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## Officials express concerns over guns in city meetings

BY JAY PANANDIKER  
Social Media Chief

Traditionally at council meetings, city officials discuss zoning issues and city projects. Recently, however, controversy arose when a group of residents brought their legally owned weapons to city council meetings.

Councilman Mark Morehead, who represents Newark's first district, said this began after the city administration put forward a plan to raise money. He said the bill included a "Court Security Fee" which is designed to fund increased security at municipal buildings. He said part of the plan involved placing metal detectors at the entrance to city buildings.

Newark Mayor Polly Sierer said the bill was proposed in response to the recent shooting at the New Castle County Courthouse, and the security fee would be paid by those who had received tickets from the police. Sierer said the goal of the bill is not only to make the building safer for city employees but also to make it safer for citizens.

At a meeting in mid-January, one citizen attended with an open firearm, and in following meetings, as many as three people brought guns to voice their opinion, Morehead said. Sierer described the situation as difficult.

"It's a really tough situation, but we do normally have one or two police officers present," Sierer said. "Delaware is an open-carry state, and people have the right to bring their weapons into the building."

Tom Shellenberger, the public information officer for the Delaware State Sportsmen's Association (DSSA), the state affiliate of the National Rifle Association, said the citizens were not affiliated with the DSSA, and the DSSA did not advocate or support their actions. He said he was familiar with other similar situations occurring, particularly in the rural parts of Virginia, and while he was born in Delaware, he lived in Maine and realizes this is more common in other parts of the country than it is in Delaware. Shellenberger said he understands why people in Delaware may be uncomfortable



FILE PHOTO  
At a city council meeting last month, a citizen brought an open firearm, causing controversy amongst residents

with someone with an open-carry gun in a public space.

Councilman Stu Markham, who represents the city's sixth district, said the city is required to follow state laws regardless of personal opinions. However, he said he personally disagrees with the citizens who brought the weapons to the meeting.

"I believe there have

been issues in other states like Pennsylvania where a disgruntled resident killed three council members, so it's not a good thing, and it costs lives and disrupts government," Markham said.

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COURTESY OF SARAH SWANSON

Amnesty International, Repeal Delaware and Witness to Innocence promote abolition of the death penalty. In order to promote their ideals, the organizations brought two men who were wrongfully sentenced to the death penalty to campus.

## Death penalty exonerates advocate for abolition, call Delaware to action

BY ALISON WILSON  
News Assignment Editor

Two men once wrongfully sentenced to death for crimes they did not commit urged audience members to "stand up" to capital punishment in Delaware at a lecture last night in Kirkbride Hall.

"If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything," Kirk Bloodsworth said his mother repeatedly told him throughout his almost nine year incarceration.

Bloodsworth and Shujaa Graham, victims of the criminal justice system, embody this saying as they have dedicated their lives to lecturing on their own experiences with capital

punishment and advocating for its abolishment.

Last night they spoke about their experiences at a lecture sponsored by the university's amnesty international chapter. Bloodsworth was falsely incarcerated for rape and first-degree murder of 9-year-old Dawn Hamilton and spent two years on death row, he said. Similarly, Graham said he was falsely accused of murdering a prison guard and was sent to death row.

Both Bloodsworth and Graham have worked for over 20 years spreading awareness about the death penalty and working towards its eradication, state by state. A bill to eliminate the death penalty in Delaware

was introduced last year. It passed in the Senate and is currently sitting in the House to be addressed in March, said State Death Penalty Abolition Coordinator Abraham Bonowitz of Amnesty International USA.

In August of 1984, Bloodsworth "became the most hated man in Baltimore," he said, and people could no longer see past the first syllable of his last name.

Police officers arrived at his home where he was taken into custody before enduring a two-week trial that resulted in his incarceration at the Maryland Penitentiary.

Multiple eyewitnesses had identified him from a composite sketch as having been with

Hamilton on the day of her death earlier that summer, although he had an alibi, he said.

Hamilton had been playing hide and seek with her girlfriends on July 25 when she disappeared in nearby woods trying to find them. Later that day, her naked body was located face down in a pile of leaves, her skull crushed, Bloodsworth said.

"This was my life now," he said as he described the horrors of prison—the beatings, the heat, the cockroaches, the lack of blankets.

While for the most part he kept to himself, he befriended Blue, an inmate who had been been incarcerated 25 years prior to Bloodsworth's arrival. Blue was convinced that Bloodsworth would one day be exonerated and freed, but he must have known his own fate was much more bleak.

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## Professor calls letter supporting power plant 'contrived'

BY CADY ZUVICH  
Managing News Editor

Engineering professor Steven Dentel has several concerns regarding the natural gas power plant set to be constructed on the university's STAR Campus. His most recent concern is a letter written by the member of a voluntary group of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) endorsing the power plant's technology—a letter Dentel

believes to be contrived.

The letter, issued Feb. 7 to Michael Bednar, chief sustainability officer of the Data Centers LLC (TDC), claims TDC's use of combined heat and power for its 278MW natural-gas fired power plant will ultimately save 9,200 tons of CO2 a year compared to conventional, fossil-fired energy sources, equal to the electricity generate to power 128,000 homes in the United States. However, this calculation

is misleading, Dentel said, making the issuing of this letter "unfortunate."

"Obviously, [TDC] is struggling to portray itself as an environmental effort," Dentel said. "It's not."

The calculations in the letter, signed by Gary McNeil of the EPA's Combined Heat and Power Partnership, do not accurately reflect the energy mix from the local power grid, Dentel said. If the local energy mix were to be put

in, the numbers would look vastly different, Dentel said.

"If you plug in average fuel mix for this area—which is 30 percent nuclear—this number is reduced by 85 percent," Dentel said.

Dentel said unlike a permanent natural-gas fired power plant, the local power grid is fluid, and will adopt greener energy sources with time.

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# WORLDREVIEW



## 1 THREE SUSPECTED FORMER AUSCHWITZ GUARDS ARRESTED

Three men from Baden-Württemberg, Germany were arrested Wednesday amidst allegations they were former SS guards, and they are suspected of having participated in the mass murders at Auschwitz death camps.

German authorities raided the three men's homes after prosecutors investigating Nazi war crimes recommended charges against 30 people. The three men, ages 88, 92 and 94 underwent physical examinations, and a judge decided they were able to be held in the prison hospital.

Although raids were carried out at the homes of six men, the three elderly men were the only individuals arrested, as authorities said they lacked evidence to arrest the other three men. The detainees are thought to have served as SS guards at Auschwitz from 1942 to 1944 and various Nazi-related documents were retrieved from their homes.

While previously German authorities had only prosecuted individuals if the evidence demonstrated that the person had actively participated in the murders, in 2011 John Demjanjuk was arrested and deemed complicit in the mass murders for his role as a guard at the Sobibor camp. Though Demjanjuk died while his ruling was being appealed, the case established that all guards can be tried.

—Kelly Flynn  
Managing News Editor

## 2 PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE FLEES, DISMISSED BY PARLIAMENT

Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich fled the capital and was removed from power on Saturday by a unanimous vote in parliament as the riots in the country grew ever greater. The country's lawmakers quickly dismantled the remainder of his government, firing several cabinet members.

Speaker Oleksandr Turchynov has been named interim president of the Ukraine. Beyond this decision, parliament has not appointed any other interim leaders, although full elections have been set for May 25.

Despite no new appointments, foreign minister Leonid Kozhara and education minister Dmytro Tabachnyk were relieved of office, arrest warrants were issued for former incomes minister Oleksandr Klimenko and for prosecutor-general Viktor Pshonka. Parliament voted to seize Yanukovich's estate near Kiev.

Yanukovich officially stand down, and a warrant for his arrest was issued yesterday. He is last thought to be in Kharkiv after being seen traveling there Friday. Ukrainian officials say he was stopped by border police after attempting to board a private plane heading to Russia.

Yulia Tymoshenko, the former prime minister who was recently released from jail as a condition of the EU-Ukraine trade pact, was considered for an immediate major government role until she issued a statement on Saturday requesting not to be considered for the post.

—Rachel Taylor  
Copy Desk Chief

## 3 WINTER OLYMPICS COME TO A CLOSE

The 2014 Winter Olympic Games, held in Sochi, Russia, ended yesterday after 16 days. The Olympics, held in Russia for the first time since the 1980 Olympics—which the US boycotted—concluded with the gold medal hockey game, an event won by Canada.

Though the Olympics started on a rough note thanks to myriad technical problems (see all the unfinished toilets photos that were the rounds a few weeks ago) and controversy over Russia's recent anti-gay legislation, the events largely went smoothly.

The final medal count saw host Russia at the top with 33 medals (including 13 golds), the United States in second with 28 and Norway in third with 26. This year's Olympics had a total of 98 unique events, ranging from curling to ski jumping.

The Americans' total of 28 medals is down from their 37 at Vancouver four years ago, and the nation failed to medal in individual figure skating for the first time since 1936. Ice skaters Charlie White and Meryl Davis were the only Americans to win multiple medals this year.

The 2016 Summer Olympics will be held in Rio de Janeiro and the 2018 Winter Games will take place in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

—Matt Bittle  
Copy Desk Chief

## 4 EGYPTIAN PRIME MINISTER RESIGNS

Egypt's interim prime minister announced his resignation yesterday, according to reports by state-run Nile TV.

Prime Minister Hazem Beblawi, who began serving as prime minister in July when the military overthrew President Mohammed Morsi, gave no specific reason for him and his cabinet stepping down in his televised address, but he unexpectedly turned to Interim President Adly Mansour "in light of the current situation the country is going through."

The state-run Al Ahram news website reported the president asked Beblawi to continue running governmental affairs until a new prime minister is appointed. Mansour is reportedly expected to appoint a prime minister to assemble a cabinet in the transitional period until elections are held in April.

Analysts expect former defense minister and current army chief Abdel-Fattah El-Sisi will run for president. The Supreme Council of the Armed Forces has expressed its support of an El-Sisi candidacy. If he chooses to run, El-Sisi will have to give up his current post.

With no clear opponent for El-Sisi, analysts say his chances of winning are high. If elected, El-Sisi will be the sixth military leader to govern Egypt since it gained its independence in 1922.

—Cori Ilardi  
Copy Desk Chief

## 5 UGANDA DECLARES HOMOSEXUALITY ILLEGAL

A bill signed yesterday by the Ugandan prime minister is the harshest anti-gay legislation from the government yet, threatening those who engage in homosexual acts with life in prison.

Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni said he believes there is no genetic cause for homosexuality and Western culture is imposing homosexuality throughout Africa.

"[Gays] should rehabilitate themselves and society should assist them to do so," Museveni said after signing the bill.

Members of the international community have voiced their concern over Uganda's new law, with U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry calling today a "tragic day" for Uganda.

"Ultimately, the only answer is repeal of this law," Kerry said.

President Barack Obama stated the bill, which he termed "abhorrent," will complicate Ugandan-American relations.

The law punishes first-year offenders with up to 14 years to prison. Aggravated homosexuality—defined as repeated gay sex and acts involving a minor, a disabled person or where one partner is infected with HIV—could result in life imprisonment.

Museveni has called Western groups who oppose the law arrogant.

"We have been disappointed for a long time by the conduct of the West. There is now an attempt at social imperialism," Museveni said.

—Cady Zuvich  
Managing News Editor

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# Phi Sigma Kappa appeal rejected, group suspended from campus

BY MATT BUTLER  
Assignment News Editor

The Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity has been suspended on campus until the spring semester of 2018 for what the Student Conduct website terms "hazing policy violations." The fraternity joins nine other Greek organizations that have been suspended by the university.

Valencio Jackson, the national adviser for the chapter of PSK at the university, stated in an email message that while the national organization understands the decision by the university, they think the members of the chapter have handled the situation well.

"Of course no one in my organization, locally or nationally, is happy about suspension," Jackson said. "But we are content with the efforts made by the Chapter President in both his transparency and defense of his members."

Jackson said although he recognizes the reasoning behind the length of the suspension, he questions the necessity of such a long period of time. He said the suspension went into effect after a long appeal period, though that appeal was denied by the Appellate Board in January.

Craig Chatterton, the Chapter

President of Phi Sigma Kappa, said while his chapter's members are not pleased with the decision to suspend them, they are looking forward in order to provide a better experience for future members once the fraternity is reinstated.

"We were very saddened to receive the decision of the appellate board," Chatterton said. "However, we are excited, and we look forward to seeing our chapter come back to campus in four years."

As for whether or not the suspension would affect the national organization's handling of their other chapters, Jackson said the events that led to the suspension were not part of a chapter-sponsored activity. As a result, Jackson said he does not believe the events will have any effect on the national organization or the policies that they apply to their chapters.

Despite their support of Chatterton's efforts, according to Jackson, the national governing body of Phi Sigma Kappa has decided to suspend the chapter's charter, effectively closing the chapter. Jackson also said some members of the fraternity are going to continue to work with the national alumni office in order to ensure that when Phi Sigma Kappa comes back to campus in 2018, they have a stronger base

with which to work.

"I have met with the men, and they have all agreed to peaceably abide by the sanctions presented by the university," Jackson said. "Many of the men have formed friendships that began with their inclusion in PSK, and those relationships are going to grow and become bonds that may last a lifetime."

Chatterton said though the suspension forces the chapter to dissolve, the other aspects of the fraternity will live on.

"We were all best friends who would do anything for each other and still are," Chatterton said. "Due to the suspension, we cannot operate as a chapter or anything of that matter. However, we will all continue to be friends."

Adam Cantley, Assistant Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life, stated in an email message that his department supports the decision of the Office of Student Conduct, and he does not think that hazing is an issue on campus. Cantley also said Greek festivities on campus will continue unimpeded, including bid night events, big-little nights and Greek Week. The department will continue to educate students about the policies of the university and the law.

"We have a variety of programs and offerings every semester around



the topic," Cantley said. "Earlier this semester we had a representative from the Office of Student Conduct speak to chapter leaders at our retreat. Also, we will have the conversation

with all IFC new members on bid night. We will continue to educate our community about hazing with our campus partners."

# Women in engineering host 'Mini-College for Girls' to encourage STEM interest

BY ALISON WILSON  
News Assignment Editor

Friday's Engineering Mini-College for Girls was an outreach program geared toward sparking girls' interests in science- and math-based fields, said the university's National Engineers Week head planner, senior Claire McGinnis. McGinnis said the earlier girls are exposed to these kinds of disciplines, the more their brains will develop in that way.

"The idea is to build the pipeline," dean and professor of

engineering Tunde Ogunnaike said. "Get them while they're still young and they can be excited about things, and nobody has told them you're a girl, you can't do engineering."

The event was co-sponsored by the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) and the university's engineering sorority, Alpha Omega Epsilon, in conjunction with the board of E-Week. Senior Casey Siwinski, president of SWE, said she and many other of the volunteers realized that as children they had been encouraged to investigate engineering and so they want to give

girls this opportunity who are not exposed to it elsewhere.

Director of University of Delaware K-12 Engineering Melissa Jurist said she sent word to everyone on her contact list and expected girls from a variety of local elementary schools, although she initially targeted underserved areas.

"We need all voices at the table," Jurist said. "If we're designing only with a male perspective, we're not really designing for everyone."

Siwinski said she had heard of an invention suffering due to lack of gender diversity on the creation

team. A group of male engineers who had designed a car failed to develop the passenger seat belt correctly for children, resulting in many child deaths.

"The joke was that if a female had been on that team that wouldn't have happened because a woman would've thought 'my child is going toride in that car,'" Siwinski said. "It's good to have diversity in every field."

Girls from first to fourth grade learned about projectile motion by playing with the stomp-launcher rocket toy stationed by the buffet table. They engaged in controlled experiments, learned about polymers and worked with computer programming.

Bob Keeper, father of a 10-year-old daughter, said he brought his daughter to the event because she loves science, and he and his wife want to expose her to the vast opportunities available to her.

"We wanted her to have the experience," Keeper said. "I think for a long time people didn't think girls do so good in math and science and engineering... We don't want her to think she's limited to what she can do with her life."

Senior Ali Zimmerman, secretary of SWE and second vice president of Alpha Omega Epsilon, is majoring in civil engineering because she enjoys building things, a passion she has had for years. She said constructing something from start to finish is a great experience.

"Most girls grow up with the stereotype of playing with Barbies and not necessarily building with Legos like boys do," Zimmerman said.

Similarly, McGinnis said as a child, she was more focused on

building houses for her Barbies than she was on actually playing with them.

Despite the number of girls representing the college of engineering at the event, McGinnis said, the male to female ratio is still "really sad."

"We definitely feel it in our classes," McGinnis said.

However, Ogunnaike said, the College of Engineering has made progress since he began teaching here full time in 2002, though it is more apparent in some fields than in others. Biomedical and chemical engineering are doing well, he said, but electrical and civil engineering are still lagging behind.

When Ogunnaike spoke to the girls, he repeated the phrase, "Don't let the boys be the only ones that have the fun," to get them excited about science and math.

He talked about the iPhone technology that was developed here at the university to get them interested.

"If we catch them early, we have a better chance that they'll think about engineering when it comes time to pick a profession," Ogunnaike said.

On March 15, Alpha Omega Epsilon and SWE will be cosponsoring Engineering 101 for girls as well, but this event is geared toward high school juniors and seniors. Sticking with E-Week's theme of "Let's Make a Difference," the university's College of Engineering is attempting to get more girls interested in this field.

"I believe that we need women in engineering," Ogunnaike said. "We can't afford to leave half of the population on the sideline."



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Girls from first to fourth grade participate at Engineering Mini-College in the Center for Composite Materials, where they learned about computer programming.

# GRAHAM: 'I'M NOT JUST A SURVIVOR OF DEATH ROW, I'M A SURVIVOR OF TORTURE'

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Bloodsworth said one day Blue said he was getting out, and Blue was later found dead after he had shoved two pencils through his eye sockets, Bloodsworth said.

However, Blue must have sensed something was happening for Bloodsworth because soon after, Bloodsworth's case was overturned on prosecutor misconduct, he said. It seemed as if the prosecutor had ignored controversial evidence to win the case the first time around, but the novel information did not change the verdict, and Bloodsworth went back to prison, he said.

Appeal after appeal was denied, and at this point Bloodsworth was losing steam, but he was on the brink of what he called an "epiphany."

As a prison librarian, Bloodsworth had access to a plethora of books. He discovered Joseph Wambaugh's "The Blueing" and learned that DNA evidence could be used in courts

to prove a person's involvement in a case, he said. He contacted his lawyer thinking if someone could be convicted using this method then why couldn't it be used in reverse to prove someone's innocence?

So they pursued this avenue and were told the DNA evidence had been destroyed before it was located "in the judge's closet in a paper bag in a cardboard box sitting on the floor," he said. The evidence consisted of Hamilton's underwear with traces of semen.

During the time Bloodsworth awaited the results of the test, his mother died, and she never got to witness her son leave prison a free man. The test proved Bloodsworth's DNA did not match the semen, and in 1993 he became the first person in the United States to be proven innocent and released from prison by post conviction DNA testing, he said.

Authorities eventually convicted Kimberly Shay Ruffner who had been imprisoned for years in a cell one floor below Bloodsworth's for the murder of Hamilton.

Similarly, Graham was also convicted of a crime he did not commit. However, his incarceration was in the midst of racism and segregation. Graham was guilty of a robbery and was sent to prison at age 18, but he said jail time changed him.

After denouncing his past and gang activity, he joined the political movement spreading through the prison to fight racism, and he said he was targeted as a consequence. He was falsely accused of killing a guard, extending his time behind bars and ultimately landing him

on death row at age 21, he said.

While he has been a free man for 37 years, he still suffers and struggles with his past. He endured prison violence from the moment he was jailed, but the severity at death row was far greater than anything he had experienced before, he said.

"I'm not just a survivor of death row," Graham said. "I'm a survivor of torture."

However, Graham said he is still here because of two individuals—Cindy and Brian, white schoolchildren—who worked to help him find justice. They skipped school and went to an earlier of Graham's four trials and told him that they were going to get him out of prison.

"I didn't think much of it at the time, but they went out, started selling cookies, coffee, speaking at universities, churches and telling people about what happened to me," Graham said. "And they started raising money."

After his fourth trial, at age 31, Graham was finally exonerated and freed. He said at the time he was very angry, and his wife, Phyllis Prentice, who had been a nurse at the prison until she joined the movement full-time to free him, can attest to that. They are married with three children and five grandchildren.

Graham said he believes if he had been white instead of black he would not have had to endure one trial.

Bloodsworth and Graham have dedicated themselves to helping others who face death under the justice system. Bloodsworth founded the Kirk Bloodsworth Post Conviction DNA Testing Program to grant

money to states "to defray the cost of DNA testing," he said. To date, the federal grant program has aided about 15 prisoners. Graham and his wife serve on the board of directors of Witness to Innocence, one of the most renowned anti-death penalty organizations in the United States.

Graham said he made a promise to do the best he could to fight against the death penalty if he was ever released, and he has tried his hardest to keep that promise.

"I wish I could turn back the hands of time but I can't," he said. "And all I can do is try to make up for what I did as a young person and try to help other people. I can't bring my 11 years back, but I can make sure that what happened to me never happens to anyone else."

He urged the audience to find their vocation for social justice and to make Delaware a better state by repealing the death penalty.

"When you do this you're gonna make my life more precious," Graham said. "Make my sacrifice more worth it than I ever thought it would be."

Bonowitz said residents need to contact their representatives and express anti-death penalty feeling. Advocates can volunteer to help Amnesty International with phone banks to call registered voters to spread word about this issue, Bonowitz said, because we need to be sure other people who live here know about this.

"Fewer than one percent of the people who are eligible for the death penalty actually get it," Bonowitz said. "And when you look at that one percent, it's

the poor people who can't afford their own attorney. It's the people who kill in a county that can afford a death penalty trial. It's the people who kill white people, and more often than not, people who are people of color who kill white people."

Generally, most people who are educated on the issue of capital punishment prefer the alternative of life without the possibility of parole, Bonowitz said. When more people are made aware of this issue, it will no longer be a question of whether or not someone who committed murder deserves death.

Do we rape rapists? Do we rob robbers? These were questions Graham posed to the audience. Of course not, he said. He concluded that nor should we kill those who have killed.

Providing an education forum to talk about capital punishment was the intention of the university's chapter of Amnesty International when they decided to host the event in conjunction with the Delaware Repeal Project and Witness to Innocence.

Junior and President Amber Johnson of the university's chapter of Amnesty International said today's young people often think they cannot make an impact, but that is not the case.

"In truth, when we gather together and when we really rally, a lot of things can change."

And change is exactly what Bloodsworth and Graham hope for.

"Delaware, repeal the death penalty," Bloodsworth said. "Just get rid of it. Because if it happens to me and Shujaa, it can happen to anybody."

# Emira Woods lectures on present-day Africa

BY MATT BUTLER  
Assignment News Editor

Seven of the top ten fastest growing national economies are in Africa, a signal that the continent could soon have representation on the Security Council, said Emira Woods, co-director of Foreign Policy in Focus at the Institute of Policy Studies.

Center for Global and Area Studies at the university hosted its first Global Agenda lecture of the semester Wednesday in Mitchell Hall. The lecture, given by Woods, focused on Africa's current place in the world and where it will go in the future.

Woods spoke about the specific ways in which the United States and other world powers have brought countries in Africa to where they are now, and the many ways in which Africa can stake its claim among the world powers.

"Many people do not recognize that Africa is the cradle of humanity," Woods said.

The main theme of Woods' speech, however, was that young adults—college students included—have an opportunity to influence the course of the world around them. She said the Occupy Movement highlighted the abilities of young people to inspire and create change, particularly concerning wealth inequality.

"Growing inequality inflames all of the human family," Woods said. "But this is a hopeful time."

Woods said the movements for change started by young people in Africa is inspiring—a trend she hopes will continue. Young people using all of the creativity they have to make the world a better place is

a comforting site, she said. This is the time for young people to see their role in the changing of the world and to push it even farther, she said.

When asked about her thoughts on Barack Obama's presidency, Woods said that it has been a time filled with ups and downs, and it has showed her how much the president is restricted in what they are able to do.

"Obama's presidency has been a tough time," Woods said. "It has really showed me the limitations of the presidency."

As for the presence and influence of African Americans, she said there has been plenty of progress made, although there is much more room for change. Offices of African Affairs have begun to pop up in mayoral offices in some cities across America including Washington, D.C. African diaspora in United States has the power to change the agenda, from holding city council seats to the gaining power on the national scale.

Health care and education have become the focus, while military strength has taken a backseat in many developing countries in Africa, Woods said, which is the result of African women rising to power. She said the uneven ratio between men and women in politics is another inequality seen in society, she said.

"We hold up half the sky," Woods said. "That should be reflected in all legislative bodies throughout the world."

Freshman Jahmir Roy said he agreed with a lot of what Woods had to say in her speech, especially that humanitarian efforts are going



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Policy expert Emira Woods was the first speaker at the university's annual Global Agenda speaker series. Woods spoke on Africa's growing economies as well as racism still harbored in the United States.

to be key in the growth of African countries.

However, he said he disagreed that military development should take a secondary role, and if African countries want to be taken seriously as a world power, like China or the United States, they will need to build a strong, formidable army.

Roy also said he thinks the Global Agenda meetings are very helpful for students on campus who want to stay current on

major current events. Roy said he recently switched his major, and he began to come to the Global Agenda lectures as a way to expand his knowledge.

"For anyone who wants to be aware of things happening in the world, this is one of the best things the university offers," Roy said.

Sophomore Jake Calder said he believes the Global Agenda lectures are a valuable source for the university, and the series is a needed part of the extracurricular

activities. Global Agenda meetings can be inspirational for students who may not know what major they want to pick or what career they want to pursue, Calder said.

"When people like that come in and talk to us, it gives you a great feeling of what you can really do in life," Calder said. "There are so many avenues to take, and I like that we get to see some of the most successful people in each field right here on campus."

## HOFFMAN: 'THERE IS A WELL-DOCUMENTED DETRIMENTAL IMPACT ON THE HEALTH OF THOSE EXPOSED TO THESE POLLUTANTS AND THE RESULTING GROUND-LEVEL OZONE.'

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The data center and adjoining power plant has been subject of controversy since plans to construct the Wolf Technology Center on a 272-acre site were made public last fall. After a January decision officially approving the zoning of TDC, Newark resident and former state deputy attorney general Sherry Hoffman filed an appeal. In her appeal to the Board of Adjustment, Hoffman claims the power plant will have detrimental environmental and health effects on local parks and neighborhoods.

"The admitted release of these pollutants above acceptable thresholds clearly impairs the neighborhood," Hoffman wrote in her appeal. "There is a well-documented detrimental impact on the health of those exposed to these pollutants and the resulting ground-level ozone."

The power plant is expected to release up to 2,000 tons of CO2 per year, along with 81.3 tons of volatile organic compounds a year, according to TDC officials.

The Feb. 7 letter claims by using combined heat and power—which generates heat through gas turbines and is then converted into reusable steam—TDC is demonstrating "exceptional leadership in energy use, energy

management and environmental stewardship."

TDC is an official member of the EPA's CHP Partnership, along with other industry members. Bednar, the recipient of the letter, is listed as the representative for TDC on the CHP Partnership's website.

Bednar could not be reached for a comment.

"The CHP system is expected to enhance Delaware's energy infrastructure and enable TDC to provide essential energy and data services in the event of severe weather occurrences or other significant grid disruptions," McNeil stated in the letter.

One of the claims made by TDC officials at various community outreach meetings is that by not relying on the local power grid and operating in "island mode" with its own energy source, the data center will guarantee 100 percent uptime.

However, Dentel said the high voltage lines that run along the Eastern railroad are just as reliable, if not more reliable than gas turbines, and he questions who investors in TDC's \$1.1 billion project are.

"This is an assumption, but there is a surplus of natural gas," Dentel said. "The people who supply it want to make sure there is a market for it."

The high interest in natural gas by financial firms such as GE Capital causes Dentel to question TDC's motives for choosing natural gas as its energy source.

Engineering professor Thomas Schumacher also questioned the accuracy of the letter and urged caution to those reading the letter as it is not an official endorsement by the EPA. Dentel contended with Schumacher's point, but said he worries the letter could affect public opinion.

"It's not an endorsement by the EPA and certainly not an assessment of this project," Schumacher said.

Both Schumacher and Dentel said TDC's design is far from being green. Additionally, Dentel said though in the short-term more sustainable technology is expensive, university officials are not considering the incalculable cost of climate change.

Particularly, he said those charged with the development of TDC, including representatives from university Facilities and Real Estate are more concerned with keeping costs low rather than the long-term effects on the environment.

"That's their world," Dentel said. "And that's not green thinking."

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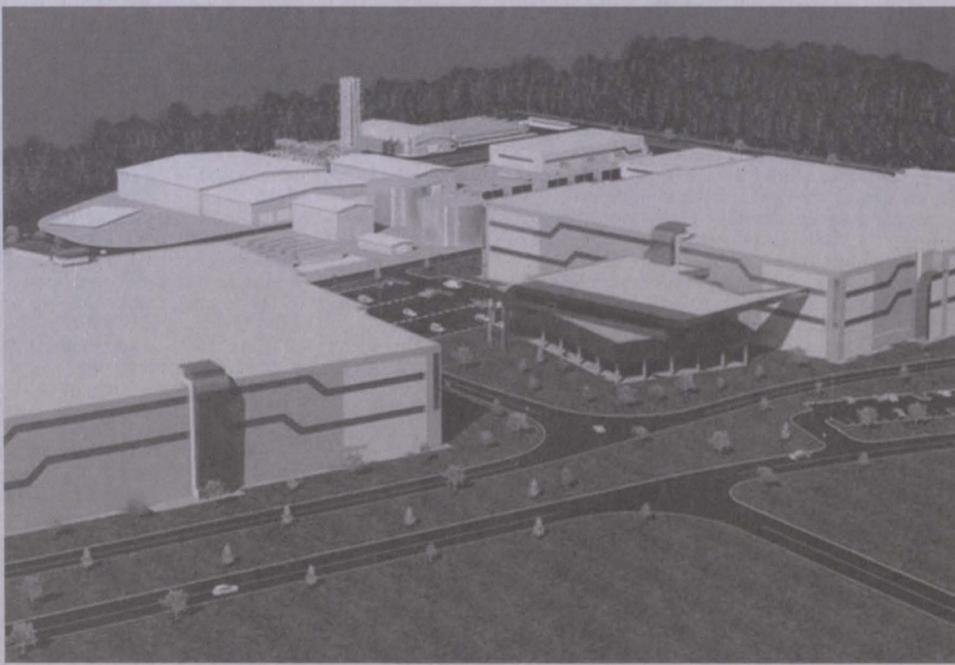


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# Delaware explores new testing options

BY ZAC CROCE  
Staff Reporter

Gone are the days of traditional standardized testing, where students spent the majority of the school day in one classroom with a number two pencil and a booklet full of questions. Beginning March 18, students in grades three through eight—along with eleventh graders enrolled in Delaware public schools—will join 23 other states and take the Smarter Balanced Field Test, a computer adaptive test that assesses students on their knowledge of the Common Core State Standards.

The biggest difference between Smarter Balanced and traditional standardized tests is the Smarter Balanced assessment is a computer adaptive test, according to its website. Similar to the GRE, the entry exam for many graduate school programs, the questions students are given will be based on their success on the previous section. If a student does well on the previous section, he or she will be given more difficult questions.

Smarter Balanced describes this as a way to garner an individualized record of what students do and do not know. However Bob Schaeffer, public education director for FairTest, the National Center for Fair and Open Testing, said he remains skeptical of the assessment as a whole.

“Putting a bad pencil and paper test onto a computer doesn’t mean it will magically transform itself into a good assessment,” Schaeffer said. “It will still only measure a narrow set of skills and the score will only measure a small slice of what the student knows or can do.”

The assessment will include an English language arts section and a Mathematics section. Total duration of the test is estimated at seven hours for grades three through five, seven hours and 30 minutes for grades six through eight and eight hours for high school juniors, according to the Smarter Balanced website. In addition to answering multiple-choice questions, students will be asked to complete several different items in the exam, which include selected response items, technology enhanced items, constructed-response items



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Education officials debate on whether the new statewide computer adaptive test will measure students’ abilities.

and performance tasks.

“It is a pilot test this year for this reason,” Schaeffer said. “An 8-hour exam is longer than the bar exam and that is what will be given to elementary and middle school kids.”

Schaeffer said a longer test can assess a wider range of knowledge and skills, but at the same time, it can tire out young children who are not accustomed to such extremely long testing hours. He said the Smarter Balanced Assessment will add to the testing overkill that is already present in schools. In eleventh grade, students are preparing for the SATs.

“Testing is not learning,” Schaeffer said. “It is not teaching. It takes time away from developing skills that kids need for college or the workforce. Adding test after test after test does not improve education quality.”

While a computer adaptive test sounds ideal, one problem that does not seem to have been considered is the digital divide. While Delaware schools are in a good position, having administered online standardized tests for the last few years via the Delaware Comprehensive Assessment System (DCAS), problems involving entire computer system in schools shutting have occurred.

Frederika Jenner, president of the Delaware State Educators Association, said she has encountered difficulty with these online exams.

“It is an absurd waste of resources,” Jenner said. “Ultimately, if you could manage this online testing without tying up your computer lab for days and days that would be desirable. But that will not happen for a long time.”

Jenner also alluded to the reality that many of her students do not have computer access or internet access at home, highlighting a concern from teachers that their students will be using a testing medium that they have not had much practice with.

“People talk about the digital divide and this is a very real one for our students,” Jenna said.

Furthermore, the results from the Field Test will be unusable in gauging where students are academically. 2014-2015 will mark the first year that public school curricula nationwide will be aligned with the Common Core State Standard, a national education initiative designed to establish a single set of standards that will ensure high school students are prepared for the coursework at two- and four-year institutions, according to the Common Core website. This means students will be tested on material they have not yet learned.

“Whenever you roll out a new test scores plunge because they [children] were used to the old test and the old material,” Schaeffer said.

Many states remain opposed to the Common Core Standards, viewing its implementation as an attempt at federal control of state school systems.

In contrast, Jenner said several educators described the Common Core Standards as very appealing, especially when children are move between states and school districts, with some teachers even describing the reading comprehension aspects of the Common Core as “the way they used to teach.” However many teachers and educators are cautious and want to ensure they have the curriculum right before its full implementation this coming September.

As recently as Feb. 19, Dennis Van Roekel, president of the National Education Association, wrote a statement calling for a course correction to the Common Core. And while the DSEA has not settled on a position, they are in conversation about how to move forward and support this, Jenner said.

“I know there will be a great deal of criticism from some parts of the community but the reality of the situation is you are putting students in a very difficult position when asking them to take a test on very challenging material that is presented in a way they have never seen,” Jenner said.

# POLITICS STRAIGHT NO CHASER: QUESTIONS SURROUND MID-YEAR ELECTIONS



Election Day in 2014.

Congress has substantially slowed President Obama’s agenda since the Republicans took control of the House of Representatives in 2011, while the Democrats maintained control of the Senate. However, that can all change with the 2014 mid-term elections.

The House is likely to remain in Republican control, barring a miracle for the Democrats, but the Senate is potentially up for grabs. There are 36 Senate seats available this year, with 21 held by Democrats and 15 held by Republicans. Many of the Democratic seats are in swing states that could be won by Republican opponents and some seats are open due to retiring senators. The outcome of the Senatorial elections has the potential to make President Obama a lame duck with two years remaining in his term.

Currently, there are 53 Democrats, 45 Republicans and two independents (who caucus with the Democrats) in the Senate. Many of the Democrats are facing uphill re-election fights for a number of reasons, such as the unpopularity of the President and the Affordable Care Act. There are enough Democratic seats in play, meaning that the Republicans could possibly retake the Senate for the first time since 2006.

A few of the closer races provide for interesting storylines. For example, former Senator Max Baucus’ confirmation as ambassador to China opened up a spot for Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR) took over the chairmanship, leaving the chairmanship for the Energy Committee open. Democrats then made Sen. Landrieu the Chairman of the Energy Committee in order to give her a potential advantage in her difficult reelection bid. That is not all. Montana’s governor then appointed Sen. Jon Walsh (D-MT) to replace Baucus in an attempt to give Walsh an incumbency advantage prior to

Second, there is Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) who is potentially facing a challenge from former Massachusetts senator Scott Brown. Iowa and Michigan are two states with long time Democratic Senators, Tom Harkin and Carl Levin. However, both chose not to run for reelection.

Both states are toss-ups now that the Democratic incumbents are retiring—this makes the seats easier for Republicans to win later this year.

There is the electoral possibility that after the election, the Senate will remain completely deadlocked at 50-50. In this event, the Democrats will still maintain control of the Senate since there is a Democratic Vice President, Joe Biden, one of the university’s most famous alumni. One of the few Constitutional obligations, the Vice President holds is casting a tie-breaking vote in the Senate, since he also acts as the President of the chamber.

Vice President Biden has yet to cast a tie-breaking vote, but a situation involving a tie will become much more likely in the event of a 50-50 Senate, giving him a greater degree of power.

Should the Senate fall to the Republicans in 2014 it is likely that almost anything and everything the President had planned will not come to pass. Talk of the 2016 presidential election is already in full swing, but it will for sure reach a fever pitch following the mid-term elections, especially if the Republicans win.

This election will be a major indicator of the country’s general attitude towards the President’s policies. Everyone eligible to vote in this election should vote, especially if they live in a toss-up state.

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# Neknomination videos go viral, turn fatal

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A new social media-fueled drinking game, called neknomination, neknominate or neck nomination, has swept through Europe during the last several weeks. Thought to have originated in Australia, according to a CNN report, the alcoholic game has spread quickly through the use of social media, primarily Facebook and YouTube. Five people have currently died as a result of participating in neknomination videos.

The game involves an individual posting a video of themselves performing some sort of high-intensity drinking stunt, then “nominating” one of their friends to outdo them. One of the most famous videos recorded an individual doing a keg stand out of a drained toilet. The game has taken on a life of its own, raising questions about whether or not Facebook should be limiting the spread of the videos.

Sophomore Logan Shim said he thinks the nek-nomination craze will die down sooner rather than later because people will not take these videos seriously enough to continue

to spread them. Shim said he has already seen the hype surrounding the game begin to die down in his home country of Trinidad. A few of his Facebook friends have participated, though he said none of the stunts have been over the top. He said one friend chugged a bottle of beer followed by a bottle of wine for five seconds each.

“It’s some serious peer pressure,” Shim said. “It’s not a big thing in Trinidad, because people wouldn’t take it seriously, unlike other people from other countries.”

John McNutt, a professor of public policy and expert of social media, said he believes social media plays a large role in the spread of anything like nek-nominations. However, he said the game will most likely not come to an end as a result of any attempts Facebook, YouTube or other social media outlets make to restrict it.

The only way the game will end, McNutt said, is if people simply start making the right decisions and decide not to participate. Other than that, people will always find a way to post and view the videos, regardless of the restrictions they may face

while doing so. “They’ll just put it up someplace else,” McNutt said. “It might slow some of it down, but there’s a saying in technology, ‘Information always finds the light.’ If Facebook does ban it, who is going to police that?”

Shim said he believes Facebook is not liable for the spread of the videos. Like McNutt, he thinks the game will fizzle out when people begin to realize the danger it can cause, and consciously choose to stop, effectively ending the game.

McNutt said he thinks another part of the problem, one that has not received attention so far, is the effect this could have on the participants’ futures. The permanent nature of the internet is hard to realize, McNutt said, and the lasting impact of something posted on the internet is something more teenagers and young adults need to consider when utilizing social media.

“If I did something embarrassing when I was in high school and college, nobody remembers,” McNutt said. “But if people put something up on the Internet, it never goes away. It is written in stone.”

McNutt also said there is a chance that this wave of nek-nomination videos could lead to more death-defying video trends in the future on social media, but that is not necessarily bound to happen.



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The nek-nomination pictured above involves doing a keg stand from a toilet bowl.

That pattern, too, comes down to decisions people make, McNutt said.

“Let’s say that Facebook restricts it,” McNutt said. “What’s to stop me from creating a website and charging people Bitcoins to put their video up? Banning the videos could actually make them more profitable. It all comes down to people’s decisions, just like everything else in life.”

Steve Christie, a senior, said he has seen some friends take part in nek-nominations, with most of them sharing their stunt via Snapchat, a social media mobile app that allows

viewers to send and receive pictures and short videos.

Christie also said he believes there will be a short time period where the videos will become popular across the United States, but that he hopes the videos do not get too crazy. He said he thinks social media definitely contributes to the spread of dangerous trends like these.

“I think it’s pretty dumb, I’ve heard about kids taking down anti-freeze and stuff like that,” Christie said. “It’s so easy with social media, you take a video and two seconds later all your friends can see it.”

# Marketing professor publishes study on mood and food choices

BY KATE JENKINS  
Staff Reporter

Amy Wilcoxon, nutrition counselor with Student Health Services, said students should think before they open the fridge.

“They should ask themselves, ‘Why am I opening the refrigerator?’” she said. “Is it because I’m hungry or is it because I’m stressed out? Most of our unhealthy eating is not purposeful. It’s, there’s a plate of cookies here, so I’m going to eat them.”

Meryl Gardner, associate professor of marketing, published a study on the relationship between mood and food choices on Jan. 25 in the Journal of Consumer Psychology that has since received attention from national and international publications, including Prevention, Men’s Health and Women’s Health. The study, “Better Moods for Better Eating? How Mood Influences Food Choice,” details the results of four experiments in which subjects were asked to rate their moods, then given a choice of foods. Subjects in good moods made healthier choices than those in bad moods, she said.

Gardner said her study builds on previous research, but also on her own behavior. She said she noticed herself making worse food choices when she was having a bad day. Afterwards, she said she would feel guilty and embarrassed.

“I see myself using food as my personal drug of choice,” Gardner said. “I’d have a rough day, and then I’d eat an entire box of cookies. And afterwards I’d say, ‘Why did I do that?’”

In her study, Gardner said subjects rated how they were feeling and were asked to focus on either the present or the future. The subjects were given M&Ms and raisins, Gardner said, and the researchers counted how many of each they ate. She said subjects who were asked to think about where they might be living in ten years, ate fewer M&Ms and more raisins—even if they were in a bad mood.

This finding surprised her, she said.

“I realized that thinking about the future could help us,” Gardner said. “When we’re in a bad mood, make choices that are better for us long-term.”

Wilcoxon said Gardner’s findings make sense.

“A lot of people use food to cope,” she said. “Studies show that food, especially junk food, activates dopamine, which is the pleasure chemical in the brain. So people will go for that to make themselves feel better.”

Wilcoxon said the stresses of college life—a new environment, busy schedules and lack of sleep—make students particularly prone to unhealthy eating habits. However, some people do not have this problem, she said.

“Not everybody is an emotional eater,” Wilcoxon said. “Some people are wired to eat when they’re under stress, and some aren’t.”

Gnanadesikan Somasundaram said he is one of those people. A freshman environmental engineering major, Somasundaram said he does not eat when he is in a bad mood.

“I’m usually the opposite,” Somasundaram said. “If I’m upset, I don’t eat, I skip meals.”

Somasundaram said he is a vegetarian, so his food options are often restricted, causing him to skip a meal and eat something that fits his diet later on.

Cristina Sulzer, a freshman with an athletic training interest,



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Rachel Coyne enjoying pizza and ice cream at her home in Newark, Del.

said for the most part, her mood and stress level do not affect what she eats. Occasionally, she said she does eat emotionally.

“If I’m really stressed, I’ll have a treat, order a pizza or something,” Sulzer said. “I feel better for a little bit. Then I’m like, I have to go to the gym.”

Gardner said people are too hard on themselves when they make unhealthy food choices.

“We tend to beat ourselves up,” she said. “We make these choices, then we go, Why am I doing something I know is so stupid? But it’s natural, and it’s normal, and it’s controllable.”

The takeaway from her research, Gardner said, is to think about innocuous things—not stressful things—in the future.

“The future tends to be more ‘why’ oriented,” Gardner said. “Present thinking is all about the ‘how.’”

When people are in the

grocery store, Gardner said they should ask themselves ‘why’ they are buying a particular food.

Wilcoxon echoes Gardner’s advice. Students can help themselves make better choices by being aware of what they’re eating, she said.

Students should find alternate ways to make themselves feel better besides eating, Wilcoxon said. Exercise and sleep are important, as is eating a balanced diet.

Somasundaram said he never feels guilty about what he eats. He has a naturally fast metabolism and has never had to worry much about his weight, he said. He also plays basketball and flag football.

Besides, he said, being a vegetarian already eliminates a lot of unhealthy choices.

“You only have one life,” Somasundaram said. “Just enjoy it while you can.”

Sulzer said she agrees.

“Everyone needs to indulge sometimes,” she said. “Not giving yourself that indulgence puts you in a worse mood. Some emotional eating is OK, as long as you have it under control.”

Gardner said her studies prove that people are capable of conquering emotional eating.

“Just take a little step back and see the bigger picture,” Gardner said. “Recognize what you’re doing and know that you can think more long-term.”

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## SHELLENBERGER: 'A SIGN ON THE DOOR ISN'T GOING TO STOP ANYBODY'

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Currently, the Delaware State Code prohibits municipalities from passing laws regarding the possession of firearms. According to Section 111 of the code, known as the preemption statute, "A municipal charter may not be amended to prohibit, restrict or license ownership, transfer, possession or transportation of firearms or components of firearms or ammunition, except that the discharge of a firearm may be regulated." Morehead said the city ordinance cannot overrule a state law.

"In Delaware, municipalities cannot legislate, and we follow state law," Morehead said. "His point was why do you want a metal detector when it's perfectly legal [to carry a gun]?"

However, the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that laws forbidding the carrying of firearms in "sensitive places such as schools and government buildings" are not unconstitutional. This ruling has been applied in places such as the Louis L. Redding Municipal Building and the New Castle County Courthouse in Wilmington.

Shellenberger said he believed a citywide ordinance regarding firearm carry and use would violate the preemption statute. However, he said he is not opposed to the city government prohibiting firearms during their meetings through a rule, similar to how cell phone use is prohibited. Shellenberger said the difference is subtle but present.

"That rule-making authority

is perfectly legitimate," Shellenberger said. "I don't think the Delaware Supreme Court would have a problem with that."

Shellenberger said the position of the DSSA is for regulations involving guns to be statewide so licensed gun owners do not have to worry about differences in the law when traveling from city to city. From a tactical standpoint, he said he disagrees with the citizens who brought the guns to the meeting, but he does understand their opinion.

"To my understanding, their belief is that if you don't exercise your rights, you lose them," he said.

Sierer disagrees with the tactics of the citizens as well, she said.

"My personal opinion is that it's unnecessary to bring a weapon to a council meeting," Sierer said. "Sometimes meetings can get heated and emotional, especially during the public forum session."

If the citizens were attempting to intimidate council, their attempts were unsuccessful, she said.

"The meetings are open to all in the community, and that's not the way for city council and the citizens to do business together," she said. "It's a sad event for the city of Newark. Working together doesn't work when people are intimidating each other."

Her opinion will not be swayed, she said.

Morehead spoke about the importance of striking a balance because people disagree on the issue. While he was not afraid when there was a gun in the

room, he said he understands why others may be concerned. People in the room reacted differently to the presence of guns, he said.

Council is reviewing the Delaware Code regarding the legality of city gun ordinances, Morehead said. He said the council requested a ruling from the state Attorney General, but they declined because it was a municipal issue and not a state issue. However, he said the Attorney General did leave the door open to help the city with research.

Markham said he agreed

against unnecessary "gun-free zones" in places such as parks. He said he believes these zones are useless because they are unenforced.

"A sign on the door isn't going to stop anybody," Shellenberger said. "They don't give a damn about breaking the law if they are on their way to kill people."

He did agree with the Supreme Court decision and said if buildings such as courthouses and city buildings are enforced by police it creates a "level playing field." He specifically

Morehead said. "Whether or not it was wise is another question."

Markham did notice some residents were concerned, he said.

"We have gotten letters, and I know one person left the room when she saw the gun," Markham said.

The meeting was particularly tense when one citizen who was armed started speaking loudly to city council during the public forum, he said.

"Council always tries to remain calm, cool and collected," he said. "I think Council has been very professional."

The meeting was heated when the guns were present, due to an unrelated issue, Sierer. When residents noticed the guns present, some left because they felt uncomfortable, she said.

However, she said she didn't notice that the residents who remained in the room were fearful. She added that while she is all for open carry laws she believes that citizens must be responsible, and potentially heated city council meetings are not the places for guns.

Morehead said the bill that initially sparked the controversy is being rethought and reviewed. He added that while the finance portion of the bill has passed the city administration is working with the state Attorney General to address implementation.

Morehead said while there have been several letters from those in favor of gun control in the wake of the meeting, there was no specific person representing pro-gun control groups.

Morehead said he believes there isn't a simple answer.

"I'm not a gun enthusiast and wasn't brought up with guns, but by the same token, I understand that there are some people who were brought up with guns, so I think this is a bigger issue for society," he said.

**"It's a sad event for the city of Newark. Working together doesn't work when people are intimidating each other."**

-POLLY SIERER  
NEWARK MAYOR

with the police department's argument.

"The police argument is that in a room if the police have guns and the bad guys have guns, it's clear who the bad guys are," he said. "If they are in a room and multiple people have guns, they don't know who the bad guy is."

Shellenberger likened gun-ownership to a crosswalk on Main Street. Pedestrians do not question the fact that a driver could accelerate when they have a walk signal, he said.

"You and everyone else probably interacts with someone with a concealed weapon all the time," he said. "They don't do anything to you because they are good citizens, and they are not going to shoot you just because they can."

Shellenberger added he is

cited a shooting at the New Castle County Courthouse where there were Capitol Police present to handle the situation. However, Shellenberger said he does not want cities to consider all public spaces a sensitive area.

"I don't want a wall around and metal detectors in our parks," he said. "I think it would be a problem if they said no one could have a gun within a city park or that city limits and is restricted sensitive area."

Morehead said there was a mixed reaction in the room when the guns were present. He said while those who were uncomfortable with guns were uncomfortable, those who were more accustomed to guns were more comfortable.

"It was extremely effective at showing the bill was flawed,"

# EDITORIAL

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## Letter to the Editor: About the power plant

Last week's Review column by "The Environmental Contrarian," Yosef Shirazi, dismissed opponents of the proposed Newark Power Plant as naïve idealists who ignore practical considerations. In fact, we are insisting that the people pushing this ill-conceived project provide specific answers to realistic questions.

First, why should this source of noise pollution and air pollution be situated so close to hundreds of homes, several daycare centers, and two elementary schools—as well as UD's College of Health Sciences, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and major sports facilities?

To generate its 279 megawatts, the plant's turbines would run 24 hours a day, every day, radically increasing noise levels in nearby neighborhoods and work sites. Even worse: the project's sponsor, TDC, admits that the plant would create close to 900,000 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> a year. Although TDC is a startup company with no track record, it claims that it can "capture" much of the CO<sub>2</sub>—anywhere from 45 to 90 percent. Even if the dubious higher figure proved true, it would mean that yearly emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> from university property would increase by over 80,000

metric tons.

Five years ago, when UD published a Climate Action Plan, its direct CO<sub>2</sub> emissions were about 40,000 metric tons a year—and so the power plant, by the most optimistic estimate, would triple that burden on the environment. I urge members of this community to download the Action Plan (<http://www.udel.edu/sustainability/footprint/index.html>), and to note the dedication of UD scientists to reducing even indirect carbon emissions by suggesting practical steps toward energy efficiency and by promoting an ethic of shared responsibility.

When the report was released on Earth Day 2009, our university signed on to the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment, promising community leadership. Today, if that rhetoric is measured against the reality of the power plant, UD's "Path to Prominence" looks more like the "Boulevard to Bullshit."

The proposed plant would require 21 miles of new pipeline—12 coming from Parkersburg, PA, and 9 from Hockessin—for the high-pressure transmission of fracked natural gas, and those lines would necessarily traverse neighborhoods, railroads,

and White Clay Creek. TDC also estimates that the plant would use about one billion gallons of water a year, which would be continuously released over Newark, through giant smokestacks with a cooling tower, as "harmless" vapor. Yet TDC's air permit application asked for approval to emit as much as 90 tons a year of carbon monoxide, 80 tons of nitrogen oxides, 80 tons of ammonia, 80 tons of "volatile organic matter" (some of them carcinogenic), and 9 tons of sulfuric acid mist, along with 110 tons of soot.

Another kind of cloud over Newark is already here because of the way that the plant project has moved forward. TDC's initial application to the city was misleading in its description of a data center with some accessory power generation—instead of an energy business with a data center in front—and the brute details of the project became public only through invocation of the Freedom of Information Act. Then Newark's mayoral election was influenced by a last-minute blitz of \$45,000 in ads from a mysterious PAC affiliated with Delaware Jobs Now, whose website includes no names, and no other goal than the power plant. A Campaign Finance form (required by law) reveals that the PAC's

funding came ultimately from Delawareans for Environmental and Economic Development, a business group whose founding board members include UD's director of real estate, Andrew Lubin, who is responsible for the development of the STAR campus.

I've lived in this community for over four decades, and the power plant is the most regressive and mercenary proposal I've seen in all that time. Frankly, I doubt that it would even be on the table if the people pulling strings to make it happen actually lived in Newark.

Even though students may reside in town for just a few years, they should care deeply about these threats to the environment—the political environment as well as the physical one. At issue is nothing less than the transparency of decision-making regarding quality of life. For more information, visit the website [www.nonewarkpowerplant.org/](http://www.nonewarkpowerplant.org/) or attend a community meeting this Tuesday evening, the 25th, at the Unitarian Center, 420 Willa Road, at 6:00 p.m.

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## Say no to neknominate

For many children, Truth or Dare? is an innocent game played to pass the time at recess or the bus ride home. "I dare you to eat three cupcakes." "Oh yeah? I double dog dare you to dance in front of the class." However, for college students dares are taking the form of an online drinking game known as neknominate, and the consequences can be deadly.

The game raises questions about the drinking patterns of the those around college age. In a world where students favor excess, companies are tailoring to the demographic. MillerCoors has released Miller Fortune, which has more alcohol by volume, hoping to cash in on the binge drinking habits of college students.

Neknominate, simply put, is dangerous and irresponsible. Binge drinking helps no one. All those who participate in such activities do is risk their lives and create a bad reputation for alcohol. Students should exercise caution when drinking and say no to any activities that makes them uncomfortable. Peer pressure is as real in college as it was in middle school, but the stakes are often much higher. Neknominate is a game with no winners. Considering the tragic and occasionally fatal consequences, we need to finally declare "game over."

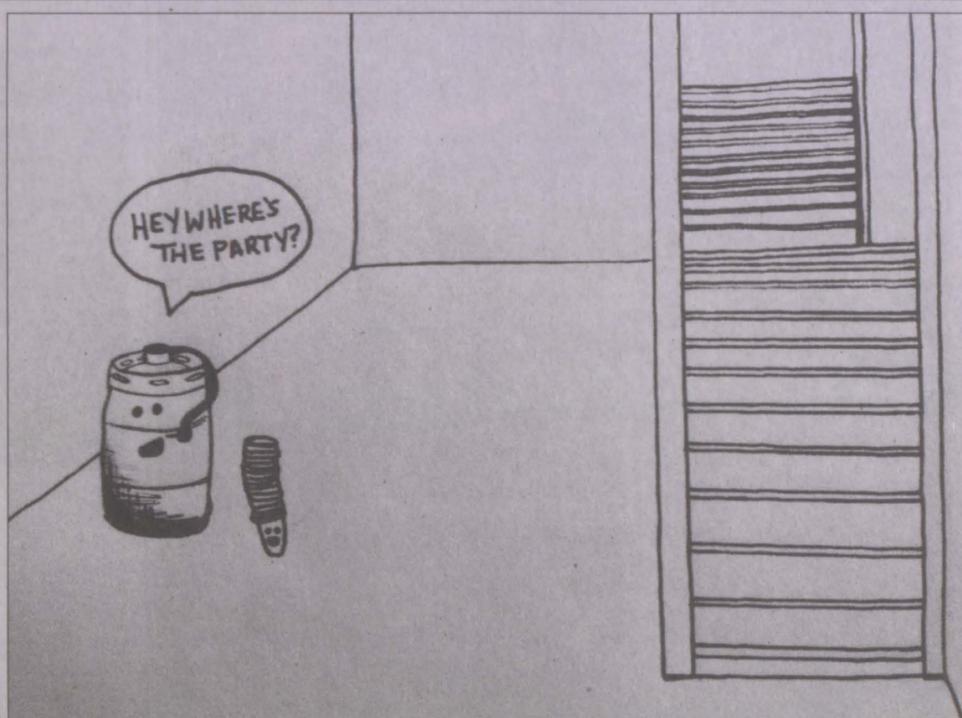
## Law should prohibit guns in local government

Last week, several gun owners brought firearms to a Newark City Council meeting to demonstrate support for the state's gun law, which allows residents to openly carry a firearm in public. Gun owners are prohibited from bringing firearms into courthouses as well as state or federal buildings, but the law becomes muddled at the municipal level. Considering the highly-charged nature of some issues at meetings, many people are questioning the practice of open carry in municipal buildings.

Newark officials have proposed tightening security in public places. However, intensive screening processes raise the issue of privacy and are often bogged down by red tape, as officials are unclear on which screening tactics are legal. Some gun advocates have cited self-defense as a reason to carry, yet armed officers are present at Council meetings to ensure the safety of both city officials and residents.

Open carry laws have also received criticism from private businesses as well as local government. Last September, Starbucks wrote an open letter in the New York Times requesting that customers refrain from bringing firearms into their stores or open seating areas.

Gun advocates at the city council meeting argued that their right to carry guns protects the community's citizens. However, this right also makes many citizens uncomfortable, and since police officers are already present at the public meetings, there is no need to carry deadly weapons. There are more effective ways express support for Delaware's open carry laws, ones that do not make people feel unsafe or scared. Demonstrators should be sensitive to the feelings of local residents, especially in a world where the wounds of mass shootings are still fresh.



"Why waste time playing dangerous drinking games on the internet?"

THE REVIEW/EMILY DIMAIO



TOP: Fans at the basketball game, Sunday Feb. 23, Kirk Smith.



LEFT: basketball game, Sunday Feb. 23, Krik Smith.

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## Students chip away at internship glass ceiling

BY JAGODA DUL  
News Assignment Editor

Gender equality is no longer the only glass ceiling the millennial generation is battling. Matthew Brink, director of Career Services director, says it seems as though this generation is struggling to make the transition from unpaid internships to paid employment.

Elizabeth Penczak, a senior English and women's studies double major, says she remembers feeling happy and relieved when she landed an internship with Seventeen Magazine in New York City this past winter session.

"It was a great experience, but frustrating in terms of finances because of how much money I lost commuting from New Jersey, my hometown, to New York City," Penczak says.

In addition to lamenting the loss of around \$600 spent on transportation during the months of December and January, Penczak says she noticed that despite being told she would be working from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., she never got home earlier than 9:30 p.m.

Illyssa Pastolove, a junior

public policy major, says she is currently in the application process for an internship with the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control.

"I worked to get a spot to interview with this organization through networking," Pastolove says. "I became close with the professor who I studied abroad with and her husband used to work at Den-Rec."

Brink says he believes this glass ceiling is affecting some graduating seniors more than others based on their chosen career industries and how the recession has impacted them.

The issue is not with the majors that students are choosing, but with job recovery after the recession of 2008, Brink says. The job market recovered within 18 months during the recession of 1987, while today the economy is still lagging five years later, he says.

"Employers are being cautious with expanding hiring as assertively as they had in the past mostly due to the bailouts many companies faced following the recession of 2008," Brink says. Despite this widespread

panic among many companies and organizations, Brink says students are mostly sticking with the majors they chose. Instead, they are adding majors and minors to diversify their academic background to increase what they can offer to the job market, Brink says.

Students such as Penczak say they are in consensus with this trend that has been observed over the past five to six years. She says she knows her major is right for her and being able to write is a skill that will take her far in any field.

"My professors even joke that my major is not as promising as others," Penczak says.

Pastolove says she is more worried about her future because she is not 100 percent sure what she wants to do with her degree, rather than what kind of jobs are out there. She says she hopes to transform her passion of marine biology into a career.

Brink says if he could offer some advice to any university student looking to expand their horizons with an internship, it would be to fulfill the minimum obligations of the internship and always ask if there is something



COURTESY OF ELIZABETH PENCZAK  
Senior Elizabeth Penczak interned at Seventeen Magazine in NYC during winter session.

else to be done.

"There is a bit of art and science on how to succeed in turning an internship into a job,

but when it's done well you can build connections throughout the organization and solidify your future," Brink says.

## Girl Scouts cookies come to campus



COURTESY OF JENNIFER ACORD  
Girl Scouts selling cookies to raise money for their troop in order to go on a trip.

BY KELSEY WENTLING  
Mosaic Assignment Editor

As their oft-adored cookies make their way to the university's campus, Girl Scouts brave the cold to set up shop on Main Street. Since the second Saturday of January, Girl Scouts have been selling cookies in order to raise funds for their troops.

Michelle Passwaters, director of sales for the Chesapeake Bay Girl Scouts, says the organization

sells a large number of cookies. Among students and residents in the area, Thin Mints are the most popular cookie, followed by Samoas, she says.

"We see an influx of UD students, especially in our store where you can get cookies here," Passwaters says. "The girls get very excited to be on Main Street."

Girl Scouts was founded in 1912 and began selling cookies five years later, she says.

"Well, for the first troops

there was one variety of cookie, it was a shortbread cookie, and they baked the cookies themselves," Passwaters says. "And as the years passed, they became licensed bakers, and those skills definitely came out more of what the girls were learning."

Passwaters says what started off as a fundraiser has taught many Girl Scouts skills that outweigh the monetary benefits of selling cookies.

For students looking to get their hands on some cookies this winter, Girl Scouts are selling cookies in several locations on Main Street, including outside of Barnes and Noble as well as Grottos, Passwaters says.

Additionally, an app called Cookie Finder uses location to determine where the nearest Girl Scout cookies are available, CEO of Chesapeake Bay Girl Scouts Anne Hogan says.

Hogan has been a Girl Scout since she was seven years old. Since then, she has worked her way up to become CEO in the area, overseeing all of the facilities in the entire Delmarva Peninsula, she says.

Girl Scouts is a nonprofit organization and is the primary girl-oriented leadership development organization across the globe, Hogan says.

"It's the largest girl-led entrepreneurial program in the world," Hogan says.

Last year alone, scouts sold \$720 million worth of cookies

nation-wide, Hogan says. The Chesapeake Bay Girl Scouts, which includes about 14,000 Girl Scouts and adults with about 8,000 scouts selling cookies, aims to sell one million boxes in the Delmarva this winter, Hogan says.

Sophomore Jennifer Schoenstein first joined Girl Scouts in kindergarten as a Brownie and spent 11 years with the organization. Schoenstein went on to earn the highest award, the Gold Award, as a junior in high school, she says.

"One of the things I learned a lot about was leadership," Schoenstein says. "I was also a counselor at a Girl Scout summer camp for two years so that helped with leadership."

Schoenstein also says that through selling cookies she was able to learn more about communication by being forced to talk with customers.

"Girl Scouting is all about leadership and teaching leadership at every level, and each level we have books that are called, 'Journeys' and each girl goes through a journey that is appropriate at their level," Hogan says.

Passwaters says through the Girl Scout Cookie Program, Girl Scouts learn five specific skills. Through selling goods and collecting funds, Girl Scouts learn decision-making, money management, goal setting, business ethics and people skills, Passwaters says.

Hogan says along with these skills, Girl Scouts employ communication techniques as well as with social media and marketing skills to optimize their sales. These skills have become increasingly important, Hogan says.

As a Girl Scout, Schoenstein says she remembers selling approximately 125 boxes of cookies in one winter.

Of the sales, 25 percent stays within the troop, 25 percent goes to the baker and 50 percent stays in the council office, Passwaters says. Troops set two goals—a fun goal such as a trip and also a service goal—to accomplish with cookie sales, Passwaters says.

Hogan says that once the scouts have collected the money from cookie sales, the troop must communicate with each other in order to manage their funds.

"They have to make decisions on how to use that money," Hogan says. "They work as a group and have to negotiate with each other to decide what's the best thing to do."

Schoenstein says when she and her friends saw Girl Scouts selling cookies on Main Street they got really excited.

"Being on a college campus you're kind of isolated from younger kids in our neighborhood, so I think it's good that they sell them on Main Street so everyone can have their delicious Girl Scout Cookies," Schoenstein says.

## University freshman's Facebook page provides weather forecasts for over 10,000

BY KELSEY WENTLING  
Mosaic Assignment Editor

Two years ago, as 22-year-old Hunter Outten chased a storm through Pennsylvania, he stepped outside of his car and saw a tornado developing right in front of him. Outten was less than 300 feet away from the tornado, he says.

"I didn't know it until I had seen a wind shift from completely opposite directions, and then my ears popped, which is usually a good indication that there's an extreme pressure fall because that's usually what has been studied inside of tornadoes—an extreme pressure drop—and that's what gave me the signs right away," Outten says.

Outten says he remembers not being able to see more than 100 feet ahead of him due to extreme rain and wind.

A self-proclaimed daredevil and meteorology enthusiast, Outten first developed a passion for meteorology at the age of five and says he has been chasing storms for the past five years. Outten's grandfather played a large role in Outten's first interest in meteorology, Outten says.

"He would always have the weather on in the morning before I would go to school, and he would always explain to me about what was going on," Outten says. "I just caught on with it and just went with it. It's been a huge passion since then."

Outten now works with

Accuweather.com for the astronomy sector and does long-range forecasting. Additionally, Outten works with university freshman Alex Seymore to monitor weather patterns and forecast for Seymore's Facebook page, Delmar Weather.

Similar to Outten, Seymore says his passion for meteorology started at an early age, when he was four years old, and has grown ever since.

As Seymore's interest in meteorology developed, he says he found people would often stop him in the street or in hallways to ask for the latest weather update. That is what inspired him to make the Delmar Weather Facebook page in January 2010, he says.

"When I started it, I really focused around southern Delaware and the eastern shore of Maryland, but through the years I've been trying to grow it out and get the forecast to everyone," Seymore says.

Seymore and his team use a combination of their own equipment and online computer models to track weather patterns, Seymore says. He says the models are derived from mathematical formulas and give him an idea of what will happen, but he also must be able to recognize the patterns and go off of his previous knowledge.

Outten, who frequently posts for Delmar Weather, says the goal is to provide the most accurate forecast possible.

"The Delmarva has always been named one of the most dynamic and most difficult places to forecast in the United States because of our location because we have so many different factors," Outten says. "We've gone through a lot of study to get to a pretty good census about what's going to happen in the future."

After completing graduate school at the university, Kevin Brinson, assistant state climatologist, went to work on the Delaware Environmental Observing System, which works hand-in-hand with the university to track weather in the area.

Brinson says the university's graduate program is a great one to take part in for those interested in atmospheric sciences.

"It's not just, 'I've got project X, Y and Z and do X the following way... It's a bit more open and it's a good system," Brinson says. "In terms of a good, solid, really excellent understanding of meteorology and atmospheric science, the courses that are offered here are great."

Seymore is now majoring in environmental science at the university and intends to concentrate in atmospheric sciences.

Seymore's page, Delmar Weather, has grown in popularity and now has 10,433 likes on Facebook.

"I'm really surprised about it," Seymore says. "When I first started, I thought I would get a couple hundred likes. I never thought I would get



ONLINE SCREEN SHOT  
Seymore's Facebook page, Delmar Weather, has garnered nearly 10,500 likes.

10,000—I never thought I'd even get 1,000 likes."

Seymore attributes his success to a group of dedicated fans. He says his fans help him by sharing posts and the page grows through their support.

Recently, Delmar Weather has been tracking storms that hit the area. Outten credits this winter's extreme cold to where the Jetstream has been set up for most of the winter. A trough over the eastern U.S. has not only kept Canadian cold air in place, but has also taken the Arctic air away from the north most regions, placing it into the eastern United States and resulting in extremely cold temperatures, says Outten.

"Large pieces of the polar vortex break down and send in cold

air along the Jetstream," Seymore says. "The storm we had a few days ago was because finally the Jetstream was bringing cold air and combining with moisture coming up from the Gulf of Mexico."

The polar vortex, Seymore says, is an area of fresh air that is normally over the Arctic where the cold air is, and it is found in the upper atmosphere. When the polar vortex drops down, the temperature of the lower atmosphere cools and chills the area, Seymore says.

Unfortunately for those tired of the snow and ice, neither Seymore nor Outten are predicting consistently warm weather anytime soon. Seymore and Outten both report the temperatures will stay cold until around mid-March.

# UD alum explores the coming of age of technology with sci-fi thrillers



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Author Daniel Suarez discusses combining his interest in writing and technology to write science fiction thrillers.

BY NICOLE RODRIGUEZ  
Mosaic Assignment Editor

University alum Daniel Suarez graduated in 1987 with a degree in English and aspirations to become a novelist. After graduating, his career path swayed to working with computers, where he created a company that focused on developing databases. That's where his interest in technology was spurred, especially when he realized the public knows very little about the potential challenges and effects it can have on every aspect of our life. Nevertheless, Suarez continued pursuing his writing career, where he combined his two interests to write technology-based sci-fi thrillers that are not only known

in the United States but internationally as well. Suarez's most recent novel, "Influx," was released Thursday.

**Nicole Rodriguez:** What motivated you to write "Influx?"

**Daniel Suarez:** "Influx" was my reaction to a growing secrecy in our society. People seem to think that modern society is more open and transparent than ever, but recent revelations about surveillance showed that the public had very little idea how technology was used to wield power. Now, I could write an essay about that, but I think a sci-fi thriller can still explore serious issues—and more importantly, a lot more people will read it.

**NR:** How did your time at UD influence your career?

**DS:** UD influenced my writing career in an unexpected way. I was an English major as an undergrad, and I was intent on becoming a novelist. Convinced I would be one, in fact. So I worked hard at it. I wrote a lot of stories. However, in the process of using the computers of the mid 1980s to write fiction—the Vax workstations, Amstrads, and then later the classic Macs down at the university computer lab—I developed an interest in how these machines worked and how to make them do other interesting things. Although I never stopped writing stories, after I graduated in 1987 I spent more and more of my time working with

computers. By the early '90s, the Internet was taking off, and by the time of the dotcom boom I had my own company developing database systems for large corporate clients. It was only in 2002 that I started to get back into writing long-form fiction again. However, those early days in the computer lab at U of D were instrumental in both of my careers—writing and IT.

**NR:** What do you consider your greatest success?

**DS:** Professionally, I'd say my greatest success was when my first novel ("Daemon") got on The New York Times bestseller list. That had always been a dream of mine, and then all of the sudden it was a reality. It took me a couple of days to really believe that it happened. I'd say my greatest personal success has been my marriage. My wife Michelle and I have been together for nearly twenty years. We've started two successful businesses now, spend quite a bit of time working together and to this day she's my best friend in the world and the love of my life.

**NR:** What are the greatest dangers associated with technology today?

**DS:** I think the whole 'danger' thing is overblown. A lot of the marketing and interviews around my books focus on that, but what's the alternative to technology? Living in a yurt somewhere? No, we're going to need every bit of our technological know-how to solve the problems confronting humanity. And on the whole, technology has treated us very well. What I would say is that my books explore some of the potential challenges facing us—the proliferation of robotic weapons, for example, or the vulnerabilities inherent in pursuing efficiency at the expense of resilience in our infrastructure. These are solvable problems. I just want to dramatize them in an entertaining way so the maximum number of people

understand what's going on.

**NR:** Are people aware of the influence/power of technology?

**DS:** Vaguely, but I think the public gets caught up in the visceral appeal of having the next cool gadget. And that shows the power of advertising. For example, I'm amazed at the lack of concern many people have about exchanging data on their personal behavior and social interactions for a cool app or service. I've developed database systems and algorithms for big companies, and I'm a believer in the adage, "If you're not paying for a service, you're not the customer; you're the product being sold." That doesn't mean we toss out our smart phones. It means we, as a society, need to start thinking about a Data Bill of Rights.

**NR:** What is your goal in writing these sci-fi novels?

**DS:** The proximate purpose of my books is to entertain. However, I also put a lot of authentic technology in them—hopefully to get people thinking about what lies beneath the surface of the modern world. The more people know, the better able they'll be to make informed decisions.

**NR:** How do most people respond to your books?

**DS:** I've been very fortunate to find an audience for my books. "Daemon," for example, has been translated into 18 languages. I think that's largely because technology is no longer a niche interest. It's a global, mainstream subject. Technology is now woven into our lives.

**NR:** Do you have plans to write more books in the future?

**DS:** Absolutely. Writing is what I do. I wrote novels even before I was paid to do it, and now that it's become my full-time profession, I couldn't be happier.



KATIE ALTERI

## OFF THE RECORD ALBUM REVIEW: CANDICE GLOVER'S "MUSIC SPEAKS"

After 13 seasons of "American Idol," the winners' names and talents seem to blend together. Aside from contestants like Carrie Underwood or Kelly Clarkson, who have really forged successful careers for themselves, and are rarely still associated with their early 'idol' beginnings, most of the show's singers tend to be forgotten about rather quickly.

On Feb. 18, the most recently crowned 'idol' winner, Candice Glover, released her album "Music Speaks." Admittedly, I was feeling rather uninspired about reviewing an 'idol' winner's album, as many of them have produced very ordinary, or overreaching, debut albums after winning the TV show's title. This seems to be especially true with the show's R&B singers (Ruben Studdard and Fantasia Barrino are among the artists to release unmemorable post-idol albums).

While I do not think that Glover's album is anything

legendary, it did surpass my expectations and is far better than most previous 'idol' contenders' debut albums.

"Music Speaks" has already gained positive reactions and is currently 24 on the iTunes album list. The 11-track album primarily features love related songs, but Glover does a good job at not just singing cheesy ballads (a crime that many former idols are guilty of on their first albums... "Flying Without Wings," "A Moment Like This" and "I Believe" are among the sappy songs listeners could have probably done without).

Tracks like "Damn" and "Same Kind of Man" reveal Glover's individuality as a singer, and her pure vocals, paired with lyrics regarding difficult situations, are far from lacking in promise. In addition to her own tracks, she covers The Cure's "Love Song." Being able to cover a song in a genre vastly different from her own shows off Glover's talent, but was also a smart move in terms of her album, as she may be able to draw in a larger audience of listeners.

Overall, Glover's album is a pleasant surprise. If people are willing to look past her "American Idol" title, she may have a shot at preserving a career in music. "Love Speaks" offers honest writing and lovely vocals. Although she may still be new to the industry, this first album is a worthwhile listen, and could help her move past the rut of many other 'idol' alumni.

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## DINNER TABLE SCIENCE MANTA RAYS: MAJESTIC, VULNERABLE SPECIES

valued for their gills, which are used in Chinese medicinal practices.

Manta hunting is prohibited in international waters, but since the species usually sticks closer to shore, they are still hunted in great numbers. This new law, prohibiting the hunting of mantas in Indonesian waters, protects mantas in a very large area, and also allows them to safely use many of their documented migration routes between the Indonesian islands. Conservation International and other organizations have been working with the Indonesian government for a few years to get laws like this put in motion. Obviously, the Indonesian officials took the value of conserving native species into account, but the aspect that really swayed them into taking action is what Conservation International calls "Mantanomics."

I think mantas are beautiful, peaceful and rare. They are a big part of why tourists visit places like Indonesia to scuba dive. Mantas are rarely found in aquariums (they're too big) and because they migrate long distances, they haven't been studied extensively or featured in a nature documentary. This means that the one way to really appreciate these ocean giants is in person.

I stumbled across some awesome news on the Internet this week and couldn't help but share it with my readers this week. On Saturday, the Indonesian Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries announced the first legal measure to stem from a year-long campaign to help conserve marine wildlife in Indonesia's productive waters. Both species of manta ray are now official fully protected from fishers, and Indonesia has become the world's largest manta ray sanctuary at 2.3 million square miles.

Manta rays are truly majestic creatures. They evolved from normal bottom-dwelling rays, but they have developed larger, more wing-like fins and can swim through the water column instead of hovering around the bottom like their relatives. Mantas are some of the biggest rays—the largest ones can reach up to 3,000 pounds and over 23 feet across. Mantas are harmless to humans—they're filter feeders, which means that they run water through their larger mouths constantly, filtering out plankton, algae and other microorganisms as they eat.

Mantas are classified as vulnerable by the International Union for Conservation of Nature, which monitors species numbers and declares whether they are endangered or not. Vulnerable is one of the labels under the category of threatened animals—worse than least concern and better than endangered or extinct. Like most animals, mantas are threatened by pollution and habitat loss, and as with dolphins and other marine mammals, they're also commonly entangled in and killed by fishing nets. However, the biggest threat to the manta's survival is direct hunting and harvesting. Mantas are

"Mantanomics" is a project headed by Conservation International that estimated and compared the value of mantas—both dead and used for gill powder and alive as a tourist attraction. The group estimates the global market for manta gill trading is worth about \$5 million, while the global tourism fueled by live manta rays reaches up to \$140 million. Additionally, each single manta ray only nets about \$500 when sold as powdered gill. However, one single manta over the course of its lifetime could generate up to \$1 million in tourism value.

These numbers, combined with the increasing need to conserve threatened species, led Indonesia to take a huge step towards conservation of our natural wonders. This law not only protects manta rays but sets a great precedent for other nations to start cracking down on unnecessary and excessive hunting of animals of all types. Additionally, the mantas that will be saved and appreciated by tourists will do their own part to remind people how amazing and valuable animals can be when they're protected and allowed to flourish in their natural habitats.

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DISCOVERY  
The vulnerable Manta Ray has been awarded greater legal protection in its conservation efforts in Indonesia.







MADISON FERTELL

## EVERYDAY RUNWAY SHOE LOVE, TRUE LOVE

blisters, but this is not the case with Sam Edelman. It doesn't matter if it's my first time wearing them or the last—they never hurt.

The tough decision is which shoes to buy. The easy answer: all of them. That answer obviously isn't financially feasible, especially as college students, so I'll help you narrow down some of the choices by telling you my favorites.

First up is the Lucille bootie. With snow still on the ground, my two priorities when leaving the house are looking chic and staying dry. These shoes are a twist on the classic black leather bootie as they have a series of small studded leather diamonds on the heels that have been brushed to appear destroyed. If you're like me and love pairing black with black, these destroyed booties are the perfect accessory

to your outfit. With boot season nearing an end, look to get these on sale for \$120.

Every girl should own a pair of flats, especially in black. Flats provide a dual function of either dressing-up or dressing-down an outfit. Thus, they are great to wear to class, to go out to the bar or to go to an interview.

For the longest time, my first choice was a Steve Madden flat because of the quality and the reasonable price of \$40. But now, after much wear and tear, it's time to move on. Even with all the usage they had over the years, they still gave me blisters—even with preventative Band-Aids. When I went shopping at the end of the winter session, I came across the Felicia ballet flat by Sam Edelman on sale for around \$76, originally \$90. My first thought was, "That's way too expensive

for a plain black flat, but I'll try it on anyways." But once I slid my foot into the shoe, I quickly changed my mind.

You know when you try on a shoe and you immediately feel pain in certain areas like the heel or toes? This was not the case. When putting on the Felicia, it was like stepping onto a cloud; the soft leather hugged my feet instead of fighting it, and the cushiony sole made it feel like I was walking on air. The Felicia flat was definitely worth the \$76.

Another Sam Edelman shoe with which you should all be become obsessed is Brina, in either black or nude.

As said on their website, "Add some edge to your spring wardrobe with these pointed-toe, ankle-strap flats." These look perfect when paired with jean cutoff shorts and a plain tank top,

but, until we get to that 60-degree weather, these flats look amazing with leather pants or cropped jeans.

Now for those of you who, like me, have spring break on your mind, definitely invest in the Gigi thong sandal. As Sam Edelman says, "The Gigi is the bikini for your feet." These sandals come in a variety of colors ranging from white, nude, navy, black, brown, gold, tangerine and patterned. Depending on the color, these sandals can range from \$65-\$80.

We girls we like to showcase our personalities, and the perfect pair of shoes can do just the trick. Whether you are looking for something simplistic, girly, edgy or something in between, Sam Edelman is the right place to look.

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## READING WITH RACHEL

### RED DRAGON: HANNIBAL LECTER SERIES



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It's the most wonderful time of the year!

No, not Christmas; season two of NBC's "Hannibal" is only a few short days from appearing on my TV screen, and I could not be more excited. To celebrate the return of one of my favorite shows, this week's book review will center around Thomas Harris' "Red Dragon," the first novel of his famed Hannibal Lecter series, which most know for "The Silence of the Lambs."

Unlike his more famous novels, "The Silence of the Lambs" and "Hannibal," "The Red Dragon" does not center around young FBI agent Clarice Starling. In fact, it barely stars antihero Hannibal Lecter. Rather, readers follow the activities of FBI Special Agent Will Graham, the man responsible for the initial capture of Hannibal the Cannibal.

The novel begins after Lecter's capture and commitment to the Chesapeake State Hospital for the

Criminally Insane. Graham has retired to Sugar Loaf Key, Fla. with his wife Molly and her son Willie, after Lecter nearly disemboweled him with a linoleum knife when Graham discovered his horrific activities.

Graham's life in Florida is disrupted when his former boss Jack Crawford appears and asks for his assistance in capturing the Tooth Fairy, a serial killer who leaves tooth marks on his victims. Due to Graham's ability to immerse himself and empathies with murderers, making him an ideal agent, he reluctantly agrees.

In order to get back in the FBI agent mindset, Graham decides to visit Lecter in the mental hospital. Unfortunately, he is not the only one to turn to Lecter; after a tabloid reporter exposes the visit, the Tooth Fairy also attempts to contact Lecter, who in turn steers him toward attacking Graham.

And so begins a violent chase, and Graham dives deeper

in the Tooth Fairy's psychoses and mode of operating, with Hannibal pushing buttons and lending the killer aid from the sidelines. However, the further Will goes in pursuing the Tooth Fairy, the more precarious Graham's ability to distinguish his mind from the killer's is.

"Red Dragon" is probably the most overlooked out of the four novels of the Hannibal Lecter series. This can most likely be attributed to Lecter not being a central or main character the way he is in the remainder of Harris' novels. This is a shame because "Red Dragon" is actually very well written and presents an interesting storyline for readers to ponder over.

Despite Lecter's infrequent appearances throughout this book, the ones he does make are compelling and also, at times, highly amusing. His sick sense of humor and his peerless intellect combine to make some disturbingly funny moments; for example, he becomes offended when Graham refuses to give

Lecter his home address (I mean really. Rude.). So what's a cannibal to do but pretend to call his lawyer to get a private moment, get in touch with Graham's colleague's secretary and charm Will's address out of her to have a hospital house mail Graham a colonoscopy bag "for old times sake." Because he, you know, tried to disembowel him. Good to know cannibalistic serial killers have a sense of humor where their former victims are concerned.

While "Red Dragon" is notably different from the remainder of the series, its divergences make it interesting and refreshing. Readers have the opportunity not only to get into the head of an FBI agent on the edge, but also that of a serial killer, the Tooth Fairy. As you get further into their heads, it is easy to lose track of who your sympathies should lie with.

As a whole, "Red Dragon" is a great read. It is well developed, interesting and suspenseful in all the right ways.

If you enjoy anything related to "The Silence of the Lambs" or other works by Harris, you should most definitely pick up "Red Dragon." Also, it'll help pass the time while waiting for "Hannibal" to reappear on your television set.

Have a book you want to see reviewed or just know a great read? Got full time after graduation employment opportunities you'd like to send my way? Email Rachel Taylor at retaylor@udel.edu!

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# BLIND TO SAMENESS

## Sexpectations and the Social Construction of Male and Female Bodies

Asia Friedman, professor of sociology, writes about the role sense plays in constructing our views of sex.

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SARAH BRAVERMAN

# SARAH'S SPOTLIGHT

SIGMA ALPHA IOTA

at least one credit of a music course at the university. The choices of music classes are very broad—ensembles, private lessons, history courses and more. Any music class satisfies this requirement.

Bourgeault says upperclassmen sisters were great role models and inspired her, and many others, to want to join SAI.

"For many of us, SAI is a great way to stay connected to music and people who share this same passion and create a community of musicians outside of just the music majors," Bourgeault says. "It gives us a chance to serve our community, share music, perform for one another and just enjoy getting to know one another."

SAI is currently in the midst of recruitment for this semester, and it has already held two Informal Recruitment events. The first event, held on Valentine's Day, was centered around the holiday—the women made valentines and played their own Valentine's Day themed version of "The Singing Bee."

The second event was a potluck dinner with the men's music fraternity, Phi Mu Alpha. Bourgeault says both organizations had a lot of fun at this social event, and she says they hope to hold a similar event next semester.

Bourgeault says SAI has a number of exciting events coming up this semester including Girl Scout Day, a



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The sisters of Eta Rho (the UD chapter) at initiation last semester.

badge day for Girl Scouts SAI hosts every year; Province Day, an event it is hosting in April involving several other chapters; and public musicales or recitals.

Her favorite experience in SAI so far was last spring's Province Day that was hosted at Temple University. Bourgeault says she and her Eta Rho sisters met sisters from several

chapters in the area, and they have remained very good friends with many of those girls.

"Being in SAI gives you an immediate connection with other sisters all over the country," Bourgeault says.

SAI's last informal recruitment event is tomorrow at 8 p.m. in Amy E. DuPont Music Building, room 211. Formal recruitment begins on Friday in

the same music building at 6:30 p.m. SAI's first public musicale is Friday, March 14 at 7 p.m. in Bayard Sharp Hall on South Main Street.

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The Roaming Raven, food truck, known for its slogan "hungry nevermore" serves patrons on weekend nights and Tuesdays after Jefe performs.



# SPORTS

Did you know: The Delaware men's baseball team will play its first six of its first seven home games at Harford County Community College.

Former Delaware defensive tackle Zach Kerr competes at NFL Combine

## Hens upset by Drexel on Senior Night

Team plays tomorrow at UNCW for share of CAA regular-season title

BY PAUL TIERNEY  
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As the Delaware men's basketball team battled with Drexel in the waning moments of Sunday's matchup, junior point-guard Jarvis Threatt, who scored 18 points in Delaware's bout with Drexel earlier this season, sat in street clothes just behind his teammates. Tomorrow, Threatt's suspension will end and he will return to action against UNCW.

But there was nothing he could do to stop the Hens from falling to the Dragons, 69-65, on Senior Night in front of a sell-out crowd at the Bob.

Drexel coach Bruiser Flint said without the presence of Threatt and sophomore forward Marvin King-Davis, who will also return from suspension tomorrow, the Dragons (15-12, 7-7 CAA) were able to more effectively defend the Hens' offensive attack.

"It's going to be different," Flint said. "Those guys make a big difference. They are two starters. Jarvis gives you another option to score. King-Davis gives you another big body. Those are experienced guys. They've been playing and when you take them out of your rotation, it becomes a little bit tougher."

Playing in front of the largest crowd for a men's home basketball game since 2001, Delaware (20-9, 12-2 CAA) sprinted to a 10-0 lead to start the game. The run was sparked



Delaware senior guard Devon Saddler had a crucial three-point shot blocked by Drexel guard Frantz Massenat with just over a minute to play Sunday.

by long 3-pointers from senior guard Davon Usher and junior guard Kyle Anderson.

A free-throw from Dragons forward Mohamed Bah got Drexel on the board, but it took the Dragons over five-minutes to convert their first field-goal, giving many the sense that this rivalry matchup could turn into another route in favor of the

Hens.

Then Delaware went cold.

The Hens missed eight of their next nine shots, igniting an 18-3 Drexel run which gave the Dragons a five-point lead. Senior guard Devon Saddler helped rally Delaware to a 33-31 halftime advantage, but the Hens hadn't quite gotten their poor shooting performance out

of their system just yet.

The Hens allowed Drexel to get out to 6-2 run to begin the second-half, which forced Delaware to play catch-up for the majority of the final 20 minutes. An emphatic dunk from senior forward Carl Baptiste gave the Hens a 63-62 lead with 2 minutes, 43 seconds to play. But Delaware missed its

final seven shots from the field to thwart their comeback hopes.

"We panicked a little bit, we weren't getting any rebounds," Saddler said of the game's final moments. "...We should have just held the ball a little bit longer and executed some plays."

Freshman guard Tavon Allen led Drexel with a career-high 25-points, 19 of which came after halftime. The Dragons outrebounded Delaware 42-33 and held the Hens to a 34.3 shooting percentage in the second-half.

"I thought the crowd was unbelievable, I thought they did a great job," Delaware head coach Monté Ross said. "You really wish that you were able to win the game for the players. But when you get a big crowd like that, you want to be able to reward them for coming out. Again, I'm very thankful that they came out and sent of seniors out appropriately."

Delaware has two more regular season conference matchups before the CAA Tournament begins next weekend at the Baltimore Arena. The Hens currently have a one-game lead over Towson for the CAA regular season title. Delaware has not won a conference regular season championship since 1998-99, when it was still in the America East.

If Delaware can hold off the Tigers, it will receive the No.1 seed and a bye in the conference tournament.

## Lacrosse dominates Mount St. Mary 18-8

BY MEGHAN O'DONNELL  
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Coming off a brutal 18-8 loss to Fairfield last weekend, Delaware's men's lacrosse team took the field Saturday trying to avoid a third-straight defeat against Mount St. Mary's. They faced an uphill battle, as they were without one of their core players, senior midfielder Connor McRoy, who was injured in practice earlier in the week.

With McRoy injured, head coach Bob Shillinglaw made the bold decision to give two untested freshmen, midfielder Jackson Finigan and attacker Logan Aunon, their first career starts.

They were up for the challenge. The duo scored five goals between them, leading the Hens to an impressive 15-5 victory over the Mountaineers.

"I think everybody was disappointed in the level of play last week and we strongly felt like that wasn't characteristic of how our team could play," Shillinglaw said. "Guys worked hard this week, and I think it paid off."

Like last week, the Hens started strong out of the gate, as Finigan gave his team the lead just 2:11 into his first collegiate start. But unlike last week, the Hens

didn't allow Mount St. Mary's back into the game.

Delaware dominated possession for the entire first quarter. The team managed just the one goal, but outshot the Mountaineers 10-5 while playing stifling defense.

In the second quarter, all of the Hens' possession began to result in some quality goal-scoring opportunities that the team made sure to capitalize on.

Sophomore midfielder Chris Colaneri went end to end, scoring an unassisted goal just three minutes into the quarter. His goal opened up the floodgates for the Hens, who scored three more times before the end of the half.

Sophomore midfielder Alex Martinelli then put the Hens up 3-0, firing a quick shot past Mountaineers' goalkeeper Chris Klaiber.

Unable to stop Delaware's fast-paced offense, Mount St. Mary's allowed another goal to Delaware senior attacker Dan Keane, with Finigan adding to the assist.

Not to be outdone by his classmate, Aunon fired home a pass from his older brother, sophomore attacker Tyler, with just a minute remaining in the first half. After an extended period of

play in front of the Mountaineers' net, the brothers connected on Logan's first collegiate goal, putting the Hens up 5-0 at the half.

"Tyler and I play really well together," Logan said after the game. "We grew up pulling each other's hair all the time but we've always worked together well."

In the second half, the Hens picked up right where they left off.

After only 2 minutes, junior midfielder Brian Kormondy found redshirt freshman midfielder Steve DeLargy in front of goal. He fired the ball into the back of the net to put the Delaware lead at 6-0.

Kormondy would then find the back of the net himself on an unassisted goal a few minutes later.

Down by seven, the Mountaineers were finally able to pull one back when Ryan Lamson scored after a Delaware penalty.

It was too little, too late, for Mount St. Mary's though, as Delaware quickly responded with four unanswered goals, the first three of which came from the Aunon brothers.

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Freshman guard Hannah Jardine scored 13-points in the Lady Hens 68-64 loss to W&M. Delaware had 25 turnovers.

## Late turnovers give W&M upset over Hens

BY PAUL TIERNEY  
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Everything pointed to a victory for the Delaware women's basketball team Sunday against William & Mary. The Lady Hens defeated the Tribe in each of their nine previous meetings. Delaware held an 18-4 advantage in the all-time series between the two programs, not to mention an 18-point road victory over W&M on Jan. 9.

Even the Vice President of the United States, Joe Biden, showed up to watch the Lady Hens continue their dominance over W&M and send their seniors off in style.

They lost.

Despite receiving 24 points and 10 rebounds from senior center Kelsey Buchanan, the Hens' late turnovers doomed them to a 68-64 defeat to a squad that entered the game in next-to-last place in the CAA.

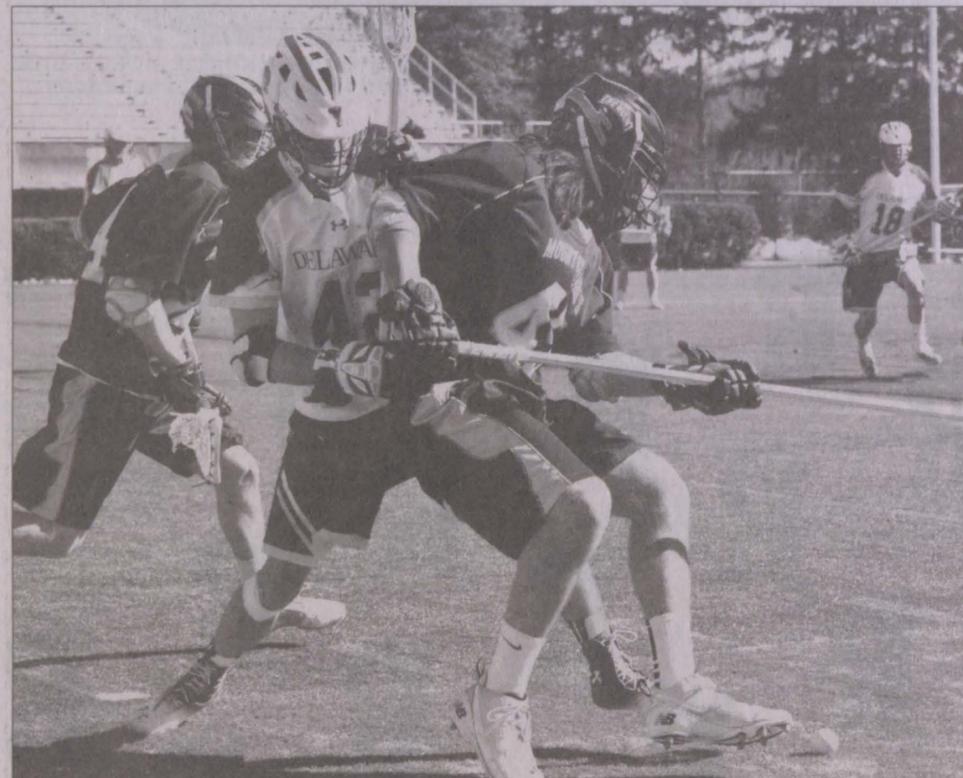
"I don't even have an explanation for what our guards were doing today," Delaware coach Tina Martin said. "I didn't think we attacked the zone like we have all

year...We just weren't sharp today. Defensively, I thought we were pretty passive."

Six early points from Buchanan helped Delaware jump out to an early 10-4 lead, but a 3-pointer from Tribe guard Marlana Tremba, who added 21 points off the bench, tied the game at 12 just over five minutes into the contest. Delaware was able to make up for 12 first-half turnovers by dominating the paint, which helped the Hens take a 39-36 lead into the second-half.

Delaware opened up an 11-point advantage with just under 12 minutes to play, but as W&M became desperate for points, they started to full-court press the Hens on every possession. Delaware couldn't handle it.

The Hens turned the ball over 13 times in the second-half, including nine times in the final 12 minutes to let the Tribe crawl back into the game. With 6:24 left to play, Tremba sunk her fourth 3-pointer of the contest to give W&M a 59-58 lead, their first advantage since going up 14-12 with 14 minutes left in the first-half.



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The Delaware men's lacrosse team will take on Villanova at home on Saturday.

## BARBARICH: 'IT'S A NEW SEASON. WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO VILLANOVA.'

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After feeding his younger brother for a goal in the first half, Tyler Aunon got on the scoresheet himself off another Kormondy assist.

The next score came just a minute later, the result of the freshmen connection, as Finigan picked up another assist on Logan Aunon's second goal of the afternoon. Aunon would get the hat trick 44 seconds later, scoring an unassisted goal to put

the Hens up 10-1.

The Mountaineers had no answer for the Hens and Delaware's offensive onslaught continued. Just six seconds after Aunon's third goal, Keane scored from junior midfielder Tyler Barbarich.

After an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on Tyler Aunon following the goal, the Mountaineers were able to capitalize on their extra man advantage and put the score at 11-2 at the end of the third.

However, the result was never in doubt. Less than a minute into the fourth quarter, DeLargy added another goal, prompting a goalie switch for Mount St. Mary's.

The Mountaineers scored again off a Bryden Pelletier goal, but the Delaware offense responded with almost everybody getting in on the attack for the Hens.

"I think we kept fresh legs on the field, ran multiple midfield units, everybody played well

together and moved the ball well together," Shillinglaw said of the Hens' performance. "And as the game went on we shot better."

With just under 12 minutes to play, Finigan scored his second goal of the game. Junior midfielders Tom Holland and Beau Jones added two more to round out the Hens' scoring for the day.

The Mountaineers scored two more goals in the closing minutes to put the final score at 15-5. Shillinglaw said his team had a

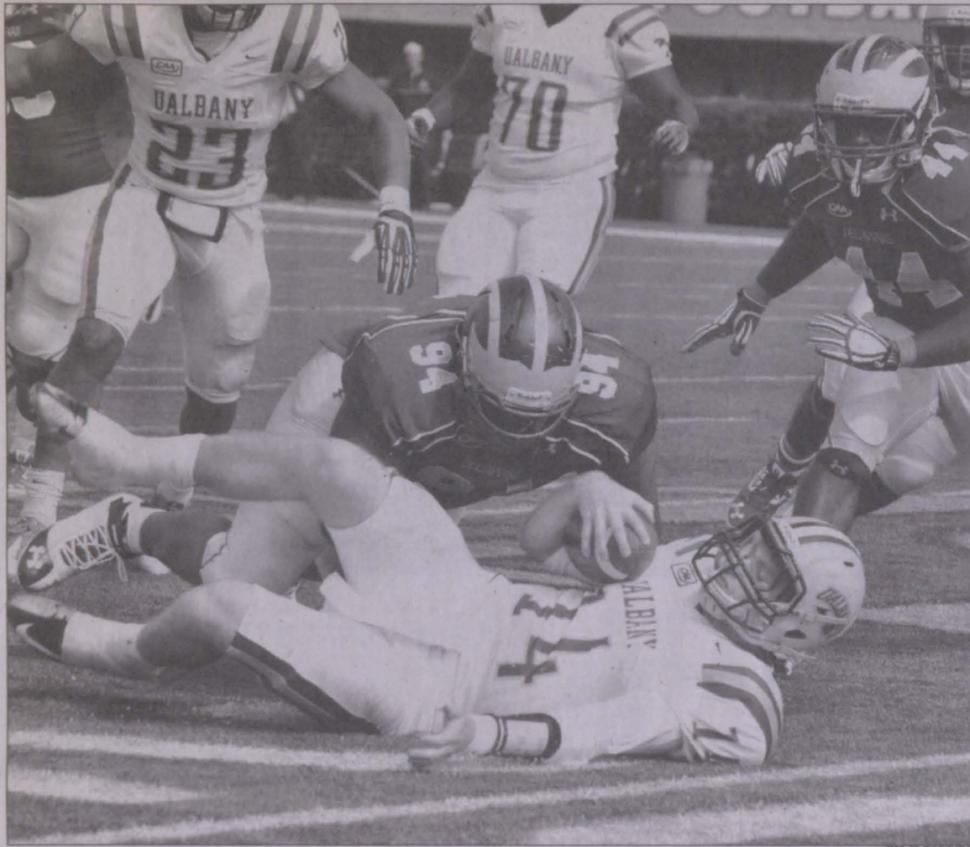
much improved performance in the on the defensive end.

"Defensively, we were fantastic during the whole course of the day," he said.

The Hens will return to action next Saturday against Villanova at Delaware Stadium with a renewed sense of optimism.

"It's a new season now, 2-2," Barbarich said. "We're looking forward to Villanova next week."

## Kerr competes in NFL Combine in Indianapolis



Zach Kerr became the first Delaware player since Pat Devlin to compete in the NFL Combine. Kerr ran the 40-yard dash in 5.08 second and had a 28.5 inch vertical leap.

BY JACK COBURN  
Sports Assignment Editor

The Delaware football team has sent 35 players to play in the NFL since 1947, and it could be adding one more to the pro ranks, as senior defensive lineman Zach Kerr competed in the NFL Combine in Indianapolis yesterday.

Kerr completed the five physical portions of the combine yesterday afternoon. The native of Gaithersburg, Md. ran the 40-yard dash in 5.08 seconds, bench pressed 28 reps, did a 28.5-inch vertical jump and a 99-inch broad jump. He also did the three-cone drill in 7.93 seconds.

Kerr said he had the dream of competing in the NFL Combine since he started playing in high school.

"It's definitely a dream come true because when I was growing up I always wanted to play football," he said. "It didn't happen that way, but once I was able to get a chance to play the game, put my helmet on, put my shoulder pads on, it was a surreal feeling."

Kerr, who came to the Hens from Maryland after the 2010 season, had 57 total tackles for Delaware in 2013, as well as 3.5 sacks. He has played defensive tackle since high school but said he is comfortable playing in any defensive position.

Head coach Dave Brock said Kerr's all-around ability makes him an interesting prospect for pro teams.

"Zach's a versatile guy," Brock said. "He's an inside player, he's got good speed, good quickness, strength. I think he could be a very disruptive player, and for us, he was a very productive player."

The combine not only shows a player's physical prowess but also gives NFL scouts and coaches

a chance to meet and talk to the players. Kerr is a player who is personable and was a member of the football team's Leadership Council.

Brock said he feels Kerr's personality will help him get looked at by coaches and scouts.

"I think one of the things at the combine that will help him is that he's gonna interview. I'm sure he'll interview with a number of teams," he said. "I think people will sense his energy, sense his positive personality, sense his intelligence, his ability to communicate. He's easy-going. I think he'd be a great addition to their room, a good person."

While Kerr has finished his time at Delaware, his football family has stayed close to him during his training in Florida. Brock said he talks to Kerr every 10 days or so, and he tries his best to support and help him out.

Brock does a good job of making sure he is ready to go for the combine, Kerr said.

"I talk to Coach Brock on a regular, maybe weekly basis," he said. "When stuff comes up, he kind of helps me out, checking in on me, asking me how I'm doing, just trying to stay in contact with me to make sure my head is on straight."

While he does not want to predict when Kerr will be drafted in May, he knows Kerr has a very good chance of being drafted, Brock said.

"I don't want to speculate on his projection, I think he'll be drafted, and I think he'll have an opportunity to fulfill the dream that he has," he said. "But to speculate, that's hard. It only takes one team to really like you to put you in a position where you're picked in the right spot. I'm certain there will be teams that really like him."

## Women's lax breezes past Lafayette, nearly upends No. 16 Penn

BY TYLER FITZPATRICK  
Staff Reporter

In order to prepare for Wednesday night's game against Lafayette College at Delaware Stadium, the Delaware women's lacrosse team went over the legacy it wanted to leave.

Head coach Kateri Linville said the team read a poem before the game.

"Today we talked about 'Delaware Passion', which is a poem that was written by Eliza Shoemaker, who played here, was an outstanding athlete and now coaches out at Denver, so it was a tribute to our alumni coming out tonight," Linville said.

Obviously the poem worked as the Lady Hens beat Lafayette 11-6. Delaware scored six consecutive goals in the second half to tilt the game in its favor.

It was a slow start offensively for both teams. Lafayette got on the board first thanks to Amanda Case's second goal of the season. But after being dormant for the first five minutes, sophomore midfielder Casey Lyons and junior midfielder Caitlin McCartney each scored a goal, which gave the Hens the edge for much of the first half. Lafayette tied it up with 8:54 left in the half

but senior attacker Chelsea Fay and sophomore attacker Lauren VanDaniker responded with one goal apiece to set the score at 4-2 at the half.

The Hens' defense, which gave up 19 goals in the season opener against Georgetown, showed improvement, giving up just two in the first half. Lyons said the defense worked well together.

"Definitely a team effort, but I think [sophomore defender] Erin Wein stuck out on transitions, and [senior defender] Alex Alois came huge on back checks, so that was awesome," Lyons said.

The second half got off to a shaky start in the opening five minutes. The Leopards' attacker Charlotte Avallone and midfielder Kirsten Wilhelmsen opened the half off strong with a pair of goals.

However, the Hens' offense exploded, as McCartney earned her hat trick, scoring her third goal with 13:41 left in the second. She would go on to score two more goals for the evening.

McCartney said she does not think too much about scoring a hat trick and that it was a combined offensive effort that helped her to finish it off.

"Definitely don't think

about it that way, it's just the play-to-play kind of game," McCartney said. "Whatever we can do in the offense to get the motion going, and it just comes."

Lyons would score her second goal of the game with 11:55 remaining. Delaware's offensive onslaught continued, as senior midfielder/attacker Shannon Burns scored her first goal of the season, assisted by Fay.

Though Lafayette was able to close the gap slightly, with midfielder Ana White scoring at 5:47, Lyons recorded a hat trick a minute later to go up 11-5. While the Leopards scored the final goal with 2:12 left, the outcome was no longer in doubt.

Lyons said she felt great about the way the team opened at home.

"It was awesome, it was a great start to our season at home, so that helped, and I think we came out strong and finished strong," she said.

But the Lady Hens fell back to Earth on Saturday. Despite coming out strong against the No. 16 University of Pennsylvania, the Hens fell behind in the second half when the Quakers broke a 6-6 tie by going on a four-goal run, burying Delaware in a hole it could not dig itself out of.



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The Delaware women's lacrosse team is 1-2.

Lady Hens sophomore attacker Kara Datellas got Delaware on the board just 30 seconds into the contest. Penn responded a minute later, but the Hens rattled off three of the games next four goals to take a 4-2 lead.

Penn tied at game at 4 just before halftime, and then pulled away with seven goals in the second half. Delaware is now 1-2 on the season and will wait until Saturday to try and get back to .500 when it travels to Rutgers University for a showdown with the Scarlet Knights.

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Sophomore forward Joy Caracciolo hit a layup with 27 seconds left to get Delaware within one point of tying the game. On W&M's next possession, Hens' redshirt-freshman guard Jodi Salyer fouled Tribe guard Hunter Latrice, who hit one of two free-throws.

With the score 66-64, Delaware had the ball back with no timeouts and a chance to tie the game. But a turnover from Buchanan ended the Hens comeback attempt and handed the team its second-consecutive loss.

"I don't remember losing a senior game," Martin said. "I'd have to go way back. I've been here 18 years. I told KB and Akeema how proud we are of them and all of the great things they've done. I'm disappointed that it's their senior day and we obviously had a loss. Again, it's not the end of the world."

With two games left in the regular season, the Hens are clinging to second-place in the conference standings. The team is back in action again on Thursday at Hofstra before heading up to Northeastern on Sunday.

Buchanan said the road trip could benefit the team and help bring them closer together before making a push for a third-consecutive CAA championship.

"I think we can definitely bounce back," Buchanan said. "Especially having two road games. Road games are cool for us because we got to bond and be together, so just having that kind of activity and atmosphere is really going to help us get back into it."



## COMMENTARY

I'M SEEING RED

JACK COBURN

I got the shock of my life on Sunday. No, I didn't get picked to play on the U.S. Davis Cup squad in tennis. But Manchester United won, and that is the result for my apoplexy.

The Reds, for many years my favorite team, are stinking big time in this first year of the P.S.A.F. (Post-Sir Alex Ferguson) era. At the moment, they're not even in that part of the table that guarantees them a spot in either European competition, but they're close.

As a Manchester United fan, I'm used to the ribbings and memes we get online that are negative, but there was one that stood out and really "spoke" to me. It was a

picture of the team holding a flag that proclaimed them 2014-15 Football Championship

League (or the second division in English football) Champions with the caption "Man U next season."

Usually, such a statement I'd either laugh at or get rankled about, but this time, I just accepted it. It wouldn't be the worst thing to go down a step; maybe the Reds could finally shake some of these "bandwagon" fans, who are only around when they claim many cups and league titles.

But more importantly, I'd be trimming the players off the roster instead of the fans. We're too top-heavy in the forward department. We have Wayne Rooney, Robin van Persie, Danny Welbeck, Rafael "Chicharito" Hernandez, the new

addition from Chelsea, Juan Mata and the rarely-seen Ashley Young, a man the team paid between \$25 million or \$35 million for. And that isn't even including the absolutely terrible Marouane Fellani, who is a better impersonator of Jean-Ralphio from "Parks and Recreation" than a soccer player.

Though Fellani played well against Crystal Palace on Sunday, it takes more than one game to change my opinion of him. Honestly, we should have Rooney and van Persie, Welbeck and Hernandez as our four main strikers. Welbeck can play midfield too, so he fills two holes right there.

But it isn't just the offense that's giving my dad and I headaches on the weekends, as the defense is crucially understaffed. Nemanja Vidic, the only man who's good at defense, just declared he was leaving the club at the end of next year. That leaves us Phil Jones and Jonny Evans, who are just woeful, Tom Cleverley, who as late

has decided to borrow his look from Vanilla Ice, circa 1990, as well as Ryan Giggs.

The team should transfer Jones to every team they play each week, since he has the unflattering ability to score own goals. Evans does not do much except stand there and watch the ball fly past for the poor goalkeeper, David de Gea, to deal with. Giggs should retire after this year to preserve his golden status and become a youth team coach to prepare for his (hopefully) ultimate coaching job as Man U's coach.

Many fans are probably wondering why I am not blasting David Moyes, the new head coach, for his role. Well, unlike some, I've come to realize Moyes needed this season to feel it out. While there is still time to try to wrestle the UEFA Europa League spot away from Tottenham, I don't know if the team in its current state can do it.

Even though we just beat Crystal Palace, a team two points from the relegation trapdoor, we did tie the last-placed Fulham team three weeks ago after they scored a stoppage time goal to tie the game once again after the Reds had kept the ball in Fulham's zone the entire second half.

I've already written this season off, and it is time for the next one to begin. I'll be cheering my other favorite team, Bayern Munich, to a second-consecutive UEFA Champions' League title, and waiting until August for this nightmare to cease. Moyes should heed my advice, for it is the only thing to stop me getting mad at my beloved Red Devils of Manchester United.

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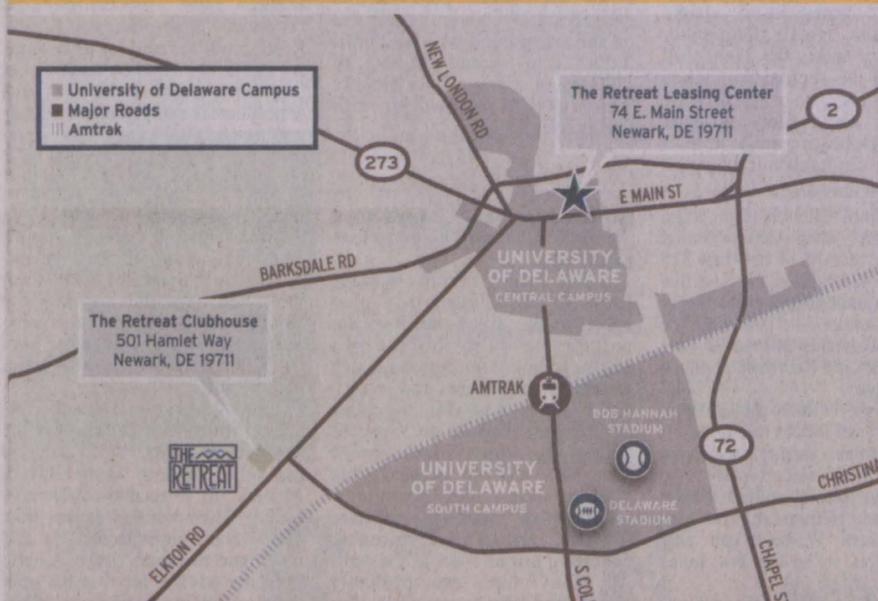
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