's register system.

Gardner noted the students and faculty as keys to businesses' success in or around Newark.

"Everyone wants to hire bright, energetic people to work for them, and the university is a great resource of that for any business," she said. "The faculty is also a great business. We are in the knowledge business, and knowledge is money."

Patterson said having her business situated in Newark keeps her in the know.

"It's energizing to be around all these young people and hear everything that goes on," Patterson said. "Just kidding, not everything, but I feel very, very lucky. This is exactly what I've always wanted to do."



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BusinessWeek.com recently selected Newark as the best city in Delaware to start a business.

University students nurture budding businesses

BY ALLISON RUPPINO

Staff Reporter

Students across campus are opening their own businesses in hopes of making some extra money.

Senior Jared Tangir owns his own business, *Legendary Nightlife*. He said he used to work for a company and had a few suggestions to make the business run better. When the firm didn't take his suggestions into account, he left to start his own.

Tangir said *Legendary Nightlife* is a company solely for university students.

"Mainly what we do is run night clubs and throw parties for college-aged students," Tangir said. "Most of the time they are always out of Newark and in the Philadelphia and Baltimore areas."

Legendary Nightlife uses approximately 20 to 30 buses to bring students from Newark to wherever the party is that night.

"Using the buses helps reduce drunk driving and underage drinking," Tangir said. "All the students are carded when they go into any of the clubs, too."

He said he has been working as a disc jockey for eight years, which has helped him with his business.

"I knew a lot of club owners, and that is really all I had to do to organize everything," Tangir said.

In order to start up his company, Tangir had to fill out paperwork and deal with insurance issues. He also contacted owners of nightclubs and bus companies, and now has 33 people working for him.

Legendary Nightlife is not only at the University of Delaware, but has also expanded to West Chester University. Tangir said he has thought about having his business in other places, but it depends on an individual college's location.

"To be successful, your school has to be in a specific geographical location, preferably at least 40 minutes to a major city," he said.

The only problem for Tangir in owning his own business is how hectic his life can be during the week of an event.

"Stress is to the roof when you are responsible for 1,400 people," he said. "I usually sell 900 tickets two days before the event. My phone is ringing off the hook. The week of

the event, it becomes a 24-hour-a-day job. During this time, it is hard to focus on anything but the event."

Junior Jared Maldonado owns *UD Catch-A-Ride*. He said his service is something he always thought about doing.

"I was inspired by a friend who did this at Purdue University, and he basically gave me a couple of tips of what to do," Maldonado said.

He said his business caters to people who are looking for an alternate way to travel home.

"We are a low-cost transportation option for students who go to the university and live in the Baltimore, D.C., NYC area," Maldonado said. "It is more or less a Greyhound bus picking you up at your dorm or as close to your dorm we can get. If I don't have enough people for a coach bus, I will get a smaller vehicle."

He said *UD Catch-A-Ride* is utilized during specific times of the year, including Spring Break and Thanksgiving Break.

"I am looking to expand that for next year, do other popular weekends," Maldonado said, but right now it is on a limited basis."

He said his business and everything it entails was done out of his own pocket.

"I started with my own capital, and I operate with my own money," Maldonado said. "It doesn't take much to get it off the ground."

Although this is *UD Catch-A-Ride's* first year in operation, he is pleased with its beginning.

"I'd say overall, at the very least, it is becoming a success," Maldonado said.

Junior Samantha Bevacqua is one of three owners of the *Hungry Hens* business. She said four friends, who started the template of the site at Pennsylvania State University,



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HungryHens.com is just one of the local businesses run by university students.

decided to replicate the business at other colleges and universities throughout the country.

"At every school they found students who could run it, because they know the market and area best," Bevacqua said. "When they came looking for university students, we found it very interesting and all applied."

She said *HungryHens.com* is an online menu guide, including phone numbers and addresses for restaurants in the Newark area. It also handles online ordering.

The three university students have many tasks they are involved in when dealing with their business.

"The three of us handle sales, marketing, budgeting, public relations, financing,

accounting, every aspect of the business except for the customer service and the Web site," Bevacqua said.

They also advertise by utilizing fliers, e-mails, Facebook, speaking in lecture halls, writing with chalk on campus sidewalks and giving away promotional items. They go to Greek chapter meetings and help with Greek Life philanthropy by getting groups to sponsor their events.

"We use a whole slew of promotional items to get our name out there to the students so they know what we are and how to use our site," Bevacqua said. "We try to stress getting support from students because it is a student-run site."

Professors balance work in and out of the classroom

BY TADUSZ KASIAK

Staff Reporter

College professors don't just lecture and research — many of them have jobs outside of the university.

Studies from the U.S. Department of Education show that 50 percent of full-time faculty obtains income from employment outside of the university. That means that out of the 1,117 full-time professors at the university, approximately 550 also have a personal business or are employed somewhere else.

Income from outside institutions and businesses, other than consulting, constitutes less than 10 percent of a professor's total earnings, according to the DOE. Consulting or freelance work makes up about 5 percent.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, most professors spend more than a decade working in the field before entering academics.

Legal studies professor Sheldon Pollack was a lawyer, with his own legal practice. When he grew tired of his full-time job, he came to the university to teach legal studies at the Alfred Lerner College of Business and

Economics while still maintaining his practice.

"I had a client or two, and I still do," Pollack said. "But I'm not interested in obtaining new ones."

But there are professors who choose to not only maintain their current businesses but expand them as well.

Business administration professor Susan Murphy initially worked as the vice president of marketing at a communications company. In the economic turmoil ensued following the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, she was laid off. It was at this point she decided to transform her handbag-making hobby into a small business. She opened a boutique store called *Viv Pickle*.

When a teaching opportunity arose with the university, she chose to leave the corporate world, but she continued to invest in her small business.

"We have grown considerably every year since conception," Murphy said.

And the successes also transcend to her academic career. What she has discovered is that talking about her own business in class allows her to bring up lots of real-world

functions relevant to her operations management courses.

When Murphy talks about inventory management and staffing, she can directly relate it to her own experiences from the day before.

"It's something that the university appreciates — having industry folks like myself as teachers, because it brings in real-life experience into the classroom, and that always helps from a student-learning perspective," she said.

The university encourages faculty members to consult and participate in professional activities.

"Lots of professors in the business school consult one day a week for either a business or other organization," Pollack said.

According to the NCES, 30 percent of all professors do such work.

However, the faculty handbook stipulates that a professor's main responsibility is to provide the university with the most effective service possible. To ensure this, all faculty members must inform their department chairperson and dean of any consulting or

compensated work they do outside of the university. Professors also must limit outside employment to the equivalent of one day per week.

Business administration professor Mark Bambach sold all of his companies in 2001 and has since focused on consulting work. He noted many similarities between Murphy's business and his own work.

"I think that students really benefit from this because I let them bring in real-life examples of what's happening out in the real world," Bambach said.

One thing all three professors agree on is that they love working with students.

"If someone told me to choose between consulting work or teaching, it would be a no-brainer," Bambach said. "I have been doing it for 23 years, and I love working with students, helping them graduate and get jobs. That is very satisfying."

Murphy said she considers her real job to be a full-time professor despite owning a business.

"UD is first," she said. "Business is secondary because students rely on me and I take that very seriously."

Student publications re-evaluate budgets after drops in ads

BY MARINA KOREN

Staff Reporter

Local businesses are not the only ones feeling the weight of the economy bearing down on them — some campus publications are taking a hit too. Some university magazines, whose main source of funding is advertising, are being forced to choose between printing fewer copies or cutting out pages to save money, while others are waiting for the financial problems to pile up.

Senior Erica Nardello, co-director of advertising of *UDress* magazine, said cutting back on expenses was a challenge for the magazine this semester. *UDress* is a student-run fashion publication that was founded in 2006 and publishes one issue per semester. The magazine has expanded rapidly, so accommodating its growth on a small budget has been difficult, she said.

"This semester we wanted to make sure that as much of the content of the magazine as possible was preserved despite cutting back on expenses," Nardello said. "We were thinking about cutting pages because that would save money, but we felt that wasn't best for the magazine."

Finding businesses willing to advertise when they themselves cannot always afford it has been the biggest problem for *UDress*, she said.

"It's been difficult," Nardello said. "People with whom we have good relationships have backed out because they simply can't afford it. We want to make sure it's mutually beneficial, but at the same time we have to publish."

She said advertising is crucial for the growing magazine, which receives little funding from the university and depends mostly on advertisers in Newark and Wilmington. Money from advertising pays for events that attract businesses, and this semester the magazine has had to spend less on these events, she said.

"The more money we can bring in, the more fun we can have with events for our advertisers, the happier they will be and more likely they'll be able to stay," Nardello said.

Senior Erin Sullivan, co-director of advertising at the magazine, said loss in funding from advertising caused the decrease in the number of issues printed this semester.

"We've lost at least three advertisers this semester, maybe more," Sullivan said. "We have to be sure that the publications we do produce are getting distributed really well. We have to look at what we're spending and how we're spending it."

Less funding for magazines raises an important question for the future: whether the magazine should print fewer copies or fewer pages.

Junior Jessica Lapidos, editor in chief of *UDress*, said it was a challenge to print the same amount of pages on a smaller budget.

"It's been a little tricky," Lapidos said. "We're still at our usual 48 pages, but we had a scare."

Sullivan said the choice to cut pro-

duction instead of compromise the quality of the magazine was the best choice for the publication.

"We still wanted our editorial to be strong," she said.

DEconstruction Magazine, a student-run magazine founded in 2002, also faced the challenge of combining a growing publication with a shrinking budget. The publication features articles concerning culture, politics and student life. Junior Danielle Pro, the current treasurer and one of next year's co-editors in chief of the magazine, said *DEconstruction* received less funding from the university this year than last year.

"We're only getting bigger as we go," Pro said. "My fear is that if we don't find a way to make more money, we're going to have to decrease distribution numbers."

The bigger the magazine issue, the more expensive it is to print, so less issues can be printed, bringing circulation down, she said. Because the magazine is expanding, there is concern the funding it receives from the university will become insufficient in the future, she said.

"In the future, we're going to have to rely on advertising," Pro said. "I think as a whole, it shows that with publications, you have to move from the university sponsoring you into being independent with your money."

She said the magazine had to make wiser decisions regarding distribution this semester since fewer copies were printed to accommodate the smaller budget. Preserving content is more important than quantity, she said.

"You don't want to regress in your magazine," Pro said. "You want it to only get better. But if nothing changes with the money situation, we will need to figure something out to get more money."

Other campus publications have not been hit by the economic situation. *Caesura*, a student literary magazine featuring poetry, short fiction and creative non-fiction, is funded by the English department.

Senior Alexa Mantell, editor in chief of *Caesura*, said the magazine has not had to cut any expenses this semester because of the economy.

"The magazine may not be directly affected by the economic situation, but it is getting affected by what goes on in the English department," Mantell said.

The Main Street Journal, which was founded last spring and publishes works of fiction, nonfiction, poetry and art, is also university-funded. It looks to advertising for more money.

Senior David Brown, editor in chief of *The Main Street Journal*, said the publication has been growing successfully. The economy has not posed a problem to the journal's success, he said.

"We didn't have a problem finding advertisers and because we're funded by the university we didn't have to make any cuts," Brown said.



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UDress/DEconstruction/Main Street Journal

Residents of Main Street left to hunt for parking

BY KATIE PIZZULLO

Staff Reporter

While Main Street may be the most opportune living place for some students — in the heart of Newark and just off campus — the parking situation may convince them to live anywhere but there.

A majority of the apartments on Main Street house approximately four students, but only one parking spot is offered, causing inconvenience, irritability and frustration for student tenants.

Senior Shiloh Wersen, who lives above Tan Inn, said she is fed up with the parking problems and the confusion it causes her and her roommates. She said she has ill feelings toward her landlord because of this.

"They're just cheap," Wersen said. "They don't even help you out with finding the rest of the spots."

The one parking spot allocated to the girls is in Lot No. 3 behind Cucina Di Napoli. Wersen pays \$60 per month to park behind the houses across from the Aetna Hose Firehouse on Academy Street, also known as Skid Row. Her other roommate resorted to parking at the Delaware Field House.

"I try to drive her to her car as much as possible," Wersen said.

The girls rotate the given parking spot to make it as fair as possible, she said. Wersen utilized the spot from June to December, and her other roommate takes advantage of it now, but it is still frustrating.

"It is really inconvenient," she said. "Especially for me and my other roommate who have jobs off campus."

Marvin Howard, Newark's parking administrator, said it is not just the students who need more parking, but the city of Newark as a whole.

"Students who can't find parking on Main Street have the ability to park in the parking lots," Howard said. "Depending on the lot, they are \$55 to \$60 a month, or you can pay daily."

In addition, he said Main Street has made small changes to help out drivers.

"The time on the meters has been changed from one to two hours to give people more time," Howard said. "But if the meters aren't fed, the ticketing is cut and dry."

Wersen said she has attempted to contact the traffic and parking departments to inquire about spots on Main Street and in the lots, but found they were not much help.

She said she feels the department is trying to manipulate her.

"They 'never had any spots left,'" Wersen said.

"However, the lots were almost always completely empty."

Not everyone is apathetic to the students' parking issues.

Burger King's management is trying to reduce some of the tenants' parking grievances by allowing them to park in the restaurant's lot.

Donna Shipley, general manager of Burger King on South Chapel Street, said she has been allowing a large number of students to park in the lot for a couple of years.

"There is just nowhere to park," Shipley said.



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Many residents on Main Street receive one permit per apartment. The rest of the residents often search for spots on nearby streets or buy spots in the Burger King parking lot.

Students must pay \$75 per month to park at Burger King and are restricted to parking along the perimeter of the lot. While parking at the Field House is cheaper, \$45 per month, Burger King's location is key.

However, if students do not pay, their cars are immediately towed, Shipley said.

Wersen said even though Main Street parking is limited, many students choose to live above the shops and restaurants for the walking convenience.

Univ. urges carpool through permit discounts

BY ADAM TZANIS

Staff Reporter

The university is beginning a new carpool program as part of a "master plan" that offers increased incentives to encourage students, faculty and staff to share rides as a convenient and sustainable way to commute to and from campus.

The carpool program was promoted at the university's Earth Week Transportation Fair in Trabant University Center on April 16.

Administrators hope Gold Lot parking permit holders will opt to participate in carpools, which will alleviate stress caused by searching for vacant spaces and help to more effectively manage parking.

Student carpool members can register for the Roselle Center for the Arts Parking Garage and receive 20 free daily parking passes per year, which can be used for days when carpooling is not convenient. Each faculty or staff member will receive 40 free daily parking passes. People participating in carpools who would like to park in a gated lot will receive assignment preferences.

A two-person carpool permit is a typical Gold permit that is split between the participants. Three-person carpools will split the cost of a Gold permit and will receive an additional 10 percent discount.

A gold permit, typically reserved for faculty as well as students who have at least 110 academic credits, allows the permit holder to park in lots closer to Central Campus. Most commuting students are restricted to Red Permits, which only allow parking in the lots surrounding the Field

House.

Registered carpools can arrange for an emergency guaranteed ride home through Delaware's RideShare program. If an emergency arises on a day members have carpooled to school or work that prevents members from taking their usual ride home, members have access to transportation through partnering taxi, rental car and shuttle providers, according to the RideShare Delaware Web site. This free benefit will be available for up to four uses per year.

John Byrne, director of the Center for Energy and Environmental Policy, said the carpool program is part of a larger transportation plan that will also offer several incentives for people using buses and bicycles.

"We are completing our master plan," Byrne said. "I think it's several months away, but I'm not sure of the deadline."

He said under the carpool program, permit holders will receive discounts, which may exceed 10 percent.

"One of the options that is being considered is that there would be a lower fee for those who carpool, so if you joined a carpool you would be given a substantially lower fee to bring that car onto the universi-

ty campus," Byrne said.

He said the university's short-term goal is to limit the number of cars on campus. From what other universities have experienced, Byrne said there is a good chance the plan will work.

"The carpooling plan is to reduce the number of vehicles coming to campus from the current 8,000 to something close to 7,500 or less," he said. "We have looked at

what other universities have done, and this mechanism has been effective on other campuses."

Byrne said limiting the number of cars will increase sustainability at the university.

"Close to 25 percent of the carbon emissions on campus are related to commuting," he said. "If we can cut down our daily commuters, it will

have an impact on the reduction of our carbon footprint."

Junior Mitty Downing-Webster said she parks her car in one of the only lots for red passes, the Bob Carpenter Center. She said the reason she needs her car on campus is to get to work, but the walk to her parked car is farther than her job.

"I think it will be really helpful to a lot of students who may not be able to park at their apartments and need to have a car,"

"If we can cut down on our daily commuters, it will have an impact on the reduction of our carbon footprint."

**— John Byrne,
director of the Center for
Energy and Environmental Policy**

Downing-Webster said. "I think if they publicize it correctly, people will do it because those are some big incentives for people who wouldn't normally have access to gold passes."

She said although it may reduce the amount of cars at the university, there will be more congestion of the lots in the middle of campus.

"I think more students will try and get permits, so I think it will actually backfire," Downing-Webster said.

Sophomore Nicole Weingartner said she has her car at school and pays for parking at the university.

"I'm the only one of my roommates who has a car on campus, and they probably use it as much as I do," Weingartner said. "I pay for a pass by myself, but if they get the chance to chip in by signing up for a carpool with me, it could save me a lot of money."

To register for a carpool permit, each member of a carpool must complete a permit application and present it at the Parking Services office, located in the Public Safety building at 413 Academy St. All carpool registrants must be present at the Parking Services office when submitting their applications.

The Parking Services office must be notified whenever an individual withdraws from a carpool to determine if the carpool membership must be changed to maintain eligibility for the permit. Dual permit registration is considered fraudulent, so an individual may not register for an individual parking permit and as a member of a carpool.

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human rights in the apparel industry, conducted its own investigation surrounding the Russell Corporation's closing of JDH. The report by FLA concluded that the factory was shut down because of the global economic slump, not to prevent the formation of a union.

"The FLA finds the economic factors persuasive and accepts that Russell's decision to close JDH was principally a business matter," the FLA report stated.

David Brond, vice president of communications and marketing at the University of Delaware, said the university used to be affiliated with WRC but now belongs to the FLA.

"We are members of the FLA, and we've been monitoring the situation through the FLA," Brond said.

"We are aware that some universities have cancelled their contracts with Russell. Some schools have thought that is not the appropriate thing to do for the individual workers in these countries who have been working for Russell."

The university will remain an affiliate of WFC until the conclusion of the fiscal year in June, but has notified the WFC that it will be leaving.

In a follow-up e-mail message, Brond stated there was a limited supply of Russell apparel in the university bookstore and that Russell

products account for less than 10 percent of the university's royalty revenue.

"Discontinuing our relationship with Russell would be easily accomplished," he said. "We are actively in a wait-and-see monitor mode. We do have a labor code, and we encourage all our suppliers to adhere to that labor code. We are going to continue to keep an eye on it, and really hope we can be a part of the solution for the FLA and the individual workers."

Brond said if the FLA decided to charge the Russell Corporation of the same workers rights violations that the WRC has accused them of, the university would alter its current position on the matter.

"If the FLA were to change their recommendation, we would certainly follow along with what they do," he said. "That's why we belong to that organization, that's why we trust that organization. If things were to change in their recommendation, we could turn on a dime on this."

Forst said the university has yet to respond to her calls and e-mail messages, but urges students to be vocal on the matter.

"If enough students show they are concerned they will change. We are the ones paying the tuition," she said. "If enough people say they want change, then they are going to have to."

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she is not a lawyer, the right to due process and the right to counsel are based on the fundamental foundation of the judicial system.

"This is a right that everyone is privileged to under the law, as horrible as the outcome may be," Nicholson said.

She said the defense attorneys should follow the wishes of their defendant, even if that may not be the best option for him or her.

"It is an ethical obligation based on the law," Nicholson said. Based on her own research, she said there is a precedent for this sort of situation; however, she doesn't know if Cooke's situation accurately fits this precedent.

"In 2004 there was the Florida v. Nixon case, which held that counsel should follow the strategy they believe to be in the defendant's best interest, Nicholson said.

She said based on her interpretation of this precedent, Cooke possibly doesn't have an argu-

ment.

"It really depends on if he was competent to object to his defense's wishes and whether he was informed of how they were going to plead beforehand," Nicholson said.

It is more important for the attorneys to sometimes save the life of their defendant than to grant their wishes, she said.

Cooke, if granted his appeal, will have a difficult case before him once more.

The jury in his case had found him guilty on 11 counts, including first-degree murder, rape and arson, Rubin said.

Rubin said he can't imagine anyone wanting to see Cooke retried.

"Although I have no say, my personal opinion is that he doesn't deserve another trial," he said.

This decision of a second chance is now in the hands of the Delaware Supreme Court.

"Regardless of what happens, I will be there to support the Bonistalls," Rubin said.



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The director of the university registrar said the addition of nine minors in a year is unusual.

Univ. adds nine new minors

BY ERICA COHEN

Staff Reporter

During this school year, there have been nine new minors added at the university.

The new minors that were recently approved range across colleges and departments and include: medical diagnostics, fashion history and culture, human development and family studies, urban education, leisure service management, international business studies, exercise science, dance and advertising, according to the Faculty Senate Web site.

The nine new minors are nearly double last year's number of minor additions. During the 2007-2008 school year, there were five new minors added, and during 2006-2007 there were seven new minors added.

"Around 10 minors is unusual, although I don't know how many would be considered average," Jeff Palmer, director of the office of the university registrar, said.

John Courtright, a communication professor and member of the Undergraduate Studies Committee, said this increase in minors could be related to the Responsibility Based Budgeting that will be implemented July 1.

According to the Faculty Senate Web site, RBB is a new financial management method the university will be using for budgeting.

Although minors are not included in the RBB system's budget, which is given as a result of population, any new classes generated by the minor will receive funding, according to the College of Arts and Sciences Web site.

The five minors approved last year and implemented in fall 2008

were bioelectrical engineering, astronomy, performance studies, theatre studies and theatre production.

The theatre department had added three of the five minors that were passed in the 2007-2008 school year. Allan Carlsen, undergraduate adviser to the theatre department, said these minors had been in the works for a few years.

Students in the theatre studies minor will learn about a variety of theatre subjects. Performance studies minors will learn about acting, voice speech and related areas, and theatre production minors will learn what happens behind the scenes of theatre.

"These minors are the beginning to a future that will be a full complement of a full major and minor program at the university," Carlsen said. "These are small steps toward a bigger plan."

The nutritional sciences department had two new minors added during the 2008-2009 school year. The department said this was because of student interest.

The advertising minor was added in order to give students a more complete education of advertising, which few other schools have. This minor is shared between the economics, art and communication departments.

Despite varied motivations from the department, Courtright said regardless of the reasons, it is difficult to get any change in a program completed because of the lengthy process at the university.

He said colleagues in the department must first approve the minor, and then it goes to the respective college where there is a committee who will look over the minor.

After this approval, a curricu-

lum committee must approve the program. Once the college approves the change, it goes to the Undergraduate Studies Committee, where Courtright is one of three permanent members.

"This committee can say yes, no or yes if you do these things," Courtright said. "It's not a rubber-stamp committee by any means."

After getting approval from the Undergraduate Studies Committee, the minor goes to the coordinating committee, followed by the executive committee and then to the floor of the Faculty Senate for a vote, he said.

Palmer said students are hearing about the new minors at this point in the year because it is the Faculty Senate policy to approve programs and changes now that go into effect in the Fall Semester.

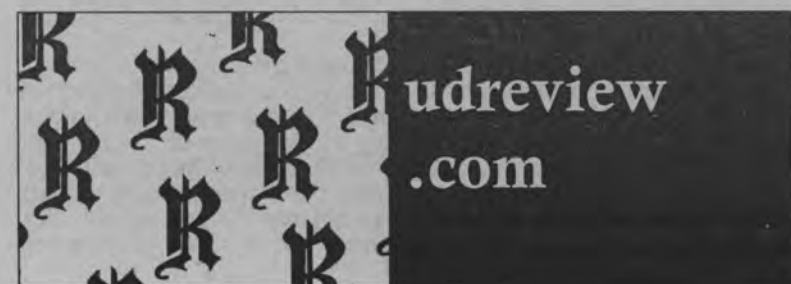
Courtright said the Faculty Senate needs these courses approved by spring so that its members can make changes to the catalogue and have them printed on time.

Sophomore Kristen Moran, a nutritional sciences major, said she has many interests and has changed her major three times already, so she is excited about the new minors being implemented.

"It's cool that they are offering an exercise science minor because it gives me an opportunity to learn about a field I'm interested in without having to take on another major," Moran said.

Courtright said the additions in minors and courses have poured in over this year and the last few years, and the trend will probably continue.

"We will eventually run out of minors," he said, "but as long as offering these minors is rewarding, we will probably continue to come up with them."



Students across the sea adjust to life at UD

BY SARAH HUBBS

Features Editor

Some foreign students attending the university do not return home for extended periods, sacrificing their family bonds for education and opportunities in the United States.

Graduate student Wasu Kiranandana from Thailand has not seen his family for nearly two years.

"It was my parents' desire for me to improve my English and earn a master's degree," Kiranandana said.

He plans to remain in the United States after graduation and said he has never experienced any emotional adjustments after moving to a new country.

Graduate student Arul Peter Desraj, who has been living in this country for 20 months, has seen his family in India once during that time period.

"You do have your emotional ups and downs," Desraj said. "But once you leave your home and travel thousands of miles away, you rely on your friends and roommates, who become your new family."

It is more difficult being far from home during special occasions such as birthdays and anniversaries, he said.

"It's moments like this when you want to travel back home on the next flight out," Desraj said.

Deepti Bajaj began graduate studies this fall at the university. She has not seen her family in India since she arrived here.

"I come from a very loving and close-knit family," Bajaj said. "I miss my family each day, and I wish I could ask them all to come and live with me here."

She explained daily life can be difficult as there is no warm meal waiting for her when she is hungry and no one to talk with about her day.

"It feels so lonely to come back to a room with no family member around," Bajaj said. "I never realized life could be so harsh until I came here and experienced life alone."

She does not know whether she plans to stay in the United States after graduation.

The English Language Institute at the university helps foreign students adjust to living on campus and in the United States. The Institute provides orientation and resources for students as needed.

Information aiding foreign students is also available at the Office of Foreign Students & Scholars on Lovett Avenue and on its Web site.

According to OFSS's Web site, the purpose of the OFSS is to promote international understanding and multicultural exposure to foster a better understanding between those in the United States and those abroad.

The OFSS provides information on immigration matters, health insurance, Social Security numbers and drivers' licenses. The university then prepares visa documentation for students.

The Web site also includes a list of foreign student groups, including Indian, Japanese, Turkish and Korean student associations.

Some foreign students, like Desraj, have noticed the cultural differences between the United States and their home country.

He said he feels students in the United States are more independent and have a greater sense of responsibility at a younger age.

"The students back home in India usually do not work and are still dependent upon their families for their basic needs," Desraj said.

At the same time, this independence may reduce affection and attachment to family, he said. As a result, he said he believes American students are not as close with their families as students are in India.

Graduate student Deephan Mohan, who is from India, said he thinks female students in India are much more conservative than in the United States, citing the amount of partying that takes place around the university's campus.

Students from countries where activities such as drinking, smoking and public displays of affection, especially involving women, are frowned upon generally have the most difficulty adjusting, he believes.

"The dating scene is active," Mohan said. "American students balance their academics and the fun side of student life."

Extra, extra: Meet the Media



On April 24, members of nine campus media outlets collaborated outside of Trabant University Center for the first-ever Meet the Media. Students gathered to listen to live music while the groups handed out flyers and food.



Police discourage residents from hosting Chapelfest

Letters sent to students, parents warn of arrests and dangers

BY CAITLIN MALONEY

Staff Reporter

It's a tradition that hundreds of university students look forward to every year. It's a day when students can crowd North Chapel Street for the annual Chapelfest. But now, police have taken extra steps to stop the event from happening, and the fate of Chapelfest is still unclear.

Although many residents have decided not to partake in the party this year, rumors began to spread that the event was to take place this past Saturday. However, it didn't happen.

"Everyone here is trying to figure out if it's still happening," junior Kelley Gricol, a resident of North Chapel Street, said last week. "I have only heard people that don't live on Chapel say that it is on Saturday."

Senior Caitlyn Germain, who lives on North Chapel Street, said Chapelfest did not occur on Saturday. "As far as I saw nothing happened on Saturday," she said. "And I haven't heard of anything being planned. The cops came by last week to warn us and all."

Lt. Brian Henry of the Newark Police Department said letters were mailed and hand delivered to Chapel Street homes approximately one month ago, warning the residents about what could happen if they are involved in Chapelfest celebrations.

One of the letters sent to residents on April 15 said police were asking students for help in stopping the annual Chapelfest. Police were trying to stop the illegal tradition because "it creates a substantial risk of physical injury and creates a large public nuisance," the letter said.

Gricol said she received a letter while on Spring Break. The letter told students not to participate and what the consequence would be.

"It emphasized that the event was illegal and discouraged our participation," Gricol said.

The letter described events that have happened in the past that are associated with Chapelfest, including fights, illegally closed-off streets and a molestation. It also warned residents of what they could be arrested for, including disorderly premise, event without a permit, disorderly conduct, selling or providing alcohol to minors, civil problems due to injury, and reimbursement for police expense.

A similar letter was also sent home to each of the students' parents. Henry said parents were notified because of the potential for eviction of the leaseholders. Since many parents are either co-signers or help pay rent, the police wanted both the renters and parents to be aware of the potential loss of residence.

Gricol was surprised to find that the police had sent a letter to her parent's house. Although many parents of residence co-sign the lease, Gricol said her landlord never required that, making the students fully responsible for their lease agreements, not their parents.

"Most of us are capable of making our own decisions and not influenced by what our parents are saying," Gricol said. "My parents are not in my business enough to tell me not to participate."

Junior Jarett Brotz, a resident of North Chapel Street, was also surprised to hear that his parents had received a letter from the police. He was bothered at first when he found out a letter was sent to his parents.

Brotz and his roommates had already decided not to participate in the event before any of their parents had to talk to them, he said.

"It makes me feel undermined that my parents would have to say something to me," Brotz said. "I think I am mature enough to handle it on my own."

Residents also received a separate letter from their landlords which gave the same message. The landlords of North Chapel Street requested all tenants not participate in the illegal block party because of the dangers that are associated with it.

"The safety, health and welfare of students, city residents, businesses and visitors are directly impacted," the letter said. "Before someone is hurt or something drastic happens, this unauthorized event must stop."

The letter also mentioned that numerous private meetings have been held with students, landlords, the city and the university to discuss the situation.

Attached to the letter, Brotz received a personal notice from his landlord warning him about the zero-tolerance policy regarding any block parties including Chapelfest and Cinco De Mayo. The letter also said that no gathering of more than 10 guests will be permitted.

Brotz said the 10-guest rule is unreasonable.

"We are a house of seven — if we each have a friend over that's 14," Brotz said. "I think it's going a little too far, but I understand why they are doing it."

Although some residents were notified that they would receive violations if they had more than 10 guests in their house, Henry said the city code defines a "private social gathering" as an event attended by less than 150 persons. Events with more attendees require a permit, he said.

After also receiving a letter from their landlord warning them about Chapelfest, Gricol and her roommates looked over their lease and contacted their landlord for more information. Their lease does not say they cannot participate in Chapelfest; in fact, their lease only says that all trash must be picked up after the event. However, the landlord later told her said she was absolutely not allowed to partake in the event.

"We were a little confused because our lease actually mentioned Chapelfest," said Gricol.

Because each individual lease has different policies, landlords have given the police a copy of each residents lease, the letter said. The letter also reminded students that they would not want an arrest on their record, which would have to go through the university judicial system and could impact future career plans.

"All of you are responsible for the actions that take place on your property," the letter said. "Be smart and don't host or participate in this unauthorized event."

Last week officers also went door-to-door to speak to residents to reinforce the potential problems involved with Chapelfest. Henry said officers warned residents, as they have in the past, about the possibility of arrest and their concerns with the safety of people and property when a large group gathers in and around a private residence. Most residents the officers spoke to were cooperative and receptive to the message, Henry said.

"Our efforts focused around our mission, which is, 'the Newark Police Department exists to preserve life and property, to enforce the law, to solve community problems, and to protect the right of all citizens to live in a safe, peaceful, environment,'" he said.

The punishment for residents on Chapel Street involved in Chapelfest would vary



Courtesy of Virginia Rollison

Newark Police attempted to prevent Chapelfest through letters sent to both residents of Chapel Street and their parents. Above, the homes and sidewalks were packed with students at last year's Chapelfest.

depending on the violation. Arrests would be made by the police, but the individual punishments will be up to the court, Henry said.

Last year approximately 50 people were arrested in relation to Chapelfest, the letter said. Residents were also warned that all arrests in the city of Newark are criminal arrests.

With the numerous letters and door-to-door greeting, some North Chapel Street residents think the police are going too far. Brotz said he has never heard of a serious incident happening at Chapelfest. Out of the small incidents that have happened, Brotz said they are the fault of the person involved and that is not a good agreement.

Gricol said she and her roommates are not necessarily planning the event, but they would like to participate in any way they can without getting arrested if the event does occur.

"I think they are really trying to explain that we cannot have it and that it's illegal," Gricol said. "But clearly we all still want to have it and are trying to find a way to still have it."

Henry said last week that police planned to set up a command center on Saturday. Although he would not comment on how many officers would be on hand, the letter sent to residents said approximately 50 officers were present last year and to expect more officers on hand this year.

Junior Alex Colton has gone to Chapelfest for the past two years and said he looks forward to it every spring.

"The hundreds of people on Chapel and not moving for the police — that's the best," Colton said.

Gricol said

although it's a fun street all year, Chapelfest was something that everyone was looking forward to and was one of the reasons she chose to live there.

"It's kind of a loss since its one of the most fun events at school, I am definitely going to be upset if it doesn't happen," she said. "I was looking forward to it."

Brotz said he was excited when he moved to North Chapel Street to be involved in Chapelfest.

"I had it circled as one of the things on my list living on Chapel," he said. "But unfortunately, it doesn't look like it's going to happen."

Brotz isn't optimistic because he said the police have made their point clear and have gone beyond the necessary means to prevent it. Police also said that everyone they talked to said they weren't participating, Brotz said.

He said his roommates might just have a barbecue at another friend's house off of Chapel Street on the same day so they can have something to do outside of Chapelfest.

"It's not worth it for one day of drinking to get in trouble," Brotz said.



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For many, unpaid internships don't pay off

BY CASSIE KALINGER

Staff Reporter

The Career Services Center is working to help students open their eyes to new possibilities in order to help them tackle the challenge of finding an internship while struggling to earn money in the troublesome economy.

With the current economic crisis, many students are feeling like they may have to sacrifice getting hands-on experience in their field of study for a part-time job to help pay for expenses.

Junior Anh Do is a finance major and biology minor at the university. A Delaware resident, Do has been focusing on finding a summer internship in Delaware, Pennsylvania or New Jersey, but has not had as much luck as she hoped.

"I have mostly applied to internships relating to finance and for companies like J.P. Morgan, Verizon, AstraZeneca and a couple of smaller companies," Do said. "It has been really difficult finding an internship in the field I want because of the financial crisis we're in right now."

Do does not have the time to work during the school year, so she would like to earn money over the summer and has been focusing on looking for a paid internship.

Marianne Green, assistant director at Career Services, said more students have been coming in to the center looking for internships. She said the percentage of unpaid internships in comparison to paid ones has remained steady over the years.

"I think internships are more popular than ever — people can always use the help," Green said. "Most internships have always been unpaid."

Internships for non-profit organizations or in the field of communication for example, have always been typically unpaid, she said.

"There are plenty of students knocking down doors to get internships, so it's kind of like they can get them for free, so why should they pay?" Green said. "There's never really been an incentive to pay. It's a glamour area to work in TV, radio and so on."

She said most companies that offer paid internships are not actually cutting out all internship positions, but they may be reducing the number of slots available for a paid position.

"Some students come in knowing what kind of internship they want and maybe even where they want it, but we help look for different types of internships that might be just as helpful," Green said. "But they have to be flexible."

Junior Amanda Strouse, an agriculture education major,

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— Marianne Green,
assistant director at Career Services

said she sometimes finds her area of work can hinder the amount of internship opportunities available to her. She said agriculture education programs are not required at all schools unlike certain subjects such as math, science and English.

"Unfortunately, agriculture programs probably would be one of the first to be cut if they absolutely had to. But if you're doing your job right, I don't think most schools would cut it because it is something really important," Strouse said. "The population is getting larger, and the amount of land available for farming is getting smaller, which is becoming a really big problem, so if schools cut these programs, it's going to cause a lot more issues than I think they're willing to deal with."

She said so far she has not been able to find many

internships that are a good fit for her.

"I've come across a number of options, but they all end up being for volunteering or for an unpaid internship," Strouse said. "Everywhere I apply, they keep telling me there's a freeze on paid internships."

She said finding a paid internship is important for her because her only source of income throughout the school year is babysitting.

"Last summer I worked three jobs to try and save up for the year since I wouldn't be working, so I don't have the time to work a job that's not going to be paid," Strouse said. "This past Winter Session was the first one I've done since freshman year, and that really killed me to not have that time to work like I normally do."

She said she knows she needs to be more flexible considering the current economic situation, but she is willing to put in the effort to keep looking for an internship that's a better fit.

Green said graduating seniors are also having similar problems finding jobs after May.

"When you're talking about graduation, everything changes because most internships are for undergraduates that require credit," she said.

Green suggests other alternatives to graduating seniors like graduate school, becoming a research assistant, being open to a gap year or taking on an interim gap position such as participating in AmeriCorps or Teach For America.

She realizes students need to pay bills, so one of her suggestions is to pick up a part-time job but also to free up some time for an unpaid internship or volunteer work.

Strouse said she is going to remain flexible and keep her internship options open, as difficult as it may be to find one.

"I know it's going to be harder to find a paid position that's also in line with my area of study," she said. "Maybe it's a little optimistic, but I really think I can find a good compromise as long as I put in the effort to look and open my eyes to different opportunities."

ONLINE POLL

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Ties to sweatshop are unacceptable

University should exemplify social responsibility

DEconstruction Magazine recently uncovered a rather disturbing affiliation the university has to sweatshop workers in Honduras. Russell Corporation, a main supplier of university apparel throughout the country, shut down a plant at the factory Jerzees de Honduras, reportedly because of the workers' efforts to unionize. The revelation to university communities that apparel is being constructed by sweatshops has caused a major backlash, causing 25 universities to cancel their contracts with Russell, but not the University of Delaware.

The refusal to denounce sweatshops sends the message that the university cares more about economics than human rights. If 25 other schools see this as a problem, then there is reason to break the contract with Russell.

It's alarming to think that tuition money is being spent on sweatshops and not an ethically stable corporation. This is reminiscent of the problem students have faced with expressing their wishes for the university to divest from Darfur. By not canceling the contract with Russell and by refusing to discuss divestment from Darfur,

the administration is practically telling the university community that human rights issues are unimportant.

David Brond, vice president of communications and marketing, said Russell's products account for less than 10 percent of the university's royalty revenue. While overall this may not be the majority of the money, any amount is still too much supporting a corporation that is not socially responsible. It shouldn't matter how much money comes from sweatshop affiliations, because it shouldn't be giving even a single dollar to a company that exploits its workers.

As much as the university has shied away from making changes with its policy concerning Russell, it is promising to see *DEconstruction Magazine* promote students to take a stance against university-related sweatshop labor. As freshman Sarah Forst — who discovered Russell's ties to the university — said, the university will change its contract if students show that an affiliation with sweatshops is unacceptable. We have a right to know where that money is going, and we must make that clear.

Take advantage of university setting

University sponsors worthwhile speeches and lectures

David Plouffe and Steve Schmidt, two former university students, who managed the presidential campaigns of President Barack Obama and Sen. John McCain, respectively, put their political differences aside and returned to the university Thursday to speak to students and faculty about their experiences.

With all the events and speakers on campus every week sponsored by the university and various Registered Student Organizations, it's often hard to keep track of them all, much less find the time to attend each event during the busy week. But sometimes it's worth checking out, and some of the smaller guest lectures sponsored by the university can be just as entertaining, if not more so, than some of the bigger celebrities who perform here.

It's inspiring to see two real people who went to the university and were in our position not too long ago achieve such success in their field. Their success is proof that although the economic situation is bad and it might not seem like there is a lot waiting for students after college, there are opportunities to be had.

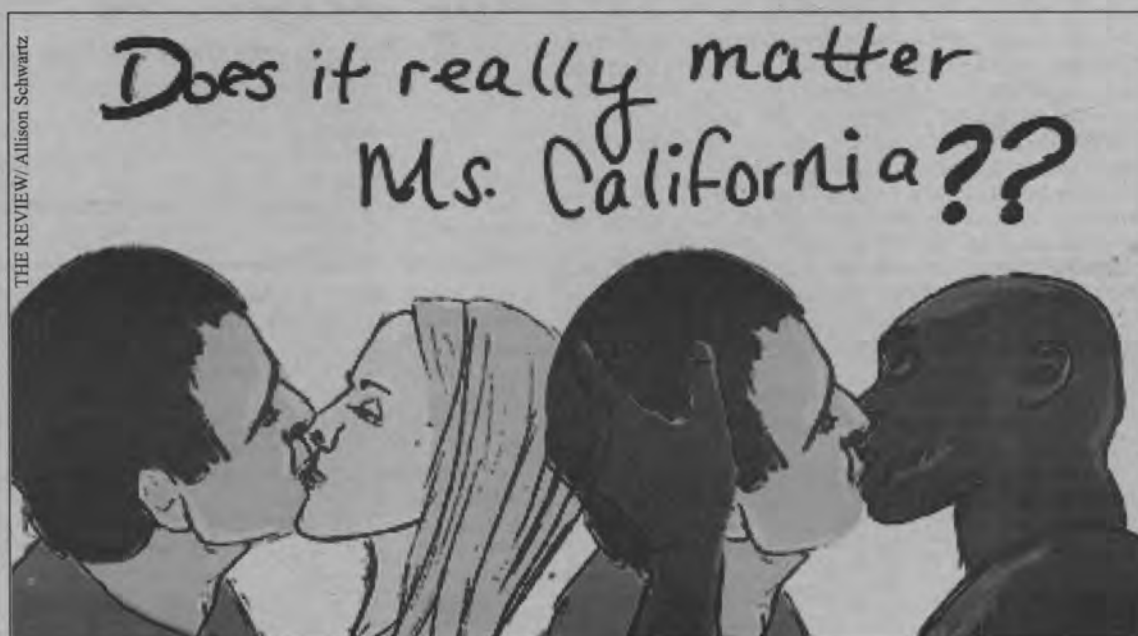
Despite having fought on opposite sides of an intense campaign, Plouffe and Schmidt were able to put aside their differences and return to their alma mater in the spirit of education. They should be commended for coming back to the place where they got their start and the university should be commended for recognizing that students would benefit from hearing their stories.

This is exactly what universities are for — not just sitting in a classroom, doing well on tests and graduating with a good enough grade point average to get into graduate school, but learning from the life experiences of others and gaining your own.

With so much happening on campus every day, it's easy to shrug off the different guests and lecturers as just another boring speech. But there are few times after college that there will ever be another chance to see and hear such a variety of different voices on such a wide range of subjects and expand our college education beyond the classroom, and we should take advantage of that while we still can.

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"Support gay rights."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SGA should involve univ. students

I was displeased to learn from *The Review* in the April 21 issue that Student Government Association elections occurred without any fan-fare whatsoever. But the less-than one percent of the student body who voted for the six positions are not to blame for the embarrassingly low turnout.

An alumnus in the White House soon followed the scathing criticism of the university's ranking as a top politically apathetic school; clearly there are different levels of political enthusiasm among university students, both past and present. The thousands of people that attended the Joe Biden rally last semester suggests

that young scholars are not completely apathetic — they only care about what is truly meaningful.

SGA is an illegitimate institution not because it is incapable of initiating and creating successful events that are enjoyed by faculty and students alike — it is capable — and not because it serves as a relatively easy tool to enhance the resumes of those who hold positions — it does — but because there is a pervasive, school-wide perception that SGA simply does not matter. As a non-entity in the minds of potential voters, it is perfectly rational to abstain from supporting an election that is one so only in name — five out of six candidates ran unopposed — and whose results deem most inconsequential.

Indeed, this same reason prevents scores of voters from turning out in local, state and federal elections. Instead of encouraging students to take time out of their day to engage in a process they do not believe in, a shift in values among those within SGA and the school's administration must occur. A genuine care and understanding of the interests of the students — as an aggregate and as specific individuals — is a prerequisite for altering expectations about ineffective and potentially potent bureaucracies.

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Corrections

In the March 3 article "Spike Lee directs the rising generation" *The Review* incorrectly listed the Student Centers Programming Advisory Board as the sponsor of a talk given by Spike Lee. The lecture was in fact sponsored primarily by the Cultural Programming Advisory Board and the Center for Black Culture, among others. We apologize for the error and also for the delay in the correction of the error.

The *Review* reported information incorrectly in the article "Men walk in heels to feel pain of sexual assault" for the April 14 issue. Rather than being sold, T-shirts were given out. In addition, the event was not sponsored by Students Acting for Gender Equality, but by the Sexual Assault Prevention Education Committee.

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SGA president responds to student's criticisms

Guest Commentary

Teagan Gregory

SGA defends stance on making legitimate changes on campus

Last week, you may have read an editorial in *The Review* criticizing the perceived ineffectuality of your Student Government Association. That piece opened with a quotation from a respected American figure, and, if only for the sake of symmetry, I'd like to do the same.

Shirley Chisholm once said, "You don't make progress by standing on the sidelines, whimpering and complaining. You make progress by implementing ideas."

I believe the author of last week's piece might benefit from this advice and do well to explore the ideas that are actually being discussed on this campus. This is not to say that he shouldn't be commended for drawing attention to the SGA Web site's lack of functionality and the low voter turnout in the recent election. Ninety-six votes are far too few, and we must do better. However, the author failed to recognize the many individuals at this university who have made their voices heard.

I choose to applaud the students who did vote and the many more who have worked with SGA over the last several years to make this campus a better place for all of

us.

I applaud the students who contacted SGA in the wake of last semester's perceived crime wave — your voices have been heard. Last week, SGA was criticized for failing to respond to the safety concerns that emerged, but to imply that no action was taken is inaccurate, irresponsible and insulting to the many students and SGA officers who took the time to speak out.

After several of the incidents occurred, I participated as a panelist in university President Patrick Harker's public forum to address our community's worries. At that meeting, SGA announced a plan for a campus safety walk to examine areas of concern and begin a true dialogue with the administration. A number of students joined us as we toured campus, pointing out poorly lit and otherwise unsafe locations to those with the power to affect change. Many of these points of concern have now been examined and corrected through improved lighting, additional emergency telephones and the removal of landscaping.

Not only did SGA provide students with the opportunity to communicate their worries via that forum, but we have continued the dialogue by establishing a Public Safety Interest Group, open to all members of our community who may be concerned about these issues.

I applaud the many students who have communicated their dissatisfaction with transportation around campus — your voices have been heard. Yes, SGA did offer its support to the recent changes in the Public Safety escort system, but the assertion that we did so without consideration for student convenience is at best ignorant and at worst disingenuous.

SGA endorsed the changes because they would make students safer and we have seen the fruits of this decision reflected in shorter wait periods and the increased visibility of safety aides on campus. However, as I told this publication then, SGA only offered its support because the university has provided an alternative in the form of an enhanced late-night bus route that incorporates a great deal of student feedback. Furthermore, SGA officers are currently meeting with administrators to discuss transportation issues at large, including late-night travel alternatives.

I applaud those who stood up and demanded more realistic library hours — your voices have been heard. It was only with the support of a Student Senate resolution addressing this issue that SGA was able to successfully lobby the university for a significant increase in the Morris Library's hours of operation. I doubt that the thousands of students who have taken advantage of the new late-night study hours would consider this "a small victory," as last week's author described it.

Finally, I applaud all the other individuals who have had an idea to enhance the

student experience as well as the SGA officers who implemented those proposals. You are the ones responsible for the popular computer stations in the student centers, enhanced privacy safeguards on the university's People Search tool and improvements and additions to Dining Services. It was you who called for a new Residence Life program, upcoming modifications to the university's alcohol policies and a number of other changes that lie beyond the scope of this column. You are the reason that each year SGA officers sit in countless hours of committee meetings to represent the student viewpoint and why, if you stop by our office in 223 Trabant University Center you'll likely find us in there, working on any number of projects and eager to discuss your concerns. Your voices have most definitely been heard.

Complaints without ideas are just empty words, and failing to acknowledge the efforts and successes of what has been a very active group is a disappointment. I for one was offended, and all students who have contacted or worked with an SGA officer over the last few years should be as well. Our efforts have not always yielded easy victories, but I can assure you that SGA has heard your voice — even if not everybody else was listening.

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Young people should band together to fix the world

In Heinedsight

Jennifer Heine



Current youths should use previous generations as example

Sixty-five years ago, my grandparents' generation was facing the most widespread war in history. After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, the United States came together. But who played the largest role in fighting our nation's common enemies? Young people.

Men my age were drafted to serve in military, while young women were entering the labor force at home. Every person in the country was working to fight the Axis powers, as a large majority of domestic production was designated for the war.

Since then, our nation's youth has again determined what schoolchildren learn about their nation's past. Throughout the Civil Rights Movement, it was young people who participated in sit-ins at local stores, and it was young people who were involved in Martin Luther King Jr.'s nonviolent protests.

It was also the younger generation that

was on the frontline and experienced the heaviest costs during the Korean, Vietnam, Gulf and Iraq wars.

Although our Millennial generation does not face a uniform foreign enemy in the same respect as our grandparents, we still have forces we must combat. These include the economy, discrimination and the value we place on public goods.

We are experiencing the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression, and we have to unite to fight it rather than simply complaining about our lack of paid jobs. On issues of discrimination, despite progress from the Civil Rights Movement and the election of a half-black president, there are still many instances of prejudice against various groups in all areas of society, in everything from education to health care to housing. We need to put an emphasis on the worth of the environment and education — where if they improve, we all reap the benefits.

On a larger level, even though college-aged students played a huge role in the election of President Barack Obama, we still face a country divided. We still face partisan politics and the idea of red states versus blue states and Democrats versus Republicans. In a world with shades of gray, people perceive things as black and white. You are either pro-choice or pro-life in terms of abortion,

you either love or hate Hillary Clinton and you either believe in or deny the existence of global warming. We live in a culture where there's no in-between.

In order to fight everything from the economy to civil rights to partisan politics, we must all take on the challenges individually to lead to progress. Change first starts with me, and then it can hopefully spread to someone else, who can then keep spreading it on. As Mahatma Gandhi once said, "You must be the change you wish to see in the world."

So with all these issues we face, as in past generations, it is up to young people to do something about it.

We are the most educated generation ever, as many of us have gone on to schooling beyond high school and we also have access to information at levels beyond what our nation's founders could have ever imagined.

With just two clicks and the typing of a few words, we can find information on anything. Let's take advantage of technology to help solve problems facing our generation and world.

What journalist Tom Brokaw described

as the Greatest Generation, I think we, too, can become. Members of the Greatest Generation, when they were born in the mid-1920s, were not assumed to eventually be taking on the role of being our nation's leaders and successfully defeating our foreign enemies during World War II. They were called the Greatest Generation because they rose to the challenge and knew they had to fight for their country. Even after their military duty was over, they came home and made our economy grow to be the largest and our military the mightiest in the world.

Our generation has the power to be known as "The Other Greatest Generation." We have the smarts and the resources and we are making progress to unite. Although we did have a sense of unity after Sept. 11, 2001, it should not always take catastrophic events to keep us bonded — we can unite through big issues, like the economy and education, and we should stay connected for our own and our nation's benefits.

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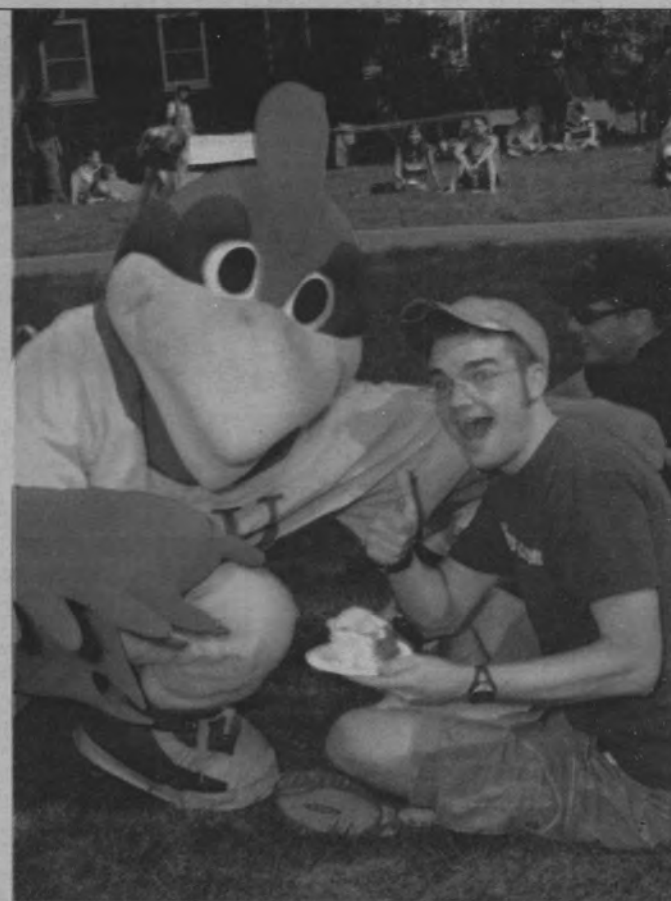


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A black and white portrait of actor John Leguizamo. He is wearing a dark suit jacket over a light-colored shirt and a patterned tie. He has a slight stubble and is looking off-camera to the left with a thoughtful expression. His right hand is visible, resting near his chest, and he is wearing a ring on his ring finger. The background is dark and out of focus.

Breaking down barriers

John Leguizamo on comedy,
casting and Queens

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A breath of fresh air: Airband gets innovative

BY SAMANTHA BRIX

Staff Reporter

Boy-band songs, tons of glitter, lots of shirtless men and the famous worm dance move can mean only one thing — welcome to Airband.

The university's 26 fraternities and sororities flooded the Bob Carpenter Center for the lip sync and dance competition on Saturday night. Professors judged the dance routines on originality, continuity between theme and performance, appearance, dance precision and backdrop.

For the fraternities, Kappa Delta Rho took home the first place trophy for the first time in five years. Sigma Phi Epsilon received second place, Alpha Epsilon Pi received third place and Sigma Alpha Epsilon came in fourth.

For the sororities, Sigma Kappa came out on top as the reigning Airband champions. Alpha Xi Delta came in second place, Alpha Phi came in third place and Kappa Alpha Theta won fourth place.

The members of Sigma Kappa won with a Sleeping Beauty-themed dance, performing an adaptation of the fairytale with synchronized kick lines, impressive stunts and complex dance steps.

Junior Jen Stern says being in the winning sorority is amazing, especially since the group won last year.

"It's phenomenal," Stern says. "Who wants people to win twice in a row?"

She says her team practiced five days per week, sometimes twice per day, including rehearsals that began at 6 a.m. and others that went on until 11 p.m.

"It was worth every second," Stern says.

Junior Caitlin O'Donnell says her team practiced at least 20 hours per week for the six-minute dance routine.

"We were so determined," O'Donnell says. "We wanted this so bad."

Members of Kappa Delta Rho took the first place trophy with their Light Up The Night theme. The stage was pitch black with five dancers in white sweatshirts and sweatpants that glowed under black lights. Members behind the dancers moved the dancers' pant legs, creating an illusion of moon-bouncing astronauts.

Chris Lang, president of Kappa Delta Rho, says his fraternity watched several Internet videos to come up with ideas. He says it was amazing to watch everyone's hard work come together.

Kevin McCove, Kappa Delta Rho's Greek Week chair, came up with the final idea. He choreographed the whole dance and handled the music selections. McCove says he was overwhelmed with excitement and satisfaction when the hosts announced his fraternity won the competition.

"I was on top of the world," McCove says.

He says the performance was a total team effort, as everyone in the routine attended all the practices.

Junior Henry Vollendorf, who participated in Kappa Delta Rho's performance, says he was proud

of his team's idea and routine.

"Simple can be better," Vollendorf says. "It's about coming up with a good, original idea and executing it."

Lang says the entire performance cost less than \$100, as the routine required purchases of only black lights and the sweatpants and sweatshirts. He says his fraternity is donating its \$250 first place prize to the Early Learning Center.

Matt Lenno, adviser to fraternity and sorority life, stated in an e-mail message that the event, along with other events during Greek Week, raised money that will be donated to the ELC.

According to its Web site, the ELC provides child care and education for young children, supports parents and families and offers assistance to child care providers.

Freshman Sherri Silverstein says the event was bigger than she expected, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon's performance was her favorite. They dressed up as the singing pirates from the FreeCreditReport.com commercials for their SAEconomic Recession theme. Others hopped around in nothing but boxer briefs.

"It was hilarious," Silverstein says. "I was dying."

Near-nudity was common among the male performances. A member of Lambda Chi Alpha walked around the stage in only a thong. A member of Pi Kappa Phi, last year's fraternity winner, wore a Thomas the Tank Engine costume, which revealed his posterior. Members of Kappa Alpha swaggered on stage in boxer briefs, sleeveless plaid shirts and cowboy hats to imitate characters from "Brokeback Mountain" in their aKAdemy Awards-themed performance.

Members of Chi Omega told the story of "Romeo and Juliet" through their performance, acting out scenes from the play and incorporating Taylor Swift's song "Love Story."

Junior Julia Dean says her favorite performances were Sigma Phi Epsilon's Austin Powers dance and Kappa Alpha Theta's Scooby Doo routine.

"Sig Ep had the best dancers," Dean says. "And I loved how Kappa Alpha Theta had a battle between the Scooby Doo gang and the zombies."

Sigma Phi Epsilon placed second in the competition. Members did cartwheels, performed various stunts and even stripped for the audience.

Junior Colin Dobbins, who performed in Sigma Alpha Epsilon's routine, says he was excited and nervous awaiting the music that would begin the dance.

"I was so full of adrenaline I blacked out," Dobbins says.

Lenno says Airband is representative of Greek life as a whole.

"This is what Greek life is all about — building a team and working together for a common goal," Lenno says. "It is a friendly competition that our students have a great deal of pride about."



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Proceeds from Airband will be donated to the Early Learning Center.

Third Dinner for Darfur raises awareness, inspires hope

BY ALEXANDRA DUSZAK

Entertainment Editor

In 2004, the U.S. government declared the conflict in Darfur a genocide, the first of the 21st-century. Since 2007, the Registered Student Organization STAND: A Student Anti-Genocide Coalition has committed itself to raising awareness about the genocide with the hope of bringing it to an end.

For the last three semesters, the group has held Dinner for Darfur, an event designed to celebrate Sudanese culture while raising awareness about the genocide. For this semester's event, STAND decided to modify the format of the dinner.

In the past, a club member has spoken about the genocide in Darfur, discussing statistics and current events. Junior Emily Robertson, president of STAND, says this semester, the club wanted the dinner to be a festive event focusing on the positive aspects of Sudanese culture.

"We wanted the dinner to be more uplifting," Robertson says. "We were concerned with the mood being a celebration of the culture."

STAND began planning the dinner several weeks prior to the event, which was held April 20 at the Kristol Hillel Center on campus. After considering a candlelight vigil as

an addition to the usual dinner proceedings, the group voted to have three interactive stations instead — writing letters, decorating fabric squares for an upcoming event and watching informative videos online.

"This dinner is important because it will not only educate people but it will also give them the opportunity to truly make a difference," senior Hilary Jampel, the club's former president, says.

On the afternoon of the dinner, STAND members spent more than five hours preparing a traditional Sudanese dinner of sweet vegetable stew, peppers and tomatoes stuffed with rice and beans and peanut cookies.

Club members set up approximately 90 place settings on the floor in traditional Sudanese style and by 6:15 p.m., a guest was sitting at nearly every place. Robertson says the turnout at the event was great, despite the bad weather and hectic Greek Week.

"There are people who knew about this and new faces," Robertson says.

Many of those new faces say they found out about the dinner, which was heavily publicized on Facebook, through friends. Although some of the students who attended said they didn't know much about the geno-

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John Leguizamo tackles stereotypes



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John Leguizamo will speak at Trabant University Center tonight.

BY ALEXANDRA DUSZAK

Entertainment Editor

When he was 4 years old, John Leguizamo moved from Bogotá, Colombia, to the Jackson Heights neighborhood in Queens, which he describes as one of the most diverse in the area.

He grew up in a neighborhood filled with people of many different ethnic backgrounds, in addition to his own Colombian and Puerto Rican heritage. As old Irish families left the neighborhood, Dominicans, Mexicans and Cubans moved in.

"We were one of the earliest families in the neighborhood so we were like pioneers and you know, nobody likes the pioneers," Leguizamo says. "There was a lot of white flight, too, from the neighborhood — but not because of me."

Leguizamo clearly has a knack for comedy, and he has built a career around using that knack to stand up for the issues that are important to him.

He has struggled to find roles in Hollywood that allow him to exhibit the depth of his acting abilities, which has nurtured Leguizamo's sense of dissatisfaction with the film industry. He believes many Latino actors have faced a similar problem and calls the roles offered to them "kind of demeaning."

Never one to abide by the status quo, Leguizamo is always seeking to expand his options. He says the film industry is changing with regard to the types of roles and opportunities being offered to Latinos, noting prominent actors like Benicio del Toro, Eva Mendes and America Ferrera. He also points to industry professionals he admires — Alfonso Cuarón, Josef Frank Regis and Guillermo del Toro.

Leguizamo enrolled in acting classes after graduating from high school and worked constantly to perfect his skills as a comedian. From the very beginning, he was inspired by comedic greats like Erick Bozzi, Whoopi Goldberg and Lily Tomlin.

"I wanted to join those ranks," Leguizamo says.

Before making his Hollywood debut in "Miami Vice," Leguizamo was a stand-up comedian in New York City.

Although he has a prolific film career, Leguizamo occasionally returns to live performance — he writes and acts in off-Broadway plays that enable him to showcase his range as an actor. Among these are "Mambo Mouth," "Freak" and "Spic-o-rama."

His favorite roles are those that enable him to make some sort of statement or political comment, and he describes the actors and comedians who inspire him most as "edgier, deeper thinkers."

Leguizamo says his favorite movie he's acted in is "Where God Left His Shoes." The movie, about a down-and-out boxer struggling to find a job and a home for his family during the Christmas season, is characteristic of his goals as an actor and a citizen.

"Where God Left His Shoes" played at the Tribeca Film Festival last year and won the Humanitas Award and raised over a million dollars in terms of getting money for the homeless," he says.

Leguizamo says his character's plight in "Where God Left His Shoes" is similar to the economic problems many Americans are facing today.

No matter what role he's undertaking — whether he's poking fun at cultural stereotypes in a play of his own making or speaking to students at the university — Leguizamo likes to affect change.

"I think it's a bad thing to be satisfied," he says.

Leguizamo will be speaking in Trabant University Center tonight. The event is sponsored by HOLA, a Latino and multicultural student organization that promotes awareness of the Latino community on campus. Co-sponsors include Student Centers Programming Advisory Board, Resident Student Association, Student Government Association, Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority and the Latino and Multiethnic Greek Council.

Animals, activities and appetites: Ag Day draws crowd

BY ANDREW LYNCH

Copy Desk Chief

Newark residents and university students came to Townsend Hall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday to enjoy the festivities of Ag Day, the annual environmental awareness day put together by students and faculty in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

The event, hosted in and around Townsend Hall on South Campus, is free to all and allows exhibitors to educate the community about the world of agriculture and natural resources. Supplementary vendors provide food and entertainment, making Ag Day an event for all ages.

Wendee Killmon, a junior agriculture and natural resources major, was one of a 12-person Ag Day planning committee that helped to coordinate vendors and exhibits, manage the information booth and increase awareness for environmental issues. She says one of the most surprising things about Ag Day is that it's almost completely run by students.

"The Ag Day team is mainly student-based and we plan all year to put the day together," Killmon says. "We also manage a group of about 60 volunteers that help with the more minor tasks."

These volunteers, called Ag Ambassadors, are mainly students from the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Working in small groups, the ambassadors are assigned a station, whether it be the plant sale, helping with parking or minding the blue hens at the animal science exhibit.

Junior Rachel Schnaitman, a wildlife conservation major, has been an Ag Ambassador for three years and enjoys seeing the product of the hard work that is put in all year.

"Ag Day gives lots of clubs a chance to set up a table and try to get their information out to the Newark community," Schnaitman says. "Ag Day is just as much about the university community as it is about the Newark community."

For parents, Ag Day is an opportunity to bring children onto campus and educate them about the environment in a fun way, Schnaitman says. This year's event featured a barn tour, a hayride through the grazing fields and chicken coups and a tour of multiple greenhouses. A dog exhibit — complete with a Great Dane — captured the attention of children throughout the day.

Ag Day provides the community with a free day of excitement

— the only costs being for refreshments and food. Alpha Gamma Rho, the agriculture fraternity, was in charge of food at the event. Three large pig roasters were employed to cook chicken, beef and — of course — pig.

Bryan Yost, a freshman member of Alpha Gamma Rho, worked the cashbox for most of the day while his fellow fraternity brothers served up BBQ. Much of the food was donated, allowing the group to put the proceeds into a fund that supports its community service projects. Coca-Cola donated sodas and water, Herry's provided chips at a discount, Philly Soft Pretzel Factory offered a discount on pretzels, chicken came from Allen Family Foods, Inc. and Alexander's Lawn and Garden donated charcoal.

Yost says volunteering all day in the sun can be tough, but Ag Day is one of his favorite days of the year and he wouldn't ever miss it.

"Many of the exhibits here and the RSOs that have exhibits, a lot of people are unaware that they even exist," he says. "Since the students put the day together, the student voice is really apparent when you walk around and look at the exhibits."



THE REVIEW/Andrew Lynch

Ag Day included barn and greenhouse tours, a hayride and food.

An obsession worth getting over

"Obsessed"

Sony Pictures Entertainment
Rating: ☆ 1/2 (out of ☆☆☆☆)

The problem with "Obsessed" is that you know the plot before the previews even start to play. The drama, then, is just a 108-minute trailer itself.

With the characters of Ali Larter and Beyoncé Knowles trying to claim the same man, the confrontation is inevitable and anticipated. It's the selling point of the movie, but what fills the time before the confrontation is essentially the same seduction and tension.

Derek Charles (Idris Elba) is happily married to his wife (Knowles) and is successful in the corporate world, until a delusional temporary co-worker (Larter) sets her sights on him, forcing her way into his arms. When Charles resists and the harassment proceeds, he begins losing the things he values most.

Knowles delivers the best lines and scenes, but isn't able to do so until the film's climax, when her character has to confront her husband and the temptress. Seeing her as an executive producer and hearing her sing at the end of the film only highlights the fact that this is, or should be, her movie.

But she has to be at home — caring for her baby, playing the good wife — which may be how it has to be if she's maintaining her role model status. Seeing her eventually clean up is the only plunge there is. The rest is like walking up a hill you're only going to sled down. There's fun to be had, but getting there is slow and



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strenuous, and this hill takes a while to climb.

Larter plays the villain well, as she showed in the early seasons of "Heroes." She's effective, but plays someone who's nothing more than a name. If stalkers have to be that way, then so be it, but there's something to be said about a film that fails to deliver enough of its two biggest stars.

"Obsessed" is a film that spins its wheels and hopes to hypnotize the audience with its sexuality and suspense. A few minutes are fine, but "Obsessed" is really just those same few minutes over and over. The faces are nice and the story is captivating — if you find a man going through that everything to pop is too simple and expected. What should be a Knowles movie is only a Knowles climax, and that's the only thing you learn after the trailer.

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Perfect acting duet, shaky 'Soloist' story

"The Soloist"

Universal Pictures

Rating: ☆☆ 1/2 (out of ☆☆☆☆)

The resurrection of Robert Downey Jr. is complete.

The star thrilled audiences in 2008's "Iron Man" and now shows a different side of his acting ability in his latest film, "The Soloist," based on a true story. Downey and Academy Award winner Jamie Foxx deliver strong performances but are overshadowed by the film's instability.

Downey plays cold-hearted Steve Lopez, a columnist in need of his next story. He finds that story in Nathaniel Ayers (Foxx), a brilliant, homeless musician who has several mental problems. Lopez writes a number of popular articles about Ayers and the two learn more about friendship than they could've ever dreamt.

The quick-witted Downey portrays his role powerfully and allows the audi-

ence to connect with his character. With a lack of action scenes, he proves he can do more than just be a hero fighting evil. He shows a great deal of emotion and compassion in the film and the role shows that his explosion back into the Hollywood scene will help him avoid the deadly type-casting.

Foxx has the daunting task of playing a mentally challenged musical prodigy. He makes his character believable and is reminiscent more of Ray in "Rain Man" than Cuba Gooding Jr.'s role in "Radio." Ayers is a complex character who takes the audience on an emotional rollercoaster throughout the film.

Although the film has clever performances, it suffers from some painful flaws. Every other scene seems to freeze the story and go into a five-minute classical music number. The film uses filler musical scenes in order to add length instead of using these songs to make the movie more powerful. The movie drags as a result, taking away from its potential to be a moving film.

There's no chance for an Oscar for Best Picture. Downey and Foxx may earn recognition for their talents, but the film as a whole doesn't reach its potential. The plot, although interesting, is too frequently slowed by classical music numbers. The movie definitely isn't the typical Hollywood film, but that's a hindrance, not an asset. It's worth viewing, but prepare to sit in the theater for a long 109 minutes.

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The voice gets lost

The Voice

Mike Jones

Ice Age Entertainment/Asylum

Rating: ☆ (out of ☆☆☆☆)

Who is Mike Jones? In 2005, that question was on everyone's lips. Coming out of Houston, Jones brought a lot of attention to the South with songs like "Still Tippin'" and "Back Then." All of a sudden, he dropped off the face of the Earth.

There was a slight intermission of acting followed by the release of his long-awaited album *American Dream*, but no mainstream success.

But now, "the wait is over," and Jones is back again with *The Voice*. There are a lot of the same things that people liked from his debut album — the only problem with that is it's already been done.

Jones has a bag of "go-to" lines that everyone remembers — lines like "Who? Mike Jones!" are repeated at least four times, as well as the ever-popular "Back then they didn't want me. Now I'm hot, they all on me."

The lyrical content of the songs is about as deep as a kiddie pool. The songs don't venture away from cars and girls, which is a recurring theme in a lot of "Dirty South" Hip-hop. One song in which Jones breaks the mold of shallow Southern Hip-hop is "Grandma II." The song is a heartfelt dedication to his grandmother who just passed away, and is lyrically the best song on the album.

One thing that will likely disappoint longtime fans of Jones is the fact that he changed his phone number. Almost every song on the debut album had a line that in some way refer-



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enced his number and told his fans to call up and ask for Mike Jones. However, now it seems as though he changed it for a lack of rhymes.

The album was produced by industry heavyweights like Jim Jonsin ("Lollipop") and "Whatever You Like"), Mr. Collipark ("Shake") and "Ms. New Booty") and J.R. Rotem of Sean Kingston fame. The beats are sure to keep the trunks bumping in all the '64 Cadillacs tipping down the street. The album also features a variety of big-name artists like Lil' Wayne, T-Pain, Twista and Hurricane Chris. On many of these songs, the other artists overshadow Jones in the lyrics as well as in the flow department.

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University A Cappella

Ben Folds

Epic

Rating: ☆☆☆ 1/2 (out of ☆☆☆☆)

If there's one thing Ben Folds is famous for, it's his use of the piano to drive a melody and to create the mood for his songs.

For obvious reasons, that use of the piano is completely absent in this collection of Folds' hits performed by college a cappella groups from around the country. However, the groups featured on the album do an excellent job compensating for the lack of instru-

mental availability — this is a cappella at its finest.

Sometimes, all the doo-wop-ping the groups do can get to be a bit much. Sometimes, you'll wonder if you're listening to some of the most popular songs among the college crowd of the '90s. The cover songs work best when the a cappella groups keep the '50s affectations to a minimum ("Time," "Army") or play into it completely because

it's appropriate for the song ("Effington").

US News & World Report might say University A Cappella is just below Ivy League.

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The Rebirth of Venus

Ben Lee

New West Records

Rating: ☆☆ (out of ☆☆☆☆)

Ben Lee may be from Australia, but his newest album has a distinctly Euro-pop feel. Lee's ample use of the synthesizer alternates between almost overbearing ("Boy With A Barbie") and wholly appropriate ("I Love Pop Music").

When Lee doesn't sound like an A-Teens protégé, he channels the mega-stars of his '80s childhood. The influence of Peter

Gabriel and The Police is especially evident on "Wake Up To America."

The Rebirth of Venus is filled with lyrics about disillusionment and growing up, and although they are a stark contrast to the pseudo-pop, light-hearted instrumentation of the album, the combination of '80s-inspired music and vaguely angsty lyrics makes one wonder if Lee's latest effort is semi-autobiographical.

Just like the pop it imitates, this album is catchy — and a little irritating.

— Alexandra Duszak



delaware UNdressed Amp up the pick-up



Alicia Gentile
Columnist

It's Tuesday afternoon.

The average girl is taking a stroll down Main Street, going to get her daily fix of Newark Deli and Bagel, when she hears any one of a variety of cat calls — "Hey girl, you looking good," "Damn, girl," "Hey baby, what you doin' tonight?" — coming from a moving truck with two men in it.

This situation isn't uncommon for many females. The question is, boys, are you really getting that girl? Do you really think these wolf whistles work, or are you just trying to get a reaction? If you think they work, you're sadly mistaken. If it's the reaction you seek, well, I can guarantee that the girl is not only turned off, but she also thinks you're a big creep. You're coming on too strong.

On the other end of the spectrum, girls aren't coming on strong enough. I'm not sure whether it's a confidence issue or if they're just trying to play hard-to-get, but what I do know is that they need to go after what they want and make the effort to initiate conversation instead of waiting

for the guy. Standing in the corner and attempting to make eye contact isn't exactly how it works, and it sure as heck won't get you anywhere. If it's the guy you want, being timid isn't going to catch his attention.

There's a tactful way to go about approaching a girl or guy. That being said, here are some general rules on how to make advances and start a conversation with someone. With the right etiquette, meeting people will never be easier.

1. Don't start off with a cheesy com-

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pliment. People like to be flattered, but it sounds fake if you say it before you really know the person. And if it's based on appearance, you might come off as shallow.

2. Keep conversation simple. There's a balance between talking way too much and not talking at all. Simple answers help establish this balance.

3. Ask questions about the person, but make sure the questions are sincere. It's easy to see that you're asking me about my major because you have nothing else to talk about. Instead, try and take notice of some-

thing that the person did or has and ask about that.

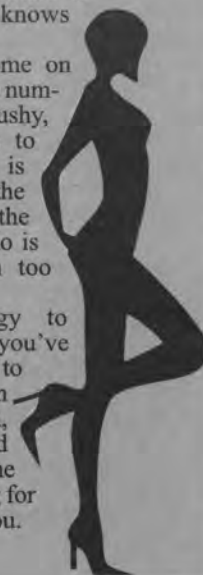
4. Be confident. If you aren't confident, fake it. People are attracted to people who look like they have it all together.

5. After you've chatted, leave the conversation with the other person wanting more. An air of mystery is incredibly hot. If you let people know who you are but still hold back a little, it's a nice tease. So say what you want to say and leave — they'll come back if they want to hear more.

6. Always be honest. Honesty is key, especially because the university isn't that big and the person is bound to know someone who knows you. Things get around.

7. Lastly, don't come on too strong. Begging for a number might be a little pushy, but asking the person to come home with you is way too pushy. If it's the first time you've met, the last thing you want to do is scare them away with too much intensity.

There's a strategy to approaching someone you've just met. It has nothing to do with hollering from across the bar, "Damn, you look good," and you'll never get anyone by sitting around waiting for him or her to come to you.



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Form-fitting flashback

Don't you ever wish you could live in another decade just to make some crazy, daring fashion statement? But rather than looking like a buffoon in a costume, be considered cool and fashionable? I know I certainly do.

Although the days of "Flashdance" were a little over the top, there's nothing wrong with being bright, positive and crazy and putting yourself out there. Tell me you've never wanted to get down to disco while wearing satin over a spandex leotard, or know what it was like to be a part of the fun '50s beat movement.

The body suit is the fashion world's reflection of both dance and health history. As for the future of this lycra-spandex wonder, I predict a resurgence.

Healthy living often governs our fashion, and music and dancing has a lot to do with being healthy. There may not be any ground-breaking new dance moves to bring about fresh, dance-inspired fashion right now, but healthy thinking certainly reflects our attitudes about current fashion movements.

Our culture pays more attention to healthy habits now than it has in the past. Sure, we still care less about some aspects of healthy living than we should, but for now, Americans are moving toward thinking more about their well-being, the environment and the products they endorse.

While the ongoing theme of economic turmoil may have something to do with getting more creative rather than spending extra cash, we've also gotten smarter about certain things. An influx of food recalls in the last few years, in addition to heightened talk about global warming and increased skepticism triggered by the events of Sept. 11, may have had something to do with our increased knowledge. These events have contributed to a growing general awareness. Overall, the keyword is care.

This view is about expressing concern for our physical well-being. We may care less today about the values instilled by "Leave It to Beaver" in the late '50s and early '60s, but it was during this time that a surge in health awareness began. Although the body suit is a fashion of both current times and the days of Beaver Cleaver, clearly our moral values have changed.

In the '60s, Rachel Carson's "Silent Spring" brought attention to health risks associated with pesticides and herbicides, as well as environmental awareness. It was in this decade that track suits and skin-tight body suits were gaining popularity in fashion. Jumpsuits appropriately came into fashion as well and had futuristic connotations. By the '70s, body suits had evolved into leotards suitable for the disco floor. Jane Fonda kept aerobics-happy America in shape and styling in colorful high-cut leotards and leg warmers through the '80s. By the '90s, the leotard had spread to the Hip-hop scene, paired with baggy jeans, of course.

Why all this talk about body suit evolution? It's shown us how we've valued ourselves and our bodies throughout history, changing with how our attitudes have fluctuated through time. Why do I say a reoccurrence of this fashion is on the horizon? It makes perfect sense. With slow food, slow fashion and an overall increase in concern for health and safety, nothing makes more sense than an extremely simple, no-brainer fashion statement like the body suit. It gets right to the point of what we're trying to achieve — it's what's essential. It covers enough, doesn't require much and can still be stylish. It's a testimony of not being self-conscious, but confident and comfortable in your own skin.

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Jackie Zaffarano
Columnist

mediadarling Alba's trivial tresses

Recently, actress Jessica Alba decided to dye her hair back to the dark blonde color she had before she was pregnant with her daughter, Honor. Apparently, this change in appearance was worthy of a huge feature on People.com, coupled with a poll as to whether or not readers were pleased to see her revert to her long-time color post-pregnancy.

I'm not sure about other people, but when I walk out of my house donning a new hair color or cut for all to see, I typically don't receive a magazine spread and a poll, let alone a small blurb in the smallest print on the bottom of the page. No one cares what I do with my appearance, except for occasionally my parents — depending on the severity of my change — and half of the time, no one even notices.

Of course, I'm not suggesting such changes go completely ignored. I just don't understand why it needs to draw so much attention. A nice comment about the fact that her hair color is different is really all that's necessary — a poll as to whether or not it should've been done is going a little overboard. What right do we have to say she should dye it back or dictate what she does with her hair in general? It's none of our business.

I find it disheartening to see more people in our country paying attention to who did what to their hair or other parts of their body than, say, what our government is doing about our economic situation. Our voter turnout hovers at approximately 50 percent, yet more than 50 percent probably know what crazy things our celebrities have done recently.

I'm not saying we should all stay perma-

nently glued to our TVs, newspapers and CNN.com, because we all need a little break from the seriousness of reality and depressing news stories. But what I am saying is maybe we should pay attention to more things that actually have an impact on our lives. Last time I checked, Alba's hair color doesn't have any impact on my future.

On the flip side, I don't really think she would want us to constantly critique her appearance, either. I'm sure celebrities love attention — they wouldn't have their job if they didn't like it at least a little bit — but it must get old seeing stories everywhere about some drastic hair color or haircut change they just made yesterday and how wonderful or terrible it is.

I often wonder if they think we are completely crazy when we see a hairstyle that's new and wonderful and rush out to duplicate it

Courtesy of Universal



on ourselves. Have you ever wondered what they think about us when we copy everything they wear or do? It really just makes us all seem like a bunch of followers who can't make up our minds as to who we are.

I tend to think favorably on people who strive to break out of the herd mentality. They don't care what other people think of them and they're happy just doing their own thing. We preach to those younger than us that being an individual is great, yet we really don't live up to that message.

Being different is a good thing. All the celebrities we look up to and try to imitate have gotten to where they are by refusing to become victims of popular trends and ideas. Rather than trying to be them, why don't we strive to be equal with them by starting our own trends?

And another thing — I feel like women are the victims of this critiquing much more often than men. How often is there a poll on People.com about what a male celebrity did to his hair or body? No wonder women have such a hard time with self-esteem and body image. They constantly have both men and women commenting on their appearance. Just once I would like to hear someone say, "You know, she has a great personality."

I don't mean to sound like a raging feminist or a huge whiner — I just tell it like I see it. More importantly, I wish more people would care a little less about what celebrities are doing or wearing and a little more about matters that actually concern them and their futures. But maybe that's just the political science-major side of me talking.

—Sarah Hubbs, sarachxc@udel.edu

Students gather for semesterly feast

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cide, Robertson says they were eager to participate in the activities the club had planned for the evening.

She says STAND met its goal of helping the students in attendance gain a new understanding of the people of Darfur.

"We were trying to help people who were attending feel a connection to the people in genocide," she says. "We wanted the connection to be stronger."

One way for students to do that was through the advocacy station, where dinner guests wrote letters to Delaware's senators asking them to urge President Barack Obama to complete his policy review of Darfur as soon as possible.

Sophomore Rina Binder-Macleod says she has past experience writing advocacy letters, and was happy to do so again at the dinner.

"Writing to your senator, calling and e-mailing them is actually really effective," Binder-Macleod says.

At the online movie station, STAND had initially planned to show videos from the interactive Web site StopGenocideNow.org. The videos were about different people's experiences in Darfur, but sophomore Rachel Goldberg, a STAND member who was in charge of showing the videos, says they were too lengthy to be attention-grabbing.

Instead, Goldberg decided to show a video of an internally displaced persons camp. The video focuses on the absent role of the World Food Bank in the camp.

Sophomores Connie Saltzman and Anika Vaidyanathan worked at the station where dinner guests painted brightly colored fabric

squares with messages of hope and peace.

Saltzman and Vaidyanathan are in charge of planning and creating a mock IDP camp, which will be part of an upcoming event called Discover, Understand, Change.

Vaidyanathan says the mock IDP camp will have several parts.

"It has food rations, medicine, the safety of what it would be like," Vaidyanathan says.

Another aspect of the mock IDP camp will be a volleyball net with sheets draped over it, Saltzman says. The fabric squares created at Dinner for Darfur will be pinned to the sheets, and passers-by will be able to paint on the sheets as well.

Saltzman and Vaidyanathan have been planning the mock IDP camp event since the beginning of the semester, but it was club member Jodi Suckle's idea to include the messages of hope station in the dinner festivities.

Sophomore Lara Rump, vice-president of STAND, says the club tried to establish a connection with Discover, Understand, Change during the dinner.

"It was especially important that we coincide the dinner with the event," Rump says.

Some aspects of the dinner haven't changed. As at past dinners, STAND asked attendees for donations that will fund civilian protection in Darfur.

Sophomore Kerry Berman has attended Dinner for Darfur before, and she says she likes the changes STAND made for this year's dinner.

"I don't remember there being any activities," Berman says. "That's really nice because it gives people the chance to be more involved and help the cause."



THE REVIEW/Heather Plank

UDance benefitted pediatric AIDS and cancer research. The Andrew McDonough B+ Foundation was a local recipient of this year's funds.

Greeks get down: annual dance marathon raises funds for a cause

BY HEATHER PLANK

Staff Reporter

Behind the Delaware Field House, 6-year-old Molly Anderson and her sister Maggie, 9, chase each other and laugh. The energetic girls climb up on concrete supports while their parents stand nearby to catch them if they fall. Their big smiles belie what they have endured over the past year.

Last May, Molly was diagnosed with leukemia. Although she has received chemotherapy and steroid treatment and stayed in a hospital for six weeks, all Molly cares about is dancing with a boy at UDance.

Molly is one of four child cancer survivors who were honored on Sunday at UDance, a dance marathon associated with the Greek community that benefits pediatric AIDS and cancer research.

In the past two years, UDance, the university's largest student-run philanthropy, raised approximately \$26,000 for the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation. This year, they added a local organization, the Andrew McDonough B+ Foundation, as a recipient.

Joe McDonough is the president of B+ (pronounced B+), an organization he started after his 14-year-old son Andrew McDonough died from complications related to a rare form of leukemia. Andrew's immune system was unable to ward off infections that an otherwise healthy person's system could.

"It's like an infection bomb goes off in your body," McDonough says.

B+ represents both Andrew's blood type and his approach to life.

Because of Andrew and other children with cancer, McDonough and his foundation are passionate about raising money for research. B+ recently gave a \$250,000 grant to the Nemours Center for Childhood Cancer Research. They also help families of children with cancer emotionally, spiritually and sometimes financially. Last year, they distributed \$45,000 to families from 19 states and so far this year, they have given \$30,000, he says.

Sophomore Jay Mercandetti, member of Sigma Phi Epsilon and the fundraising chair of UDance, has been working toward the night all year. He says he was pleased with how willing Main Street businesses were to donate their goods and services, even though some businesses couldn't donate their time.

The event featured DJ Amaze and local bands

like Moffa Attack, Burnt Sienna and Element K. Phresh Select, a group of dancers from MTV's "America's Best Dance Crew," also made an appearance.

"To make money, you have to spend money," Mercandetti says.

Senior Alicia Dreher, member of Alpha Epsilon Phi, agrees.

"Ultimately, these acts are going to bring in people who are going to be paying," Dreher says.

Some of the acts donated their time and charitable deductions or took a lower rate than they normally would, Dreher says. She declined to say which groups did.

"We have a lot of things at the event that are going to bring in money," Dreher says.

Among those were several raffles including a 50/50, gift certificates from many Newark businesses and prizes from Studio Green, the largest being a one-year lease.

Alpha Epsilon Phi and Sigma Phi Epsilon had worked jointly to expand UDance from Greek life to a university-wide event. Next year, they'll open up applications for the board to non-Greek life, Dreher says.

Dreher and Mercandetti say UDance is the biggest philanthropic event on campus and they have high hopes for its future. Dreher says there will be four times the donations next year, and Mercandetti says the dance marathon should expand from 12 hours to 24 hours.

The event even caught the attention of university President Patrick Harker, who addressed the crowd at 5 p.m.

"Do you feel good?" he asked the students. "It's been six hours. You feel good?"

The crowd responded with cheers and applause.

"You should feel good," Harker continued, "because your generation is telling the world you really care. You're going to change the world, step by step, person by person and you should be proud."

Alumna Jessica Forman never expected UDance to become so big when she started the event in 2004.

She got the idea from other schools that had similar programs, such as Pennsylvania State University's THON, which raised \$7.5 million this year.

"Every other big university was doing something," Forman says. "Why not us?"



THE REVIEW/Alexandra Duszak

Students ate traditional Sudanese food at the third Dinner for Darfur.

studentstories Aaron Chall — Senior, Finance and Marketing

Everyone has a story to tell. Each week, The Review will feature the story of one student at the university. Students are selected randomly.

BY LARISSA CRUZ

Managing Mosaic Editor

Senior Aaron Chall doesn't need an exceptional résumé or well-tailored business suit to impress potential employers — he just needs some spare change.

At a recent networking event on campus, Chall came prepared. He brought three differently colored coins and did a magic trick, which he calls the copper silver brass transposition, for recruiters. Chall placed two of the coins in the recruiter's hand while Chall held the third coin. When the recruiter opened his hand, the coins magically switched places between the two hands. The recruiter was in complete disbelief, to the point of whispering an obscenity under his breath.

"He was blown away," Chall says. "One of the other recruiters e-mailed me the next day and said, 'I've never seen Paul curse like that.'"

It's not surprising that Chall, a finance and marketing double major, likes to play with money. Eight years ago, he decided to be a magician as a side job when his friend, who was already a magician, convinced him to get paid for his pastime.

"He's really the one who pushed me to take it a step further and develop it more into a serious hobby — into a business," he says.

After teaching himself magic tricks and attending a summer magic camp for six years, Chall has acquired the stage name "Aaron the Great." He does private shows for occasions such as birthdays, Communion and Bar Mitzvahs. During the summer, he performs magic tricks

at a restaurant near his hometown in Muttontown, N.Y. When he first began entertaining, Chall was uneasy but learned how to quickly calm his anxiety.

"It was a little nerve-wracking at first but once you get into it, it's not too bad," he says. "You just kind of go with it and stay positive and upbeat and you usually get positive reactions, no matter who you're dealing with."

Chall specializes in close-up magic, or magic that's done on a smaller scale in front of spectators, as opposed to on a stage. Because of this, he's able to be more personal with his audience.

"I'm always meeting new people," he says. "That's what makes it enjoyable."

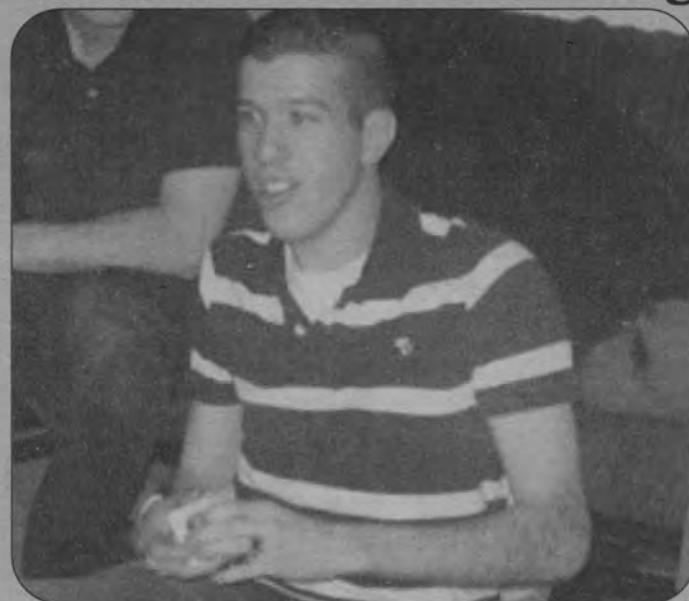
When Chall was a freshman at the university, his talent became a social activity.

"It's always served me well but I think it served me the best when I first got to college," he says. "When I was trying to branch out and make friends, it was a great icebreaker."

While attending a party the other weekend, Chall did a magic trick for the crowd and used someone's incomplete, beat-up deck of cards.

"I wasn't drinking that night," he says. "But a lot of the people there were, so it made it that much more convincing."

When Chall isn't wooing an audience, he gives campus tours as a Blue Hen Ambassador, tutors his peers in statistics and economics and is the treasurer for Study Abroad Ambassadors.



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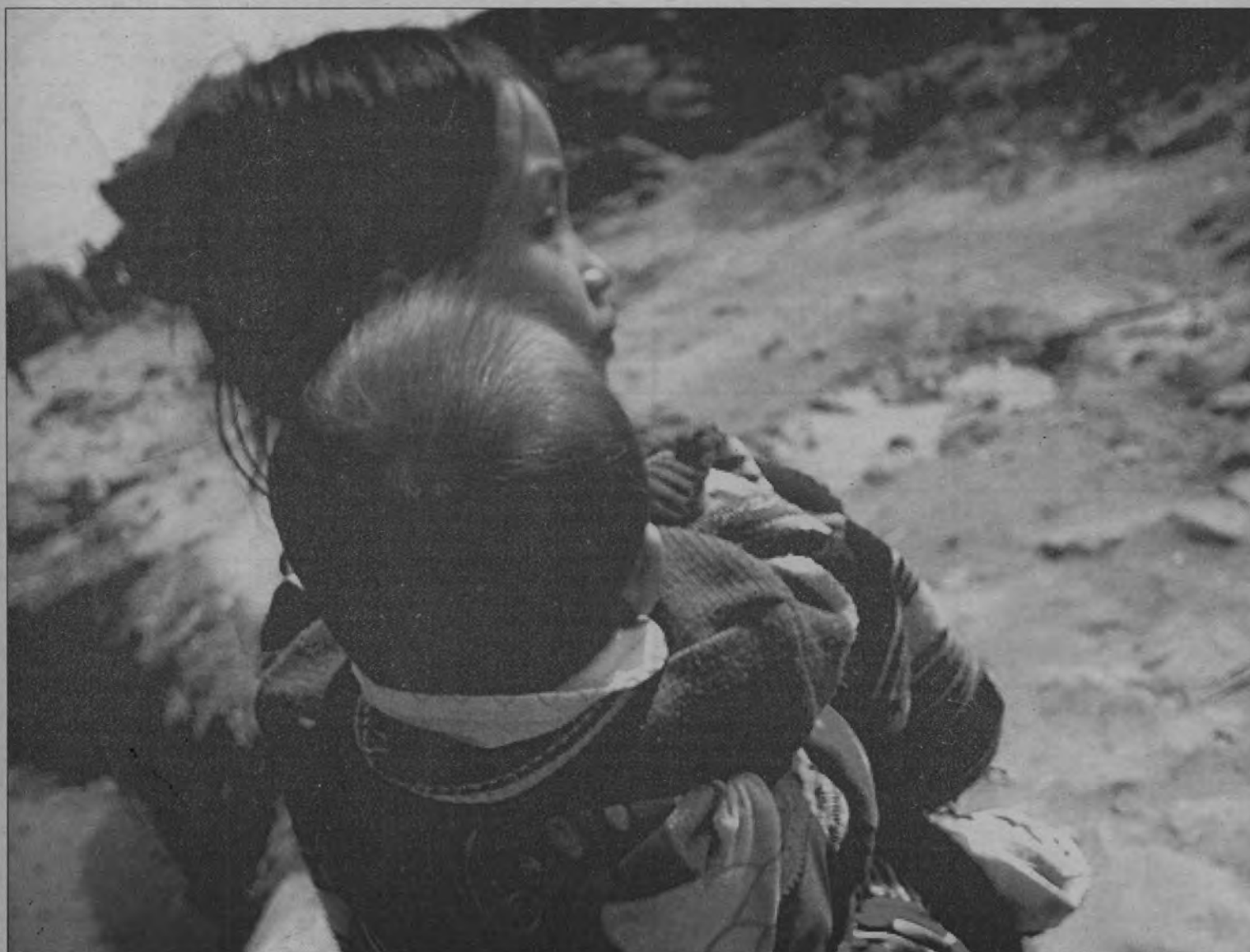
After graduation, he doesn't plan on giving up his books in order to focus solely on his magic career.

"I hope to go to graduate school to get an MBA while I'm still in school mode," Chall says.

However, don't expect "Aaron the Great" to go away anytime soon.

"I could never see myself doing it professionally," Chall says. "But as far as having it as a hobby and a side business occasionally, I can always see myself doing it."

artisticappeal Andrea Davies — Sophomore, Visual Communications



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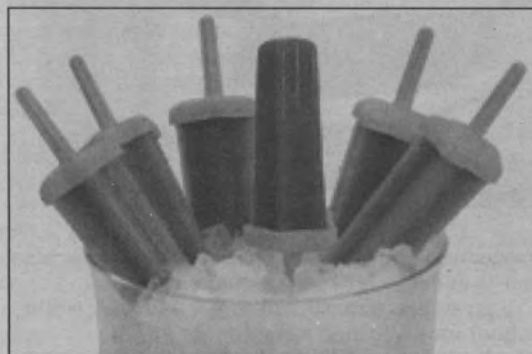
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Merkler comes back to lead Hens through CAA

BY CASSIE KALINGER

Staff Reporter

Even after suffering through an injury plagued 2008 season, Hens Senior catcher Bill Merkler managed to bounce back from the injury to re-emerge as a key player for the Hens baseball team in his last season.

Merkler is one of the top power hitters in the Colonial Athletic Association this season, batting .388 with 15 home runs. He also earned CAA player of the week honors at the beginning of March.

Despite the back injury, Merkler still managed to appear in 36 games in 2008, starting 31 of them. He posted 27 hits including nine for extra-bases, and knocked in 24 runs.

"It was tough to come from playing a lot before and being healthy then not being able to be on the field," Merkler said. "It's frustrating to not be able to contribute and even if I did play, it was tough to play on an injury."

Senior Captain Kyle Davis empathized after seeing Merkler come off from an injury-plagued season.

"I know when you're injured, sitting on the bench, it's really hard to watch your team play," Davis said. "You want to be out there helping your team out. But, especially him being one of the older guys it's good that he's back and playing. It brings leadership to the team."

Davis said Merkler, who played a large role on the team and in being a veteran, is a really good person for his teammates to look up to.

Head coach Jim Sherman has been Delaware's baseball coach for the last nine years, and said Merkler has developed over the past few years on and off the field.

"Offensively, he's been outstanding," Sherman said. "I'm really happy for Billy, and his re-emergence as a power-hitter has really helped us."

Sherman said he and Merkler both agreed

he has gained a lot while sitting out from injury. Sherman said Merkler's patience during the 2008 season — not even playing and now coming back — has given him a different perspective of the game by getting to sit and watch his team.

Through his injuries, Merkler grew even more appreciative of the opportunities and successes he had.

"Being hurt is tough," Merkler said. "It's very frustrating sitting there and not being able to contribute because of an injury. The biggest thing is appreciating the opportunity I have to play for Delaware. Also we have a good bunch of guys so being a part of this team makes it even more special."

Looking back on the past four years, Merkler said he is able to recognize a lot of his development as an athlete.

"The more years, games, at bats you have under your belt, you're just naturally going to learn more, even the small things about the game," he said. "I think I have a better understanding of the game itself and how it is played. Experience has helped other players develop as well. It's so important at this level to never take a play off."

In his last year at Delaware, Merkler is happy and excited to be such a prominent figure in the team's success, but he still recognizes and stresses the importance of team chemistry and a collective effort, and hopes the team can continue their success into the post-season.

"You do your best on an individual level to help the team," he said. "I hope success from myself and other older teammates can help us get back to where we were in my sophomore

tournament.

Perhaps even more impressive is the teams starting goaltender, senior Jessica Cerveney. Not only does she lead the CAA in goals-against average, but she is also fifth in school history with 395 career saves, and is fourth in career minutes played with 2,371.

Senior Debbie Sloan is another player who has spent her career leading a relatively anonymous profile. Not only is Sloan the team's only 20 goals scorer, but has scored over 100 career points, and is No. 4 all time in school history in draw controls. The Hens also feature eight players with 10 or more goals on the season, including junior mid-fielder Emily Schaknowski, who lead the team in assists and points, and will return next season.

The team has a combination of youth and experience that will also keep them competitive for a few more seasons.

Even though the women have had success this year, they could not even gain respect within their own sport. For much of the year, the men's team stole many of the headlines, despite missing the NCAA playoffs, and posting a season long winning streak of two games. The women's team not only equaled the men's victory total (five) by



Courtesy of Sports Information

Bill Merkler is leading the Hens in home runs this season.

year, in the CAA Championship game. Playing in the conference championship down at UNCW is something special, and I hope I can share that experience with my teammates in my final year."

Although he is looking forward to pursuing a career as a police officer, Merkler said there's a lot he will miss from his time at Delaware.

"I'm going to miss everything," he said. "The players, coaches, the fans, the bus rides, the jokes among the guys, just being part of the Delaware baseball family. Fortunately, I got a great opportunity to play here and I'm really going to miss all of it. But I know that once I leave here I'll still be a part of the Delaware baseball family, just not on the field."

mid-season but won five games in the CAA alone, not accounting for another four the team won outside of conference play.

The men's team was different, as they were handicapped by a young defense that allowed over eight goals per game. The team also ranked among the top the CAA in penalty minutes. Despite having yet another solid season from Dickson, the team that was thought so highly of in March has now become an afterthought in April.

So starting next week, let's take comfort in the fact that there is at least one team this year that actually has a chance to win something. It does not matter how invisible they were on their rise to the top of the CAA, only that they can actually win something now that they are up there. It will be a refreshing change from the lack of sports success Delaware has seen this year and it will also give the women's program a chance to get back on the map. Actually, they were already there, we just haven't noticed yet.

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commentary



BY RYAN LANGSHAW
"BATTLE OF THE
LAXES"

March 13 was a tale of two cities. A 10-8 win over Albany went barely noticed amid the flurry of the winter and spring sports crossover, while another team was mired in the midst of a four game losing streak. By April 10, one team soared to a 7-3 record in their last 10 games, and sat atop the Colonial Athletic Association standings. The other team sat near the bottom, reflecting on opportunities missed and dreams not fulfilled.

After seeing the majority of the Delaware teams limp through subpar sub-.500 seasons this year, I have to say the last team I expected to make a run into the CAA playoffs would be the juggernaut of the this spring sports season, the women's lacrosse team. This especially considering the men's team entered the season with the pre-season player of the year, Curtis Dickson, and one of the countries most successful head coaches, Bob Shillinglaw.

Surprised? Shocked? Well don't be. These ladies are good, and these guys are bad. Real bad. After losing their first three games to start the season, many wrote this year's women's lacrosse season off as another rebuilding effort to pair along with last years fourth place finish. The team quietly built momentum as the year went on, and will enter next week as a top seed in the CAA

Fresh faces debut in annual Spring game

BY MATT WATERS

Assistant Sports Editor

There was plenty of confusion at the annual Blue-White Spring football game: the crowd had to sing the National Anthem once the PA system failed, the scoring was more than slightly confusing and it was unclear what the crowd was more interested in, the game or trying to get autographs from various NFL stars such as Mike Adams, Joe Flacco and Rich Gannon. One certainty was that the crowd of 2,000 (just 94,000 short of Ohio State's spring game) got their first real look at the 2009 Blue Hens football squad.

Concerns were squashed and questions were answered throughout Friday's 78-70 win by the offense. The main question was if newly appointed starting quarterback Pat Devlin is the real deal and he answered in a thunderous way, completing 24 of 31 passes for 304 yards and a touchdown.

Head coach K.C. Keeler expressed relief in Devlin's performance.

"Last year, we were in a situation where we almost couldn't give the job away because guys wouldn't take it," Keeler said, "but Pat went out and performed very well [this spring]."

Devlin's longest completion was a 75-yard toss to red shirt freshman wideout Fritz Steuber, showing off his exemplary arm strength and accuracy. Despite his 77 percent completion rate, however, Devlin wouldn't call the day a total success.

"The offense did OK," he said. "I thought we tapered off a little bit in the second half. I don't know why that was, but we didn't click at all times."

Another 75-yard play came on the ground from running back Jerry Butler, who had 103 total yards on seven carries. Butler is an extra benefit for the Hens, as he wasn't expected to make a big impact after just 42 attempts last season for 162 yards. Butler was recovering from a knee injury last season but is healthier, mentally and physically this year.

"Having the season that I did last year was a real reality check for me," Butler said. "Coming back off an injury is a lot different than coming back 100 percent. This season I feel a lot better because I played a whole season after the injury and I think my knee is fine."

Keeler was as impressed by Butler as the attending fans and alumni watching the game.

"He has God-given speed and once you get him going, he's hard to shut down," he said.

The cornerstone of the team last year was the defense, and they showed on Friday that they could replicate their performance. Safety Charles Graves had a team-high two intercep-

tions to go along with his eight tackles, while defensive end Chris Morales and linebackers Eddie Lugo and Paul Worrlow had 10 tackles apiece. As a team, the defense recorded 12 sacks for 54 yards.

"When they decided to bring it on the defensive side, they brought the heat," Keeler said. "They're pretty athletic. It's an offense where you get the ball out of your hands pretty quickly, and Pat said 'I would have taken a couple hits there but I would have gotten the ball out.'"

Despite a second-half comeback, Graves was not quite ready to accept the defense as season-ready.

"I believe we're definitely making strides to where we want to be, but we still have a long way to go," he said. "We still have the weight room and summer, which are big for us."

The spring game's scoring system is different from normal scoring, so as to allow both the defense and offense to gain points. Touchdowns and field goals were standard as were extra point kicks, but the offense accrued two additional points for each first down. The defense earned seven points for a touchdown, six points for causing a turnover and four points for a turnover on downs. Adding to the confusion was the fact that the points were doubled whenever the two first-teams were head-to-head.

Still, the score wasn't the most important part of the day for Keeler and the Hens. He organized over 250 former alums to come watch the game and inspire his current players.

"It's impressive," he said. "You see a first round draft choice walking around here, you see Mike Adams who starts in the NFL, but then you also see guys who bled on this field, who were maybe never an All-American. Maybe they just ran back kick-offs."

Graves admitted the recent and past Delaware football greats were in the back of his mind while on the field.

"You wanted to play well and impress them, yes," he said. "We wanted to show them we can do what they did."

Overall, the Hens succeeded in that goal, keeping everyone, including the alumni, cheering at the game. Asked after the game if being named the starter allowed him to be more comfortable on the field, Devlin sternly declined.

"It doesn't change anything," he said. "It just makes it harder probably."

It definitely will not get any easier from here. Welcome to 2009 Blue Hen football.



THE REVIEW/Alex Porro

2009 Football Outlook

BY SEIF HUSSAIN

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Offense

The loss of key seniors center Kheon Hendricks, left guard Jon Herrman, tight end Robbie Agnone and receivers Kervin Michaud and Aaron Love may prove difficult to overcome. By all indications, the offense is on track to rectify its mediocre performance last season.

The offense has made a powerful off-season move with the acquisition of former Penn State backup quarterback Pat Devlin. Dynamic senior receiver Mark Duncan now has an accurate and strong-armed passer to get the ball to him down the field.

Duncan will be joined by returning wideouts junior Martwain Johnson and senior Mark Mackey. The team will also hope to see significant contributions from talented sophomore Nihja White, who redshirted last season due to a torn ACL from 2007. Youngsters Mark Schenauer and Fritz Stueber saw substantial playing time and receptions in the Spring game and will add to the passing attack.

Despite the loss of Agnone, the tight end position should be solid with the return of senior Josh Baker. Baker did not play last season for disciplinary reasons, but brings great pass catching and blocking ability.

Senior running back Jerry Butler ran strong in the spring game, gaining 103 yards on only seven carries. Butler and junior Philip Thaxton will have to run well to keep pressure off of Devlin.

The offensive line, anchored by tackles Corey Nicholson and Kevin Uhl, will need to find the consistency it lacked last season, especially with young players at the other line positions. The two starting guard positions may be in flux, although there are many young offensive linemen who will battle for the starting spots.

The offense looks set to return to its former identity as a pass-happy CAA contender, and now has the depth it lacked last season.

Defense

Despite the graduation of imposing defensive end Ronald Talley and ace middle linebacker Erik Johnson, the Hens defense should be a dominant presence in the CAA for yet another season.

There will be new faces looking to anchor the pass rush, but the secondary should be absolutely fierce with three starters returning from last year.

Senior defensive end Matt Marcocelle did not play during the Blue-White game, but the team has big plans for him this upcoming season. The coaching staff intends to move Marcocelle inside to middle linebacker to replace Johnson, and see how he pans out at the position. He is one of the most natural athletes on the Hens roster, and the move may allow him to really flex his athleticism.

Senior All-American free safety Charles Graves was an absolute ballhawk last season, with five interceptions, and lead the team in tackles. His presence should be improved with hard-hitting strong safety

Anthony Bratton hopefully back at full strength on the other side of the field, after having played in only one game last season.

Cornerback Tyrone Grant had two interceptions last season, each of which he deftly returned for a total of 117 yards and two touchdowns. His counterpart across the field, cornerback Anthony Walters, has been stout enough in coverage to single handedly take on the opponents No. 1 receiver.

There will definitely be struggles in replacing starting outside linebacker Walter Blair, who was dismissed from the team for unspecified reasons. Junior linebacker Brian Void, Blair's backup last season, will get a chance to prove himself. Sophomore Andrew Harrison will also compete for time at the spot.

The offense should handle some of the pressure compared to last season, when the burden of winning was on the defense. Regardless, if the personnel can mesh, there is no reason the defense can't win games anyway.

2009 Blue Hens Football Projected Starters

OnOffense

85 WR	69 LT	71 LG	65 C	75 RG	74 RT	21 WR
8 WR		17 QB		22 RB	87 TE	



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PAT DEVLIN

Quarterback
6-4, 220 pounds

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With incumbent starter Robbie Schoenhof's withdrawal from the team, and Lou Ritacco trying to transfer from Delaware, Devlin and Sean Hakes are the lone quarterbacks on the Hens roster.

At 6-feet-4-inches, Devlin is a tall presence in the pocket, and has the arm to get the ball downfield to his receivers.

Devlin is going to have a lot of pressure to bring the Hens back to their winning ways, but he seems prepared for the job. In limited playing time at Penn State, he exhibited enough at the position for the Hens coaching staff to be sold on him.

Luckily for Devlin, he has a slew of receiving options, an improved offensive line and the return of dynamic tight end Josh Baker.

Expect head coach K.C. Keeler's offense to take to the air, deep and often.

MARTWAIN JOHNSON
Jr. Wide Receiver
6-3, 215 pounds

85

MARK MACKEY
Jr. Wide Receiver
6-4, 220 pounds

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COREY NICHOLSON
Sr. Left Tackle
6-3, 285 pounds

69

SHEA ALLARD
So. Left Guard
6-5, 270 pounds

71

ROB McDOWELL
So. Center
6-3, 270 pounds

65

CHAD DAVIS
Fr.r. Right Guard
6-4, 285 pounds

75

KEVIN UHLL
Jr. Right Tackle
6-4, 265 pounds

74

JOSH BAKER
Sr. Tight End
6-3, 245 pounds

87

MARK DUNCAN
Sr. Wide Receiver
5-11, 190 pounds

21

JERRY BUTLER
Sr. Running Back
5-9, 185 pounds

22

98

CHRIS MORALES
So. Defensive End
6-1, 250 pounds

91

SIDDIQ HAYNES
Jr. Defensive Tackle
6-1, 285 pounds

93

DEMITRIUS HESTER
Jr. Defensive Tackle
6-2, 290 pounds

53

JOHN HIGGINSON
Sr. Defensive End
6-0, 250 pounds

37

TYRONE GRANT
Jr. Cornerback
5-9, 170 pounds

52

BRIAN VOID
Jr. Outside Linebacker
6-0, 220 pounds

11

MATT MARCORELLE
Sr. Middle Linebacker
6-2, 250 pounds

45

EDDIE LUGO
So. Outside Linebacker
6-4, 220 pounds

9

ANTHONY WALTERS
Jr. Cornerback
6-1, 195 pounds

4

ANTHONY BRATTON
Sr. Strong Safety
6-2, 195 lbs



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CHARLES GRAVES

Sr. Free Safety
6-0, 195 pounds

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Graves took over the starting free safety position his redshirt freshman year and never relinquished his hold on the spot. The senior All-American is an absolute terror for opposing offenses, as he roams the backfield looking to deliver his signature hard hits. He racked up 60 tackles last season, leading the team in that stat.

He even found his way past the line of scrimmage to notch two sacks last season, and in the Hens defensive scheme is often used to create pressure. With senior defensive end Matt Marcorelle's move to middle linebacker, Graves might get more opportunities to rush the opposing passer.

He has a "nose for the ball" according to the coaching staff, and recovered two fumbles to go with his five sacks last season.

Every team on the upcoming schedule should be wary.

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OnDefense

Ohio State transfer QB Schoenhofst will forgo final season of eligibility

BY JONATHAN BLEIWEIS

Staff Reporter

Delaware quarterback Robby Schoenhofst has decided he will forgo his final year of eligibility and graduate from the university with a degree in Human Services in May. Schoenhofst said he made his decision about two months ago.

After graduation he hopes to move on to the University of Dayton for graduate school for school counseling, hoping to become a school counselor. He said he will hear back from Dayton within a week.

Playing football at Dayton is not an option, Schoenhofst said. As a Hen, Schoenhofst completed 112 out of 208 passes, throwing 7 touchdowns and 13 interceptions in 9 games.

"It was a great time for me," Schoenhofst said. "Obviously I would have liked the win-loss percentage to be a little bit better — a lot better — but I came here to do what I wanted to do, to pursue my goals."

He said team chemistry was one of the biggest reasons last year's team did not have the success many had anticipated, especially after news the Ohio State transfer would be the starting quarterback.

"I think the team last year just didn't click," he said. "I think there are a lot of parts that we needed to improve on, but I think there's a time in every team where you click, whether it's the first game or the fifth game, but we just never clicked."

One of the problems of the season for the Hens was that nobody was able to successfully take charge of the team, Schoenhofst said. He said leadership was missing from the team, which contributed to some of their overall issues.

"I think that we needed somebody to step up on the field and off the field and I don't think anybody

stepped up," he said. "I think that was the problem. We all tried as hard as we could, but we didn't have the right formula for success."

One of Schoenhofst's biggest individual challenges was adjusting to Delaware's style of playing, which he said was considerably different than Ohio State's system, where he played for two seasons prior to becoming a Hen.

"I think it was a difficult adjustment," he said. "Obviously, the outcome didn't come to what I wanted but it was difficult in the aspect of training, styles of play, styles of coaching, and styles of the whole community here. It's a lot different than the Midwest. But it's a great place out here and the coaches tried to make it as easy as possible for me and it just was a difficult transition from Ohio State."

Schoenhofst said that he would not have changed anything while playing as a Hen.

"I would say I have no regrets here. I played as hard as I could and I prepared harder than I ever did in my whole life, but it wasn't God's plan for my football career to move on," he said. "It was his plan for me to pursue my other goals and dreams and aspirations."

In the end, football will always play a part in Schoenhofst's life, as he said he hopes to coach either high school or college football in the future. He said he almost got a graduate assistant slot in the football system at the University of Toledo, but that did not work out due to a lack of funding.

"I have absolutely no regrets," he said. "There were just so many good outcomes that have come from this place and I am very grateful that I got the opportunity to play here."

Blue Hen Babble

Which event has captured your attention the most this past week: NHL Playoffs, NBA Playoffs, or the NFL Draft?



"The NFL Draft. I don't really like hockey and I feel the Eagles have a chance to win the championship next year. Brian Westbrook is amazing."

Dan Jones
-Junior

"Not the NHL playoffs, probably the NBA playoffs. I'm from Philly so I root for the Sixers, but I'm thinking the Cavs are going to win it all."

Frank DeLuccia
-Sophomore



Ex-Hens show up full force for spring game

BY ALEX PORRO

Sports Editor

It is Friday evening, just past 6:00 and the Delaware football team is battling itself on the field. On one side, the offense is dressed in their crisp royal blue jerseys while the defense has taken the field in vibrant white ones. The sun has been shining gently on the field and every so often a brisk wind blows through the stands and breaks onto the field. While Head Coach K.C. Keeler and his team run through a variety of snaps, alternating players on and off the field, alumni of the program stalk the sidelines marked with blue paper passes hanging from their necks. They visit with past teammates and dispense advice to the younger generation. This is the Hens' spring game, and the former players have turned out in force. Twenty strong, to be specific, a record for an event that drew a crowd of 2,000 Delaware faithful in the stands.

"It's fun. It's just fun to be back and see guys I played with and the younger guys," former Hens' running back Omar Cuff said. "It [watching the game] brings back memories of my class being out there. You feel like a spectator, just eager to go out there and play."

Cuff, who was recently signed by the New England Patriots, stands as the university's single season touchdown leader after his 2007 season in which he crossed the goal line 35 times and rushed for 1,945 yards while helping to lead Delaware to the national title game. For most of the day, Cuff will patrol the sidelines, with former teammate Joe Flacco, the Hens' starting quarterback for that 2007 season, and the No. 18 overall selection in the NFL Draft.

"It feels cool. It's nice to be back here and meet everybody and see how everybody's doing and watch a little bit of the game in the process," Flacco said. "It doesn't feel I've been away from two years, but I guess I have. It's been a lot of fun."

On the field, a defensive back makes a leaping backwards, one-handed interception deep in the end zone with nothing but daylight in front of him. He takes a knee for the touchback, giving the White squad six points for the turnover. On the sideline, Mike Adams explodes, thrilled to see a takeaway by the defense he captained to the 2003 national title, but adamant that the interception should have been returned.

"Come on," Adams yells, his arms pumping the air in frustration as he jumps up and down.

Behind him walk a veritable history of Delaware football, from Eddie Conti and Matt Nagy to Rich Gannon, who upon arriving met with Keeler, as well as offensive coordinator Jim Hofher, to talk about some of the plays the Hens run.

"I got a chance to come out here and visit with the quarterbacks and watch them play. I think the quarterbacks look sharp," Gannon said. "I think Devlin's been really impressive. He's a good looking player and I think he fits in really well."

While all former players watched the game intensely, focusing especially on the play of Penn State transfer Pat Devlin, this was a moment to reunite with other former Hens. Older linemen rushed over to their younger counterparts to pass on advice. Quarterbacks huddled with each other to discuss past and present experiences and defensive players talked of days gone by.

"A lot of guys were like 'Where are the running backs? Where are the O-linemen?'," Keeler said. "A group of the O-linemen ran down just to say, 'Hey man, I played here.' I always tell the kids to remember that every time they play, there are alumni in the stands and they evaluate what you're doing, how hard you're playing because it's sort of sacred ground."

Cuff, among others, said he missed the unity in the locker room; the jokes and clowning around the players shared with each other. Flacco echoed those sentiments and spent most of the day, when he wasn't being dogged by reporters and eager fans, catching up with old teammates and coaches. Even Gannon, who was drafted with the No. 98 selection in the 1987 NFL Draft by the New England Patriots and spent time with five teams, highlighted by a 2003 Super Bowl run with the Raiders, chatted it up with some old friends.

"It's funny, just being around the players and being on the field, which really hasn't changed a lot, I was talking to Mark Ferrell, one of the linemen I played with as a sophomore, and we were talking about that last second loss to William and Mary, and what happened in that end zone. We were probably a playoff team if we win that game. It's amazing the little things you remember," Gannon said. "I love being back here."



THE REVIEW/Steven Gold
Joe Flacco was at the 5 & 10 on Main Street on Wednesday to sign autographs for fans.

Lacrosse left out of playoffs as season ends

BY JAMES TAYLOR

Staff Reporter

Just two years removed from the National Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament, the Men's Lacrosse team has not found any of that success with them into this season. This year's team headed into 2009 with extremely high hopes, and a world of potential.

Defenseman Sean Kostkowski said the team set high goals right from the outset.

"We always think to win the regular season, home field advantage, win our conference, and go to the NCAA tournament, Final Four, and then national championship," he said. "We expect nothing less than National Championship."

However, the team never seemed able to live up to all the hype and expectations.

The Hens started the season with a blowout win against Saint Joseph's, giving Coach Bob Shillinglaw his 250th career victory with the Hens. He is one of only eight Division I coaches to reach that status with one team.

"If you coach long enough, hopefully, some wins will come your way. It's not about me," Shillinglaw said. "You try to develop your program, make it as special as possible, have a great experience with the kids, make sure you help them along with their four years [in college], and with the rest of their careers."

After winning the opener, the team would suffer through their worst stretch of the season, mustering one win, and racking up six losses in their next 10 games, which included defeats to ranked UMBC and Georgetown.

"To start off the way we did was disappointing. And it's tough to get over that," Kostkowski said.

The team would then beat Lehigh University, snapping the skid, but then suffered losses to Brown University and Hofstra.

The Hens would finally find themselves on a win streak after their loss to Hofstra, which would turn out to be the team's only winning streak of the season. With wins against CAA opponents, Sacred Heart and Robert Morris, the team began to have a hope that the season would end a lot better than it started.

But that hope would end, as Delaware would their final two games to CAA opponents Towson University and Drexel University, finishing the season with a 5-10 record overall and a mere 2-4 in the CAA. The loss on Saturday against Drexel denied the Hens the right to play in the CAA tournament this year.

Kostkowski said the team played hard but just did not have enough to come out on top.

"It's a game of runs," he said. "It's an up and down game and I didn't think we were tired. I think we were in shape, but they were fighting for the same thing we were."

Despite the disappointing result to the season, Shillinglaw said many players made significant improvements to their play throughout the season.

"Across the board we have several guys that have made big improvements," he said. "Grant Kaleikau came along really strong. Mark Steverson certainly improved as the year went on and made some major improvements. And this is Noah Fossner's first season in goal."

But with so much potential coming into the season, the team was disappointed by the finish, despite the improvement of many of the squad's younger players.

"We lost a lot of seniors," Kostkowski said. "We lost a lot on the leadership role and had a tough time in the middle, but everyone did the best job they could."

The team's leading scorer this season was Junior Curtis Dickson. After being named to numerous All-Conference teams in the pre-season, Dickson led the team in goals, assists, and points. He said next year's team should be able to improve upon this year's finish.

"We have a whole lot of guys coming back. We have all of our starters coming back, and a lot of depth coming in," Dickson said. "We have all our young guys that learned a lot this year and we have a new freshman class coming in. We're going to have to work hard in the fall and we're going to have the same expectations we did this year."

Shillinglaw is also excited for next season, and despite finishing near the bottom of the CAA, he said his team worked hard, which leaves him pleased with their effort.

"The highlight of the year, to be honest with you, was

just working with these guys," he said. "Win or lose, they are a great group to work with. I will say one thing. 99.9% of the time, from the fall until now, they came and worked hard every day. They really did work hard, and it was a group we really enjoyed coaching."



THE REVIEW/Ayelet Daniel

Surprisingly, the Hens will not be going to the postseason.



BY MATT WATERS
Assistant Sports Editor

About the Team:

The Hens:

Delaware is 21-18 this season, and a sub-.500 7-9 against CAA opponents. Kim Ovittore has been the star for the Hens with a .327 batting average with two home runs and 18 RBIs. Their pitching has also been in shut-down mode this season, mostly because of freshman phenom Amanda Stacevicz's five shut-outs this season. She has a record of 10-9 with an ERA of 2.89.

The Pride:

At 26-16 this season and 14-3 in the CAA, Hofstra has been lighting up the scoreboard all season. The Pride have scored 168 runs compared to their opponents' 103 and have 110 more hits than their opponents. Producing the offense for the Pride is Michele DePasquale with a .375 batting average, two home runs and 30 RBIs.

underReview: Delaware vs. Hofstra Softball

Date: May 1-2

Location: Hempsted,
New York

Why the Hens can win:

Winning at Home:

The Hens play above average at home, winning 11 and dropping seven. Also their pitching has been getting into a groove recently, which should settle down the Pride's bats.

Ace in the Hole:

Along with her five shutouts, Stacevicz has been the most solid pitcher in the Hens rotation this season. Along with leading the team in wins, she also has pitched 130 innings and leads the team with 25 appearances. Her track record suggests she could give the Pride trouble, especially if she faces them this series.

Closing the Gap:

Senior Michelle Gap has been an offensive force for the Hens this year, and leads the team with three home runs and 20 runs batted in. Having faced members of the Pride pitching staff for four years should give Gap the chance to make a difference in each game.

Why the Hens could lose:

Road Warriors:

The Pride are near unstoppable on the road with an 11-3 record. Their ace, Kayleigh Lotti, is 18-6 this season with an impressive 1.26 ERA. Batters against her are batting just .168, which does not help the Hens, who bat just .259 as a team.

One, Two, Three:

Although Stacevicz has had tremendous success this year, the Hens have seen subpar performances from Ann Marie Pagano and Nicole Gregus. Pagano has failed to emerge in her junior season, posting an earned run average of 4.07. Opponents are also batting over .300 against her.

Gregus has been even worse than Pagano, posting a 12.60 earned run average, in three appearances. If either one of these pitchers has to see extended time against the Pride, the Hens may be in for an offensive battle.

The Numbers:

**3.58: Earned run
average for
Delaware**

**2.02: Earned run
average for the
Pride**

The Prediction:

The Hens need this series badly to climb back into the CAA elite, but it doesn't look promising. The Pride are a solid offensive team, put up too many runs and are too consistent with their bats for the Hens to compete. The Hens best chance will be to get a few offensive breaks early in the game, and try to use Stacevicz to shut down Hofstra's offensive attack. However, the likelihood of that happening is very slim. The Pride should take these games easily.

Pride, two games to none

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Football

Though no Delaware players were selected during the seven rounds of the NFL Draft this past weekend, three Hens were picked up as undrafted free agents. Tight end Robbie Agnone signed with the Washington Redskins, defensive end Ronald Talley signed with the Green Bay Packers and running back Omar Cuff was picked up by the New England Patriots.

Baseball

Delaware's squad has posted a 22-17 record overall, but they are only 8-7 in the Colonial Athletic Association.

The team continues to get valuable production from Bill Merkler and Ryan Cueno, as both players have racked up over 10 home runs on the season.

Men's Lacrosse

The team has posted a disappointing 3-7 mark in their last ten games, including losses to No. 13 Brown and Towson University.

Curtis Dickson leads the team in goals, assists and points, and is proving to be far and away the most valuable weapon on a struggling team.

Women's Lacrosse

The Hens continue to play solid this season, and have won five out of their last six games, including wins over James Madison University and George Mason.

The team is currently tied with Old Dominion for first place in the CAA.

Softball

The Hens have posted a below .500 record in CAA play this season, falling to 6-7 after a loss to Towson last week.

Despite the loss, the Hens are 7-3 in their last 10 games, which has moved them up to fifth place in the CAA.

Kim Ovittore is currently No. 8 in the CAA in batting average, hitting at a .370 clip.



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