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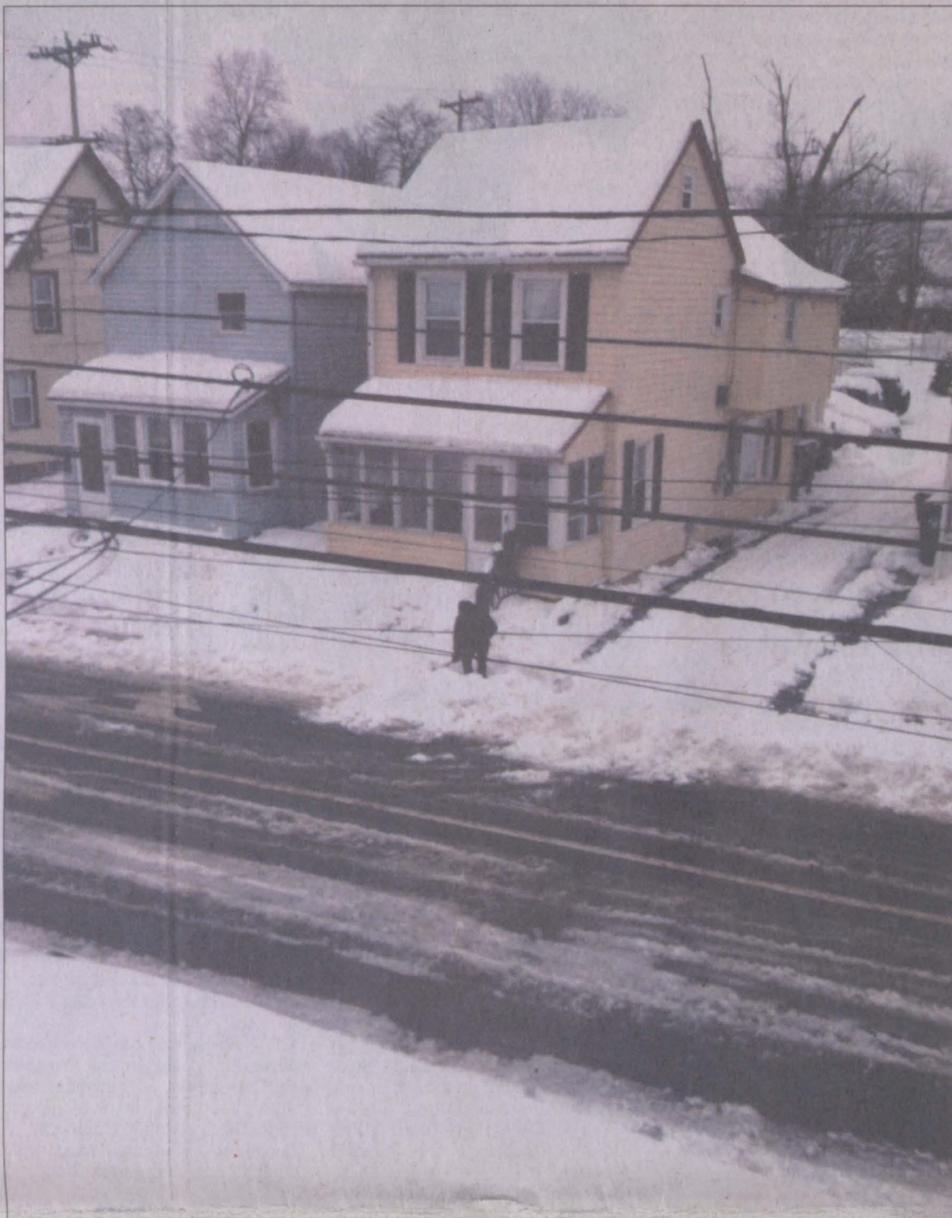
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Students Question Campus and Community Safety in Icy Conditions

BY KELLY FLYNN
Managing News Editor



Homeowners and renters have had to shovel walkways and driveways after last week's storm. Many students report icy roads and walkways between their off-campus housing and on-campus classes, leaving many to walk in the streets or risk slipping and falling.

Students are taking to the streets. They migrate in packs flooding the roadways and reaching out for one another to avoid falling as they move at a weary pace up North College Avenue toward campus. What is the source of the students' disturbance? Icy pathways that remain unsalted and packed thick with snow.

North College Avenue is not the only area around Newark that has created dangerous conditions for students. While Thursday and Friday's snow accumulation caused classes to be canceled and delayed respectively, icy spots are still threatening safety around campus, and sidewalks continue to go unshoveled in some areas of Newark.

The university's policy states, "Faculty and students are not expected to take unnecessary risks to meet their teaching and learning obligations due to inclement weather. When classes have not been canceled, it is a matter of personal judgment whether traveling to campus is hazardous."

However, students such as junior Lauren Hines think this policy is not always easily followed.

"If you have class, you're not going to miss class," Hines said. "Professors aren't going to listen to that [policy] excuse. Saying, 'I couldn't walk to class'—professors would laugh at me."

For Hines, walking to class safely Friday afternoon was nearly impossible. She said the bridge connecting North Campus to North College Avenue was still heavily packed with snow and ice when she left her Independence Hall dorm to make her way to class Friday afternoon.

Hines said students walked slowly across the bridge to avoid slipping, but when she finally reached North College Avenue, the sidewalks posed an equally threatening risk. By the time she reached Trabant University Center, Hines said she decided she was better off walking in the street.

THE REVIEW/MICHELLE MORGENSTERN

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On-campus winter session students frustrated with excessive meal points

BY MEGHAN JUSZAK
News Desk Editor

This past winter session, instead of keeping some dining halls open as has happened in the past, the university closed them all. As an alternative, Dining Services introduced a \$754 all-points dining plan required for all students living on campus while they took classes. The new system created frustration among some students who felt the number of points was excessive.

Students either had many leftover points at the end of the session or stocked up on huge quantities of food from the Provisions On Demand markets.

Freshman Rachel Cardwell, who stayed for winter session, said it

was a challenge to spend most of her meal points.

"It got to the point where I was buying things for random strangers," Cardwell said. "I bought things to give to my family and things I didn't even want. I bought two bottles of hair mousse. I don't use hair mousse."

Junior and POD employee Nick Agriesti also said the East Campus market dealt with an influx of students purchasing large quantities of items.

"Our POD didn't have a spending limit like some of the others so sometimes students would come and spend more than 100 points at a time," Agriesti said.

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THE REVIEW/ELIZABETH QUARTARARO

Students who participated in winter session went on spending sprees at campus vendors to use up the points they were required to purchase for the term.



THE REVIEW/KIRK SMITH

Devon Saddler plays at the game on Wednesday. Up until last night, the Hens were undefeated.

Blue Hens suffer first conference loss this season to Towson

BY MATT BUTLER
News Desk Editor

Towson, MD- Riding a 13-game win streak, the Delaware men's basketball team came into Towson's SECU Arena on Monday night for another victory. Unfortunately for the Hens, the Tigers denied them that opportunity, winning 78-63.

The Hens were led by senior guards Davon Usher, who scored a team-high 24 points and added five rebounds, and Devon Saddler, who had 18 points, seven rebounds and four assists.

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WORLDREVIEW



1 VIOLENCE AND PROTESTS CONTINUE IN VENEZUELA

Venezuelans dissatisfied with their country's economy, food shortages and rising crime went against security forces on Friday, who fired tear gas and water cannons into the angry crowd.

The anti-government protesters blocked traffic in Caracas days after three Caracas protesters were killed. The fights have left dozens injured or detained across Venezuela.

On Thursday, authorities issued an arrest warrant for an opposition leader for charges such as conspiracy and murder. Leopoldo Lopez, head of Popular Will, was free as of Friday and has not been seen since a Wednesday night press conference. He has accused the Venezuelan government of being responsible for violence during protests on Wednesday.

Security forces raided Lopez' home, as well as his parents residence. Lopez was not at either residence and it has been reported that his neighbors banged on pots and pans to protest the order of arrest.

President Nicolas Maduro, elected in April after the death of President Hugo Chavez, announced a launch of a "national plan for peace and coexistence."

Lopez has promised to continue with the protests in an attempt to force President Nicolas Maduro, who was elected in April, to resign. He has blamed Maduro for the crime increases, 50-percent inflation and basic goods shortages.

—Rachel Taylor
Copy Desk Chief

2 BELGIUM REMOVES AGE LIMITS ON EUTHANASIA

On Thursday, Belgium became the first country in the world to lift age restrictions on euthanasia. Youths who are conscious, capable of understanding the decision and terminally ill are now legally eligible to undergo medically-induced death.

The majority of Belgians supported the reform, which is an amendment of the 2002 law that legalized adult euthanasia in Belgium. The reform passed in parliament with a vote of 86 to 44 and 12 abstentions, and Belgium's King Philippe is expected to sign the reform into law.

Children must receive counseling by doctors and psychiatrists as well as parental approval in order to undergo medically-induced death. However, opponents of the law argue that modern medicine can alleviate ailing youth's pain enough that this measure is unnecessary. Approximately 160 Belgian pediatricians signed a letter stating the law is not needed and modern medicine is capable of relieving children's pain.

Religious leaders, conservative politicians and medical professionals have argued the new law is ethically precarious. Some say children may not be capable of understanding the choice and discerning what it means to die.

However, opinion polls in Belgium have shown widespread for the support for the law despite the Belgium's predominantly Roman Catholic population.

—Kelly Flynn
Managing News Editor

3 AFTER 11 DAYS, US HAS 18 MEDALS IN SOCHI

The 2014 Winter Olympics are more than halfway over. After starting on Feb. 6 in Sochi, Russia, this year's Olympics are down to the final six days. As it currently stands, Russia and the United States are tied with the overall lead, as each nation has 18 medals. Germany has the most gold medals, with eight.

The U.S. men's hockey team has impressed many, winning its group by going 3-0 and topping Russia in a shootout, much to the chagrin of the host country. From an American perspective, some of the biggest stories of the Olympics include all three medals in the first-ever men's slopestyle competition being won by Americans, Bode Miller winning bronze in the Super-G to become the first American to win six medals in skiing, star snowboarder Shaun White failing to medal in the halfpipe and four-time speedskating medalist Shani Davis falling short of medaling.

Though there was a great deal of controversy in the months and weeks leading up to Sochi, as pictures reportedly showing unfinished venues circulated, terror threats were feared and criticism was placed on Russia for its anti-gay laws, the Olympics have largely gone very smoothly.

—Matt Bittle
Copy Desk Chief

4 NEW AND POTENTIALLY DEADLY DRINKING GAME SPREADS

Twenty-year-old Bradley Eames of the United Kingdom died Sunday, another individual whose death is thought to be related to participation in the drinking game Nekominate.

The game, also known by other variations such as neck and nominate, neck nominate and neknomination, is believed to have originated in Australia and was originally much tamer. It involved chugging a pint of beer on camera, posting the video on social media and nominating two or three friends to do the same within 24 hours.

Nekominate has since gained popularity in the United Kingdom and has grown in outlandishness. The game now involves people consuming enormous amounts of alcohol or performing a stunt while drinking and then daring friends to outdo them.

Eames mixed two pints of gin with teabags and drank on camera. He reportedly claimed on social media that his "stomach hurt" after the incident, and he was found dead four days later in his Nottingham home.

Although police have not directly linked his death with his participation in the game, Eames' death is not the first believed to be linked to the game. The deaths of Brits Isaac Richardson, 20, and Stephen Brooks, 29, are both believed to be related to their participation in the game.

—Cori Ilardi
Copy Desk Chief

5 U.N. THREATENS NORTH KOREA WITH INTERNATIONAL PERSECUTION

A United Nations panel directly implicated North Korea leader Kim Jong Un in a report released yesterday, attributing accountability to Kim and his government for wide-ranging human rights violations.

The 372-page report indicted North Korea for its political prison camps, as well as instances of torture and mass starvation. Michael Kirby, chairman of the U.N. commission of inquiry, said international persecution is necessary, comparing the crimes to those committed by Nazis in Germany.

According to the report, there are up to 120,000 prisoners held at camps across North Korea, as evidenced by satellite images and accounts given by witnesses.

"They are wrongs that shock the conscience of humanity," Kirby said.

China, a permanent member of the Security Council, is likely to reject an appeal to take action against North Korea in the International Criminal Court.

"We think we should establish a constructive dialogue to solve the disputes over the human rights issues based on equal footing and mutual respect," Hua said to reporters in Beijing. "It will not help the situation to bring the issue to an international court."

Conversely, the U.N. report contains strong language lobbying for international intervention, stating that "the international community must accept its responsibility" to help North Koreans stuck in political and social turmoil—something the government is incapable of doing.

—Cady Zuvich
Managing News Editor

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Is winter session too long?

BY MATT BUTLER
Assignment News Desk Editor

The university's extended winter break has long been something that has set the university apart from other schools. Though the university encourages students to make the most of winter session, an informal poll conducted by The Review indicates the majority of students at the university believe changes could be made to the condensed winter semester.

Daniel Rich, former provost of the university and current public policy professor, stated in an email message that the "Winterim" session was started in 1970 and was devoted to certain progressive courses and projects. At that time, Rich said, winter session was only two weeks long, until it switched over to a five-week session a few years later.

The change to a longer session, Rich said, enabled students to take a wider range of courses or take advantage of other programs offered by the university, such as the budding study abroad program. From that point, winter session grew quickly, as the number of courses and programs offered increased quickly, as well as the number of enrolled students.

The longer break does not come without its disadvantages. Rich said the late ending of spring semester

as a result of winter session could negatively impact some students in their search for internships or employment over the summer. Additionally, Rich said students who opt out of winter session may have trouble occupying their time.

"In my view, many more students experience advantages from Winter Session than those who experience drawbacks," Rich said.

Students seemed to believe the extra session takes up too much time. Of the 200 students polled, 60 percent answered that the break is too long, while about 38 percent answered that it is the right amount of time. Three students answered they believed winter break is too short.

Nancy Brickhouse, deputy provost of the university, said she believes the longer break provides students with an advantage over other schools. Brickhouse said winter session and the study abroad programs associated with it are a major appeal to students who are considering enrolling at the university.

However, Brickhouse said there are changes in the works for some aspects of winter session. Starting in the fall semester of 2015, the school will begin to offer study abroad programs that are only three weeks over winter session, as opposed to the usual five.

"We are looking at ways of perhaps packaging winter session differently, and that will be a case where we will be very interested in feedback from students," Brickhouse said. "This year, the break was unusually long, and I thought it was too long too."

The majority of students polled do believe the longer break affords more opportunities to pursue personal or academic interests and in that way provides students at the university an advantage over other schools. On the other hand, 34 percent said coming back to school sooner for the start of spring semester—a common characteristic at many other universities—is a greater benefit.

During this past winter break, about 43 percent of students polled took an academic class, while about 24 percent spent their time working and another 11 percent spent their time traveling. Twenty-two percent classified their activities as "other."

Regardless of how they spent their breaks, 68 percent of students polled said they believed they were productive and took advantage of their time off, and 60 percent said they believe generally students at the university take advantage of winter session.

Rich said he believes winter session gives students an advantage over students at other schools,

What was your main activity over winter break?



43 percent of students reported pursuing academic goals over winter session, while 24 percent worked and 11 percent traveled. 22 percent of respondents reported "other" activities.

primarily because of the opportunity it provides to continue progress toward a degree or to participate in something they would not normally be able to pursue if the extended break did not exist.

"Many more students are able to participate in study abroad at during Winter Session than would be able to take advantage of study abroad at other time of the year," Rich said. "Many students do take advantage of the courses and special programs offered in Winter Session, and many more should take advantage of those opportunities."

Another common complaint from students polled was that certain classes can be difficult to master during the five-week winter session, possibly leading to lower grades.

Rich said while it is more challenging to learn the same material as a normal semester-length

class during a shorter period of time, winter session allows students to focus more on one or two courses as opposed to a full course load.

Brickhouse said the university is cautious about the schedule and has tried to keep student job and internship opportunities in mind when creating it. Although the schedule has not, to her knowledge, blocked someone from obtaining an internship, that is a situation the school would need to know about to correct if it arose, she said.

"One of the things we have taken a very hard position on is that we never go into June, we always end in May, and that is so that students do not lose internship opportunities," Brickhouse said. "However, if it still putting students at a disadvantage for internships, that is information we need to know."

Skaters glided from UD to Sochi Olympics

BY ALISON WILSON
News Assignment Editor

American figure skating pair, Felicia Zhang and Nathan Bartholomay, who had once trained at the university's renowned High Performance Figure Skating Center, performed in this winter's Olympic games on Feb. 11.

"Delaware is known for being very historical in the skating world," said Dana Sivak, senior and president of the university's Collegiate Figure Skating Team.

Singles and Pairs Coach Jeffrey DiGregorio said he coached Zhang at the training center and Bartholomay while he was skating for the University of Delaware Figure Skating Club.

While Zhang and Bartholomay initially had different partners, the soon-to-be pair noticed in each other a similar work ethic and dedication to the sport, DiGregorio said. When Zhang first came to train in Delaware as a young girl, she could not do any triples, but was determined to improve, he said.

"She would skate with younger kids in lower levels and she would never complain about it," DiGregorio said. "Every day, she came down whether it was sunny or snowy. It didn't matter. That girl never missed her training."

Similarly, Bartholomay exhibited the same kind of commitment, Noelle Tuttle, assistant secretary and member of the UDFSC, said.

"He took ballroom classes that were useful for pair skaters," Tuttle said. "He was always excited to be at the rink. Never complained, you could just tell that he loved to skate and he was really determined to go far in his skating career."

However, the pair moved down to Florida to train when Zhang was unable to obtain scholarship money from the university, DiGregorio said. He really wanted her to continue training in Delaware, but it's expensive to go to school and skate so they moved, he said.

Despite the pairs' decision to leave Delaware, the university's coaching staff and its skating facility has a phenomenal reputation, DiGregorio said.

"The coaching staff is very diverse but very experienced and knowledgeable about the sport and offers a lot to our skaters," Sivak said.

DiGregorio skated at the university when he was a student, he said. He wanted to be like his coach, Ron Ludington, and asked him for a job at the rink where he's worked devotedly for his entire career.

Other Olympians and world champions trained at the rink, and that alone entices skaters to come to Delaware, Sivak said.

"At the rink, we have banners up and each of the banners has a name of somebody that either won a national title, world champion title, competed in the Olympics or did well in the Olympics," Sivak said. "It's inspirational."



THE REVIEW/EVAN KRAPE, UDAILY

Singles and Pairs Coach Jeffrey DiGregorio said he coached Zhang at the training center and Bartholomay while he was skating for the University of Delaware Figure Skating Club.

Not only is Delaware known for its training center and figure skating club, but the university's collegiate team also recently broke the national collegiate record for overall points earned by a single team at the Cornell University Intercollegiate Competition in November, Sivak said.

"We knew going into the event that we had a good team but we didn't realize just how strong at first and how diverse," Sivak said. "Which is helpful when trying to get as many points as possible. We have a wide range of talent from beginner all the way up to senior."

At the Gold Rink, one of the university's two skating rinks, coaches sync skaters to a computer program funded by United States Figure Skating to determine the air position to improve skaters' spin

rotation and jumps, Tuttle said. Because it is so expensive, the program is only available for use by athletes chosen by USFS. However, it is still exciting to see skaters working with it, Tuttle said.

"A lot of rinks around the country are mostly for hockey and figure skating is on the side," Tuttle said.

The priority at the rink is to primarily divert its focus toward figure skating, Tuttle said. To help skaters, Tuttle said the arena has all-day skating sessions, gym and trainers, as well as ballet and dance classes.

"I think that everything combined in one place is really beneficial," Tuttle said.

For all these reasons, it is not uncommon for Olympians to come out of Delaware, Sivak said.

Before competing in Sochi, Zhang qualified for nationals in both pairs and in singles skating a few years ago.

Despite their admittance to the U.S. Olympic team, Zhang and Bartholomay have only been skating as a pair for a short time, and competed against older, more experienced skaters, DiGregorio said.

"They're young," DiGregorio said. "They're babies."

However, for them to qualify as U.S. competitors is an accomplishment in itself, he said.

"Those kids are very special kids," DiGregorio said. "For them to make the Olympic team, whatever performance they have, whatever their placement is, it is a gold medal performance and a gold medal placement. It just doesn't matter."



THE REVIEW/AMELIA WANG

Only 20 percent of those enrolled in healthcare offered by the marketplace are ages 18 to 34.

National Youth Enrollment Day hopes to reach young 'invincibles'

BY JAGODA DUL
News Assignment Editor

Kristen Roach remembers the day when she discovered her passion. After graduating in 2009, she worked in nonprofit clinics attending to people without health insurance.

"I have always cared a lot about health care issues because the

health care system is one that affects every single person," Roach said.

Having an interest in health care is uncommon among most young people, said Jim Grant, communications coordinator of Delaware's Health and Social Services department.

Because of this lack of interest, supporters of the Affordable Care Act, colloquially known as

Obamacare, have been promoting health insurance awareness America's youth, especially through programs like National Youth Enrollment Day, which was held Saturday, Grant said.

Roach said many young people consider themselves to be invincible against any kind of health issue and therefore may be hesitant to sign up for health care under the Affordable

Care Act.

"I can understand why it's difficult," Roach said. "When you're 26, not making a lot of money and paying off your student loans, it's not exactly top priority."

National programs like Young American Engagement are reaching out to young people in an effort to promote health literacy. They are finding that there is an education gap in how much older adults and young adults know about health insurance and its values, Rachael Klarman, national director of the program, said.

"We reject the term 'young invincible' because we believe that young people are more likely to avoid getting covered due to the misconception that health insurance is extremely unaffordable," Klarman said.

In order to put this misconception to bed, Young American Engagement has launched a campaign in June 2013 called "Get Covered America." The group reaches out to community college campuses as well as young employed people, especially in the restaurant business since that is one of the industries that has the largest amount of young employees without health insurance, Klarman said.

On a more local level, the health care marketplace in Delaware is working with several mediums to help get youth insured. From traditional ads on cable and network television to grassroots approaches known as "Enrollathons" at community colleges across the state, the marketplace is working hard to target the group that does not consider health care a top priority, Grant said.

"If you want someone to hold your hand a little bit through the process, that's what the marketplace guide does," Grant said.

To further promote enrollment,

the marketplace is holding a raffle for two free general 4-day passes to the Firefly Music Festival in Dover for those who share their Facebook page Choose Health Delaware, Grant said.

Grant said he thinks the marketplace wants to target the young adult demographic more in the upcoming months since only 20 percent of the enrolled population have been in the 18-to-34 year-old category.

"It all varies from state to state, but I think the young adults are a challenge to capture their attention," Grant said. "You might not consider health insurance and why you need it, but accidents can happen."

Both organizations, national and local, recognize the challenges that came with enrolling online when Healthcare.gov first launched, but said they focus more on overcoming a lack of interest and education about the system since the technicalities of the website are not in their control.

"The biggest barrier is not knowing about the care that is available to you," Klarman said. "The website is working much better now so that is becoming less of an issue."

Healthcare.gov went down at 3 p.m. on National Youth Enrollment Day and is down until today for scheduled maintenance of the Social Security date verification system.

Setting aside technical snafus and issues, educating and opening the eyes of today's youth is a great way to target a demographic that should be aware and invested in their health, Roach said.

"You shouldn't live in fear, but you never know what could happen at any moment and you need to have a backup plan," Roach said.

POLITICS STRAIGHT NO CHASER:

OLYMPIC ATHLETES DESERVE MORE THAN MEDALS



SAM WILES

Every two years, athletes from all over the world go to compete in the Olympic games. These athletes train in obscurity for years—sometimes a lifetime—to compete for just two weeks. After the closing ceremonies, a great majority of the athletes will return to anonymity. However, medalists for the United States will return home to praise from the nation, cash rewards for their medals and a potentially hefty tax on that reward.

The United States Olympic Committee awards U.S. medalists with a specific amount of money for their respective finishes. A gold earns an Olympian \$25,000, a silver medalist receives \$15,000 and a bronze medalist gets \$10,000. Yet, when these athletes return home they face taxes on this income. The tax ranges between 39.6 percent and 10 percent, depending on the income bracket of the athlete. For example, a gold medalist in the top tax bracket will be taxed over \$9,000.

When the Olympics come around, lawmakers attempt to act in the athletes' interests by bringing up legislation to make these winnings tax-exempt. This year, Rep. Blake Farenthold (R-Texas) introduced the Tax Exemptions for American Medalists Act, also known as the TEAM Act (Congress loves its acronyms). The act itself would "exclude from gross income any prizes or awards won in competition in the Olympic Games." Farenthold is not the first lawmaker to propose tax exemption for Olympic winnings. In 2012, prior to the Summer Olympics, Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) proposed similar legislation, which President Barack Obama and former presidential candidate Mitt Romney supported as well.

Now we come to a hypocrisy of this tax exemption. The U.S. tax code allows the USOC tax-

exempt status because it's also an organization that helps to "foster national or international amateur sports competition." Though the organization pays the winners, it only provides marginal assistance to other Olympians and Olympic hopefuls. For the most part, these athletes must rely on crowdsourcing for their fundraising or must use personal funds to achieve their Olympic dreams.

Another farcical example of the tax code at work involves the NFL being partly tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(6) which exempts organizations "whose primary purpose is to further the industry or profession it represents." So a business that makes billions of dollars a year is partly tax-exempt, yet the scrappy Olympian who barely scratched out a bronze after years of blood, sweat and tears has to pay for some of his medal?

At the time of writing, the United States has won four gold medals, four silver medals and eight bronze medals. The USOC will pay the athletes \$240,000 total for these medals. In a country with a multi-trillion dollar budget, I think the government can forego taxing an amount of money this small once every two years.

I am not advocating that the U.S. government start paying athletes or the Olympic Committee, but I do believe that our Olympians should be exempt from paying taxes on their medals. They are not only competitors but they also act as our representatives to the world for this brief, two-week period and should not be subject to the friendly hands of the IRS.

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HINES: 'I WAS WALKING IN THE BIKE LANE. WHEN A CAR CAME, I WOULD STEP INTO THE SNOW. CARS WOULD MOVE OVER FOR ME. I KEPT SLIPPING IN THE SNOW. I KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE WERE WALKING IN THE STREET.'

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"I didn't want to walk between the buildings," Hines said. "I was walking in the bike lane. When a car came, I would step into the snow. Cars would move over for me. I kept slipping in the snow. I know a lot of people were walking in the street."

Alan Brangman, Vice President of Facilities, Real

"I believe we are doing a super job fighting the elements, yet it is important to remind our students, faculty and staff melting snow and ice can still present a hazard and refreezing is not uncommon during the winter months."

—ALAN BERGMAN, VP OF FACILITIES, REAL ESTATE & AUXILIARY SERVICES

Estate & Auxiliary Services, stated in an email message that all of Thursday and Friday morning were spent preparing campus to make walkways passable.

He said the university has a series of steps that are taken before every snowfall. Depending on the weather forecast, facilities crew

and contractors either treat sidewalks, streets and parking lots with salt or ice melt the day before or the morning of a snowy day.

"I believe we are doing a super job fighting the elements, yet it is important to remind our students, faculty and staff melting snow and ice can still present a hazard and refreezing is not uncommon during the winter months," Brangman said. "So please be careful as you are moving about the campus."

While Brangman said facilities has received some complaints regarding ice and snow, overall they have received more praise than complaints.

Sophomore Annie Gould said she thinks the majority of campus was cleared very quickly, and despite observing a few slick spots, she thinks the snow was removed well. But for Gould, the dangerous conditions are not on campus, but in the areas of Newark surrounding the campus.

"I have fallen twice tonight," Gould said Sunday. "West Main Street—it's just like a sheet of ice."

While she said she thinks Newark did a good overall job of handling the snow considering the amount of accumulation, she said she thinks college students renting houses around campus can not always be depended on to keep their sidewalks cleared. She said she thinks Newark needs to enforce their snow and ice removal codes more strictly.

Newark's current code states that owners of properties and business in the city of Newark are responsible for snow and ice removal from the sidewalks adjacent to their property. The policy states, "When persons responsible for snow removal fail to clear snow from the sidewalks, the City may clear snow and charge the person actual cost plus 50 percent overhead, plus accrued interest at the rate of 12 percent

per annum. In no case shall the city charge less than \$100."

While Hines said she thinks off campus students should clear their sidewalks, she said students do not always have the equipment to do so. Prior to this year, Hines said she had not experienced large snow accumulation at the university, and for that reason, many students may have been unprepared. She said she saw students asking to borrow shovels on Facebook.

In addition, Hines said she thought the university's announcements at five in the morning about the two-hour delay did not provide students with sufficient time to properly clear sidewalks.

"Six in the morning—that's kind of late," Hines said. "I wish I would have known prior. My friends who were commuters were already on their way to school."

Skip Homiak, Executive Director, Campus Safety, Campus and Public Safety, stated in an email message that decision to close school was discussed "at length" by university officials. He said the storm was difficult to predict because different forecasters had anticipated different snow accumulation.

"In hindsight we agree that an earlier closing announcement was in order, hence the delayed opening announcement for Friday was disseminated at 4:50 am," Homiak said.

While some students such as Hines have complained about the university's decision not to send a UD alert about the snow, Homiak said the UD Alert system is reserved for "true emergencies" such as shootings. If students want to receive alerts about school closings, they can sign up for them on the State of Delaware school closings website at <http://schoolclosings.delaware.gov/>.



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University, state celebrate Black History Month

BY MATT BITTLE
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In 1950, black students were not allowed entrance to the university. Then, Louis Redding, a black lawyer for whom Louis Redding Hall is named, challenged that law in Parker v. University of Delaware. The subsequent ruling later that year allowed blacks to attend the university and made the university the first state-funded undergraduate institution in the United States to desegregate by

court order.

Four years later, segregation on a national level was ruled to be unconstitutional, in Brown v. Board of Education, with the Supreme Court stating "separate educational facilities are inherently unequal."

In 1976, Black History Month, which had formerly existed as Negro History Week and then was expanded into a month by students at Kent State University, was formally declared by President Gerald Ford and the

U.S. government.

Each year, the university and the state celebrate the contribution of black individuals to society. However, some feel the month, while well intentioned, sometimes causes people to simply think about black history in February, as opposed to year round.

"Black people should not just be recognized in February," said Carol Henderson, chair of the black American studies department. "Black history is American history. Everyone should be invested in it."

The university's Center for Black Culture's events, such as movie screenings, are focused on equality. Singer and social activist Harry Belafonte will speak in the Trabant University Center multipurpose room next week about civil rights and his experiences.

On Feb. 5, Lt. Gov. Matthew Denn held a ceremony officially announcing February as African-American History Month, in honor of not only the usual month but also the 60th anniversary of

Brown v. Board of Education. Present at the event were Denn and also Homer Minus, one of the plaintiffs of Parker v. University of Delaware and one of the first black individuals to enter the university in fall 1950.

The event, and especially Minus' speech, was powerful, Denn said.

"It was very impressive and inspiring," Denn said. "We take for granted these days a lot of what people like Homer Minus had to put themselves at risk to gain, so it's always good to be reminded that these rights existed for a long time on paper only, and individuals like Dr. Minus had to go out and put themselves at risk."

Strides have been made but work is far from over, he said.

"It's always important to recognize contributions," he said. "As important is trying to make real the ultimate goal they were fighting for—that children of all races to have an equal opportunity to succeed. It is an area where Delaware and other 49 states still have room to grow."

The White House issued a press release at the end of January proclaiming February a month when blacks could be honored and appreciated for their many contributions to the nation over the centuries.

"As we pay tribute to the heroes, sung and unsung, of African-American history, we recall the inner strength that sustained millions in bondage," the press release read in part. "We remember the courage that led activists to defy lynch mobs and register their neighbors to vote. And we carry forward the unyielding hope that guided a movement as it bent the arc of the moral universe toward justice. Even while we seek to dull the scars of slavery and legalized discrimination, we hold fast to the values gained through centuries of trial and suffering."

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RIND: 'WE WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO SATISFY ALL THE STUDENTS ON CAMPUS,' RIND SAID. 'PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AND FEEDBACK WILL ALWAYS BE CONSIDERED IN CRAFTING FUTURE PROGRAMS.'

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According to Susan Bogan, the director of Dining Services, the plan was designed to ensure students would be able to eat breakfast, lunch and dinner each day throughout the course of the session. She said the 754-point quantity was chosen based on monetary value of food most semester-long meal plans provide for a five-week period.

Dining facilities open on campus also increased their hours of operation and the number of menu items available, Bogan said. The menus incorporated additional specials as well to broaden the variety of food selection offered, she said.

"For example, we added a daily pasta offering at Trabant and a daily grill special at Perkins," Bogan said. "Then, based on feedback provided by students after the first weekend, we added coffee service and a breakfast option to the Grille Works menu at Perkins.

We were constantly evaluating the program and incorporated changes based on trends and customer comments."

Despite these efforts, freshman Matt Scott, another winter session student, said he felt his options, particularly at the student centers, were limited and repetitive. Due to the lack of variety, he said he was more tempted to eat at restaurants off-campus, but the large number of points in his meal plan kept him tethered to on-campus dining.

"I have two suggestions," Scott said. "First, I would make the dining plan optional instead of required for all those who live on campus. Second, I would reduce the amount of points to about 600 or so."

Scott said his greatest issue with the dining plan was that as an on-campus winter session student he had no choice but to spend hundreds of dollars on a dining plan he did not want.

Cardwell said she also

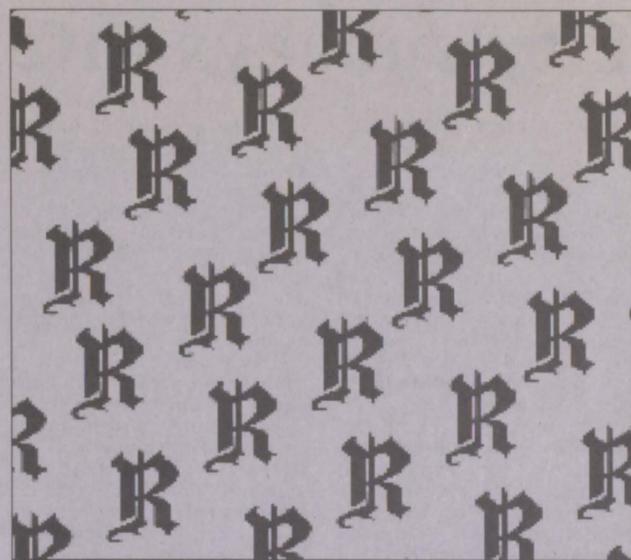
thought that the dining plan was unnecessary and excessive, especially for a five-week program. She said she felt if students were not eating "like football players," then they would never use the majority of their points.

"I really do not like UD dining as a whole because, as a student, the system seems to be specifically designed to waste money," Cardwell said. "I often feel that I have too many points and too many meals. This was beyond true during winter session."

Bogan and Richard Rind, director of Auxiliary Services and Parking Services, said they had not yet had the opportunity to compare the number of students who had unused points to the number of students who did utilize all their points. They said they thought it would be important for all winter session students to be able to comfortably dine through the five-week period without feeling the need to count or conserve points.

"We will continue to make every effort to satisfy all the students on campus," Rind said. "Program participation and feedback will always be considered in crafting future programs."

Rind went on to mention a brief survey conducted by Dining Services to help gather student feedback about winter session dining. He is confident that the feedback on this new dining program will allow Dining Services and the university as a whole to improve next year's program and to attain their goal of exceeding students' dining needs and expectations.



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'Fly in 4' Program Aims to Help Low-Income Students

BY MATT BUTLER
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A new program at Temple University, introduced by Temple President Neil Theobald, will support low income students who agree to work less in order to focus on graduating on time. The Fly in 4 initiative is part of Theobald's new initiative to reduce student debt at the university.

Ray Betzner, assistant vice president of university communications at Temple, said in exchange for the students' agreement to comply with the program's work limit, the university will guarantee that the students will graduate with their desired undergraduate degree in four years. If the student requires more time to complete their degree, he said the school will pay for the remaining classes in full.

Betzner said the impetus for the Fly in 4 program was through conversations Theobald had with students. One of the major problems students at the school were facing was student debt. The administration discovered that students who finish school in four years have \$10,000 less student debt than those students who finish in five or six years, Betzner said.

Betzner said though Temple's student population is changing, for many years it was a school that housed a large percentage of students who were working a part-time job during college and taking five to seven years to get

their degrees. However, Betzner said the skyrocketing college tuition prices have made working during school to pay for classes nearly impossible.

Over the last two years, the average tuition increase for incoming freshmen at Temple was 1.5 percent, while the national average tuition increase for a four-year public institution was 3.0 percent, according to the College Board.

"It's far better for students to focus on getting out in four years, getting their degree and then getting a well-paying job so they can pay down their debts then it is for them to work their way through and get out in five, six, seven years," Betzner said. "That's the theory behind Fly in 4."

There are certain guidelines that a student will have to follow in order to enroll in the Fly in 4 program, Betzner said, but the university will also try to make these guidelines as accessible as possible in order to create an amicable partnership between the university and the student.

Students agree to apply for early registration, take the classes they will need to fulfill their major when they are available and keep in touch with an academic advisor, Betzner said.

On the other hand, the school pledges to provide beneficial advising assistance, Betzner said to make sure classes are available when they are necessary, and if a student follows the guidelines for four years, but is still short or

graduating, Temple will cover the cost of any remaining required classes the student takes.

The selection process will be determined by the 500 students with the largest financial need in each new incoming class starting this upcoming September, he said. By the fourth year of the program, it will cost the university \$8 million per year, which Betzner said the school will find ways to provide while leaving raising other tuition costs as a last resort.

Sophomore Alexandria Belair said she worked around 40 hours a week during fall semester and she thinks the program would be beneficial for students in college. She said there is only so much that working while in school can offer to a student, while the extra time opened up by working less would give more opportunities not only to pursue academic interests, but also extracurricular clubs.

"Even though I work a lot, as a server, you can have really good days and you can have really bad days," Belair said. "So you can be out of opportunities for doing clubs, homework, study groups, and still not be making much money."

Belair said she believes it is essential to focus on the students with the most financial need because they are the ones who have the most incentive to work more during school. Being from a low-income home, Belair said, there have been certain sacrifices she has had to make during college that other students who receive



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Part time workers will be offered compensation for working under 10 hours per week.

greater financial assistance from their parents.

Belair said although her GPA has not been as negatively affected as she predicted it would be, her general mood and ability to achieve has been.

"I've been definitely a lot more stressed out," Belair said. "I haven't had any time to join any clubs."

Sophomore Lalu John said he does not think the program would be a good thing for the university to pursue. He said he believes the cost of not working would outweigh the payment Temple has proposed, and that it

is possible to achieve high grades while also maintaining a job.

John said, however, he would support a program that would assist students in graduating in four years, or as short as possible, in order to reduce the student debt they would face after leaving school.

"Last semester, I made \$7,000, getting paid on a two-week basis, so I probably worked 30 hours every two weeks," John said. "I was able to pay for my books that way, and part of my tuition that way and I prefer that over working maybe five hours a week and making only \$2,000."

The Onion ranks university under "Schools Your Older Sister Went To And Had A Great Time At"

BY KELSEY WENTLING
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Last week, The Onion, a satirical newspaper based in Chicago, released a parody newscast, ranking the "Top 50 'Perfectly Good' State Schools." Subcategories included "Schools That If You Really Hate You Can Transfer Out Of," "Perfectly Good Community Colleges" and "Schools That Have Your Dad's Frat." The university was ranked as the first, and only school, under "Schools Your Older Sister Went To And Had A Great Time At."

The report divulged the reasons that were used to rank the schools, saying, "We look at a lot of different criteria. For example, do they have professors? Do the professors know what they're talking about? What's wrong with these professors? They look pretty good to me."

Although The Onion holds a certain amount of entertainment value, professor Dannagal Goldthwaite Young, who focuses on political satire, said such a list does serve a purpose.

"Outlets like The Onion allow people to consider journalistic norms or public affairs stories in a new light and allow citizens to playfully engage with

current events in a nonthreatening way," Goldthwaite stated in an email message.

Through their spoof newscast, The Onion is not only providing entertainment, Young said.

"It is a parody of the gazillion 'top XXX lists' that get so much traffic through sites like Huffington Post and BuzzFeed," Young said. "Also, it highlights the fact that, although students have their eye on the top schools, there are many other options that are 'perfectly fine,' and as sad and insulting as it might sound, the reality is it is true."

Editorial manager for The Black Sheep, a satirical newspaper that focuses on college campuses, sophomore Shannon Poulsen said satire is important because it makes news digestible for people.

"[Satire is] more accessible to those who don't usually watch the news, and it draws people to the news in a way they wouldn't previously understand or wouldn't want to read," Poulsen said. "Some people actively seek out The Daily Show or The Colbert Report, and people go to those shows as secondary news sources. They are both intended to make it easier or add another level of comprehension."

Senior Kelly Grznic of Rubber

Chickens, an on-campus standup group, said she found the Onion's ranking to be accurate.

"It's pretty spot on—as The Onion usually is," Grznic said.

Grznic said she thinks that for the most part, students will share this opinion and find the ranking to be funny.

In a survey conducted by The Review, 86.67 percent of university students said they thought The Onion's listing was accurate and while 78.34 percent found the ranking funny, 8.33 percent found it slightly offensive and 16 percent did not care. In answer to why they thought UD was listed under "Schools Your Older Sister Went To And Had A Great Time At," the majority, at 78.34 percent, answered either UD is not an extremely excellent school nor an extremely poor school or UD offers a good education for the amount it costs.

Grznic said she thought the I'm Shmacked riot last semester was a factor in the university's listing.

"It may have been listed just because it's a good time and you can still get a good education," Grznic said. "I have two older cousins who went here and had a great time and that affected my decision."

The Onion's report juxtaposes



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name-brand schools and Ivy League universities with lesser-known state schools. Appalachian State University ranked number 15 on the list, the reason being, "For its library, that has all the same books as any Ivy League school's library."

The Onion makes the point that parents and students are now more likely to consider affordable schools, such as state schools, as an acceptable alternative to top schools.

The Onion report concludes, "The lesson from this year's report is; a degree is a degree. When we look through all the data we saw that if you work hard and do some clubs, you'll be fine anywhere."

However, Young said she thinks students tend to consider a school's worth based on name recognition and

sometimes fail to take into account the monetary repercussions of their decisions.

"The idea of going to a brand name school and coming out \$100k in debt seems like a fine idea when you're a senior in high school," Young said. "By the time you're 30 and still paying off school loans, the cost benefit analysis of your undergrad education might look different."

University students agreed with this, answering in the survey 30 percent came to the university for a specific major, while 25 percent came to the university for financial reasons.

"The Onion is funny," Grznic said. "It's been around for a long time and has really mastered satire. Some are better than others, but every now and then it really hits the nail on the head."

City surveys interest in community garden

BY RACHEL TAYLOR
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As the raging snow storms continue on and Newark residents eagerly await spring, the city of Newark is looking toward warmer weather by surveying potential interest in a city garden. Residents will have until April to decide if they would be willing to participate or volunteer in the garden's creation.

Charlie Emerson, the director of Parks and Recreation for the city of Newark, said the topic of a community garden was first brought forward at a council meeting a few months prior. He said a survey was recently created in an effort to poll community interest in a public garden.

"We want to see what kind of response we get from the survey first," Emerson said. "We want to get those folks who indicated an interest together and see what they would like to be done."

Emerson said there are many important components to consider if members of the community express an interest in a garden. As most of the public parks in Newark do not have their own water sources, a plan and budget would have to be formed to keep any garden plants hydrated, he said. He said other concerns include security, such as fencing, finding land to host the gardens and having volunteers come forward to maintain the garden areas.

This is not the first attempt at a community garden for Newark. In the 1980s, Newark had a public community garden supported by volunteers, Emerson said. However, people lost interest, and the garden was shut down.

Despite the previous city garden's failure, the idea of another garden has been brought up in council meetings for the past few years, Emerson said. He said

if there is enough interest this time around, it may be awhile before the garden is implemented.

"If we decide to go with it, it's likely no sooner than spring of 2015," Emerson said. "If we're going to set this up, volunteers are going to run it, and we need to set up parameters."

Although the city's community garden was shut down, the university has both a community garden and a botanical garden available for students to participate in. The university's community garden supports a partnership between the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, CANR Ag College Council, Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners and the Food Bank of Delaware to donate to the garden's website.

Jason Veil, the curatorial graduate teaching assistant for the university's botanic gardens, said the gardens got its informal start in the 1960s but took its current form in the past 10 years. He said he thinks having community support for gardens is beneficial to both the gardens and the community.

"I think that there's a lot to be said about gardens when it comes to ownership," Veil said. "When people are more involved they become more enthusiastic. We have members that come in with weeding and planting and maintenance. It gets people involved, it's a great social setting. People with a stake in the garden feel prouder and much more involved."

Veil said he believes the current emphasis on knowing where food is coming from could help make the city's community garden a reality. He said it would have many potential benefits, such as increasing property value, saving energy and becoming a potential community landmark.



The city is surveying residents on opinions related to introducing a community garden in Newark.

Lauren Winstel, a sophomore energy and environmental policy major, as well as treasurer of Students for the Environment, said she thinks having both ornamental and food production gardens would be beneficial to the community. She said both would brighten up the area and potentially encourage members of the community to come together.

"Overall, gardens are definitely a great way to get everybody involved, and they're just a way to brighten up the community in general," Winstel said. "If it's a city kind of area like this with lots of suburban houses, it's just a green space that gets people more involved with the environment and brings them together as a community as well."

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Senior Tommy Wooster poses for a photo in a national fitness magazine. Wooster has aspirations to compete as a professional bodybuilder.

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EDITORIAL

The university should re-evaluate food plans for next year

Winter semester point plans have room for improvement

The university introduced a new plan this past winter semester, which required all students living on campus to purchase a \$754 all-points dining plan. All dining halls remained closed, so students were required to buy their food at alternate facilities such as the Trabant University Center, the Perkins Student Center and the Provisions On Demand markets.

Although dining facilities were given extended hours of operation and a broader selection of items, students still lacked the variety and flexibility offered by

dining halls. The limited choices were ultimately repetitive and subpar when compared to the choices students receive during fall and spring semesters. Eating at off-campus restaurants such as those along Main Street was hard to justify due to the large sum of points each student had to spend before the points expired.

In future off-season semesters, the university should re-evaluate the plans and make several minor adjustments to alleviate the pain points the most recent strategy introduced. For example, many

students felt the number of points required was too large. Suggestions have been made to make the plan non-mandatory or decrease the sum, but students not receiving enough points is a legitimate concern.

Instead, the program should allow the points to roll over into the following semester. This would allow students to eat off campus at their leisure without worrying about the points going to waste at the end of the term. Likewise, this decision would slow down or eliminate the rush of students who

attempt to frantically spend all their leftover points at the POD markets at the end of the semester, causing potential shortages in inventory.

Furthermore, the university should keep at least one dining hall open and focus on catering to the students who may have difficulty finding meals in the student centers and markets, including vegetarians. Students have plenty to focus on during the tight-packed winter semester and food should not be on the list, especially when a few changes could yield so many benefits.

School closing policy should consider more factors

The current system for determining and announcing updates is not always ideal

Last week, Delaware received between 12 and 16 inches of snow. The university decided to cancel classes on Thursday and delay the opening until 11 a.m. on Friday, posting updates on their homepage and social media. Prior to the news being posted, students were only informed that a decision would be made before 5 a.m. on the day in question.

This decision was made relatively late. This is understandable because if keeping classes in session is a safe possibility, the university certainly should do so to avoid cutting down the semester. However, in these circumstances, the university should have sent out a UD Alert or

a similar mass message with the information readily available. This allows the community to be made aware of the decision as soon as it is made rather than pushing the responsibility on to the individual students to repeatedly check the website with hopes of an update.

Furthermore, the university should push back delays as needed if the situation does not evolve as originally anticipated, keeping commuter students in mind. The temperature was above freezing by 11 a.m. on Friday and the campus was safe to travel, for the most part. Roads leading up to campus, however, were still frozen over with icy slush forming underneath the hardened snow. Conditions did not

improve until the early afternoon and some commuters had to opt out of traveling to their classes in order to stay safe.

Maintaining roads and neighborhoods outside of campus is certainly not the university's responsibility, and students living off-campus need to be responsible for clearing off their own driveways and sidewalks while making an effort to attend classes when they are in session. City roads, however, are out of their control and the university should keep these students in mind when plans are made to cancel or postpone classes—not every student can walk to class simply because the campus is cleared.

Ultimately, the decision to cancel or postpone classes should regard student safety as a priority while acknowledging that keeping classes in session is an incredibly important, although secondary, consideration. When they are made, these decisions need to be communicated quickly and efficiently. The system already in place that is used for robberies, power outages and other announcements could just as easily be used for school closing decisions to ensure every member of the community has the most up-to-date information as soon as it is made available.



"The commuter's trek through winter weather isn't quite as easy as it is for campus students"

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Associate in Arts Program is the university's unsung hero

There are many dimensions to the University of Delaware. The way students interact with each other, the passion for the football team and the strength of the academic curriculum are just a few of those qualities. UD has one dimension that many people overlook—the Associate in Arts program on its satellite campuses. While many people have heard the whispers about the rising class sizes, many don't understand the impact of the Associate in Arts program on the main campus of the University of Delaware.

The unsung hero of main campus, the Associate in Arts program, prepares students for the transition to the big stage. The program is centered on achieving an Associate's degree, while simultaneously fulfilling a student's breadth requirements needed for any given major. In two years, students take 60 credit hours and are then guaranteed a spot on main campus their junior year. But still this is not the most attractive thing about the Associate in Arts

program. Students who enroll in the program also receive a drastically reduced tuition, which in some cases can be paid completely by the SEED scholarship offered by the Del-Tech schools. All a student has to do is maintain a 2.0 GPA to keep the scholarship.

Smaller class sizes, a friendly staff and a close knit environment are among the other perks of attending the program. Class sizes at the largest contain 36 people. This not only helps the transition from high school to college, but it also allows the students to develop closer relationships with their professors—which aids tremendously with the learning experience each student has.

The staff and professors are not only well equipped, but transplanted from main campus. Students always comment on how friendly and interesting the classes are and by how involved the teachers are with their academic careers.

"I like it, to be honest. While

all my friends on main campus have to run all over the place to try and find someone to help them, my teachers are always there to help answer questions after class," said Ashley Gosnell, a sophomore in the Associate in Arts program at the Dover campus. "That's one thing that I think a lot of my friends envy about the program I'm in."

The staffs in the offices of these campuses greet students and visitors with smiles on their faces. Not only are the advisors friendly and helpful, but also have helped students set up their classes—which is not in their job description at all. The staff is committed to making sure the students in this program have an outstanding experience.

Each campus is easily navigated by the students, seeing as most of the time, the University of Delaware only rents a few rooms from Del-Tech. Many might see this as a disadvantage to the program, but in fact this makes communication between student,

staff and teacher easier. The added bonus is that most students that are freshmen don't spend time getting lost on campus when they should be going to class. This instills confidence in the younger students who are beginning their college experience.

The Associate in Arts program might not be well-recognized, but the number of students in the program is growing rapidly. The program not only ushers in new students who are excited about attending the university, but actively involves them with the school. The compassion the teachers, staff and students have for the school is uncanny—and most people don't know the program exists. But as interest and popularity grows, the fact that the public is oblivious to the program will slowly become fiction.

Jack Rodgers is a sophomore at the Dover campus in the Associates in Arts program and plans on moving to main campus next fall.



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Don't freeze for fashion

This past Thursday concluded yet another New York Fashion Week, and while you might think the most glamorous people in fashion plus sub-zero temperatures would equate to luxurious fur coats, sturdy leather boots and plush cashmere pashminas, it in fact does not.

Editors, bloggers and models alike are expected to be trendsetters in the world of fashion, but leaping toward spring in flimsy blouses and cuffed denim while mounds of dirty snow still line the streets is a little too forward-thinking for me. Icy sidewalks are not meant for stilettos or cutout flats. Crop tops and exposed skin do not bode well in a blizzard. How can one even consider a cotton blazer to be "outerwear" when it is snowing outside? While the outfit might be cute in May or June, it looks downright absurd in below-freezing weather.

Even though we are usually stereotyped with a uniform of leggings, furry UGG boots and a Northface jacket, there are a surprising number of university students here who seem to be immune to winter chill. There are some who are just so close to making an outfit complete, yet have forgotten half of the items needed to winterize the look. If you are so in love with your new floral print mini skirt and absolutely must wear it right away, why not pair it with fleece-lined tights instead of going barelegged? Lacy tank tops and sheer camisoles are understandably adorable, but wouldn't it be awesome to look cute and be warm at the same time? Just add a sweater and you're done. As for shoes, we are not out of boot season just yet—save the trendy open-toed flats and heels for the second half of the semester.

Even the gentlemen tend to fall prey to the temptation of summery clothes before the weather permits. Bermuda shorts are only okay in February if you are in Bermuda—put some real pants on and deal with it. Tropical print tees might put you in a feel-good summer mood, but that mental state will quickly pass once your arms go numb from the cold. It's not that difficult to throw a jacket on top when you venture outside. Sandals are completely out of the question, and honestly, you shouldn't be wearing athletic sneakers if there is snow on the ground. Get some desert boots that were so popular this fall, because they're going to be on sale and will save you the embarrassment of slipping on ice on your way to class.

The fact of the matter is that looking warm means looking cute, regardless of how you do it. While the clothes themselves might be fresh off the pages of Vogue, you are bound to look out of place if you don't dress appropriately for the weather. Save crop tops and shorts for spring break—and until then, consider Eskimo chic to be your new style inspiration: furry coats, thick knits and tall boots. Bring it on, Polar Vortex.

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Blue Hen Sarah Stevens competes on 'Jeopardy!' while wearing no shoes

AMANDA WEILER
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"Who is Sarah Stevens?" Response: a sophomore history major who competed in the "Jeopardy!" College Championship Quarterfinals on Feb. 10. Stevens represented the university as she took part in the challenge to win a \$100,000 grand prize.

Appearing on game one of the two-week championship, Sarah played against junior Whitney Thompson of the University of Oklahoma and junior James Fulwiler of Temple University.

While she wore her university sweatshirt during the game, Stevens chose to forgo wearing her shoes during the competition. As she explained to game show host Alex Trebek during her personal interview, she is superstitious about wearing shoes during important occasions.

Senior Megan O'Brien, president of the Delta Gamma chapter on campus, was unaware of her fellow sorority sister's superstition. She says Sarah made the entire chapter proud.

"Sarah is extremely outgoing and has such a bubbly personality as she demonstrated on the show," O'Brien says. "She is well rounded and has a lot of academic potential as well."

Stevens says while she enjoys trivia and watching "Jeopardy!", she didn't think of competing on the show until her mom continued to pester her about taking the online qualifying test. In order to please her mom, Stevens says she took the online test consisting of 50 questions on a range of topics in November of 2012. Because participants only have a few seconds to answer each question, Stevens says she completed the online test in a matter of minutes. She took both the online adult test and college test, but says she felt she did better on the college test.

It wasn't until March of 2013 that Stevens says she received an email asking her to come to New York City to audition. Stevens says the

New York audition consisted of another written test, rounds of mock play and an interview. Time once again elapsed, and it wasn't until this past November, a year after Stevens had started the process, that she received a phone call from her mom who told her to return a producer's phone call, Stevens says.

Stevens says she had a hard time believing the producer when he told her the news.

"He asked me what I thought was a really weird random question: 'Have you ever been to California?' and I was like, 'Well no, I've never been off the east coast,'" she says. "And he's like, 'Then you'll love California! You're coming out here to be on 'Jeopardy!'" and I was like, 'What? I don't know what's happening! Is this a joke?'"

After the initial shock wore off, Stevens says her excitement built as the competition grew closer.

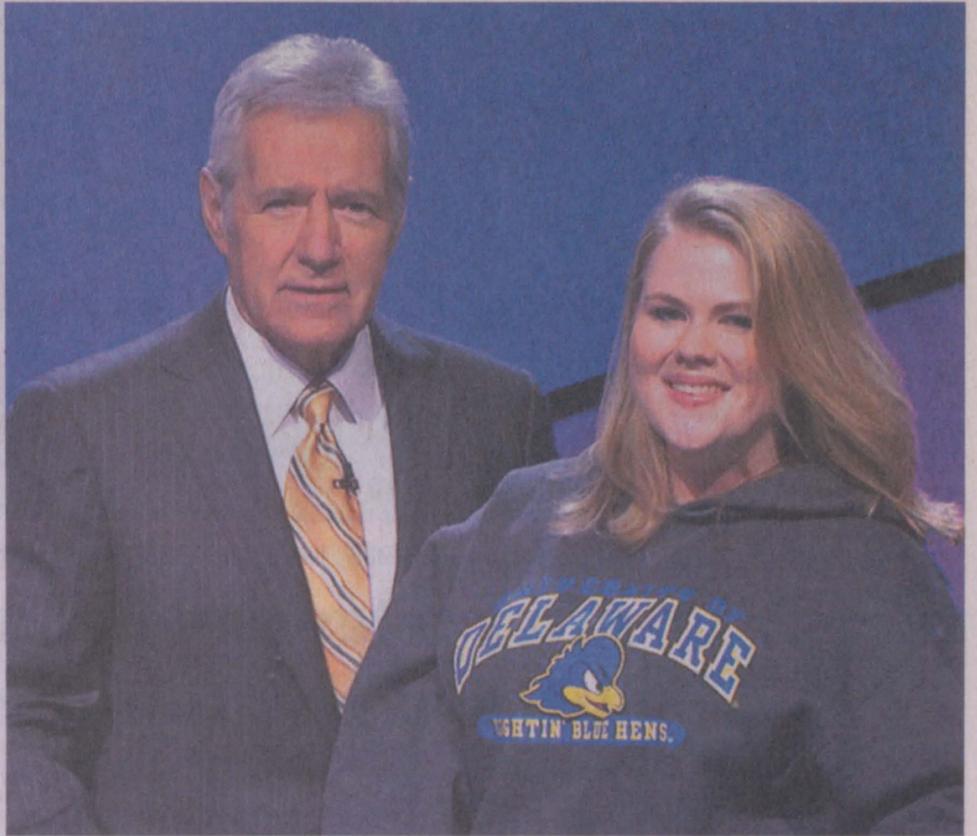
"I couldn't form coherent thoughts for an hour," Stevens says. "I told everyone. I was beside myself I was so excited!"

Because the competition covers such a wide range of topics, Stevens says there was no way for her to prepare other than by playing Trivial Pursuit, gaining random tidbits of information and using an online archive of past "Jeopardy!" questions.

This past January, Stevens says she flew out to California for a few days for the game show taping. Stevens says meeting her competitors was rather unusual. "It was this weird moment where you know people are trying to size you up to see where you stand, and you can't blame them because you're doing the exact same thing," Stevens says.

However, she says those same competitors became some of her best friends by the end of the two days of taping. She says they continue to talk and keep in close touch.

As for Stevens' gameplay on the show, she faced categories that included ancient history, novels, bands, classical music and pop culture. She was able to redeem herself early on in Double Jeopardy by escaping



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Sophomore Sarah Stevens was a Jeopardy contestant in College Championship. The show aired last week.

the \$200 "hole" that she had suffered in the first round. Going into Final Jeopardy, the Dover native had garnered \$6,200 as she attempted to overtake her two other competitors.

While she crossed off her original answer in Final Jeopardy, which happened to be correct and would have earned her a spot in the semi-finals, Stevens says she has learned a lot through the process.

"Your first instinct is almost always correct, first and foremost," Stevens says. "It's something I will never forget. And to not write something off because it's not what you're good at. I think I've learned most that I'm a lot smarter than I thought I was about things I thought I knew nothing about."

Stevens says she is most proud of her comeback in the second round, which allowed her to show her true colors. Additionally, she says that a personal goal of hers was to answer a question outside of her strength categories.

"I wanted to answer a question that I didn't think I was going to get, and there was a science question, a physics question, that I immediately knew the answer to," Stevens says. "It was a really good feeling to be able to say, 'Oh, I know that about something that I'm not very great at.'"

Erikk Geannikis, a graduate student at Catholic University who taught Sarah in a philosophy course her freshman year before she transferred, says Stevens

was always a class leader in his discussions and showed genuine interest and passion for the material. Geannikis says Stevens was the first person he had known to compete on the show and was proud of her performance.

"I think she did really well," Geannikis says. "I told her that think she won the moral victory having been the only person to guess correctly in the Final Jeopardy round even though she crossed out that guess. I think she won the moral victory."

As for the \$5,000 prize she won on the show, Stevens says she plans on putting her winnings toward a semester abroad, which she hopes will be in London.

University senior to compete for Miss USA



COURTESY OF HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF NEWCASTLE COUNTY FACEBOOK PAGE

Kelsey Miller, a University of Delaware senior, pictured volunteering for Habitat for Humanity.

BY CORI ILARDI
Copy Desk Chief

For senior Kelsey Miller, being herself was all she needed to be crowned Miss Delaware USA.

"A lot of times in pageantry, people will tell you what to do, how to wear your hair, what kind of gown, how you should act,"

Miller says.

Although Miller had previously won Miss Teen Delaware USA in 2009, she says she thought running for Miss Delaware was more intense, and she started listening to those people while competing for the title, where she ultimately placed second runner-up.

After the competition, she says she had a bad taste in her mouth.

"It wasn't the fact that I didn't win," Miller says. "It was the fact that I lost not being me."

It was for this reason Miller says she decided to run for Miss Delaware USA a second time. She says the second time around she

did things her way, and she was crowned the winner last December.

Since being crowned, Miller has been able to represent the state of Delaware and work with a number of charitable causes and organizations, such as Habitat for Humanity. Although she has a sash that says she's Miss Delaware, she says she tries to be "as normal as possible."

Miller did not grow up in the pageant spotlight, but as an athlete and only turned to pageantry after tearing her ACL in high school, she says. During her junior year, the injury kept her out for the basketball season, and she says she needed a distraction and thought she would try pageantry.

While pageantry and basketball may not seem similar, Miller says each has a competitive edge she thrives off of.

"I love the competitive aspect of [pageantry]," Miller says. "I like just competing. I like working toward something and accomplishing something."

At the same time, she says she's enjoyed the social aspect of it and getting to meet many different people.

"You're still building relationships at the same time," Miller says. "I was one to go to basketball camp with my sister [...] She would come home with all these awards, and I would come home with a notebook full of phone numbers from all the girls I met. I love meeting new people, but I still like being competitive."

Senior Olivia Peeke says she met Miller through basketball when they were eight years old. She says they competed against each other, and Miller always had a fierce edge while being a kind person.

"She was very competitive and determined on the court, but she was the nicest girl in the world off of it," Peeke says.

Peeke says she believes Miller will make a good Miss USA due to her selfless nature, hard work ethic and willingness to help others. She says Miller is confident in herself and does not let others mold her.

Professor Stacey Hendrix

says she met Miller when a former babysitter graduated and referred her to Miller. She says she believes Miller is a great role model and brings happiness to the people around her.

"She is so, so beautiful on the outside, but she's more beautiful on the inside," Hendrix says.

Hendrix says Miller is the kind of person who will do anything for another and will help in any way that she can. She says her son's fifth birthday party had a university football theme and Miller was able to make the day truly special by getting a number of university football players to attend the party. She says Miller is the type of person who can rally people behind her.

Miller says competing in pageants has changed her life for the better. She says it has made her more confident, improved her public speaking skills and helped her realize what she wants to do in life, broadcasting.

As for her goals for the upcoming Miss USA pageant, Miller says she's excited to compete. She says she, of course, wants to win, but always wants to take advantage of all the other opportunities that come with competing, such as having fun during her appearances, meeting as many people as she can and being a good role model. She says she believes that is what the pageant is truly about.

"There's a lot of judgements on pageants," Miller says. "There's a lot of stereotypes, and that's definitely something I would like to change."

The judges base results on more than looks, she says.

"They're looking for confidence within yourself, true beauty and just who you are as a person," Miller says. "They can really pick up on if you're fake or not. You don't want to sound robotic."

Miller will compete this June for the title of Miss USA 2014, which will air on NBC.

OFF THE RECORD

ALBUM REVIEW:
THE OUTSIDERS
BY ERIC CHURCH

Quite possibly one of country music's edgiest singers, Eric Church released his fourth album, "The Outsiders," last week, and it's clear he isn't sugar coating the defiant and rough attitude that he presents in his songs. Church has always been known for merging country with rock music, and he does not stray from this on his most recent album.



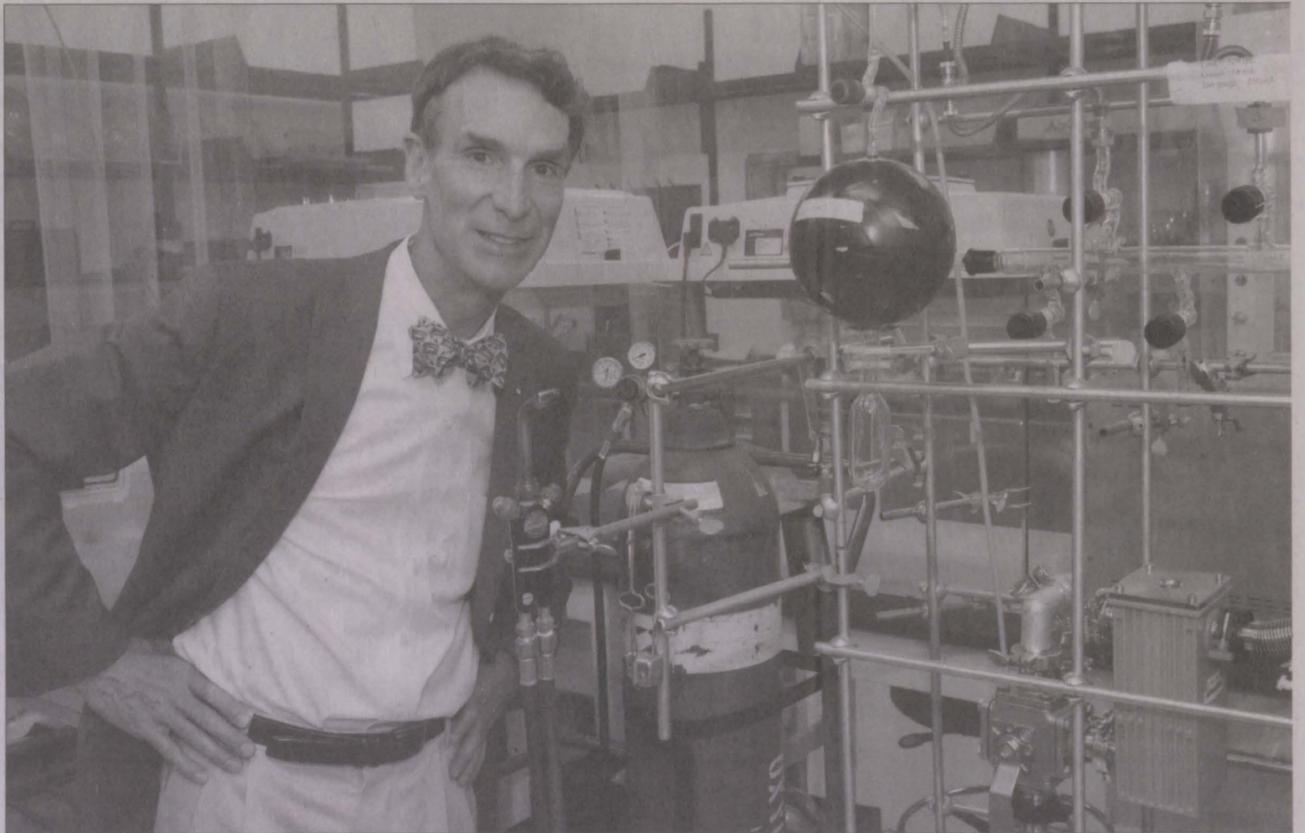
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Church, if nothing else, does an excellent job in setting himself apart from his competitors in the country music industry. It is especially apparent on tracks like "That Damn Rock & Roll." Church does not want to emulate some of his colleagues who present the sense in their work that country music is wholesome or only synonymous with a simple Southern way of life. Instead, "The Outsiders" is at times harsh and even seems to be over the top with its spiteful lyrics. A perfect example of this is in the track "Dark Side."

Although Church strives to add bold and at times brash themes to his music, he does still touch on subjects that are popular in country music. "Cold One" is, for the most part, light-hearted and talks about drinking beer and enjoying the summertime. Another track, "Roller Coaster Ride," reflects on the ups and downs of being in love. My only complaint, though, is that Luke Bryan's track "Roller Coaster," which was released this past summer on his "Crash My Party" album, presents very similar content. Tracks like "Broke Record," another love-related track, and "Like A Wrecking Ball" (no worries, this is not a remake of Miley's song) are more original and show off Church's talent.

For the most part, the writing on this album is thoughtful and enhances the experience of listening to the album, but lyrics like "players gonna play and haters gonna hate," which can be found in the track "The Outsiders," seem unnecessary. Despite this, Church earns credibility due to the fact he wrote or co-wrote every song on this album.

Church's distinct talent and presence in country music does not seem to be going away anytime soon, but on his next album he may not need to include so much incessant edginess in the content of his music to prove that.



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Bill Nye at the Astrobiology Lab during a tour of Goddard Space Flight Center.

After televised debate, campus leaders discuss creation, evolution theories

BY KATE JENKINS
Staff Reporter

Blake Hardcastle is sure God created the universe.

"The world was created by a deity who has revealed himself in the Bible and in the person of Jesus Christ," he says.

An evangelical minister, and the director of the Baptist Student Ministry, Hardcastle calls himself a creationist. He believes God created humans in their present form, and he says human beings did not evolve over time or originate from earlier life forms.

"I lean toward the view that the Earth is old but that people are young," Hardcastle says.

Biology professor John McDonald disagrees.

"There is as much scientific evidence for evolution as there is for the Earth going around the sun or the Earth being round," McDonald says.

The recent televised debate between scientist Bill Nye and creationist Ken Ham threw the competing ideas of creationism and evolution back into the spotlight. The prompt was, "Is creation a viable model of origins in today's modern scientific era?" The debate aired on CNN on Feb. 4.

McDonald, an evolutionary geneticist, says he believes all life on Earth, including humans, is descended from a common ancestor that lived billions of years ago. Over time, life became more complex, eventually resulting in humans and other mammals, he says.

McDonald says he does not believe in God or in any kind of supernatural creator.

"I don't see any evidence for that," he says.

McDonald says there are three main types of evidence for evolution: the fossil record, which shows progression of organisms over time; DNA, which shows genetic similarities between related species; and present-day observations.

Species such as English sparrows and soapberry bugs have undergone rapid evolution over just a few decades, he says, in response to new habitats or environmental conditions.

"The evidence for evolution is overwhelming," McDonald says.

Hardcastle, on the other hand, says scientists like McDonald may be misinterpreting their observations. God might have created the world with only the appearance of age, he says.

"There are several gradients of creationist," Hardcastle says. "I lean towards 'old Earth,' but I'm open to 'young Earth' as well."

"Young Earth" creationists believe God created the world about 10,000 years ago, Hardcastle says. He says "old Earth" creationists accept the scientific consensus that the Earth is billions of years old, but believe life—or at least human life—was created in its present form.

Hardcastle says it is not possible to believe in both evolution and in the God revealed in the Bible. However, an evolutionist could believe in a different kind of Creator, he says.

Ismat Shah, physics and materials science professor, has a different take on the creation-evolution debate. He is a practicing Sunni Muslim, he says, but he believes in evolution.

"Muslims believe that God is the creator of the universe," Shah says. "But there is no doubt that the Earth and its life forms evolved over billions of years."

Shah, the faculty advisor to the Muslim Student Association, says he believes although humans were created separately from other life, early humans were different from modern humans.

"Man was created as man, but he developed, over time, into the form we know now," he says.

However, Shah says this is only his personal view, and Muslims have many different perspectives on evolution.

Another physics professor, Qaisar Shafi, says the origin of the universe itself is best explained by the Big Bang theory. The Big Bang, he says, was an enormous explosion that created the universe.

Shafi, a theoretical physicist, says the universe is approximately 13.7 billion years old, and the Earth is about 4.5 billion years old. He says some galaxies are billions of light-years away from Earth.

"In other words, the universe is big," Shafi says. "And old."

Physicists know what happened right after the Big Bang, Shafi says, but no one knows what existed before it. He says high-energy physicists can get within a fraction of a second after the Big Bang, but they don't have the tools to investigate what happened earlier.

Shah says he believes schools should teach students about the different views of creation. Students need to figure things out for themselves,

he says, learning different perspectives and deciding which is supported by the evidence.

Hardcastle says he agrees. "Schools should teach all sides of the argument," Hardcastle says. "True liberal education exposes students to a whole spectrum of views."

Shah says he watched most of the debate between Nye and Ham, but he found it disappointing.

There was no winner, Shah says, because no one changed their beliefs as a result of the debate. Creationists agreed with Ham, and evolutionists agreed with Nye, he says, and few were convinced by the other side.

"There is room for all different kinds of beliefs," Shah says. "We should appreciate the fact that people can have different views, without putting them down."

McDonald says some evolutionary biologists argue debates simply give the creationists legitimacy. But McDonald, who says he has participated in debates with creationists, disagrees.

"I think what Bill Nye did is a good thing," he says. "Debates will not convince everyone, but they might cause a few open-minded people to rethink their views. He reached some people who wouldn't otherwise have heard it."

McDonald says it is "certainly" possible to believe in both evolution and in a Creator.

"Many scientists have a deep religious faith, and many religious leaders accept the science," he says.



MADISON FERTELL

EVERYDAY RUNWAY IT'S ALL A BLUR

In January, I went from the runway at Charles de Gaulle to sending models down the runway at Paris Fashion Week.

It's the second day of women's haute couture fashion week. I arrive two hours early to the Alexandre Vauthier location. I'm by the back door. Standing. Sitting. Pacing. Gossiping. Memorizing the outfit. It's calm now. Models constantly go outside and return, bringing with them a cloudy smell of cigarettes. Some models are being interviewed. Others are nibbling on snacks underneath the heat lamp. It's cold in here.

One hour to the show. Outfit fully memorized. I watch as seamstresses make final adjustments and corrections to the dresses; an acid green dress—one that resembles a giant loofa with a gold chain down the back representing a spine—garners most of their attention. A man paces the room holding a towel to polish all of the metal pieces of the collection. The model looks like she's ready to wring the necks of the seamstresses working around her and the polishing man who is hovering. Her name is Lindsey

Wixson. I stare at her, wondering how she is a model, but then I remember reading The New York Times reported in September that quirks are "in" when searching for models. Lindsey embodies this with her prominent eyes, unique smile and bee-stung lips.

It's a half hour before the show. It's time for the run-through. The door swings open and the cold Parisian air hits me like a fist to the face. The final dust cloud rolls in. I put a pair of strappy embellished Louboutins on my model. The models line up. The music starts, and the models follow the count. After they return, they are told to alter their pace down the runway—it's all about timing. While the models practice their runway walk again, we're told we'll have around 20 seconds to undress and redress our models if they have an outfit change.

It's 4:30 in the afternoon, and the show is supposed to start now, but the models still aren't dressed. There is a rumor Rihanna is in the crowd.

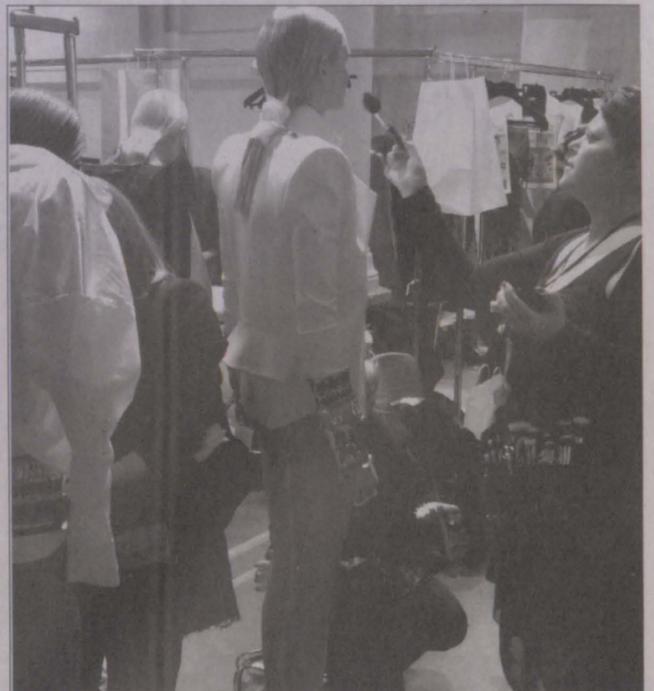
It's 4:45 and the panic begins. My model undresses from her warm clothes to be outfitted in hot pants, a bralette and blazer. The clothes are simplistic but gorgeous. The cuffs of the blazer match the purple and gold gem embellishments on the Louboutins.

Within three minutes, all of the models are dressed and in line. The music begins, and the models follow the count.

We all huddle around a TV screen backstage to watch the models walk down the runway. Greens and purples, whites, deep reds, blues, black and patterns make their way down the runway; flowy dresses, crocodile body-con dresses, blazers, hot pants and sheer jumpsuits followed Alexandre Vauthier's beachy trend for the Spring 2014 collection. Only the model coordinator sees the imperfections.

Lindsey Wixson returns for her second outfit change. I work on the shoes while other girls take off her dress. In the blink of an eye, she's dressed and running away with one shoe untied. I blink again, and the show is over. Everyone backstage is clapping, congratulating the designer and the models as they do one last walk down the runway.

The models return, and the music ends. The building is buzzing. The white noise of voices overpowers the sound of the models' high heels on the floor as they rush to their dressers. Once redressed in warm clothes, my model and I part ways. I stay and pack the clothes and accessories into a garment bag. I contemplate



UD students working at a Paris runway.

MADISON FERTELL

putting the Louboutins in my bag as a self-prescribed job-well-done, but then I zip up the garment bag, closing the idea.

It's over in a whirlwind. From the moment I zipped up my model's last Louboutin, everything looks like it is fast-forwarding around me while I stand still. The

day ends with me outside, enjoying the cold Parisian air. I watch as photographers take pictures of models as they leave the building. Soon the crowd outside clears. I start to head home, using the sidewalk as my imaginary runway.

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Kindness promoted for optimal health

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Studying late into the night, senior Rose DeLuccia began the well-known collegiate routine of pre-exam cram and stress. Familiar to any college student, and in DeLuccia's case, it was the result of a big assignment due the next day. As it turned to midnight, DeLuccia says her roommate offered to help her relax with a freshly baked pie.

Brittany Van Sickle, Healthy Hens graduate assistant and activities coordinator, says small acts of kindness like this can help people gain a sense of happiness.

"[It] can decrease physical pain and blood pressure," Van Sickle says. "It can make you feel happier and increase your self-worth and general happiness, along with increasing your immune system."

As National Random Acts of Kindness Week drew to a close last week, Healthy Hens commemorated the week by hosting their own event at the university. On Wednesday, Healthy Hens set up a Kindness Kiosk in Trabant food court, partnering with Operation Gratitude to send letters to American troops.

"In the past, Healthy Hens focused more on the physical aspects of health; our acronym is Health Exercise Nutrition Sleep," Van Sickle says. "Now we are realizing that people are more complicated. We are not simple creatures so we are taking a more holistic approach to health and kindness falls into that."

The Kindness Kiosk set up by Healthy Hens served as a platform for students to practice random acts of kindness by writing letters to soldiers.

"I guess they will be happy, which will make me happy too," says participant and ELI student Naif Alsharari.

Although the Kindness Kiosk is only in its second year of operation, it has become a huge success, Van Sickle says.

"Every week we do a kiosk, we did it last year and it was such a hit we decided to do the same thing this year," Van Sickle says.

The kindness kiosk gave students the opportunity to write letters, and numerous students showed up, writing dozens of cards, says Van Sickle.

While both participants and recipients benefit from such an event, Van Sickle says, she believes students have more to gain from the experience.

Throughout the busy routine that campus life offers, students may struggle to focus on intentionally working random acts of kindness into their day. Acts of kindness do not have to be big gestures in order to be helpful to others, DeLuccia says.

"It makes us happy to help," DeLuccia says. "It's contagious, feels good and relieves stress."

In addition to being contagious, kindness can increase cognitive performance, boost energy and strengthen the immune system, according to a Healthy Hens pamphlet displayed at the kiosk.

Doctor and author David



MICHELLE MORGENSTERN

A display of Valentine's Day treats is laid out in Trabant for Kindness Week.

Hamilton expands on this, writing in the pamphlet that acts of kindness can produce oxytocin, which "causes the release of a chemical called nitric oxide in blood vessels, which dilates the blood vessels. This reduces blood pressure, and therefore oxytocin is known as a 'cardio-protective' hormone because it protects the heart [by lowering blood

pressure]." As Healthy Hens, along with the nation, celebrates National Random Act of Kindness Week, they encourage students to remember the health benefits associated with kindness, say Van Sickle. As a final incentive toward kindness, Healthy Hens handed out pamphlets reminding students that, "those who smile more live

longer." Van Sickle says she urges students to incorporate acts of kindness into their daily routines. "Do one thing a day, even just sitting with someone new who looks like they don't have a friend," Van Sickle says.

Retiring developer of leadership major pursues her passions

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Last week Audrey Helfman woke up to the sound of Indonesian school children rushing to start the school day. This past winter session she traveled throughout Vietnam. Helfman, who is retiring from the university after this semester, was the founder of the organizational community leadership major as well as a champion of study abroad programs.

The program began in 1996 when Helfman began teaching university-wide leadership classes. Karen Stein, who was head of the consumer studies and consumer economics department at the time, says she and Helfman joined forces to create the consumer economics

and leadership major.

"It's wonderful to think about economic and social forces that impact change, but how do you make change happen is the other part of the equation, and that was the leadership component," Stein says.

Helfman says the leadership courses were extremely popular so subsequent classes were added. The program later grew to be part of the School of Public Policy and Administration and became the school's first undergraduate program, Stein says.

Today there are 150 students enrolled as leadership majors and another 100 in the minor. Helfman says early on one of the biggest challenges facing the program was meeting student demand. She says so many students wanted to enroll in the classes, but there were simply not enough faculty.

The leadership program has impacted campus life, particularly through the change projects in LEAD 100, Helfman says. Such projects have included developing GPS tracking for the university's bus system, dorm room furniture recycling and demonstrating random acts of kindness around campus.

She says the goal of the program is to create problem solvers who can tackle social and economic issues. She also says she hopes students learn to better organize and motivate people and can take their creative and innovative perspectives to jobs in government and with charities.

Helfman says there is a

"level of excitement when we see the problem because we see it as a problem with a solution."

Senior Bari Verman joined the leadership major after struggling to find her place as a student. She says after her first class she knew it was the major for her.

"This major, with much help from Dr. Helfman, has allowed me to gain a more idealistic view of our society and culture," Verman says. "This major challenges you to think above and beyond the norm and to truly expand your comfort zone by stepping out of it."

Verman says she believes that the skills she learned in her leadership classes not only helped her during her time at the university but will also be an advantage to her as she enters the workforce.

Helfman's other passion is traveling. In her tenure at the university, she has traveled to many countries including three trips as part of the "Around the World" program. Helfman, who leads study abroad trips, says she encourages her students to be travelers and to understand the culture.

"Don't just go down the main streets but take the side streets, eat where the locals eat and meet them instead of having them meet you," Helfman says.

Verman was part of Helfman's most recent study abroad in Vietnam and Laos over the winter.

"Dr. Helfman never limited our creativity or our learning opportunities and created life lessons from any and everything

we encountered on our trip," Verman says.

Currently, Helfman is exploring Southeast Asia while on retirement sabbatical. While visiting Singapore, she has been searching for future study abroad opportunities, as she continues with her passions even though she is retiring from the university. Next winter, though she will be retired, Helfman will lead a study abroad with the university through Thailand and Laos.

Helfman will retire in Wisconsin where she has bought a store. She says she plans to sell handicrafts made by women in developing countries in the store, as well as on the web.

However, Helfman says she will not just be selling the goods but will also be helping the women through the entire process. She says she plans to spend approximately four months of each year visiting the women she is micro-financing to help develop the collaboration. Helfman says facilitating female empowerment has been something she has been passionate about her entire career, and she started off helping mid-career women in the state and local governments of Delaware.

While Helfman is retiring, this does not mark the end of the leadership program. Stein will assume the role of program director. Stein says she and the other faculty have several new ideas for the future.

Stein says soon there will be a 4+1 leadership program in collaboration with the graduate school. She says

while she believes the content of the courses is strong, she wants to reorganize some of the courses to make them more developmental.

"I believe there should be a progression through courses and you should be prepared in one course to move on to the second course and then onto the third course and that courses should not be stand alone," Stein says.

She also says the department is facing many challenges including losing faculty. Stein says it is important to carry out the curriculum with the same degree of quality even as faculty, such as Helfman, retire. Helfman was responsible for many of the department's study abroad programs and without her, the future of some of those programs is up in the air, she says.

"Our primary loss is her as a superb teacher and simply having her in the classroom," Stein says.

Verman says she has been greatly influenced by Helfman and the leadership program.

"I feel so lucky to have had an amazing four years with Dr. Helfman, and it makes me slightly sad that future generations will not have the opportunity to experience her unique, outstanding and memorable classes," Verman says. "That being said, I know Dr. Helfman would never leave the OCL program if she did not feel it had the ability to continue to be sustainable without her wonderful guidance."



Audrey Helfman



YOSEF SHIRAZI

THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONTRARIAN

CAMPUS ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENTS ARE FALTERING. AND THAT'S A GOOD THING.

Several environmental campaigns have surfaced as prominent campus features this academic year. You may be living under a rock if you aren't at least vaguely aware of movements surrounding the Keystone XL pipeline, Fossil Fuel Divestment, hydraulic fracturing (fracking) or fights over the proposed Newark power plant. In many cases, campuses are ground zero for these movements, and they provide a base upon which to draw huge numbers of enthusiastic recruits.

I urge you to have pity on these dedicated environmental campaigns because they have had an exceptionally tough winter. Over the last few months, each of the above listed movements has been dealt a stinging blow.

Yet another major Keystone XL study was released finding no significant impact from building the pipeline, the Fossil Fuel Divestment movement has been routed at the administrative level of every

meaningfully-sized college campus, fracking for oil and natural gas is booming (and likely keeping your house warm) and the proposed Newark Power Plant has cleared several large regulatory hurdles.

So while these opposition campaigns raged on campuses across the nation, wiser and cooler heads prevailed at the administrative and executive levels of academia and business, respectively. Even large segments of society appeared to have turned their back on several of the popular environmental movements.

From my vantage point, with global environmental well-being as the chief concern, these are all positive developments. I'm confident that Mother Nature is quietly applauding the variety of decisions that disregard the recent naïve obsessions of the traditional environmental movement. In the coming weeks, I'll dig into each issue in depth to explain exactly why environmentalists have it all wrong. Keep your eyes peeled.

While I readily admit that each of these setbacks is far from perfect for ecological well-being, each is ecologically superior to any likely alternative. Herein lies the difference between most environmentalists and me: we employ differing alternative baselines. Whereas the traditional environmentalist compares a proposed project with what could be in some idealized world, I strive to compare any project with what any reasonable analysis shows will be.

I'm clearly not naïve enough to claim I know exactly what the future holds, but I do know that the majority of the idealized baselines harbored by environmentalists are exceedingly unlikely. Engaging in comparisons to an idealized baseline (as is done by traditional environmentalists), is perfectly healthy and informative as a thorough experiment, however, when it is used as the yardstick against which to compare any real-life decision, it is likely to create unintentional harms. By holding firm to these highly

idealized (and unrealistic) baselines, without probabilistically weighing their relative likelihood, traditional environmentalists force a dangerous path toward enduring maladaptive decisions.

Take the Newark Power plant as a brief example. A high-efficiency combined-cycle natural gas power plant is proposed to be constructed just south of campus. When traditional environmentalists are asked their opinion, they are likely to state opposition. Their thought process compares the plant to an idealized world in which all electricity is generated by clean renewable energy like wind and solar. Against this unrealistic baseline, the plant does indeed result in increased air pollution and is summarily rejected. However, this world is far from likely to come to fruition at any point in the near or intermediate term, or even over the entire life of the power plant.

This idealized view overlooks the fact that there are still hundreds of extremely dirty coal plants in operation on our grid. Whenever the yet-to-be-constructed Newark plant produces electricity, it will almost always displace a dirtier plant from

operation in some other location. That results in net benefit to the environment (but unfortunately not to Newark).

Reflecting upon the differences in opinion between myself and most environmentalists, I argue that I want a sustainable future as strongly if not more strongly than they do. I believe we should be willing to analyze all aspects of environmental and distributional impacts, openly acknowledge the baselines we measure alternatives against and shun the heuristics that currently dominate mental models. This more complete decision-making process is taxing; it leads to a variety of mental hardships and dissonances because sacrifices are always required. There is hardly ever a perfect solution, and one is often forced to confront their role in propagating environmental harms. I don't engage in this difficult activity because it is fun, but because I believe it is far more representative of the real world and will ultimately lead to superior environmental decisions.

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Students struggle with culture shock and re-entry after studying abroad



COURTESY OF MEGAN SWEENEY

Megan Sweeney photographed students she worked with while studying abroad in South Africa with the Nursing Program.

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As sophomore Natalie Fioretti drove through rural Tanzania, she was at first shocked by her surroundings.

She says she was surprised because she couldn't imagine living in those places and being so content, but they seemed happy.

Fioretti, along with other students, traveled to Tanzania as a part of a study abroad trip this past winter session.

"We were in northern Tanzania and traveled around and stayed mostly in tents," Fioretti says. "It is beyond beautiful; just the fact

that everyone there was so happy. I never met someone really upset or unhappy with where they were or what they were doing."

Culture shock is familiar to many students who study abroad, particularly those who travel to developing countries. English professor Mahasveta Barua led a trip to India this past winter session and says she often tries to prepare students for culture shock and re-entry.

"One of the things we do is interview students, especially when I take students to a developing nation," Barua says. "I think how they adjust depends on how flexible and accepting they are of a different

culture."

Professor Lisa McBeth, who led a nursing study abroad trip to South Africa, also works to brace students for the culture shock.

"I try to prepare them, especially in clinics," McBeth says. "Health care is at such a standard that at times they can be angry because women are left alone. They don't use sterile techniques and have to fight for their rights—even if it's just an alcohol swab for an injection."

Despite preparation, students still struggle with the transition on occasion.

"I think, off the top of my head, what students notice is just

the sheer number of people," Barua says. "India is the second most populous country in the world, so you know what it means to have a whole bunch of people."

Barua also says students' senses can be shocked, especially in a busy country like India where there are a lot of people and movement.

Fioretti experienced some discomfort while abroad when the group visited multiple polygamist tribes.

"It was hard for me to understand that love wasn't part of their culture," Fioretti says. "We would also see like one bed for seven kids and bugs and insects in the house, and that made me feel uncomfortable, but they felt fine with it."

Sophomore Madeline Nelson, who studied abroad in South Africa, identifies with Fioretti's discomfort as she recalls her shock at the segregation that is still predominant in South Africa.

"I was most surprised by the divide that is still very prevalent racially," Nelson says. "Mandela was elected in 1994, the year I was born, that was when they were coming out of apartheid and all these outrageous laws were finally changed. We met 20-year-old people who had been alive during the segregation, and we heard some outrageous racist comments that I wasn't expecting."

Despite these discomforts, Nelson also found plenty to admire about the South African culture.

"What I loved is they have such a vibrancy that you can't really describe," Nelson says. "It's so diverse and everything is such a celebration. We were so welcomed, and they want to love you."

Fioretti also remembers some positive experiences from her time in Tanzania as she bonded with a young Tanzanian girl named Lightness.

Meeting Lightness was her favorite memory, and Lightness clung to her and really enjoyed being with her, she says. Although they didn't speak the same language, they were able to connect, she says.

McBeth says returning to the United States after being abroad brings with it difficulties of its own. McBeth has been leading the nursing study abroad trip to South Africa for four years and says students often have trouble re-adjusting to American culture.

"We all seem to go through a little depression, especially this year," McBeth says. "You come from people having so little and seeming totally happy, and you come back here and a lot of it seems unimportant."

Reverse culture shock, or re-entry shock, sometimes accompanies the return home for students, particularly those who studied in developing nations. For example, Fioretti, although she felt prepared, still felt some of the effects of reverse culture shock.

"People prepared me, so it wasn't as difficult, but sometimes in the conversations I had I thought, 'This doesn't matter,'" Fioretti says. "People would talk about material things that weren't important because I spent the last month where people had nothing. It was hard when I got home to see my house because I was like, 'I don't need all of this.'"

After returning to the United States, Nelson recalled what she missed the most about South Africa.

"Besides the weather? I miss the people I met there," Nelson says. "I think I miss the culture, specifically through the people. I definitely want to go back some day."

Professor to lead new China trip, aims to strengthen U.S.-China relations

BY CHELSEA SIMENS
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This summer, the University of Delaware Master Players Concert Series (MPCS) along with Xiang Gao, associate professor of music and professional violinist, is offering 18 people a trip to China this summer from June 1 to June 14. This new trip is meant to expose participants to the natural beauty, culture and history of China. Since Gao is currently on sabbatical leave, he says this summer is the only time he can offer the trip.

Gao says he created this trip because he wanted to bring some members and new friends to the series as well as previous participants of China trips who would like to return. Previously, Gao led the UD Alumni and Friends' annual trips to China.

Gao voluntarily directs both trips to further U.S. and China relations.

"One of my top five missions for life is to introduce Chinese culture history, music, society and philosophy to the wonderful people of the U.S. with the hope to bring the two nations closer for the better future of our next generation," Gao says.

Gao and his wife Renee

Dong, a Chinese language instructor, have been directing the UD Alumni trip for seven years. Although Gao and his wife love to travel, he says that's not his primary reason for directing these trips. Instead, it's the people they befriend, Gao says.

"We can probably say more than 250 people in the community by name which is our biggest gain from these trips," Gao says. "We look forward to more friends on this next trip."

Although the purpose of exploring China in both trips is similar, this new trip varies from the UD Alumni and Friends trip through the places and culture visited. Instead of visiting big cities like Beijing and Shanghai, the new trip is designed for people who are interested in nature and culture, Gao says.

"We designed this trip for people who are relatively active for physical activities so that they could do some hiking and see some of Mother Nature's masterpieces," Gao says. "I am hoping to take this opportunity to make new friends for the MPCS and the university and have a wonderful time."

Since China is the third largest country in the world, Gao says it's unlikely that people can see it all during one visit. During his trip,

Gao says he will show participants the beautiful landscape and culture of China.

The trip will go to scenic areas such as Cheng-Du in the Sichuan Province of China. Besides having the number one rated food in the country, Cheng-Du is also the only place in the world where you can hold a small toddler-aged panda bear, Gao says.

Senior Douglas Kirk traveled to China two years ago over winter session. Although Kirk mainly saw the big cities like Beijing and Shanghai, he says he would be interested in going on Gao's new trip to see the natural beauty of China.

"When I went we were really only confronted with urban life, and there's a pretty big disparity between country and urban life," Kirk says. "I'd like to see the juxtaposition between the two. To go back there I really want to experience, the nature, the in-depth detail experience of rural life."

The timing of this trip is historical because this year marks the 35th anniversary of the normalized U.S.-China relations. This means there will be many celebrations between the two countries and in the two countries, which Gao says he

hopes to celebrate privately with the participants.

Gao, a native of China, travels back to China between five to seven times a year. Since he has a high standard for lodging and food, Gao says participants get a VIP experience. He says he refuses to travel as a tourist. By the end of the trip, Gao says he hopes the participants will see China through his eyes as both a bilingual and bicultural experience.

"This is something that I passionately believe in, the lectures I do during the whole trip will make participants get a lot more out of the trip than if they traveled as a tourist," Gao says.

Senior Chenxi Huang, has relatives in China and has visited several times, including this past winter. Huang says whenever she visits China her mom or grandparents take her around. Traveling with native tour guides helps because they know places beyond tourist attractions, Huang says. As tour guides they told her about the history as well as any stories that happened in the area.

When Kirk travelled to China he also had a tour guide familiar with China.

"Our professor was one of our only links to language," Kirk says. "It's very important to have

someone who knows the county and language. Otherwise the experience is overwhelming. I know if I was there without that lifeline I wouldn't have left my hotel a lot."

From her experiences in China, Huang says it's important for Americans to visit China to dispel certain stereotypes about current life.

"A lot of the media doesn't focus on the positive sides of what's going on," Huang says. "The difference between rural and urban China is so different. Western people don't think China is at the modern level. We are growing as a country."

Kirk agrees that it's important for Americans to travel, specifically to China, because it gets them out of their comfort zones.

"Specifically China, it's one of the cultures we can identify the least with, especially if you have no previous experience," Kirk says. "Being immersed in that culture definitely makes you think more about it. The most important aspect is broadening your cultural horizon to think differently."

Rape Aggression Defense

The Department of Public Safety will be hosting Rape Aggression Defense, a female self-defense program designed to combat against sexual assault and rape.

It's available to all female students, faculty, and staff employees. The cost is \$25.

Fall Session Courses: Basic RAD (15 hours - must attend all classes)

5:30 pm - 8:30 pm - center campus location.

Course 1: Mondays - February 17, 24, March 3, 10, 17

Course 2: Tuesdays - February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25

Contact Sgt. David Bartolf (davidb@udel.edu) to sign up.

Include your class choice, and your university affiliation (faculty/ staff/ student).

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USHER: 'ANYBODY THAT SCORES 19 LAYUPS AND 21 REBOUNDS IS GOING TO WIN THE GAME EVERY TIME.'

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The balanced offensive attack from the Tigers, who had four different players score double-digit points, was led by forward Jerrelle Benimon, who poured in 25 points to go with a dominant 18 rebounds and four assists.

In the first half, the Tigers' height advantage showed, as they outrebounded the Hens 25-18. The disparity was most evident on the offensive glass, where Towson pulled down 13 rebounds. Those rebounds led to 18 points in the paint for the Tigers, ranked 13th in the nation in rebounds per game.

The Tigers were possibly a little more sloppy than usual on defense in the first half, allowing the Hens to make 11 out of 14 free throws.

Pacing the way in the first half for the Tigers were guard Rafriel Guthrie and Benimon, who scored 12 and 15 points respectively. Usher continued his outstanding play of late for the Hens, with 11 points in the first half, while Saddler led the team with 12.

The second half began with Towson continuing to pound the ball low, where most of their success had come from. Delaware showed more toughness in the early parts of the half, highlighted by senior forward Carl Baptiste, who blocked two straight shots on an early possession.

Towson continued to create points at the basket, which proved successful in more ways than just putting points on the board. Freshman forward Devonne Pinkard, a key defensive piece for the Hens, picked up his fourth foul of the game with a little over 13 minutes left in the game and was subsequently removed by head coach Monté Ross.

It was a sloppy start to the second half, with the Hens committing several fouls and both teams struggling shooting the ball. With just over 10 minutes left, the Hens and Tigers combined

for just a 37.5 percent field goal percentage.

After the game, Usher said some of the blame for the loss went on the team's youth and inexperience, and due to some players' unfamiliarity with the offense, it is tough to run set plays. He said the Towson offensive rebounding advantage played a big part in the loss.

"Anybody that scores 19 layups and 21 rebounds is going to win the game every time," Usher said. "We have some young guys who just came in the game and just started playing, so you can't really run certain plays. Those young guys aren't used to playing in games like this."

The Hens were playing without two starters, Jarvis Threatt and Marvin King-Davis, who are both serving suspensions and are expected back Feb. 26.

Back and forth the second half went, with one team inching forward, only to be equally countered by the other. Baptiste found some success below the hoop, only to be answered by a 3-pointer from Towson guard Mike Burwell.

Delaware began to chip away at the Tigers' lead, cutting it to six with eight minutes left, but Burwell again played devil's advocate, throwing down an electrifying slam dunk to the delight of the passionate Towson crowd on hand.

Throughout the game, the Tigers capitalized on the Hens' mistakes, specifically when it came to keeping track of their big men in the paint. Over and over, a Towson player would penetrate the Delaware perimeter defense, luring the Hens' big men to collapse on them, inevitably leaving a Tigers' player down low unguarded.

Delaware once again drew close at the six-minute mark of the game, after Usher sent a 3-pointer to bring them within six. But, as if on cue, Burwell played stopper again, driving for a layup which



Last night marked the end of the Blue Hens' winning streak in conference play.

spurred a run of 10 straight points for the Tigers, leaving the score at 73-57 at the 3:45 mark in the second half before Ross attempted to stop the Tigers' hot streak with a timeout.

The Hens did not quit, however, and went into a full-court press with 2:30 left in the game. Life flashed as Davon Usher converted a 3-point play and was then fouled again on the

next possession. However, he was unable to make either free throw.

Burwell was crucial in the second half for the Tigers, scoring 14 of his 17 points in the period.

The game was not without opportunities from the free-throw line for the Hens, which they did a good job in converting. For the game, the potent Hens' offense shot just 31.7 percent, including just 4-20 from behind the 3-point

line.

With tonight's loss, Delaware's record is 19-8 overall (11-1 CAA). The Hens now hold a 2-game lead over the Tigers for the top spot in the conference. Delaware will next face Hofstra in Hempstead, N.Y. on Wednesday night. The Hens beat the Pride, 86-79, in Newark on Jan. 8.

The House of (Davon) Usher

BY BRANDON DECK
Senior Sports Reporter

The suspension of junior guard Jarvis Threatt and sophomore forward Marvin King-Davis would seem to any normal player like a roadblock. But what Coach Monté Ross has known, along with nearly every crowd at the Bob Carpenter Center this season, is that Davon Usher is not a normal player.

"He's allowed us not to skip a beat," Ross said. "He has an attitude of, 'All right, it doesn't matter, what's next? Such and such is going to be out for awhile, doesn't matter, what's next?'"

For Usher, the adversity the Hens have weathered this season has only

driven him. Since the suspensions, Usher has averaged 31.25 points a game. In the last three games alone, he has totaled 125 points, including a historic 42-point performance against College of Charleston on Feb. 5. With nearly every record-breaking moment the men's basketball team has orchestrated this season, the senior transfer has routinely found himself at the center of attention.

After spending his junior year at Mississippi Valley State University, Usher said he believed a change in scenery seemed ideal after the Delta Devils were banned from postseason appearances for the 2013-2014 season. The most ideal aspect of Newark's scenery happened to be senior guard, and former AAU

teammate, Devon Saddler.

"I knew that he could score the ball," Usher said. "He was the one that sealed the deal. He recruited me, he called me, set up the visits. He was involved 100 percent."

The chemistry between the two guards has persisted since their AAU days together. In the 22 seasons the Blue Hens have played their home games at the Bob Carpenter Center, no other player has scored more than the 42 points Usher had against the College of Charleston in 50 years. Not one to miss out on the excitement, Devon Saddler reached 2,031 total career points against Northeastern Feb. 3, surpassing Mike Pegues as Delaware's all-time leading scorer.

Before the records were broken,

however, Usher feared joining an already-proven team so late in his career, and said he attempted to simply add to the Hens' already potent backcourt, not necessarily take anybody's starting spot.

It didn't take long for Usher to be established as a Hen.

"Once he started playing, the other players around him realized how good he was," Ross said. "He had instant credibility because they knew how good he was, and as his game has evolved, he has only become a better leader."

"When I was at MVSU, I scored a lot of points," Usher said of Saddler's preseason recruitment of him. "But I'm coming to Delaware to win. I don't care about points."

Ross reiterated that same attitude Usher pushes his teammates to follow. Referencing the game against Charleston, when the Hens overcame a 20-point deficit with under nine minutes to play.

"He was the one coming into the huddle saying, 'Fellas, we're alright. We're gonna find a way,'" Ross said.

Delaware has four regular season games remaining before heading to Baltimore for the CAA Tournament Mar. 7-10. With a the entire roster back, Usher says the Hens have a strong chance to be the first Delaware team to make the NCAA Tournament since 1999.

Football team signs 22, largest class in UD history

BY JACK COBOURN
Sports Assignment Editor

Although Delaware football has in the past been built around successful Signing Day transfers, such as current NFL quarterbacks Joe Flacco and Pat Devlin, the team proved on Feb. 5 that 2014 was not going to be the year of the transfer.

After having signed two transfers, senior defensive back Jordan Thomas and senior linebacker Kennedy Ogbonna, on National Signing Day in 2013, head coach Dave Brock did not pick any transfers on the day this year, which saw the signing of 22 players, one of the largest recruiting classes in Delaware history.

But it's not that Brock isn't looking for transfers, as he said he was working on finding the perfect match for the Hens' 2014 team.

"We will likely take transfers this season, so there's a fine line to say," Brock said. "We're going to try to do it, we're going to try to recruit certain positions, fill certain teams from a high school perspective, but at the same time, there's holes in our roster that exist today that we would like to fill those with a transfer, if we can get the right combination of player and kid."

Of the 22 high school players Brock signed, eight of them were backs, with one quarterback, two defensive backs and three linebackers. Three tight ends and two defensive ends were taken,

along with three wide receivers, four offensive linemen and one kicker.

Brock said his main target this year was to get younger players in at linebacker and defensive back to replace the juniors and seniors in those positions in the future.

"We're trying to address some roster imbalances, so in other words, we had to sign a certain number of players to certain positions," he said. "Even if you look at our roster today and [say], 'Well, I don't know if there's a certain need there,' the amount of players that will leave next year will be significant."

Five players on the team have connections to Delaware, either through alumni or siblings currently attending the school. One incoming player, tight end Jake Powell, is the younger brother of junior baseball outfielder Tyler Powell.

The Delaware connection extends to Newark's own Bilal Nichols, a defensive end from Hodgson Vocational Technical School, and Rehoboth Beach native Andrew Grau, a tight end from Cape Henlopen High School.

In-state recruitment is a priority for the program, Brock said.

"It's a function of really a couple things, we're going to recruit the state as hard as we can," he said. "It starts with me, I'm going to make the same pledge I made last year—I'll be at every single school that plays

football in the state of Delaware. In the spring, in April to the end of May, I'm going to evaluate every player that is in the state, and we're going to try to take the guys that we feel will help us win championships."

Brock said he wants Delaware to be able to land best players over schools in the Mid-American Conference (MAC) (which is a step up from the CAA) and competing CAA teams.

"We feel like if he's in our group within five hours of this campus, there's no MAC school that can beat us in recruits," he said. "We're gonna go head-to-head with those people, we're gonna go head-to-head with CAA teams and we're gonna slug it out and in my opinion, if we do the job that we're capable of and the job that we should do, we should win more than we don't."

Overall, while Brock said he is confident about his new signings, he said he is unsure how many will see in-game action next season.

"The farther away you get from the ball, the easier it is to play as a young player," he said. "If you're an 18-year-old kid, it's hard to play against a 22-year-old, 23-year-old. Imagine yourself at 18 years old, lining up at right guard and Zach Kerr lines up over top of you, it's a little bit different than a corner lining up over top of you."

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- MALCOLM BROWN • 6-1 • 190 • Defensive Back • Gaithersburg, Md. (Quince Orchard HS)
- TRE BROWN • 6-2 • 200 • Wide Receiver • Harrisburg, Pa. (Milton Hershey HS)
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- JAMES KRETKOWSKI • 6-6 • 285 • Offensive Line • Mineola, N.Y. (Oceanside HS)
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- KAREEM WILLIAMS • 5-10 • 185 • Running Back • Schnecksville, Pa. (Parkland HS)

Hens claw Tigers, 52-43

Buchanan scores 15 to extend streak to five games.

BY JACK COBOURN
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After a close loss on Dec. 30 against St. John's University, Delaware women's basketball head coach Tina Martin said her team needed to have two things: rebounds and toughness.

The Hens seem to have learned how to make use of both skills, beating Towson, 52-43, Sunday at the Bob Carpenter Sports Center on and extending their winning streak to five games.

Martin said the team improved in both areas and its performance on Sunday showed that.

"We have gotten better with the physicality of the game," Martin said. "From the beginning of the year, that was something I thought we lacked. Today in the second half, I thought we took a little step backward, but we gotta understand, again, this is a physical game."

Delaware came into the weekend on a high note, beating College of Charleston on Friday night in Newark, 85-71. The Cougars were the last team to defeat the Hens, with a 68-66 win in Charleston on Jan. 26.

Sunday's first half started with Delaware winning the opening tip-off, but it was the Tigers who scored first. The first five minutes were low-scoring, with both teams missing close chances. Senior center Kelsey Buchanan scored the opening points for Delaware, but it was

Towson who held the early 8-4 lead.

The Hens exploded offensively after the first 30 second timeout, scoring 10 to the Tigers' 3 to grab an 18-11 lead.

Martin said the team discussed how to finish their shots and keep their stamina up at the first time out.

"I talked about our energy level and our lack of execution," she said. "We weren't screening offensively, we were kind of going through the motions, we weren't sealing when we needed to seal against the zone, we didn't move the ball, I thought we kept the ball on one side of the floor too much against the zone."

Despite the offense's early breakout, Delaware's defense, combined with an offensive cooldown, allowed Towson to get back in the game. However, the Hens responded well, scoring 12 fast break points in the first half and by the end of the it, Delaware had a 30-21 lead.

The second half was a mirror of the first, with the Hens possessing the ball at the start, but Towson scored first, off of a foul by Sophomore guard Courtni Green. Delaware would answer back quickly, with redshirt freshman guard Jodi Salyer scoring to open the Hens' second-half tally. A possession call gave the ball to the Tigers with 12:43 left in the half, but it did not seem to faze Delaware,



The Lady Hens beat Towson 52-43 Sunday at the Bob Carpenter Sports Center.

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who conserved their lead.

While the lead had fallen to six points, the Hens would re-extend it to nine after Green sank a three-pointer with 11 minutes left. The defense came alive, preventing Towson from getting shots off in the paint and outside the circle.

While Delaware got the lead up to 13 at one point, the Tigers were able to close it down to nine. However, the Hens were able to conserve the lead and hang on until the end.

Though Martin said she was happy with the win, she said she felt the team's inexperience with the collegiate game hindered them.

"I thought we lost some focus today and we didn't play well in the second half at all,"

she said. "This group has really taken great strides in the last two to three weeks, but today we showed a bit of our youth again and had a little letdown."

Though Towson beat the team on rebounds, 45-41, the Tigers only had three assists during the game. The Hens had seven fast break points in the second half in addition to the 12 in the first, while Towson had none. Buchanan scored 15 points in 38 minutes on the floor, while Green had 14 in the same amount of time.

Delaware's record is now 16-6 overall (8-3 CAA). Delaware plays at Drexel tonight at 7 p.m. The Dragons are now 12-11 overall (7-3 CAA) and beat the Hens 61-52 in their last meeting.

Buchanan said while Delaware has gotten tougher over the last few weeks, the team's endurance needs to improve for future games.

"I'm super proud of my team, I think we've improved a lot of every technique, especially rebounding," Buchanan said. "There's always something we can improve on, you can say our energy was just not up there. I think that is something we're still working on but we can get there."

Offensive onslaught earns Fairfield the win over Delaware



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Despite a promising start, UD Men's Lacrosse team was defeated 18-8 by Fairfield University.

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The Delaware men's lacrosse team got off to a promising start on Saturday afternoon at Delaware Stadium, as freshman Paul Major scored his first collegiate goal less than two minutes in to give the Hens the lead over Fairfield University.

It was all downhill from there. Delaware's defense gave up four straight goals to an explosive Stags offense, setting the tone for an 18-8 rout.

With snow swirling around the stadium for much of the afternoon, it became apparent early on the Hens' defense had no answer for the Stags' Eric Warden and Tristan Sperry, who scored five goals apiece in the win.

"Total disappointment," said head coach Bob Shillinglaw. "Defensively, we didn't play up to our capabilities."

Despite its defensive struggles, Delaware managed to keep the score close in the first quarter. After falling into a 4-1 hole, junior midfielder Brian Kormondy and senior attackman Dan Keane both scored for the Hens, pulling the team back within one. Fairfield scored

another shortly thereafter and took a 5-3 lead into the second quarter.

Though Major netted his second goal of the game, it was the only one Delaware would score during the quarter. The Hens then gave up three goals, which allowed the Stags to start pulling away.

"I thought we had been playing great defensively and if you had told me last week that we would have given up this many goals, I would have bet the house against it," Shillinglaw said.

Delaware's poor showing continued into the second. Fairfield, which is set to join the CAA next year, dominated the Hens' defense during the entire second half. Though freshman midfielder Jackson Finigan and senior midfielder Conor McRoy added a goal each in the third quarter, the Fairfield attack could not be stopped. Much like the weather, the score went from bad to worse.

After allowing 16 goals, sophomore goalkeeper Conor Peakes was replaced by senior Chris Herbert with 8:10 remaining in the fourth quarter but the game was too far out of reach. Keane scored a second goal for the Hens and junior midfielder Tom Holland added

another, his first career goal. Still, the team was outscored 10-4 in the second half and was unable to break down the Fairfield defense.

"We just couldn't get anything going offensively," Finnigan said.

Shillinglaw said the Hens did not play together as a team.

"No one helped each other out," he said.

Despite the performance, the coach did acknowledge a few standout individuals, such as junior midfielder Tyler Barbarich. Shillinglaw said despite starting slow, Barbarich dominated the faceoffs, winning 15 of 22, as well as adding an assist on Keane's second goal.

With the loss, Delaware drops to 1-2 on the season. The Hens will look to get back on track when they face Mount St. Mary's at Delaware Stadium Saturday.

Shillinglaw said he believes his team is much better than what it showed against the Stags.

"We're going to get better," he said.

COMMENTARY IT'S ABOUT TIME



PAUL TIERNEY

Nearly two weeks ago, the Delaware men's basketball team did what not even Elena Delle Donne could do during her illustrious college career. After the team erased a 20-point deficit and defeated the College of Charleston to remain unbeaten in CAA play, the students stormed the court at the Bob Carpenter Center for the first time in recent history.

It was a special moment to see students mob the players in celebration. It was a special moment to see senior guard Davon Usher, who had just scored 42 points the night after his grandmother passed away, hugged by total strangers as he walked off the court in tears.

For the first time in a long time, the students of this university actually cared about the outcome of a sporting event.

Last Wednesday, when the Hens took on James Madison, the student section was full. Students who arrived after tip-off had to find somewhere else to watch the game.

That's a far cry from just last semester, when having 20 kids left in the student section at the end of a home football game would have been considered above average.

For one reason or another, this year's men's basketball team has been able to do what no other Delaware team in recent history has accomplished. They've created a bond between themselves and the student body, one that not even the Delle Donne-led Lady Hens of last year could rival.

This season, the Hens are averaging 80.1 points per game and can put four guards on the floor who can score from anywhere on the court. Senior guard Devon Saddler is the new all-time leading scorer in program history, senior forward Carl Baptiste is among the most improved players in the CAA and with Jarvis Threatt and Marvin King-Davis suspended, Usher has developed into a pillar of consistency.

With four games left in the regular season, Delaware has a

stranglehold on first-place in the conference and barring a total collapse, the Hens will be the No. 1 seed in the CAA Tournament in Baltimore three weeks from now. On Feb. 26, the Hens will get two starters back in Threatt and King-Davis just in time to make a run at the program's first NCAA Tournament appearance since 1999.

Although the progress the student body has made so far in support of the men's basketball team has been monumental compared to years past, it shouldn't stop here. Filling the student section for a men's basketball home game is significant for Delaware but at schools around the nation that's been happening every game for decades. And it's not just at the perennial top-25 programs.

When Delaware traveled to Madison Square Garden to take on Bryant University earlier this season, Bryant had a student section of nearly 100 people travel to support their team. Bryant is located in Smithfield, R.I., 185 miles away from MSG. Delaware had a mere handful of fans there, despite our university being 50 miles closer to MSG than Bryant.

Moreover, at other CAA schools such as Drexel, JMU and Towson, student sections have been consistently full for years.

Perhaps Delaware is just catching up to its rivals in terms of student interest in athletics. Maybe the support the students have shown to this year's men's basketball team will reverberate into future seasons and spread to other sports.

Then again, maybe not. But regardless, progress has been made. And that's something we should hold onto, because nobody knows how long it'll last.

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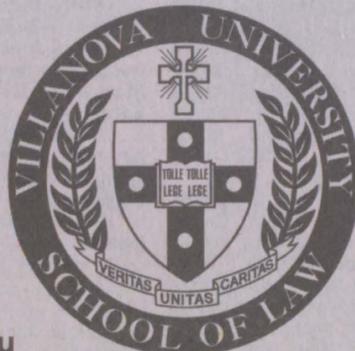
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