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Student arrested in gun incident

BY JENNA R. PORTNOY

Student Affairs Editor

One student and two Wilmington residents were arrested after one pointed a gun at a student in Rodney Complex early Monday morning. The incident occurred only hours after a meeting was held to discuss arming University Police.

Continuing Education student Ernest Willard, 21, along with John Stirparo, 20, and Matthew Lampert, 22, were apprehended at 3:26 a.m. after Stirparo allegedly pulled the handgun, police said.

Although city police made no arrests, Newark Police Cpl. Mark Farrell said his department assisted University Police in a traffic stop, which resulted in the arrests.

University Police Capt. James Flatley said when Public Safety officers make a stop and a gun is involved, they must wait for Newark Police to assist.

"This is a dangerous position for the police to be in," he said. "It would be nice for all the officers to be able to have all the tools of the trade in order to serve the community."

However, University President David P. Roselle said Public Safety officers can obtain firearms.

"If they feel they are in difficult straits or going to get into difficult straits, they have access to guns," he said.

Flatley said although officers do not carry guns, there is a secure area inside the Public Safety building where firearms are kept.

Newark Police Chief Gerald T. Conway said arming Public Safety officers would reduce the time delay sometimes caused when University Police have to request backup from Newark Police.

"I think it would have been beneficial in this incident," he said.

Flatley gave the following account of the night:

Willard, Stirparo and Lampert were arrested when the Jeep that

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RSA takes no stance on arming UD cops

BY BRIAN CALLAWAY

Executive Editor

The Resident Student Association has decided to remain neutral on the issue of University Police carrying guns.

RSA sponsored a discussion Sunday to allow the university's chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police to make a case for bearing side arms and had planned to hold a vote this week to decide whether to endorse the idea.

At that meeting, Sgt. Edward Murray, FOP president, argued that University Police officers should be allowed to carry weapons because they receive the same training as other area police forces and cannot adequately protect students, faculty, staff and themselves without being armed.

Murray also said the FOP was hoping to garner student support for arming University Police.

But RSA President Cristina Cabrera said the organization's executive board voted against taking a stand on the issue because of its divisive nature.

"It was not apparent to me at the onset ... that students would be so equally divided on the issue," she said. "As a board, we determined that we wouldn't be fairly representing students if we were to take a stand either way."

Cabrera said RSA is hoping to take steps to further explore the issue instead.

She said RSA will now try to determine "what would be the most efficient way to bring together a discussion group with equal representation from all sides."

Murray was unavailable for comment on RSA's decision.



THE REVIEW/Maria Dal Pan

Protesters faced off with police at a rally to support death row inmate Mumia Abu-Jamal.

Students speak out on arrests

BY MARIA DAL PAN

Managing Mosaic Editor

WASHINGTON D.C. — Two university students were arrested Monday on the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court while protesting the death penalty and the imprisonment of Mumia Abu-Jamal.

While other protesters crammed the streets to rally against the death penalty, the two were among 24 activists who jumped over metal barricades, straying slightly from the masses.

Junior Catherine Heite and Freshman Rosanna Lee were charged with unlawful entry after abandoning the street demonstrators for the Supreme Court's steps.

Upon being released, Heite said she ate an apple and smoked a cigarette, although the experience caused her to feel numb.

"I understand that we were arrested," she said. "But we weren't drug dealers and we weren't child rapists."

"We were demonstrators."

Once the two women and their protest group met with members of New York's Queer Coalition on the stairs, the activists took part in a "die-in"

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Live from Washington, D.C.

BY MARIA DAL PAN

Managing Mosaic Editor

WASHINGTON, D.C. — While their peers stood on the adjacent sidewalks carrying signs, blowing whistles and chanting, they stretched themselves out on the pavement of First Street.

And although the police blocked vehicular traffic for the event, at least 160 protesters who participated in the "die-in" were only moments away from being handcuffed.

Two university students, Catherine Heite and Rosanna Lee, were among the street's inhabitants, holding hands with their protest group as they lay on the asphalt.

At about 10 a.m., after storming the steps of the Supreme Court, they were arrested as part of a protest against the death penalty and the incarceration of

death-row inmate Mumia Abu-Jamal.

Although the majority of the crowd consisted of college-age protesters sporting dreadlocks and dyed hair, the approximately 500-person group radiated diversity.

Among the first cluster of protesters to get arrested was a wheelchair-bound woman in her mid-90s and her equally silver-haired contemporaries. Former South African political prisoner Dennis Brutus stood near the woman as he too was handcuffed and taken away by police.

"Mumia will not die," a voice cried from a loudspeaker.

But police officials had their own audio equipment.

As an officer weaved through the bodies he shouted, "You must immediately leave the street," through

his blue plastic megaphone. However, his pleas were barely audible among the drumming and shouting of the crowd.

Other officers focused on keeping the remainder of the protesters on the sidewalks. They stood spread-legged, forming a human barricade against the screaming mass.

A middle-aged African-American man walked between them.

"You're looking the enemy in the face," he shouted to the crowd.

"Forget any fear you have. Look 'em in the eye!"

The crowd grew louder in its chanting.

"No justice, no peace! No racist police!"

Kim Clark, a 16-year-old from Fort

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Feminist leader speaks on campus

BY ANDREA BENVENUTO

Staff Reporter

Noted feminist leader Eleanor Smeal urged young people at the Trabant University Center Wednesday night to take responsibility for the future of human equality.

"Help be the generation that sees the hope and the light," Smeal said, kicking off the university's Women's History Month events. "We need you not for a day or a week. We need you for your lifetime."

Smeal, president of the influential national Feminist Majority Foundation, said the real aim of feminist groups should be to end discrimination against people everywhere, not just women and girls.

Although a lot of people have the misconception that there are not many young feminist activists, she said, she is impressed by women's groups on college campuses.

"People say we don't have the young," she told the 200 mostly female students. "That is all misinformation."

Smeal said women's studies programs are important because they give young activists a theoretical underpinning to relate issues to.



THE REVIEW/Mike Louie

Eleanor Smeal, leader of a national organization, spoke Wednesday.

"You at the University of Delaware are fortunate to have one of the oldest women's studies programs in the country," she said.

Smeal said that as feminists fight to keep the advances they made in the '70s and '80s, this focus on the past holds them back from progressing toward the future.

"Instead of fighting to hold on to what we have, we should be going forward," she said, passionately raising her voice.

In her speech, titled "Forging Feminism and Fighting the Backlash," Smeal stressed the importance of a global women's movement. If women are ever to achieve equality, she said, they have to be concerned with women everywhere.

One example she emphasized was the situation in Afghanistan, where a militia group has taken over the government and prohibited women from working outside the home and going to school, among other things.

"I think everyone should know the

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House fire on Delaware Ave.

BY SARAH BRADY

Staff Reporter

Seven students are homeless after a fire destroyed their house on Delaware Avenue Monday night, officials said.

A fire tore through 69 W. Delaware Ave. around midnight, police said, forcing the residents to evacuate.

Only minor injuries were reported, and the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

The residents of the house — seniors Craig Mosmen, Ryan Brasno, Pete Fitts, Pat Senkyr, Mike Casano, Sean Safien and Andrew Ufberg — are all members of the Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity.

Brasno said that Senkyr discovered the fire while doing laundry.

"We tried to throw water on it, but that didn't work," Brasno said. "It was just way too big."

The students then retreated to the street to allow firefighters to stop the blaze.

The residents returned to the

house Tuesday afternoon to salvage what was left of their belongings, but recoveries were minimal.

"It looked like a bomb blew up in our house," Brasno said. "We got [a few] clothes and a few pictures, but everything smelled like smoke and was trampled from the firefighters."

The fraternity brothers are now scattered around campus, Brasno said, living with various friends. He said the university has offered them residence housing on campus for the remainder of the year, but the seven are continuing to look for a house off campus.

Brasno said their professors have been great in helping them gather books and notes that were lost in the fire.

The final resident of the house, a pet snake, was safely rescued by a firefighter.

Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Company Chief Steve Kavanagh said fire officials responded to

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Seven university seniors and a pet snake are now living with friends after a fire engulfed their Delaware Avenue house.

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Capano files appeal

BY JOHN YOCCA
National/State News Editor

The appeal in the Thomas Capano murder trial was filed in the Delaware Supreme Court Monday, outlining the reasons the convicted murderer's attorneys feel he should be granted another trial.

The 140-page document, filed by Capano's nine new attorneys, claims that 15 legal errors occurred during his four-month capital murder trial that concluded last year.

One of the main issues the brief claims is that the court never instructed the jury on possible lesser charges.

Former Superior Court Judge and current gubernatorial candidate William Swain Lee ordered the jury to either convict Capano of first-degree murder or acquit him.

Capano was convicted in January 1999 of the murder of Anne Marie Fahey, his mistress and Gov. Thomas R. Carper's scheduling secretary.

The appeal states that under the 14th Amendment's due process clause Capano was entitled to have the jury instructed on the lesser offenses of which he could have been convicted.

Lesser offenses Lee could have instructed the jury to consider include second-degree murder, manslaughter and criminally negligent homicide.

His attorneys claim that because Capano gave his version of how Fahey was killed, he "provided a rational basis for the jury to acquit the defendant of first-degree murder, but convict him of a lesser charge."

Capano took the stand on his own behalf and testified Fahey was killed as the result of an accident. He said another of his mistresses, Deborah MacIntyre, who fired the shot that killed Fahey.

He said MacIntyre came to his house threatening to kill

himself. When Capano reached for the gun, he said, it went off, killing Fahey.

"When you say something was accident, you are saying you are less culpable than if you acted intentionally," said Joseph Bernstein, one of Capano's new defense attorneys.

He said there were also enough gaps in the state's case to cast doubt that their theory was the only theory.

"For every piece of evidence that the state could point to in support of their theory," Bernstein said, "we could point to something that contradicted that."

Another legal issue the appeal raises is whether the death sentence should have been imposed because the jury did not vote 12-0.

"The fact that the jury did not find, by unanimous vote, the existence of any statutory aggravating factor, requires that Capano's sentence of death be vacated," the brief stated.

Bernstein said the aggravating circumstance the jury had to find beyond a reasonable doubt in this case was substantial planning, which the jury voted in favor of 11-1.

"In Delaware, beyond a reasonable doubt means a unanimous verdict," he said. "This is the only case where there has not been a unanimous verdict."

The other main question the appeal raises is whether the jury should have heard testimony from Fahey's friends and family.

His attorneys call their testimony "hearsay," and they say the court should not have allowed certain evidence to be admitted.

Friends and family testified about Fahey's troubled childhood. The defense claims it served only to garner sympathy for her.

"Undoubtedly this irrelevant and unreliable hearsay



THE REVIEW/File Photo

Thomas Capano's attorneys filed an appeal.

evidence was the linchpin of the prosecution's case," the appeal stated. "The conviction must be overturned."

The defense team also wants to question Lee on his political ambitions, which could have influenced his decision on the case.

"We don't know," he said. "But we think there's enough smoke there to look into it."

Todd Halliday, public information officer for the attorney general's office, said the state has 30 days to respond to the brief.

"Our view is that Mr. Capano had a fair trial," he said. "We intend to demonstrate that to the satisfaction of the state Supreme Court."

Deputy Attorney General Loren C. Meyers, who is handling the state's side of the appeal was unavailable for comment.

Bush wins key primaries over McCain

BY JOHN YOCCA
National/State News Editor

Texas Gov. George W. Bush won a victory over his rival, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., in the Virginia primary Tuesday night, lengthening his lead in the Republican presidential race.

Bush garnered 53 percent of the vote while McCain gathered 44 percent.

The governor's victory is largely due to devoted Republican voters, particularly those associated with the Christian right.

The issue of religion has been a controversial topic in the days leading up to the primary.

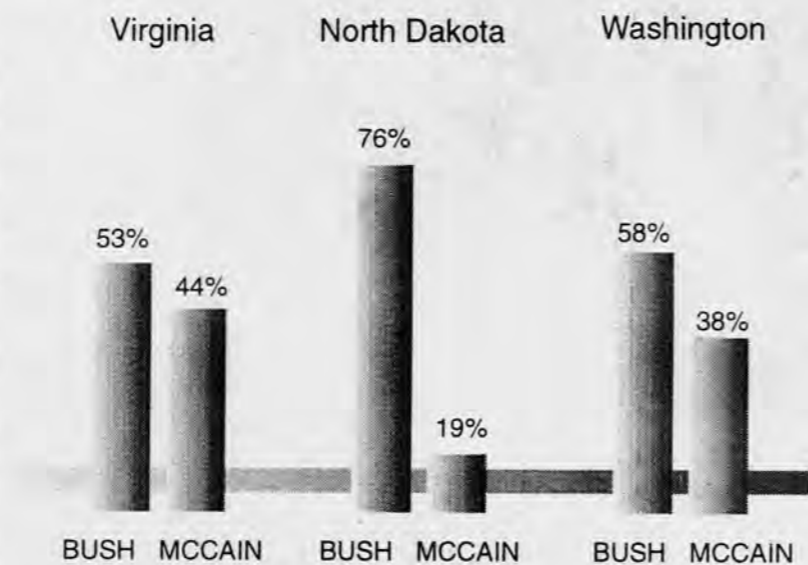
Bush spoke a few weeks ago at Bob Jones University in South Carolina, causing uproar in the Catholic community.

The school is widely a conservative Christian college whose founder has deemed Catholicism as a "satanic cult."

Bush sent a letter of apology to Cardinal John O'Connor for not speaking against anti-Catholic attitudes when he visited Bob Jones University in South Carolina.

McCain also found himself wrapped up in the religion issue when he spoke harshly about Christian Coalition founder Pat Robertson.

In Robertson's home state of Virginia, McCain called the television



evangelist a horrible Republican and labeled Bush a "Pat Robertson Republican."

McCain said they are trying to smear his campaign and ruin his and the entire Republican Party's chances of winning in November.

The win in Virginia gives Bush all the 56 of the state's Republican primary delegates.

Bush also captured the North Dakota caucus, winning 76 percent of the vote and capturing 14 of the 19 delegates at stake.

In addition, the governor won the Washington state primary by 20 percentage points and secured seven of the 12 delegates.

The governor now has 208 delegates while McCain has 104. One thousand-

thirty four delegates are needed to win the party's nomination.

"Tonight, the people of [Virginia] sent a message that they want George W. Bush to be the Republican nominee for president of the United States," Bush told supporters at a rally in Cincinnati, Ohio.

McCain gained wide support from independents and Democrats, much like he did in Michigan. However, they did not turn out in large numbers to propel him to victory.

At a rally in Bakersfield, Calif., McCain told his followers that he was happy with the fight in Virginia and realizes there is still much at stake.

"This has been a campaign of insurgency, a campaign of principle and has been conducted honorably," he said.

The next battle in the Republican and Democratic primaries will take place on Tuesday.

Known as "Super Tuesday," 13 states, including New York, California and Ohio will conduct their primaries.

More than 600 delegates are at stake on a day that is considered to be the turning point of the race for the presidential nomination.

Bush has been campaigning in Missouri, California and Ohio while McCain was in California most of this week.

Cruising the nation's airwaves, FCC-style

BY CARLOS WALKUP
News Features Editor

The nation's airwaves may be forced to accommodate some extra traffic in the near future, and some radio broadcasters think the result could be a spectrum-wide traffic jam.

In order to give radio more of a local flavor, the Federal Communications Commission has recently been preparing to establish a new class of FM radio stations, Low Power FM.

LPFM radio will provide a forum for localized organizations that do not have an opportunity to be heard on a full-power station or the funds to establish one.

Rules dictating the procedure for implementing LPFM service are scheduled to become effective on April 17.

Currently, full-power FM stations are required to take precautions against interference with other stations up to three adjacent channels away.

For example, the university radio station WVUD is licensed to 91.3 on the FM dial, and other local full-power stations cannot operate less than four channels away. A station located at 91.5, 91.7 or 91.9 would presumably cause unacceptable levels of interference to WVUD's signal.

But an LPFM station, because it broadcasts such a low-power signal, could operate in a full-power station's third adjacent channel. Based on the FCC's rules for LPFM service, a station with

"I think they'll bring a lot of talented people onto the airwaves."

— Chuck Tarver, WVUD director

maximum power levels of 100 or less could operate in the Newark area at 91.9 or 90.7.

While the FCC says this would not interrupt full-power broadcasts, many radio station operators are not sure the impact of LPFM radio will not jeopardize the airwaves.

The National Association of Broadcasters, which represents most of America's radio and television stations, is trying to gain support for legal measures that would nullify the FCC's adoption of LPFM service.

Claiming that LPFM stations "pose a threat to spectrum integrity," the NAB said the new channels might indeed cause interference that most consumer radios will not be able to filter.

Furthermore, a NAB report said, LPFM signals might encounter interference from adjacent full-power stations that would virtually nullify them.

WVUD Director Chuck Tarver said his concerns go beyond potential signal interference.

"There is the possibility of interference," he said, "but I'm also afraid you may have people who are solid broadcasters but get stuck in a

second-hand rung."

Tarver said the FCC should instead take steps against major broadcasting corporations that buy up large chunks of airspace, crowding nonprofit stations into the low end of the spectrum or forcing them into LPFM channels.

"The FCC needs to look at how this has jeopardized the entire industry," Tarver said. "But I have nothing against the LPFM stations themselves. I think they'll bring a lot of talented people onto the airwaves."

Though LPFM stations will be nonprofit establishments and will most likely be run by small local groups or private individuals, they must conform to the same rules that apply to full-power stations.

However, paperwork such as ownership reports will not be required of LPFM stations.

To make sure major media syndicates do not snatch up channels to prevent interference with their programming, contested licenses will go to the applicant that can certify a pre-existing presence in the community.

In the News

KANSAS TEEN KILLS OFFICER, DIES IN SHOOTOUT

HIAWATHA, Kan. — A teen-age boy fatally shot a deputy sheriff, fled and then died in a shootout with officers who tracked him down, authorities said Thursday.

Deputy Todd Widman responded to a call Wednesday night from a motorist who saw the teen walking along a state highway in Hiawatha in northeast Kansas.

The motorist apparently believed the boy was suspicious or was a runaway, Shoemaker said at a news conference.

When Widman responded, he was shot and radioed for help. Brown County Sheriff Lamar Shoemaker said Thursday. He died later at a hospital.

More than 50 officers from various law enforcement agencies converged on the scene in response to Widman's call. The boy was found a short time later near the parking lot of a Wal-Mart store, and fired several shots at officers before he bolted, Shoemaker said.

A half-hour later, the boy was spotted in a nearby field, and authorities cordoned off the area. He came out of nearby woods and fired at three officers, two of whom fired back, killing him, Shoemaker said.

The boy, who appeared to be in his mid-teens, was not positively identified but was believed to be from outside the area, authorities said. He apparently was armed with his own handgun.

It was not known how many shots were fired at the boy or how many struck him.

Widman, 21, was studying criminal justice at Washburn University and worked part-time as a process server and at the Brown County Jail.

"We're all, of course, appalled and saddened by the situation," Hiawatha Mayor James Scherer said. "In a small community like this, we don't get many murders."

ONE DEAD AFTER N.Y. POLICE SHOOTING

NEW YORK — A plainclothes officer shot and killed a paroled drug dealer during a struggle just three blocks from where Haitian immigrant Amadou Diallo was shot to death by officers last year.

Authorities were investigating whether the officer fired intentionally or if his weapon accidentally discharged Wednesday night. Malcolm Ferguson, who was shot in the head, was unarmed.

Last week's acquittal of the four officers who shot at Diallo 41 times provoked a wave of anti-police protests throughout the city. Police said Ferguson himself was detained Friday for resisting arrest in one of those protests.

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said at a City Hall news conference that the death of Ferguson, 23, was "a totally different situation" from the Diallo shooting, even though both cases involved victims who were unarmed.

Ferguson had a record — nine arrests including several on felony drug charges — and had fled after being stopped by officers, police said.

"They had their shields out," said Police Commissioner Howard Safir said today. "They said, 'Police officers, don't move!'"

Police said they found several envelopes of heroin on Ferguson's body.

News of the shooting initially drew approximately 100 angry protesters to the streets, and two people were arrested for allegedly throwing bottles at officers.

Police said Ferguson was one of three men stopped by four officers with the department's plainclothes Street Narcotics Unit. He was chased down by Louis Rivera, an officer with four and a half years of experience and a clean record, Chief of Patrol John Scanlon said.

Scanlon said the single, fatal shot apparently was fired at close range because blood was found on Rivera's gun, but it wasn't immediately known if the shot was intentional or accidental.

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGES SOUGHT IN MICHIGAN SHOOTING

MOUNT MORRIS TOWNSHIP, Mich. — Prosecutors will seek an involuntary manslaughter charge against a 19-year-old man believed to have had the gun that a 6-year-old boy allegedly used to shoot a classmate, authorities said Thursday.

The charge would require prosecutors to show gross negligence on the part of Jamelle James for allegedly allowing the little boy to get the .32-caliber semiautomatic gun used in Kayla Rolland's death, Genesee County Prosecutor Arthur Busch said.

The complaint will also allege that James contributed to the delinquency of a minor resulting in manslaughter, Busch said.

"We were not looking for scapegoats in this case — we were looking for justice for Kayla," Busch said. "Ultimately that justice will be found in the court of law."

James turned himself in Wednesday, police Sgt. Hap Ashley said earlier, and he was cooperating during questioning by local investigators and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Busch said investigators believe the gun used in the shooting had been left, apparently loaded, under James' blankets in a bedroom at the house where the boy stayed.

James was jailed on outstanding warrants and "miscellaneous charges," Busch said.

Authorities said earlier that the gun had been stolen. Investigators also found a stolen 12-gauge shotgun and drugs in the house, the prosecutor said.

The boy told police that Tuesday's shooting was an accident and that he had only been trying to scare the girl, Busch said earlier.

The shooting, and a rampage Wednesday outside Pittsburgh, prompted a renewed call for gun safety legislation today by President Clinton.

Clinton said he hopes to meet with House and Senate leaders next week to push for two bills he says are stalled in Congress.

— compiled from Associated Press wire reports by John Yocca

CAMPUS CALENDAR

This afternoon at 1, the 11th annual **Agriculture and Natural Resources Career Fair** will be held in Multipurpose Rooms B and C in the Trabant University Center. Call 831-2508 for more information.

Tonight at 7:30, techno-feminist Donna Haraway will present her lecture, "**For the Love of A Good Dog, or Alpha Bitches**," in 127 Memorial Hall. For more information, call 831-2361.

For those of you with luggage fetishes, your time is now. Tonight at 8, the 5th annual **Suitcase Party** will tear the roof off of the Multipurpose Rooms at the Trabant University Center. Call 831-1201 for more information.

Brad Pitt, Ed Norton and a side of Meat Loaf, please. That's right, it's "**Fight Club**" at the Trabant University Center Theater tonight at 7:30 and tomorrow night at 10. For more information, call UD1-HENS.

"**Bone Collector**" — hey, isn't that the stolen home video of Pamela and Tommy Lee ... no, this is the one

with Denzel Washington and Angelina Jolie. You might as well check it out anyway. It will play at 10 tonight and 7:30 tomorrow night in the Trabant University Center Theatre. Call UD1-HENS for more information.

March Madness has descended upon Newark, and the Ass Kickin' Chickens will try to rule the roost once again and go to the big dance. **The America East Men's Basketball Tournament** starts tonight at 6 at the Bob Carpenter Center. There will also be games on Saturday with sessions at noon and 6 p.m. and Sunday at noon. For more information, call UD1-HENS.

Juliette Binoche, of "The English Patient," plays an artist who hides her encroaching blindness from the street performer that she loves in the stylistic "**Lovers on the Bridge**," in the Trabant University Center Theater on Sunday night at 7:30. For more information, call 831-4066.

— compiled by Paul Mathews

Police Reports

HAIR PRODUCTS STOLEN FROM LOCAL STORE

Two juveniles from Wilmington were charged after shoplifting products from Sally's Beauty Supply in the College Square shopping center on Monday, Newark Police said.

Cpl. Mark A. Farrall said the youths stole super bond hair glue, Revlon human hair, 100 percent human hair and sepi human hair, a value of \$140.41.

DEER PARK DOOR DAMAGED

Deer Park Tavern and Saloon employees reported that a customer caused damage to a wooden front door early Tuesday morning, Farrall said.

The man punched the front door several times, police said, causing it to crack. The damage is valued at \$150, he said.

The restaurant has not pursued charges thus far, Farrall said.

PLANTS UPROOTED OVER WEEKEND

An unknown person pulled several bamboo plants out of the yard of a local doctor's office last weekend, Farrall said.

He said the plants were taken from the office located in the 300 block of South Chapel Street, sometime between 5 p.m. Friday and 7:30 a.m. Monday.

The bamboo has a value of \$200, Farrall said.

ALTERCATION LEADS TO SCRATCHED EYELID

A Newark resident in Victoria Mews was hurt Monday night when a man scratched her eyelid with his fingernail, Farrall said.

He said the couple was arguing when the incident occurred. The man is the father of the victim's two children.

Farrall said no arrests have been made and no charges have been filed.

— compiled by Carla Correa

Train tracks investigation closed

BY JEN LEMOS
City News Editor

The investigation into the summer death of a man on the train tracks is closed, but it could result in the possible unification of training procedures for police officers, a state House of Representatives committee announced Tuesday.

Pedro Martinez, 33, was killed and another man was injured when the car they were in was pulled over for traffic violations and hit by a freight train near the Deer Park Tavern on July 15, 1999.

Although two Newark Police officers were present at the scene and later investigated for their roles in the incident, the state attorney general's office found insufficient evidence to bring charges against them.

Rep. Joseph E. Miro, R-22nd District, headed the House committee that was created to investigate the incident.

The committee included two other representatives, as well as Jeffrey Taschner of the Department of Public Safety and prosecutor Ferris Wharton.

At a meeting with city officials, police officers and Newark residents Tuesday in Clayton Hall, Miro announced a lack of sufficient evidence needed to pursue the case.

"Basically, our work has come to an end," he said.

"Pedro Martinez should not have died.

Nevertheless, we cannot bring back his life."

The events on the night of July 15 were briefly discussed at the meeting, and Miro acknowledged that his investigation did result in the location of witnesses who said they tried to aid police.

"Several witnesses said they attempted to communicate with the officers involved," he said.

"Due to the rapid sequence of events that took place and the confusion that may have taken place, some of those offers of help were not accepted."

Philip Bannowsky, who represented the Phoenix Community at the meeting, said rumors about a witness who warned police that a train was coming were insignificant.

"In a sense, of course, it's not really relevant," he said. "Here's a vehicle on the tracks, and the police parked directly in back of it. They don't need to be warned that a vehicle is on the tracks."

While no charges have been brought against the officers involved, Miro's committee outlined four recommendations for the future of the police department.

A basic training in survival Spanish should be required for all officers and repeated annually, committee members said, and every new officer should have 12 weeks of training before beginning police work.

Some of the four training academies in Delaware currently require only eight weeks of

training, Miro said, and new officers are sometimes sent out on duty even earlier based on a need for manpower.

Specifically for the City of Newark, the committee recommended better communication with the railway system in case of emergencies.

The committee also made suggestions, which carry less weight than recommendations, to consider a unified training academy for all Delaware police and a program to recruit more Hispanic officers.

Despite the House committee's findings, Bannowsky said he felt the investigation did not uphold Martinez's constitutional rights.

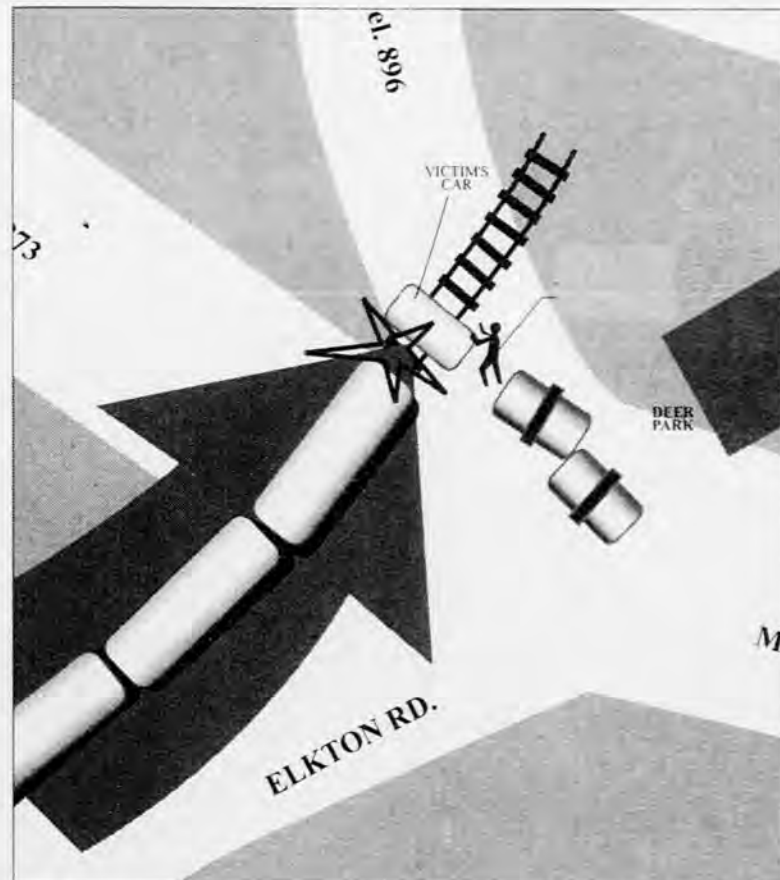
"This is the death of a human being," he said. "There's a constitutional obligation to deal with it."

"It doesn't matter if these were Mexicans who cleaned houses for a living, doing work that nobody else wants to do."

"This has not really been addressed in accordance to the Constitution."

Also a point of concern, Bannowsky said, was the fact that the police officers who were present at the scene were not held accountable for the incident.

"The police department declined to discipline the individuals involved in a fashion that is at a level to deal with the death of Pedro Martinez," he said, "and the widowhood of his wife, the grief of his brother and the orphan status of his children."



THE REVIEW/ File Illustration
An accident near The Deer Park tavern last July killed one man and injured another.



THE REVIEW/ Mike Louie
The six university students who were living in this house have not been able to move back in since a Feb. 12 explosion.

Students make next-year housing plans

BY AMANDA JONES
Staff Reporter

Many students who do not know when their final exams are, or even what subjects their midterms will cover, do know one thing — where they will be living come September.

"I don't even know when my first or last final is," freshman David Spaltler said.

But he knows where he will be setting up his stereo system in the fall: "I'm getting the hell off campus and moving into my own apartment."

Many students are giving up their PDIs and well-loved resident assistants for a pad of their own.

Sophomore Amy Buckingham, who said she plans to leave her Harrington residence hall this May for the more spacious accommodations of Ivy Hall Apartments off South College Avenue, said she is anxious to move.

"I can't wait to turn that PDI in and never see it again," she said.

"I think the money I've spent replacing it every time I've lost it is enough to pay my first month's rent."

But not all students said they plan to move off campus at the end of the semester.

Linda Carey, director of Housing Assignment Services, stated in an e-mail message that most freshmen elect to stay on campus for their sophomore year.

She said freshmen usually live on West Campus — which includes Dickinson and Rodney halls — and then make the switch to East Campus their sophomore year.

Residence Life Director Cynthia E. Cummings said studies indicate that some of the many reasons to stay on campus include an atmosphere conducive to studying, not having to pay bills every month and not worrying about cooking meals.

Freshman Katie Osborn said that although she is staying on campus, she is looking forward to a change of scenery.

"All my friends and I are moving to either Gilbert or Harrington next year," she said. "I think we will all meet more people. It will be nice to see new faces."

Sophomores who opt to remain on campus for their junior year usually choose to live in the Christiana Towers, Carey said. This year, 524 juniors are living on Laird Campus.

Carey said most juniors and seniors live off campus — only 23.27 percent of juniors and 12.5 percent of seniors live on campus.

Students said the most common reasons for moving off campus include less noise, more space, more roommate choice, freedom from resident-assistant regulation and the ability to have parties.

Brian Handloff, a representative from the apartments

above Iron Hill Brewery, said all their apartments for next school year have been rented to students.

"The apartments went unbelievably early," he said. "Typically they go around January or February, but they were completely booked by Thanksgiving."

A spokeswoman from Continental Apartments agreed that off-campus housing is in high demand. Of all 41 apartments, she said, not one is available.

Some students who already live off campus said they plan to advance to the next level — from an apartment to a house.

Junior Matt Cannes said he has followed a popular trend among university students.

"I lived in Dickinson as a freshman, the Towers as a sophomore, Ivy Hall now, and next year I'll be moving to a house on Cleveland," he said.

"You know, the natural progression."

Condemned home still not inhabitable

BY JAIME BENDER
Staff Reporter

Six university students whose house was condemned almost three weeks ago are still unable to return home, officials said.

A minor explosion at 17 Choate St. on Feb. 12 has forced the women out of their house until repairs are completed.

Fire officials said the house was condemned due to a broken oil heater that sparked the explosion.

Senior Nadine Galante said she and her roommates are now living with friends until they are permitted to return home.

Senior Rachel Skeen said four of the roommates checked into an Embassy Suites room after the explosion under the impression that their landlord, Robert Rodriguez, would reimburse them.

"He had originally agreed to pay for our hotel accommodations until Wednesday," she said.

She did not hear from Rodriguez for four days after the explosion, Skeen said, and when she finally reached him, she was told he would not be covering the girls' hotel expenses.

"He said he'll pay us each \$15 for every day we spend living outside the house," she said. "That doesn't even begin to cover all that we're owed."

Galante said this has put a tremendous strain on her class schedule.

"We can't do work when we're living on top of each other," she said. "No one has their own space."

She said she has called city officials almost every day to see when she will be able to return to her home.

"They tell me it will just be a few days," she said, "but a few days has turned into almost three weeks."

She said she believes the reason for the explosion was that the heater was old, but others disagree.

"People from the oil company are telling me it was caused by a leaky valve or from being turned

on and off too many times," she said. "But I think it was just old and needed to be replaced."

Newark Fire Marshal Ken Farrall said the age of the heater had nothing to do with the explosion.

"If the heater is kept in proper operating condition, and if it undergoes an inspection at least once per year, there should be no problems," he said.

Rodriguez was instructed to call the Newark Fire Department as soon as repairs in the house are complete but has not yet done so, Farrall said.

"We will go back into the house and make sure everything is running properly," he said. "At that point, the women are free to move back in."

Farrall said the owner is responsible at all times for maintaining the property.

"According to the women, it was the landlord's job to make sure everything was in proper repair," he said.

Rodriguez could not be reached for comment.

Galante said she and her roommates are relieved that no one was hurt, but are anxious to return to their home as soon as possible.

"I don't like not knowing where I'll be living from one day to the next," she said.

Galante said she has been in and out of the house to collect her belongings.

She said workers employed by Rodriguez are repairing the heater, installing a new sprinkler system and patching the hole in the wall created by the explosion.

"You can tell they're making some progress," Galante said. "The smell is pretty much gone, they patched up the hole in my roommate's wall and it is definitely looking better."

She said the house is still undergoing repairs, and she and her roommates are not sure when they will be able to return.

"All but one of us is graduating in a couple of months," Galante said. "We want to have this straightened out very soon."

New cells may help battle genetic diseases

BY ANDREA BENVENUTO
Staff Reporter

Researchers recently announced they have fused a human cell with an electronic chip, an innovation that could possibly play a key role in fighting genetic diseases.

Lead project researcher Boris Rubinsky said the chip would serve in the treatment of genetic diseases, such as diabetes and cystic fibrosis, and it could affect thousands of patients in the long run.

The "cell-chip" is a tiny electronic device smaller than the width of a human hair that houses a human cell in its center. When electrical impulses are sent to it, it is able to open up the cell membrane.

By doing this, the introduction of genetic material from the cell in the chip into other cells in the body can be controlled.

The chip would be used as an alternative to the retrovirus treatment, which is commonly used once a disease has been diagnosed.

Michael Rice, research associate of biological sciences at the university, said, "In a disease such as sickle cell anemia, a

retrovirus carries a good gene into the cell and hopefully overcomes the deficiency of the mutant gene."

Rubinsky, a mechanical engineering professor at the University of California Berkeley, said the new technology can be used instead of a retrovirus to carry good genes into the body.

"We can serve the biotechnology industry by attaching the chip to cells in the body the same way we did in the lab," he said.

Rubinsky said the breakthrough in his self-funded research came with the discovery of the specific magnitude of electrical current needed to open the cell membrane.

"The problem before was that if too low a voltage was used, it wouldn't open the cell," he said, "and if too high a voltage was used, it would destroy the cell."

He said the process was a series of trials and errors, and the three-layer chip took approximately two years to build. The study was published in the March issue of the scientific journal *Biomedical Microdevices*.

Rice said that in the past, chips have been



THE REVIEW/ File Photo
Researchers have discovered a technique to mate machinery with human cells to help combat some diseases. At press time, they had not found a way to create cyborgs.

useful in monitoring the way cells follow the directions given by proteins and gene mutations in cells.

"I think this kind of research is still in its infancy, in comparison to what it can become," he said. "But it sounds fascinating so far."

College Dems hear Minner's plans

BY KATY CIAMARICONE
Staff Reporter

Members of the College Democrats attended a forum Tuesday featuring Lt. Governor Ruth Ann Minner to discuss her plans for the upcoming gubernatorial election.

The meeting with Minner, who is running for governor in the fall, as well as Secretary of Finance John C. Carney, was held at Brookside Elementary School and was open to the public.

Minner, Carney and about 15 members of the 25th Representative District Committee of the Delaware Democratic Party warmly welcomed the six College Democrats.

Minner began her discussion by thanking the students several times and praising the hard work they do for the Democratic Party.

"We just love to see all these young people out to support our campaign," she said.

The College Democrats plan to help Minner as election day grows closer by distributing flyers on campus, at football games and making phone calls to area residents.

College Democrats Vice President Brenda Mayrack said the group is willing to do whatever is required to

aid Minner's campaign because she said she thinks the Democrats want to help people.

"The difference between Democrats and Republicans is that the Democratic philosophy is to make people's lives better," Mayrack said. "Republicans just try to stay out of people's lives."

Minner, the state's first female lieutenant governor and the only Democrat running for governor this year, spoke about what she has done over her past eight years in office.

Minner said that since she became lieutenant governor in 1992, over 60,000 jobs have been created for Delawareans.

"This state is enjoying its lowest unemployment rate in years," she said.

Aside from addressing employment, Minner said, she has helped put more police on the streets, more criminals in jail, and she was especially proud of her improvements in New Castle County's Motor Vehicle inspection process.

"Just small improvements like these will make a difference for a lot of people," Minner said. "We're changing the way you get service."

Carney, who will run for lieutenant governor, and Goodwin Cobb, vying for a chair in the Delaware House of

Representatives, also spoke.

While Carney spoke about his achievements as Secretary of Finance he was interested in giving back to the Newark community by improving the quality of life, Cobb said.

Both Carney and Cobb graduated from the university. Carney coached the university football team while pursuing his master's degree in public administration, and Cobb completed his undergraduate career in 1998.

Opening the floor for questions,

"The difference between Democrats and Republicans is that the Democratic philosophy is to make people's lives better. Republicans just try to stay out of people's lives."
— Brenda Mayrack, vice president of the College Democrats

College Democrat freshman Ty Young, a worker at Wawa, posed a concern that his employer does not provide health insurance.

Minner said she agreed the issue is a big problem because citizens over age 18 are dropped from their parents'

insurance if they do not attend college.

She said because health risks increase with age, the government spends more money on the elderly than on college students, but would continue to work on the issue.

College Democrat President Katy Lewis said she was pleased with the event.

"It's always fun to hear Minner speak," Lewis said. "She has an interesting story."

Minner was elected in 1992, despite

having never received high school diploma.

However, she earned her general equivalency degree at Delaware Technical and Community College. Later Minner took education courses at the university.

scoping
scienceInvestigating the
birth control pillBY SUSAN STOCK
Managing News Editor

Having relations, fornication, intercourse, boinking, getting a groove on, having sex.

For men and women who are doing the horizontal mambo, protection is a big issue.

One of the most common contraceptives women use is the oral contraceptive, or birth control pill.

The pill, which has been available for more than 35 years, is a series of 28 pills taken to be taken over 28 days.

The first 21 pills contain hormone-like substances that act in ways similar to the hormones estrogen and progesterone.

Estrogen and progesterone trigger the maturation of eggs. They are also responsible for the protective lining of the uterus that is developed and shed during menstruation.

When a woman takes the pills, the ovaries do not develop eggs. The woman's body is tricked into thinking she is pregnant.

At the same time, the lining of the cervix thickens to prevent sperm from traveling up the fallopian tubes.

When the 21 pills containing hormones are finished, the woman then takes seven placebo pills containing no hormones.

The body then no longer thinks the woman is pregnant. It sheds the protective lining it has developed for the non-existent fetus, a process known as menstruation.

When taken correctly, the pill is 99 percent effective, but the benefits of the pill are greater than protection from unwanted pregnancy.

The benefits include the following:

- it is safe for most women;
- some versions of the pill may decrease acne;
- menstrual periods may become less

painful, lighter or more regular;

- it may lower the chances of having certain types of cancer and tumors;

- and it increases the chances of avoiding tubular pregnancies (in which the embryo attaches to the wall of the fallopian tube before reaching the uterus).

However, it is important to note there are some potential drawbacks to the pill as well.

The pill does not protect against sexually transmitted diseases like HIV.

Also, it is generally best to take the pill at the same time each day. Women often have difficulty remembering to take their pills, and skipped pills can lead to spotting and irregular bleeding.

Side effects such as nausea and cramping may occur, especially when women first begin taking the pill. Other, more serious side effects may be incurred later, including blood clots, high blood pressure and increased risk of heart attack.

Women must get a doctor's prescription before beginning the medication. The pills are available through Student Health Services for \$12 per pack of 28.

Other forms of contraception on the market range from condoms to Depo Provera, a shot that will protect a woman for three months.

Each of these has positive and negative aspects that need to be evaluated before making a contraceptive choice.

Regardless, a couple should take some kind of contraceptive measure before climbing back in the saddle again.

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Md. gun raffle raises
money, controversyBY JENNA R. PORTNOY
Student Affairs Editor

A gun raffle held by a Republican Party committee in Maryland Sunday has caused existing controversy surrounding guns to explode.

The Republican Central Committee in Carroll County raffled a 9 mm semiautomatic Beretta pistol to raise \$16,000.

The raffle has drawn protests from handgun control supporters and caused the committee's vice chairwoman to resign.

National Handgun Control spokeswoman Kimberly Mariani said the raffle was tasteless and sends the wrong message to children.

"It's a slap in the face to teaching your kids safety," she said. "Give away cash, give away a car. There are so many more practical, safe things to give away."

Mariani said in light of recent gun-related

"It's a slap in the
face to teaching your
kids safety."— Kimberly Mariani, National Handgun
Control spokeswoman

crimes — like last year's Colombine High School massacre and the shooting of a 6-year-old Michigan girl by a classmate Tuesday — the raffle was inappropriate, at the very least.

Ginni Wolf, director of Mothers Against Handgun Abuse, said that having been personally affected by gun violence, she was disgusted by the raffle and found it insensitive.

The raffle was part of a political game held in response to the attorney general's report on guns, she said.

Scott Hollenbeck, the organizer of the raffle and the father of a 16-month-old girl, said the protesters included MAHD members Jim and

Carol Price, whose 13-year-old son was accidentally shot and killed by a 9-year-old boy.

While holding pictures of their son, John Joseph, the couple promoted Senate Bill 341, which would ban gun raffles, Hollenbeck said.

Carol Price said she protested not only because of her personal experience, but also because she feels that a political party should not be promoting a firearm which has the sole purpose of "destroying and killing."

She said, "The Republican Party had no right to raffle off the type of weapon that's killing our citizens."

Mariani said NHC has no plans for further protest, even though many risks are associated with having a gun in the home.

A suicide is five times more likely to occur in a household with a gun, she said, and a homicide is three times as likely.

Although Hollenbeck said 90 percent of the response to the raffle has been positive, the Carroll County Central Committee was pressured from the state party to cancel the event.

"If we would've backed down, our best idea wouldn't have any credibility," he said. "It showed backbone that we can take a little heat and keep going forward."

This was the first time a governing body of the Republican Party has held a gun raffle, Hollenbeck said. It made people uncomfortable, he said, because it forced them to take a stand.

"We, as the Republican Central Committee, put the idea into the arena of ideas," he said. "When you put an idea out, it's accepted or rejected."

Hollenbeck said Helen Roop, the 66-year-old grandmother who won the pistol, already owns a shotgun and bought her ticket to support the committee's efforts.

The committee, which originally printed only 500 \$5 tickets, raised the number to 4,000 after the controversy surrounding the raffle heightened,



THE REVIEW/ File Photo

A Republican fund-raiser has drawn fire from supporters of handgun control.

Hollenbeck said.

"They moved so fast that even when we sold all the tickets, people were still throwing money at us," he said.

Ridgely Parks, co-owner of Hampstead Gun and Outdoor Supply Co., the store that sold the Republican Party the gun, said the government wants to take guns away from law-abiding people.

"People demonize guns because criminals use them a lot," he said. "The owner of the firearm is the one who should be responsible for it."

"The gun itself is a piece of machinery. If I lay it on the table, in 100 years it will still be laying there."

Price, however, said she blames a gun for killing the 6-year-old girl in Michigan.

"The gun killed that classmate, not the child," she said. "The child didn't even know what he was doing."

Dissatisfied with the results of traditional fund-raisers like bull roasts and direct-mail requests, Hollenbeck said he hoped the raffle would reach out to new donors — people with Republican values.

Basil Battaglia, chairman of Delaware's Republican Party, said the state has no plans to hold a gun raffle.

He said Delaware sticks to traditional fund-raisers like breakfasts with speakers, cocktail parties for large contributors and golf tournaments.

Two Wilmington residents also charged

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Willard was driving was stopped on Elkton Road near the Newark Municipal Building. The vehicle was searched and a handgun was recovered.

At 3:26 a.m., the subjects were seen throwing rocks at a wall by the Rodney Complex, and one of them was using a board to break a first-floor window in a Rodney residence hall, causing \$100 worth of damage.

When three residents of Rodney Complex came outside to investigate, police said, they encountered Willard, Stirparo and Lampert in a Jeep.

After Stirparo allegedly pointed a handgun at

one of the students, they backed up and the Jeep left the area.

Stirparo was charged with the following before being released on a \$5,000 security bond:

- possession of a firearm during commission of a felony;
- aggravated menacing;
- carrying a concealed deadly weapon;
- conspiracy;
- criminal mischief;
- disorderly conduct;
- and trespass.

Before being released on their own recognizance, Willard and Lampert were charged with conspiracy, criminal mischief, disorderly conduct and trespass.

"It would be nice for all the
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all the tools of the trade in
order to serve the
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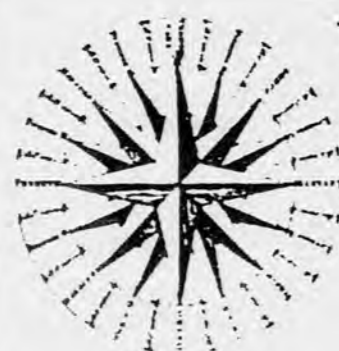
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Protesters return filled with pride

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— in which they played dead to represent the lives of people whom the death penalty has affected.

"We are dying symbolically so Mumia does not die," a voice shouted over a loudspeaker.

Abu-Jamal, an activist in the African-American community was sentenced to death for the 1981 murder of a Philadelphia police officer. The Supreme Court has since rejected two of Abu-Jamal's appeals, in 1990 and 1999.

Meanwhile, participants both in the street and on the steps were being handcuffed and taken away.

"They put those nasty twist-tie things on us," Heite said, referring to the off-white plastic handcuffs police used.

Both Heite and Lee said they let their bodies go limp as they were dragged away to the chanting support of their peers.

"For that moment," Lee said, "it was worth it."

Heite said that for her, being arrested meant protesting against a racist and classist death penalty system, things Abu-Jamal has come to stand for.

The officers took photographs of the demonstrators, Lee said, and confiscated their shoelaces, jewelry and personal belongings.

The activists then boarded a Greyhound bus that would take them to the first of three holding cells.

Lee said that by the time she and her peers were taken to the third cell, they had been in police custody for about eight hours.

"A lot of people's energy started to diminish," she said. "But we still managed to pull together."

"They were treating us like real criminals. They were very curt and domineering."

— junior Catherine Heite

Although their day was tiring, by 8:30 p.m. the activists were able to appear in court, speak to their lawyer and learn what charges were being brought against them, Lee said.

Heite said that the courtroom was the worst place she was taken.

"They were treating us like real criminals," she said. "They were very curt and domineering."

"Everyone there had a big chip on their shoulder."

As other university students who joined Heite and Lee at the protest returned home Monday evening, they commented on their opinions of the arrests.

Freshman Ariel Hegedus said that she was proud of Heite and Lee's actions.

"I'm sorry I wasn't with them," she said.



Hundreds of protesters flocked to the nation's capital on Monday in support of death-row inmate Mumia Abu Jamal's attempt to have a new trial. At least 160 of the protesters were arrested when they went through a police barrier.

Groups rally to join march for Mumia

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Washington, Md., said racial prejudice was among the reasons she came to the protest.

"I feel that everyone deserves a fair trial," she said. "[Mumia's] trial wasn't fair because he's black."

But not everyone who witnessed the protest was a supporter.

As two well-dressed men walked through the crowd, they commented on the behavior of its participants.

"I think they ought to arrest every single one of these people and not let them go," said Jerry Hunter, a health-care business retiree from Los Angeles. "Do you see the tax money being wasted on this bullshit? It's a waste of the police officers' time."

"We have serious issues in this country, and this is not one of them."

But to the protesters who still sat in the street at 11:15 a.m., the issue held a grave significance.

As police inched their buses-turned-paddy-wagons closer to the demonstrators, the activists held onto each other, forming human chains they had practiced at meetings the night before.

The police dismantled the first and second of these chains before advancing toward the corner of First Street and East Capitol Avenue. Two chains remained, a horizontal one with people seated one behind the next, and a circular one with its members held together with silver gleaming handcuffs.

Jeff Lynn, a member of Brooklyn, New York's Refuse and Resist organization, sat as the anchor to the horizontal chain.

As he hugged the woman in front of him, a reporter asked if he were scared.

"If Mumia's not, I'm not," the 32-year-old said.

Within minutes he was peeled from his group, as six police officers broke up the chain. The protesters flopped on the ground and let their bodies go limp.

The police zipped on the plastic cuffs and dragged them away, exposing an occasional belly to the sidewalk chatters.

Meanwhile, other officers pleaded with the circular chain of people to remove the metal handcuffs they secured around their wrists.

A young blonde girl shook her head, smiled and continued to chant, as the police produced wire cutters and replaced the activists' cuffs with the official plastic variety.

A petite woman pushed through the crowd and approached the officers.

"I'm an old woman," she said as she asked the police to arrest her as well.

The officers were gentle with her, placing their hands on her back as if to make sure she really wanted to do this.

As they took her hands behind her back, raised fists from the crowd showed their support.

Buses filled with the arrested demonstrators pulled away, amid the cheers of their supporters.

Colin Neiburger, one of the event's organizers, said he thought the protest was a success, even though he chose not to be arrested.

"But it doesn't mean I won't at another time," the smiling 50-year-old said.

"I came just to show my support for Mumia." Almost as quickly as it erupted, by 1 p.m., the area that was filled with protesters quieted down.

Traffic returned to First Street, and most of the police officers disappeared in a single file down Maryland Avenue.

Matt Meyer, another protest organizer said he thought the day's events went well.

"It's a symbolic statement," he said.

"When we have over 150 people willing to put their bodies on the line on the steps and streets, we're saying that until Mumia's free."

"We're going to keep making statements."

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THE REVIEW/ Scott McAllister
Newark City Council has decided that this intersection will retain its flashing light, rather than reverting to a push-button system.

Main Street flashing light stays steady

BY JEN LEMOS
City News Editor

A Main Street pedestrian crosswalk will remain as it is rather than revert to a push-button system, Newark City Council members decided in a unanimous vote Monday.

The current crossing near Rainbow Books & Music consists of a flashing yellow light for motorists, allowing pedestrians the right of way. A push-button system that incorporated a waiting period for pedestrians was installed at the crosswalk last fall, but a backlash of complaints forced the city to return to its normal procedure.

Newark Mayor Harold F. Godwin said the Main Street crosswalk was first implemented 20 years ago and was designed to give pedestrians the right of way over traffic.

In 1998, the city entered a contract with DelDOT to coordinate the traffic stops on the street and eliminate the gridlock of cars.

DelDOT representatives were present to encourage the inclusion of the crosswalk in the city's system of push-button pedestrian crossings.

Despite traffic concerns, both community and council members said they were hesitant to change the existing procedure.

Godwin was among those who voiced his

approval of the current practice.

"The one thing I heard here tonight that really changed my mind about this issue is that people are going to cross this street one way or another," he said.

"I'm inclined to allow this crosswalk to work the way it's working now and continue to support this operation."

Godwin said despite the congestion of traffic, his main concern was the safety of all those involved.

"I've seen this issue with the crosswalk as a safety issue all along," he said.

"Again, we're trying to add another component to improve the life and the ease of movement for folks both in cars and on foot."

Godwin's remarks were echoed by numerous Newark residents who said they were opposed to any change in the crosswalk.

Jean Danneman, vice president of the Downtown Newark Partnership, said her organization did not support a transition to the push-button system.

"We feel that we shouldn't fix something that isn't broken," she said. "There have been no accidents and no fatalities there, [unlike] other intersections on Main Street."

Despite the popularity of the existing

crosswalk, some speakers said they felt a new system coordinated more closely with traffic lights would be beneficial.

DelDOT representative Gene Donaldson said officials of the company, which engineered the current traffic system on Main Street, thought a change would benefit to the flow of traffic.

"We would allow time in the cycle for the pedestrian to cross and also progress traffic," he said. "You're getting the best of both worlds in our minds."

Newark resident Jack Billingsley said he also felt the crosswalk should adhere to the push-button system, which is used in crossings at the intersections of both Academy Street and South College Avenue.

"When you have an integrated system," he said, "it is only successful if you do not have a random crossing that interferes with the sequence set up."

Celeste Kemple, owner of Campus Surf on Main Street, said she felt the issue of the crosswalk was one of little importance compared to larger problems in the city, such as the overabundance of young people wandering the streets on weekends.

"In our town," she said, "we have bigger problems than just this street."

Half of City Council seats up for election

BY STEPHANIE DENIS
Administrative News Editor

Newark City Council's annual election is just a little more than one month away, but based on previous contests, officials are already anticipating a low voter turnout.

Three of the Council's six seats are up for grabs, yet according to some officials, only 800 of Newark's 12,000 registered voters are expected to visit the polls on April 11.

Jerome Lewis, director of the Institute for Public Administration, said part of the reason for low turnout expectations is that it is not a general election year. The Council staggers elections so that three members are elected each spring for two-year terms. Mayoral elections will not be held this year.

However, Samuel W. Burns, president of the city's Board of Elections, said the percentage of citizens who vote reflects the satisfaction of the citizens regarding the quality of life in Newark.

"You have to have issues to stir people up to get people to vote," he said.

There are 25,000 citizens in Newark, Burns said, and when the mayor is elected every three years,

about 4,000 people turn out to vote.

He said the smaller number of citizens who vote in council elections is comparable to voting percentages in other cities.

The percentages in Newark have not gone through any considerable change in more than three decades, Burns said.

"If the trash is getting picked up on time, the sewer works, your water's clean and taxes haven't been raised," he said, "you kind of say: 'Well, things are looking good. I'm not upset with the way things are being run here.'"

Burns added that some students who live in Newark might not realize they were automatically registered to vote if they have changed to a Delaware driver's license since arriving at the university.

Students not from the city cannot vote in Newark elections and still vote in their hometown, he said, unless the student re-registers to vote at home after voting here.

"Voting is a simple process," he said. "But getting yourself to that point is a commitment."

Burns said Council elections are nonpartisan.

"People who have tried to align themselves with a political party have not fared well in Newark," he said. "They have failed to be elected when they run on a party system."

Councilman Frank Osborne, 5th District, said this is because Newark's city manager runs all

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— Samuel W. Burns, president, Newark Board of Elections

business aspects of the government, and officials cannot use party affiliations to their advantage.

Osborne said he would like for more people to vote in elections.

"I'm a retired social studies teacher," he said, "so now I'm practicing what I preach."

"A lot of people think city

elections aren't important, but when you turn on the faucet, the city provides the water."

He said the Council is in charge of parks and recreation, garbage pickup, planning and zoning, building inspection and the police force.

"City laws affect people day by day — more than foreign policy, which is a national problem," Osborne said.

Burns said the city is required to advertise elections, but the responsibility of getting voters to the polls is up to the candidates.

"Candidates will ask me, 'What can I do to get elected?' " he said. "And I say, 'Contact the people who are registered to vote. Tell them you care about the city of Newark.'"

The city facilitates voter registration through programs such as registration at the Division of Motor Vehicles and at Registration Days, Burns said.

"You can go into just about any state building and register to vote," he said.

The final advertised voter registration day is March 18, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Newark Municipal Building.

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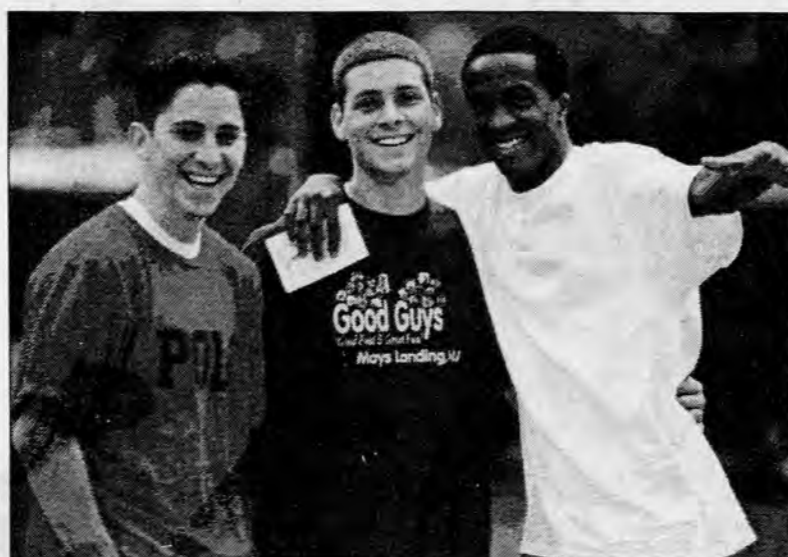
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Overcrowding in psychiatric hospital

BY SHANNON CANTON
Staff Reporter

The government is currently working to increase funding to a state-run psychiatric hospital that has been deemed overcrowded and understaffed, officials said.

Wesley Perkins, interim director of the Delaware Psychiatric Center, said the reason for the overcrowding is that the center is compelled to take all the patients sent to it.

Anthony Farina, Gov. Thomas R. Carper's press secretary, said under current law, the New Castle County hospital is required to take in every patient.

Cynthia Collier, communication director for the Department of Health and Social Services, said that because of this, if doctors decide someone needs immediate help, they admit him even without insurance.

Farina said the increased number of patients coming to the

hospital is due to the closing of two community psychiatric centers in the area.

The center was originally using roll-away beds to deal with its overwhelming number of patients, Collier said.

However, Health Care Finance Administration officials who came to inspect the center in December told hospital officials they had to find another way to compensate for the overcrowding, she said.

Perkins said the center now sends people to private Delaware hospitals to lighten its load.

However, the center must pay the hospitals to take its extra patients, Collier said.

"We've got our numbers under control, but it is costing money to do so," she said.

"It has cost around \$200,000 so far to pay for the private hospitals to take our patients."

Perkins said they now have more patients coming in than they

have room or staff for.

"We still need more staff," he said.

"Because we still have vacancies, we often have to ask employees to work overtime to maintain an adequate number of staff."

Farina said Carper is trying to solve the problem of overcrowding and understaffing by asking for more federal funding.

"The governor expects to work with the [general assembly] to provide additional funding in his proposed budget to address the concerns in the psychiatric center," he said.

Farina said that Delaware, like the rest of the country, is faced with a shortage of nurses and nursing staff.

He said the center has been trying to hire more staff members to accommodate the overcrowding.

"We have been aggressive in

recruiting the best of the best at the center by providing competitive salaries and very good benefits packages," he said.

Susan Watson Gumbs, deputy director of the state division of Alcoholism, Drug Abuse and Mental Health, said the federal government has not pulled funding.

She said it would do so if the hospital does not meet certain criteria — such as having an adequate amount of staff — to guarantee appropriate patient care and safety.

"We've been reviewed a number of times, and we have not been found to be a serious or immediate threat," Gumbs said.

Collier said the HCFA makes surprise visits to the hospital.

"They have been back seven or eight times since December to check to make sure we're keeping the numbers down," she said, "and they have found no problem."



THE REVIEW/Mike Louie

This Howard Johnson motel on South College Avenue was burglarized and damaged by several people Saturday night.

Blaze leaves seven homeless

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the call within five minutes and found the two-and-a-half-story house engulfed in flames.

After 20 minutes of labor-intensive effort to extinguish the fire, the smoke became lighter, yet though it could no longer be seen, the fire continued to spread.

"There was fire hidden within the walls of the house from the first floor up into the attic," Kavanagh said.

From the outside it appeared that the fire was out, he said, but it spread upward through the house.

Junior Allison Fitch said she was next door studying with friends when the fire broke out.

"Flames were shooting out of the back porch area," she said. "There were loud crackling noises and things were flying everywhere."

Despite the destruction, surrounding houses were not evacuated. "We were confident the fire was contained within the house and there was no danger of it spreading to neighboring units," Kavanagh said.

The bulk of the fire was extinguished in approximately one hour, he said, although firefighters remained on the scene until about 3:30 a.m. for extensive overhaul operations.

Kavanagh said he is very proud of the approximately 45 volunteer firefighters on the scene.

"None of our firefighters are paid," he said. "They do this as a service to the community."



THE REVIEW/Mike Louie

A fire at this Delaware Avenue house left seven students homeless.

Burglars damage Howard Johnson

BY CARLA CORREA
City News Editor

Several people were charged with burglary and the damage of motel rooms Saturday at the Howard Johnson on South College Avenue, Newark Police said.

Seven individuals, including four juveniles, were discovered in the motel early Saturday morning after police responded to a report that several exit signs had been damaged, Cpl. Mark A. Farrall said.

Police discovered additional room damage and theft totaling \$3,250 after further investigations, he said.

Three men and two juveniles have been arrested on a total of 18 charges, Farrall said, and warrants are pending on two additional juveniles who are facing seven charges.

Peter Bhai, manager of Howard Johnsons, said the staff discovered the damage at approximately 5 a.m.

"When housekeeping came in, they saw some exit signs were broken and felt something was not right," he said.

In addition to the \$600 worth of destruction to exit signs, Farrall said, the group damaged numerous items, including two chairs, three remote controls, floor lamps, a coffeemaker and a shoe-shine polisher.

He said a stolen television and a set of master keys were found in a Pontiac Firebird near the building.

Bhai said he later learned someone entered an office, took the keys and unlocked vacant rooms.

Farrall said alcohol and about 1.9 grams of marijuana were also found in the rooms.

"There were basically three offenses here — burglary, theft and damage to property," he said. "One may have been charged with possession of marijuana as well."

Further charges include conspiracy, criminal mischief and underage possession of alcohol.

Farrall said the group rented the rooms for a party. There is no information on when the damaged rooms will be re-furnished.

All involved have been released to their parents and the investigation is still continuing.

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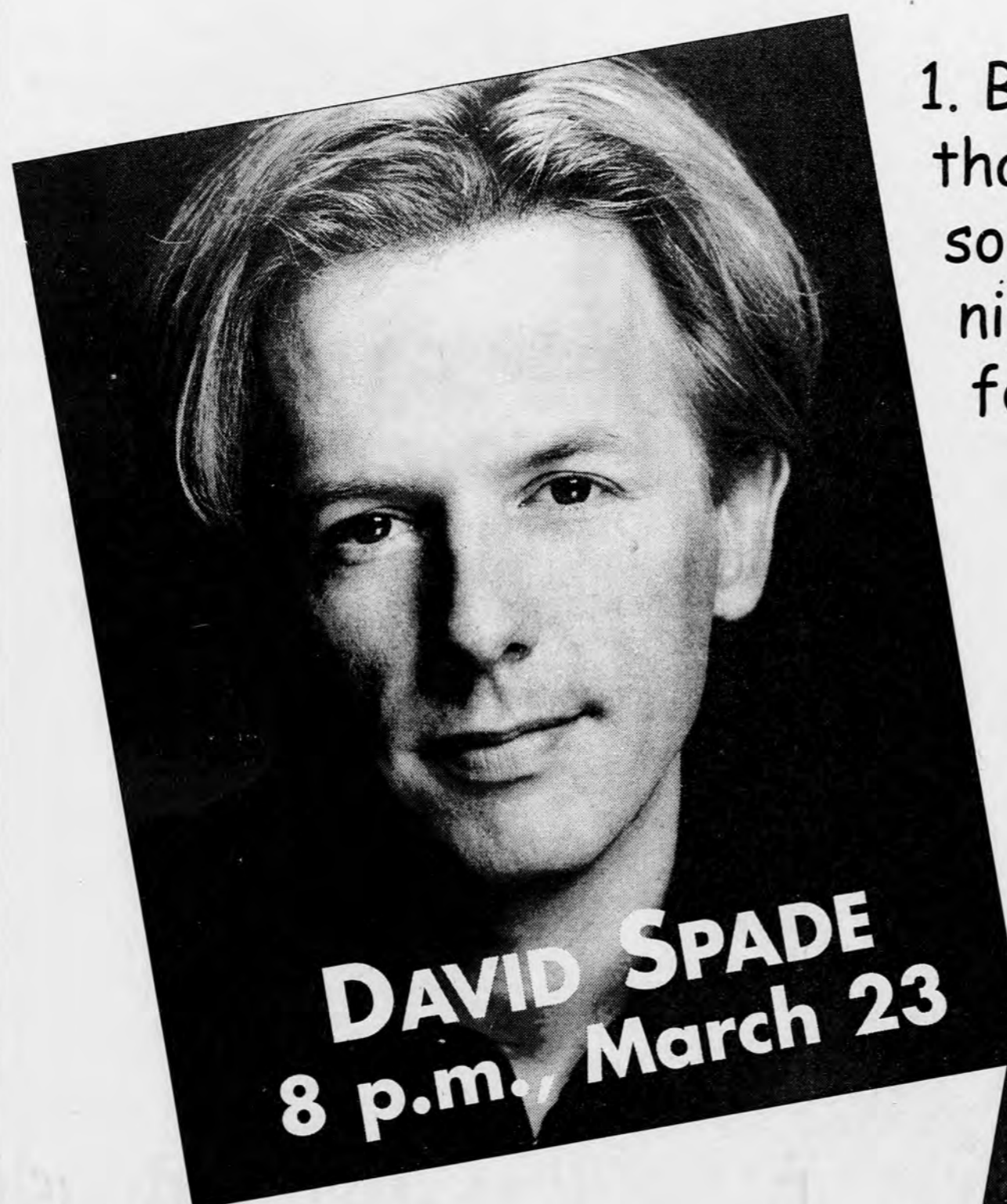
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Interns can help inform voters

BY CORTNEY RIFFEE

Staff Reporter

Hundreds of students will have the opportunity to travel to Philipsburg, Mont., or Boston, Mass., where they will compile information about political candidates during 10-week internships.

Students accepted into the Project Vote Smart program will travel either to the Great Divide Ranch in Montana with free room and board, or Northeastern University in Boston, with a \$1,000 stipend available to cover their housing expenses.

Additional grants ranging from \$200 to \$250 are available.

A national library of factual information, Project Vote Smart is a non-partisan, nongovernment-funded program that gathers information on more than 13,000 candidates for federal and state-level elections.

The project's goal is to inform voters by making election information readily available, said Kristina Saleh, who works at the Philipsburg headquarters.

Internship Director Aili Langseth said the interns are in the center of action this election year.

"They are busy morning to night, interviewing candidates, compiling their backgrounds and issue positions and providing a body of trustworthy,

unbiased information to the public," she said.

At the Montana headquarters, interns and volunteers, who compose 90 percent of the staff, commit themselves for 10 weeks and can often receive class credit from their college or university.

Aside from working nine hours per day, Langseth said, the interns have the opportunity to enjoy the 150 acres surrounding the area, which was originally a dude ranch.

"After work, they can go skiing or hiking, horseback riding, or swimming — all right out their own back doors," she said.

Saleh said the university was targeted because East Coast schools have provided the project with a good number of interns in the past. She said Project Vote Smart tends to select areas where it has received the best results.

University students are now eligible for scholarship support through the Pew Charitable Trust of Philadelphia, which aims to confront youth apathy among 18- to 25-year-olds.

While most students apply for internships in the summer, Langseth said, the program is looking for interns for fall.

"We'd really like to see more involvement in the fall due to upcoming elections," she said.

Although students with political science, communications and journalism majors are particularly encouraged to apply, Langseth said, interns from all backgrounds are accepted and are eligible for scholarship support.

The founding board is made up of 40 prominent national leaders, including former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley, former democratic vice presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro and former House speaker Newt Gingrich.

Project Vote Smart's National Internship Program began in 1994 with students becoming active in political research, answering hotline calls, creating press releases and tracking current legislation.

Entirely based on independent memberships and foundation grants, the organization does not lobby, support or oppose any candidate, nor does it accept financial support from any organization that does, a Project Vote Smart representative said.

Students are being accepted into the program throughout the year, and depending on their backgrounds, they may be placed in various departments, including Media and Public Relations, Reporter's Research Center, Voter's Research Hotline, Vote Smart Web and the National Political Awareness Test.

Minorities may benefit from national grant

BY STEPHANIE LANE

Staff Reporter

University of Delaware students have until March 15 to apply for a \$1 billion national grant intended to help minority students finance college educations.

The Gates Millennium Scholars Program will award \$50 million of scholarships each year for 20 years, starting in the Fall Semester 2000.

Each year, 1,000 new students from across the nation will be chosen to receive the funding. At any given time, 4,000 students will be Millennium Scholars. No limit is placed on each university.

The scholarship will provide funds for African-American, Native American, Alaskan Native, Asian-Pacific-American and Hispanic-American students who meet the requirements.

"It's a very strong package," said Michael Stokes, assistant dean of the College of Arts and Science.

Undergraduate students enrolled in any discipline are eligible for the scholarship.

Graduate students, however, must be enrolled in science, math, engineering, education or library science programs.

Applicants should demonstrate financial need and have leadership experience in extracurricular activities. They must have a GPA of at least 3.3, and they have to maintain a 3.0 GPA to retain the scholarship.

Faculty members are currently nominating next year's scholars, Stokes said.

"We're nominating as many as we deem eligible," he said. "Everyone nominated will probably not receive [the scholarship], but I'm sure a good number will."

Requirements include a faculty nomination, recommendations, high school or college transcripts and a personal statement.

The program is funded by a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The United Negro College Fund serves as the program administrator in collaboration with the Hispanic Scholarship Fund and American Indian College Fund.

Stokes encouraged eligible students to request nominations from faculty members.

"Because this is the first year of the program, it's not as well publicized, so you have a better chance of getting in," he said.

"It's always good to get in on the ground floor."

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—Michael Stokes, assistant dean of the College of Arts and Science

Funds to aid students studying abroad

BY MARK HAUPT

Staff Reporter

A new grant will help university students study abroad in the 2000-2001 academic year.

The university has received \$300,000 from a government called the Starr Foundation to help cover traveling expenses for 20 to 30 students.

Students will receive \$1,500 to \$4,500 to cover costs such as airfare, housing, excursions and even some meals, said Bill

McNabb, director of Overseas Studies.

The scholarships will not cover tuition, which could range from \$734 to \$6,375, depending upon the semester or session and whether a student is a Delaware resident or an out-of-state resident.

The program is intended to target students who would not think about going or would be unable to go due to the cost.

Diane Henker, the program coordinator for International

Programs said the university was chosen for the grant because of the impressive track record of its study abroad program.

The program began in 1923 when the university became the first American institution to send students abroad. The first group went to France. The program now allows students to travel to 19 countries ranging from Germany to New Zealand.

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must be nominated or request nominations from faculty, McNabb said. Students should have a minimum 3.0 GPA and be able to demonstrate financial need.

The scholarship is available to any who wish to study abroad, no matter their major, Henker said.

Once nominated, students will fill out an application on the program's Web site. Applications for a Summer Session or Fall Semester abroad will be due by April 3 and those for Winter

Session or Spring Semester are expected by May 8.

The scholarship program will span the next four years, Henker said. The \$300,000 will be limited to \$75,000 per year.

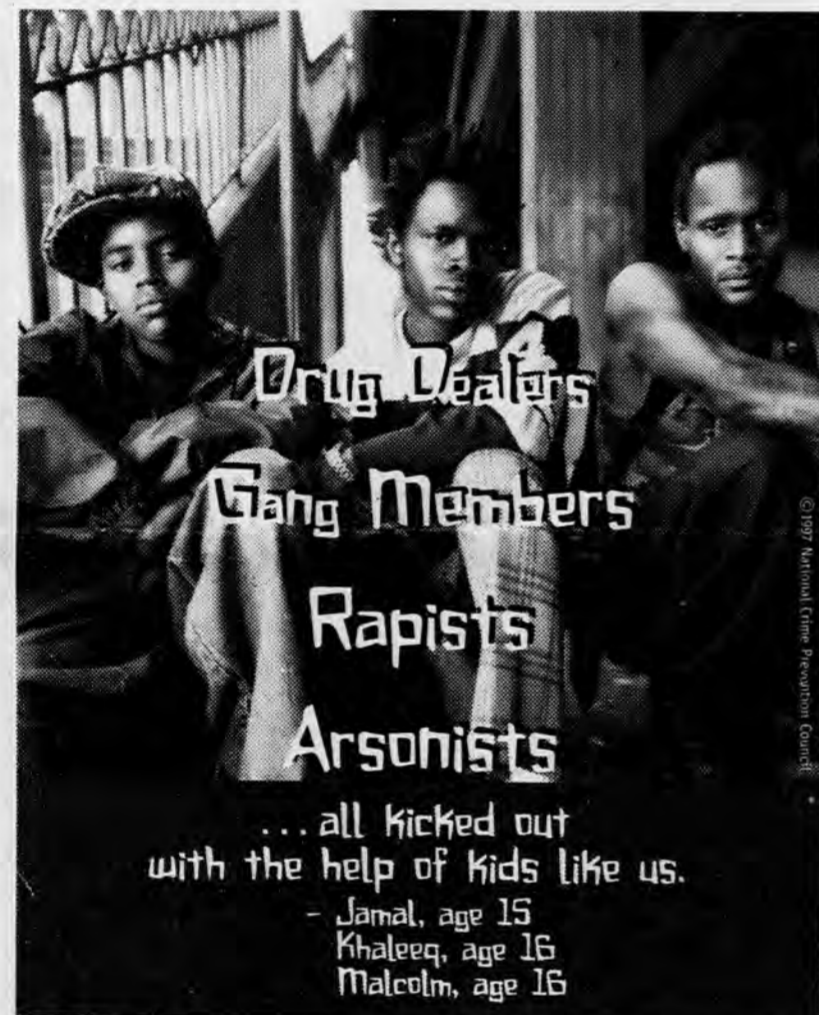
"I'm thrilled," Henker said. "Everyone should study abroad, and this will hopefully help 20 to 30 more students do it."

Senior Martin Andrews — who was able to study overseas in Bayreuth, Germany, this winter thanks to a university merit scholarship — said he recognizes the possible benefits of the Starr Scholarships.

"I almost didn't go to Bayreuth," he said. "Luckily, my parents helped pay for what I couldn't cover, but without that gift from them, I wouldn't have gone."

"It was definitely worth going," he said.

"It was a chance to experience something new, and I'll never forget it."



\$75,000 grant bridges digital divide

BY CHRIS EMANUELLI

Staff Reporter

The Delaware Community Foundation will award a total of \$75,000 in grants to eight organizations, including the university, to help citizens participate in the digital revolution, officials said.

Michelle Sands, communications associate for the foundation, said the grants will be used to open computing resources to members of the public who either cannot afford the devices, or do not come into contact with them.

"There's a class of people who don't have computers, who don't have access to them, who aren't able to get online, and of course those who do," she said. "The people who have access to computers and the Internet are able to get so much information."

Sands said the divide between the haves and the have-nots in the digital world is widening.

"The gap is growing," she said. "It's a lot of the minorities, poor people and rural people."

Sands said the focus of the project was to provide Internet access, and some centers plan to train community members to become

familiar with working on computers.

"With technology moving along so fast, people are always upgrading and learning more and getting things faster," she said. "The people who don't have access to that are probably falling behind at a rather rapid rate."

Dan Rosen, Delaware Technology Access Project committee member, said the Foundation contracted with the Institute for Public Administration at the university, which received \$20,000 in funding.

He said the institute used the funds to conduct a public policy forum in December, research computing resources available to the grant-receiving organizations and determine what the best practices would be to provide the target community members with computer access.

She said the foundation was a nonprofit organization that works with endowment funds as an outgrowth of the United Way. The foundation usually invests donations to provide a sustainable source of funding, Sands said.

"It should last forever," she said. "It's invested, and only part of the interest that's generated from the investments is spent each year."

The grants, however, are non-endowment funds. Donations from university departments and Bell Atlantic Delaware will be directly applied to the grants.

Sands said she expects the groups to receive the checks by the end of the week, and more proposals may be submitted in September.

Rosen said the institute also developed a Web site to provide local employment and community resources that low-income citizens would otherwise not have access to.

He said the underlying source of the digital divide was an old one.

"It's probably just a continuation of the separation of rich and poor," he said. "The technology components are new, but the effect is not."

Rosen said 42 percent of U.S. households have a computer, while only 25.1 percent have some form of Internet access.

While the problem seems daunting, he said, it is receiving attention.

"Unchecked, it will get worse," he said. "However, it is in front of a lot of people right now."

"People were becoming paralyzed by how large the issue was. It shouldn't stop you from helping one or two people out."



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Nutritional values are released by Dining Services

BY JENNIFER LAVINIO
Staff Reporter

The moment of nutritional truth has arrived for students who eat on campus at locations such as the Trabant University Center food court and the Scrounge in the Perkins Student Center.

Beginning this Fall Semester, Dining Services has made the nutritional content of food served at all campus dining locations accessible to consumers through pamphlets available at the eateries and on the Dining Services Web site.

Senior Food Service Director Brad Bingaman said providing nutritional information is an extension of what is already available in resident dining halls.

"We wanted to provide a document for our customers that they could reference for their specific dietary needs," he said.

Administrative dietitian Debi Miller said using a software package called Computrition, the ingredients of items served on campus were loaded into the computer program, which calculated each item's nutritional value.

students said they were unaware the information was readily available to them.

Sophomore Mary Glassing said she thinks the pamphlets are a good idea since many students like to watch what they eat.

"It would be good if people knew about them," she said. "I don't think a lot of students do."

"Maybe they should hand them out at the register or put them on the counter or something like that."

Bingaman said at the moment, there are no plans to further publicize the information, but he would look into the options.

"I would certainly consider exploring opportunities where we could better advertise the information that is available," he said.

Freshman Jen Weber said if the information was posted, she would be more conscious of her daily intake.

Junior Christine Barr said when she perused the nutrition pamphlet, she was pleasantly surprised to discover some of the foods she consumes are fairly nutritious.

"I'm shocked at how much fat is in the muffins. I had one every day during Winter Session. I'll probably still eat them, but at least now I'm an informed consumer."

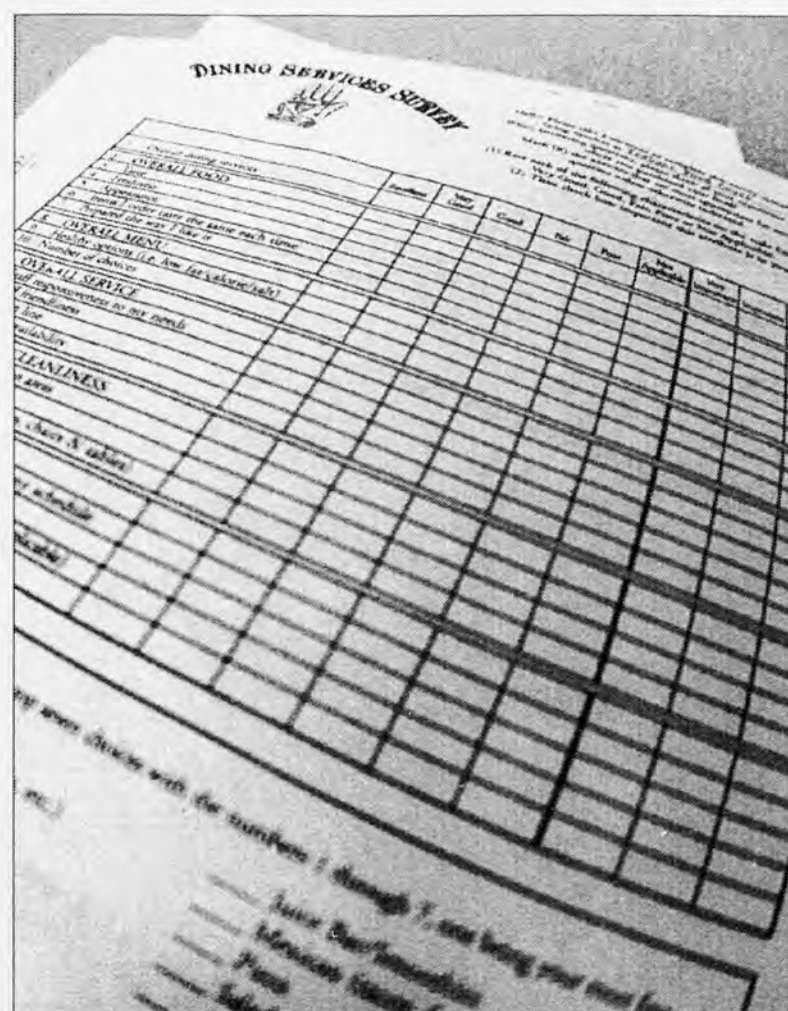
— senior Katie Quinn

Miller said the nutritional information of foods like bagels was provided by the local companies that prepare them.

Although these pamphlets have been available since the fall, many

Barr said if the information were posted more prominently, it would have a greater influence on her food choices.

"I would pick different foods if I saw the different fat contents,"



THE REVIEW/ Mike Louie

Dining Services, in addition to making the nutritional content of food public, is also releasing a survey to discover what diners like most about its selections.

she said. "It would definitely change what I had picked."

Sophomore Lindsay Troy said she thinks the availability of the nutritional information is important.

"No one wants to eat anything anymore if they don't know what's in it," she said. "Girls in particular are concerned and more health conscious."

"I think it will sway what people will choose to eat."

Senior Katie Quinn said she thinks having the nutritional content of bakery items like muffins and cookies is important since they are not individually labeled.

"I'm shocked at how much fat is in the muffins," she said. "I had one every day during Winter Session. I'll probably still eat them, but at least now I'm an informed consumer."

Senior Brian Guest said he is

conscious about watching what he eats. Having the nutritional information readily available, he said, will be a great help.

"I think it's awesome," he said. "I'm always wondering what's in this or that."

"I sometimes ask if they know how many carbohydrates or fat is in something and a lot of times the [food services] people don't really know."

However, other students said having the nutritional content of these foods available will not change their eating habits.

Sophomore Charlie Calabrese said he thinks having the information available is important for students who are concerned with their fat and calorie intake, yet it will not impact his own food choices.

"It's helpful to kids who do care," he said. "It is there for them — they don't have to ask for it."

Traveling film festival visits UD

BY LAURA LAPONTE
Staff Reporter

A traveling international film festival visited Smith Hall Tuesday, showing short independent movies ranging in topic from a Hong Kong airport to African-American female motorcyclists.

The films shown Tuesday pushed the boundaries of filmmaking, abandoning conventional plots to experiment with sound and visuals.

One film, "Hairyman," a 3-minute animated feature, depicted flying kitchen utensils and a fish jumping out of a tea cup.

The sound of moans, which served as a soundtrack, mingled with the audience's laughter.

Robert Straight, an art professor and the event's coordinator, said the festival attracts out-of-the-ordinary films.

"It's an international festival geared toward independent filmmakers, people who are really almost more like artists than filmmakers," he said.

"Often times, the films are more experimental, things that wouldn't be shown in a commercial theater. It's one way to give people a taste of what is possible."

After "Hairyman," a poetic documentary about African-American female motorcyclists, titled "Ladies of the House," was next. The filmmaker followed the women both on their bikes and into clubs to record their social lives.

A voiceover by one of the bikers stressed: "This is a lifestyle, period. It's not a black thing or a white thing, it's a bike thing."

Another animated short, the Academy Award nominee "When the Day Breaks," was well-received by the audience of approximately 75.

Beginning with a cheerful song, this animation went on to prove how unstable each new day is.

It opened with the doomed character, a rooster, lifting the shades to let the sun in.

He begins preparing for a normal day, making a list of what he needs to buy at the store. The camera allowed viewers to see that one item he writes on the list was "lemons."

By the end of the film, he bumps into a woman — a pig — spilling the lemons into the gutter. He also bumps into a car, ending his life.

One collection, titled "Dorimundo" which means "dream world," was a stream-of-consciousness work that confused members of the audience.

Senior Dan DeLorenzo said he has been coming to the festival since he was a freshman, and "Dorimundo" was not among his favorite films.

"They are usually really, really cool," he said, "but that last one was particularly painful."

Brandy Taylor, also a senior, said she attended the film festival because she studied film at the University of Pennsylvania and wanted to see what other film video artists were doing.

"I thought it was interesting, but I don't think film art is something I understand too well," she said.

"I think modern art in general is pretty hard to understand."

This was the 16th year the art department and the Cultural Activities & Public Events Committee has sponsored the campus appearance.

The film festival honors Thomas Edison and is named after a theater Edison built — the first motion picture studio of America.

Each year, films are submitted to the festival, and the winners' videos are shown around the world, said Alvin Larkins, program associate and registrar for the festival.

This year, he said, 50 films were chosen to participate in the festival out of 840 international entries.

Straight said, "More than anything it's just an honor to be accepted into the film festival."

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Women get more than a little respect

BY OSITA OMOTOLA
Staff Reporter

"Be fearless when you are scared gutless" was guest speaker Nadine Howatt's chief message Tuesday at the first of four sessions in "Respect," a women's leadership conference.

Howatt, coordinator of the Professional Theatre Training Program, was one of three guest speakers at the event in the Perkins Student Center.

The speakers discussed sexual harassment, unfair pay and job variety, sharing their personal experiences at the session, titled "Women in the Workforce."

Guest speaker Nancy Wingate, manager of Communications for Access Group, Inc., offered her own advice to the audience.

"Don't be afraid to quit when something is wrong for you," she said. "People have this attitude about not quitting something even if it is not the right thing you want to do."

Throughout the session, the women talked about how they can become more successful in the workforce.

Another guest speaker, Mary K. Davis, director of marketing and

public relations of the Grand Opera House in Wilmington, said she was originally told to go into business to make money.

"There are three things that a woman must also incur — an identity, acceptance and power," she said.

"Obtaining my goals didn't happen the way I necessarily wanted them to happen."

The audience consisted of only two students, but the aura in the room was filled with high energy.

Senior Ann Marie Ippoliti, a fashion merchandising major, said she attended the session to learn about women's roles in the workforce.

The other student, Nicole Bedard, a senior leadership and consumer economics major, said she came to look for practical information to use as a woman in the workforce.

Bedard regularly attends the sessions, she said, and she enjoys discussing exciting and diverse topics such as how to conduct good meetings and racism.

The sessions, which began in the spring of 1998, are held four times each semester, usually on Tuesdays, and they relate to different interests

of women. They are geared toward teaching women leadership and management skills at work and in their lives.

"The sessions are given to teach the students what they don't learn in their classes," Demgen said. "I want

The subject matter of each workshop comes mostly from focus groups consisting of students who regularly attend the sessions and participate in interest meetings.

The expected turnout for these sessions is between two and 25

"There are three things that a woman must also incur — an identity, acceptance and power."

— speaker Mary K. Davis

them to know the technical knowledge of doing a job and to see what it is really like for real people."

At the end of the sessions, the students reacted favorably to the presentations.

Bedard said the session was motivational and thought-provoking.

"I attended because I'm a leadership major, and I love learning new things and gaining more knowledge," she said. "I've learned that it's about who you know, knowing what you want, and having the courage and motivation to go out and get it."

people.

The "Respect" series will continue on March 14 when a new group of speakers will discuss ethics in the workplace. The remaining two sessions will be held on April 11 and 25.

The sessions are sponsored by the Student Centers, the Office of Residence Life, the Department of Consumer Studies and the Leadership Education at Delaware program.



THE REVIEW/Mike Lounie
Senior Ann Marie Ippoliti listens as three speakers discuss women's experiences in the workforce in the Perkins Student Center Tuesday.

Speaker urges participation

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details of the terrible suffering of these women," she said, "and they shouldn't think that it's just over there."

Smeal said her group's Feminist Expo 2000 conference is an example of how women are

exploding into a movement of empowerment.

She said the Expo, which will take place in Baltimore at the end of March, will be the largest gathering of women's groups since 1977. The Feminist Majority expects 6,000 attendees, including feminist leaders such as Gloria

Steinem and Patricia Ireland.

The university's Students Acting for Gender Equality, as part of the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance, will send a delegation to the Expo.

Jessica Schiffman, assistant director of women's studies, said since Smeal is such a well-known figure as the former president of the National Organization for Women, having her speak on campus was an event of great importance.

"Especially in a year with elections coming up," Schiffman said, "it is interesting to have someone of this stature on campus."

Junior Danielle Comarow, co-president of SAGE, said she hopes the talk opened students up to feminist ideas.

"I think a lot of people are kind of wary of some issues, like abortion and gay rights," she said. "They're afraid to be labeled feminist."

She said many people feel that women have equal rights and that they don't "need" feminists anymore, but she hoped Smeal's talk helped spark interest in becoming part of the movement.

"Because of her long involvement with the feminist movement," Comarow said, "hopefully, people respected what she had to say and realized the importance of the issues she addressed."

Sophomore Stephanie Lutz said the speech was inspiring and brought back a lot of the issues

President wants nationwide mandatory reporting of medical errors by hospitals

BY CHRISTY TUGEAU
Staff Reporter

President Bill Clinton announced a proposal last week requiring the mandatory reporting of fatal and other serious medical errors in an attempt to combat hospital mistakes across the United States.

Between 44,000 and 98,000 people die each year due to medical mistakes, said Dr. Mary Wakefield, director of the Center for Health and Policy at George Mason University.

"However," she said, "these numbers only document deaths."

Many more errors of a less serious nature go unreported, she said.

Wakefield said the errors range from incorrect prescriptions to botched surgical operations.

Currently, the federal government does not require reporting of errors, although states can set their own guidelines.

Wakefield said 22 states require that errors be reported. Delaware is not one of them.

Clinton's proposal would compel hospitals nationwide to report errors to a government agency.

Barbara A. Blakeney, first vice president of the American Nurses Association, expressed the ANA's strong support of Clinton's plan in her statement on medical errors and healthcare quality last week at the White House.

"We need to design safer systems [to] reduce the possibility that individual caregivers will be placed in situations that make errors likely," she said.

On the other hand, the American Hospital Association, while not completely opposing the Clinton's proposal, has some concerns.

AHA President Dick Davidson stated in a press release his concerns that mandatory reporting would create an atmosphere of fear and evasion.

"To have an effective reporting system that actually reduces errors, we need strong protections so doctors and nurses will come forward without fear of retribution," he said.

Davidson said he supports the creation of an environment that spurs discussion and learning, but not one that might cause caregivers to be afraid of retribution.

Medication errors are highest on the list of medical mistakes, Wakefield said. These include giving the wrong drug or the wrong dose, and not clearly marking the bottle with instructions.

These errors are caused by flaws in the way hospitals operate, she said.

"The technology developed to help prevent mistakes is not used in many hospitals," Wakefield said.

She said she believes hospitals need to have better communication among doctors, more standardization and job simplification.

"They should have a checklist for doctors and nurses so they won't have to rely solely on memory," she said.

Blakeney said she believes hospitals should implement "physician order entry systems" so prescriptions would automatically be checked against patient records for potential allergies or interactions, and computer systems that immediately alert doctors of any problem or abnormality.

Although Delaware does not require hospitals to disclose error statistics, a task force of hospital representatives and other healthcare providers was recently created. Suzanne Raab-Long of the Delaware Health Care Association said its mission is to put together a system to reduce errors and improve patient health.

Because Delaware's task force is just getting underway, she said, officials are still at the drawing board, figuring out exactly how to improve patient safety.

Between Clinton's proposal and the efforts of the task force, Raab-Long said she hopes the quality of healthcare will improve.

"It will take some time," she said.

"We really don't know what will be the final result."



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A black and white political cartoon by Zeon. The scene is split by a large, jagged, zigzag line. On the left side, a group of protesters is shown. One person holds a sign that says "MAKE LOVE NOT WAR", and another holds a sign that says "PRAG". They are depicted with expressive, somewhat caricatured features. On the right side, a man in a tank top is holding a sign that says "MUMIA" (Mumia Abu al-Muhammad). He is also holding a camera, suggesting he is documenting the protest. Other protesters are visible in the background on both sides. The cartoon is signed "Zeon" at the bottom center.

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Editorial

Inching toward freedom

This past weekend marked another notch in the belt of successful protesting.

At least 160 people were arrested on Saturday at a "Free Mumia" rally in Washington, D.C.

Mumia Abu-Jamal, former journalist and Black Panther, was arrested in 1981 for shooting a police officer in Philadelphia. He is currently on death row and has remained there even after two Supreme Court appeals.

Abu-Jamal serves as a figurehead for the unification of groups to protest against the death penalty and racism.

Protesters, consisting mostly of college students, stormed the steps of the Supreme Court and spread themselves out on the asphalt.

They practiced non-violent protest, used by legends such as Martin Luther King, Jr. and Gandhi.

The demonstrators tried to

change public opinion.

And in a small way, they succeeded.

While their protesting may not have changed the minds of most, it attracted public attention and brought the bigger issue of the death penalty to the forefront.

Catherine Heite and Rosanna Lee, students at the university, were two of the people taken into custody.

These two demonstrators along with the others fought for what they believed in. Taking a stand, they practiced civil disobedience in the truest form.

We should commend them for not using violence to get their point across.

Thank goodness there are people out there who are willing to take chances to try and change issues they strongly believe in.

They are the stepping stone to making a difference.

Review This:
The protesters in the Mumia rally should be congratulated for their conscious efforts in making a difference.

A much too useful tool

You can now become ordained over the Internet in three minutes — maybe shorter, if you have a fast server.

In less time than it takes for Instant Jello to solidify, a person can become one of the holy leaders of the land.

Furthermore, someone can buy a "Minister in a Box" for a mere \$79 and a parking pass with press credentials on one side and minister privileges on the other for \$5.

Sound ridiculous?

Seem like a crock?

It is. The masterminds behind the latest Internet scam are using people who have nothing better to do than to throw away their money on ridiculous endeavors.

Fine.

Good.

No problem.

If people want to waste their time and hard-earned money on faith

in a box and parking passes, more power to them.

Some naive folks need to get their pleasures from the mystery of the Internet. There is nothing wrong with that.

Most people have enough sense to pass over these Internet sites after getting a hearty laugh from them.

They can understand that they will not fulfill their spiritual needs from a box.

This Web site does nothing to infringe on people's beliefs.

For the people who are offended by the site, don't look at it.

Pass it by as you do every other ridiculous Web site you have seen.

If you really want to be ordained, research the subject, spend some time reading up on it and then make a responsible decision.

Hopefully, it will be one that takes more than three minutes.

Review This:
Becoming ordained over the Internet is a ridiculous concept which should be used for entertainment purposes only.

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Letters to the Editor

Gallagher's editorial is ignorant

I am writing in response to Shaun Gallagher's column on the Diallo murder trial that appeared in Tuesday's edition of The Review.

"It's a shame there was peace." This sentence starts off the column, and it might be one of the most ignorant and ridiculous things I have ever heard in my life.

I will not go deep into the facts of the case — it is without a doubt a wrongful death (murder, I don't think) and tragedy for the family of Amadou Diallo. I was not present at the trial and do not know proper police procedure when confronting an individual who runs away from police officers then reaches into his pocket.

So let's get back to "It's a shame there was peace." I really don't understand the logic behind saying something like this and then saying, "While I do not advocate violence, hearing that no major riots erupted after the acquittal seems disturbing..." What the hell is that?

Did it make Gallagher feel better when Reginald Denny got dragged out of his truck and was horribly beaten by about five guys simply because he was a white truck driver in L.A. after the Rodney King trial ended?

Was it better that after Denny was down on the street and bleeding that one man ran up to him with a brick — yes a full-sized heavy brick — and bashed it across his face?

This was just one victim of countless acts of random violence after the verdict of the Rodney King case, and I don't see a point behind it.

To say that no riots occurring is disturbing is pure lunacy. One of my best friend's brothers was a police officer on-duty the night of the verdict in New York City, and I'm glad that there were no riots.

I am glad the store owners did not have to sit on top of their store with a gun to keep looters away.

And I'm glad my friend's brother didn't get the shit kicked out of him. Maybe I'm crazy.

I don't know.

But if you were ever around an ugly fight that got out of hand, you would probably agree with me.

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UD police officers should carry guns

Like it or not, the University of Delaware Police Department is a real police department. The officers are intensely trained in the same way that the state police officers of Delaware are trained, including firearms training.

The officers at our school can find themselves in any number of dangerous situations and should be prepared to meet such situations head on. It is ridiculous for anyone to believe they should not be armed. How would these people feel if no police officers were armed, and everyone was to protect himself?

As for those who feel university officers should be equipped with stun guns instead, I wonder how they would feel if they were about to be mugged by three armed assailants when only one could be subdued, at best, by an officer with a stun gun.

Actually, they would not have the opportunity to feel anything because they would both be killed by the remaining two assailants in the meantime.

The university administrators and fellow supporters of them feel that everything is OK as long as our officers can be shot at without being able to shoot back.

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UD police should not carry firearms

In response to the recent gun series "In the Crosshairs" and the arming of the UD police article, I would like to add the following statement.

I was very shocked to read in the Feb. 25 issue of The Review that the University Police Department was requesting the right to carry firearms.

I thought that it was forbidden to possess a firearm on campus. So what's the problem? If it is illegal to possess a gun, why would the University Police need guns?

Do you mean to tell me that even though the university has instituted strict gun regulations, some people would actually break the law?

Does that mean that even if guns

are illegal criminals will still get them, and the laws will not stop them? Is that like the Columbine shooting where the two murderers broke more than 20 pre-existing federal gun laws, not to mention the numerous state laws, before firing a single shot?

Don't misunderstand my point here — I have no problems with the University Police possessing firearms. They are well-trained and competent.

Nor do I in any way support the type of sick brutality and murder of innocence that took place in Columbine.

I merely wish to point out the ridiculous knee-jerk reactions society is having toward firearms.

Someone gets shot and people scream for "gun control." Tell me, how does a law banning high capacity magazines, or anything for that matter, stop someone's intent on slaughter?

For those who support a ban as the answer to our gun problems, I have one question — ever hear of a little thing called the war on drugs?

Even if we could remove all guns, do those who support such a measure really believe this would stop murderers? The answer is no.

The rate of knife murders alone in the United States is higher than all types of murders in the UK combined.

The fact is that if someone wants a gun, heroin or a rocket launcher bad enough they can get it.

Why? Because this is America and we have great freedom, but with that freedom comes personal responsibility. "It's not my fault," is the battle cry of our generation.

The fact remains that the root of our social ills is not Smith and Wesson, or Beretta but much closer — our society itself.

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The Review should be held accountable for stolen items on campus

I really resent the fact that Paul Mathews used The Review as a forum to advocate and encourage illegal activities in the Feb. 25 editorial column.

He wrote, "Trust is not necessarily a good thing." Comments like "Next time you see someone leav-

ing his or her identification behind to save a seat, pick it up and throw it in the trash" and "If you see someone's books resting helplessly on a table somewhere, take them and sell them for beer money."

This obviously put the idea into some people's heads.

Today, I left my bookbag unattended for 15 minutes on the second floor of the Morris Library, and someone went through it and stole a \$300 pair of special prescription Ray Ban polarized sunglasses.

They left the calculus book, the two calculators and everything else. Who would steal prescription sunglasses?

I don't think it's funny at all. What else is going to be stolen today, or will get stolen in the next few weeks because of that editorial?

Do you know what I think would be funny? I think it would be funny if someone filed a class action lawsuit against Mathews and The Review for irresponsible journalism so we can get back all the stuff that is being stolen out from under our noses.

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Editor's note:

Paul Mathews' editorial was an attempt to point out the possible consequences of students leaving their wallets unattended. While anyone may accuse The Review of stealing his wallet, I can assure you no stolen property is in our possession. The comment was meant to be funny, not an invitation to commit crimes.

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Society's slacking morals have nowhere to go but up

The murder of a 6-year-old girl by her first-grade classmate is just the most recent display of America's slacking morals. And we have no one to blame but ourselves.



Cory Penn
That's A Shame

Sixty pounds of first-grader carried a gun into school on Tuesday and shot a 6-year-old classmate in the neck. Americans stood with gaping mouths upon hearing the news of perhaps the youngest murderer of another child in history.

Why was everyone so shocked? While the extremely young age of the shooter makes it an odd case, we should've almost expected it.

Kids are having sex at 11 years old. They are being handed their first joint in the fifth grade. It only follows that malicious behavior such as bringing a gun to school after having an argument with a classmate will happen at an earlier age.

The big kids do it, so why shouldn't the little ones?

Children are creatures of habit and imitation. They see what goes on around them and repeat.

At the tender age of six, this boy knew

where to get a gun and how to fire it.

This serves as a direct reflection of faults from older generations leaking into the future. Children at this age are supposed to be the embodiment of purity and innocence, but instead, they are becoming killers.

After shooting the .32-caliber revolver, the boy ran away. He ran because he was scared, not because he knew he had done something wrong.

A prosecutor for the case said the boy did not understand the severity of what he had done. During the interview, the child just sat drawing pictures.

These basic rights and wrongs should be taught in a secure environment that the state requires them to attend.

These morals aren't presented in schools already for fear of crossing the line between neutral public turf and religious beliefs. Kids aren't taught to deal with their problems patiently or, better yet, why they should be patient. Nobody sits them down in the classroom and tells them to love their fellow classmates and treat them as if they were their brothers or sisters.

Instead they are taught to share or else they'll be put in the corner for a "time-

important than money or saving face.

Many small children lead relatively sheltered lives, hidden from the cruelties of the world and cradled in mommy's lap until an age when they can process the difference between right and wrong. But this is not the case in all households.

Some parents don't have the time to sit and explain the world to their children, so kids end up learning about the evils of life from teen-agers, television and the playground.

I'm not willing to put the future of the world into the hands of parents who may or may not teach their children funda-

situation is hopeless.

It is not enough for older generations to merely shake their heads and say "what a shame" when tragic events like this occur. The world is swiftly heading down the bottom of a moral slope and a change must be made now to insure that incidents like this don't happen again.

Parents need to take time out and be with their children. Schools need to implement new programs centered around teaching moral and ethical attributes.

Everyone else needs to wake up and stop being so complacent. Just because there aren't any problems in your back yard doesn't mean the world is perfect.

Yes, you should be disturbed when you hear about an incident such as this.

You should be upset.

You should be disappointed.

But don't be shocked.

Kids are having sex at 11 years old.
They are being handed their first joint in the fifth grade.
It only follows that malicious behavior such as bringing a gun to school after having an argument with a classmate will happen at an earlier age.

Because children grow up in different environments, it's understandable that they aren't taught according to the same moral standard.

But maybe they should be.

out."

They are taught the alphabet and how to count up to ten, but they are not taught at an early age that attaining virtues such as honesty and kindness are more

mental human morals. I do not look forward to sending my kid to school with children who do not value human life other than their own.

And I refuse to accept that the present

Cory Penn is an editorial editor for *The Review*. She gets all kinds of sad thinking about the state of the world and asks for your help in fixing it. Thanks. Anything you can do. Really, it helps. Send comments to freek@udel.edu.

Success is measured by happiness, not money



Lauren Pelletreau
Maybe, Just Maybe

A professional came into one of my classes this week to speak about his job, the issues he faces and why he loves what he does.

He's been at the same job for 20 years.

So then everyone asked that obvious question to themselves — why hadn't he tried to advance to a higher profile, "more exciting" job?

He said he didn't want to advance into a larger spectrum, and he didn't want to change his life so he could work for a larger company.

He said he liked it here — in Delaware.

And at first that puzzled me because I really can't understand how anyone wouldn't want to push themselves to the biggest and greatest place they can possibly get to.

Doesn't everyone want to have a big

office and a fancy title after their name?

Because that's how it seems as I quickly approach the entrance to the real world. But then I started to understand.

Granted, my mind began drifting off a bit from what the speaker was saying at the time, but I got his point and realized there are things beside climbing some imaginary ladder that are important to me.

Like establishing a base of friends, having a real sense of community and appreciating where I live.

It was a realization for me.

For once, standing before me was not someone in the "real world" subliminally telling me I would be a failure in life if I didn't seek out the biggest and best job in the whole wide world.

A great deal of what college kids are exposed to today encourages us to be career-oriented, job-hungry and relentless.

Until the other day I hadn't heard anyone tell me it was more important to be happy and to feel comfortable about where I happen to end up.

And suddenly I'm relieved.

I don't feel so pressured to push.

Maybe I'm a homebody or maybe I'm silly and just scared about having to go

out and supposedly tackle the real world.

Maybe growing up in a small New England town has made me slightly sentimental.

But I don't think it's wrong to want to go ice skating on the town pond, or to have a Labor Day parade that shuts down traffic for the entire afternoon.

Maybe I'm a homebody or maybe I'm silly and just scared about having to go out and supposedly tackle the real world.

I like to see smiles on adult faces. I always hope I'm not the only one who pulls over and gives someone 50 cents for two glasses of pink lemonade.

I think it's right — maybe wholesome and corny — but there's something pure about it.

And not to knock the people who grow up in the cities — they have their own sense of community and togetherness. They can all laugh at me collectively as I stand on a subway platform and try to figure which train not to get onto.

The guest speaker in my class made me admit something to myself that maybe I already knew.

He said he loved being able to be familiar with the area in which he lived, he loved Friday night football games that sometimes make an entire town (or even two) hold a collective breath for a moment or two.

He made me see that there's nothing wrong with those wholesome, pure things about life.

And after he said those things, I thought a little differently of him for the rest of the time he spoke.

I had respect for a man who felt totally comfortable explaining why he has stayed in the same place ever since college, a man who wanted to be able to have a place he knew, rather than a place with no identity.

He didn't discourage any aspirations I have. In fact, he made me more comfort-

able about graduating in a year and a half. Maybe I wouldn't be laughed at and mocked when I said, out loud, that I would like to think I won't have to gnaw and scrape to be successful.

The truth of the matter was that this man was standing in front a class, speaking and answering questions because he was a success.

And he never compromised the things that were important to him in order to achieve that.

Now I don't feel so much like someone is standing behind me and pushing me through a doorway I'm not ready to go through.

Now I can be nostalgic and sentimental and know that someone in the real world feels the same way.

It's a comfort.

Thank you.

Lauren Pelletreau is a copy editor at *The Review* and will understand if you think she's too corny for these pages. Send comments to lray@udel.edu.

Ridiculous articles in chick and guy magazines prove nothing



Amy Conner
The Nit-picker

I'm a magazine junkie.

Every month I scope out CVS and the Newark Newsstand for the latest "girlie" mags — Glamour, Mademoiselle, Cosmopolitan, Marie Claire — then run home with my loot to scour the pages and rip out pics.

I'll admit it — I totally get off on the humiliating stories, interesting sex tips and funky fashions.

They amuse me to no end.

What I can't stand, however, are the far-fetched "size up your man" articles.

"Boyfriend or boy toy? It really is in his jeans," topped off a recent article in Cosmo.

The article concluded that men who wear tight jeans are in dire need of girls who'll love them. Men with loose-fitting jeans are too "whatever" to make a commitment.

Those with destroyed jeans must be true relationship material since they are so attached to their tattered pants.

Give me a break!

Another article titled, "What his sheets reveal about him," caught my eye and triggered several reactions — namely, the rolling of my eyes and my boyfriend's.

"A guy with striped sheets is reliable," the column said. "But he's better at taking orders than taking the initiative. Spell out what you want and he'll carry it out to the letter."

Men with white sheets have qualms about "getting down and dirty" and are overly critical, the column said, while those with solid, intense hues are "suckers for sensuality."

Those with wild patterns need a lot of stimulation and are not ready for commitment.

Who decides whether shredded jeans and striped sheets make the man? I betcha a woman who has a boyfriend

with these things does.

"Are you serious?" my boyfriend said when I was done reading. "I guess you better dump me," he laughingly said.

I was quick to point out that his mags were just as corny.

I grabbed a friend's Maxim and turned to the "How to hypnotize a lobster" page, to make my point, then spotted the section entitled, "Make any girl seduce you."

"It says here that to win my heart you should tell me I have dirt on my face, then gently brush it off, while I 'melt' at your sensitivity," I smirked.

"Oh, and you should date other girls and make me miss you," I added.

By this point my boyfriend had turned back to his video game, shaking his head all the while.

My feelings exactly.

How do magazines come up with such pathetic advice columns and cheesy articles?

I realize the pressure of deadlines must lead to some pretty desperate, last-minute additions, but articles such as, "Is your girlfriend insane?" are just ridiculous.

As one of the editors up here said, "The difference between Maxim and Cosmopolitan is that Maxim is funny and knows its stories are jokes, while Cosmo takes it seriously."

That may be.

Don't get me wrong — I know most everything in fashion/entertainment 'zines nowadays are done in fun, but I can't help but get annoyed with such pitiful, presumptuous articles.

Yet the main thing that bothers me the most about these articles is that I know there are men and women out there who actually adjust their lives after they read the crap in the stories.

Amy Conner is the assistant features editor for *The Review*. She'd like to thank her boyfriend for letting her use him in her article, and tell him that she'd never dump him because of his sheets. Send comments to alc@udel.edu.



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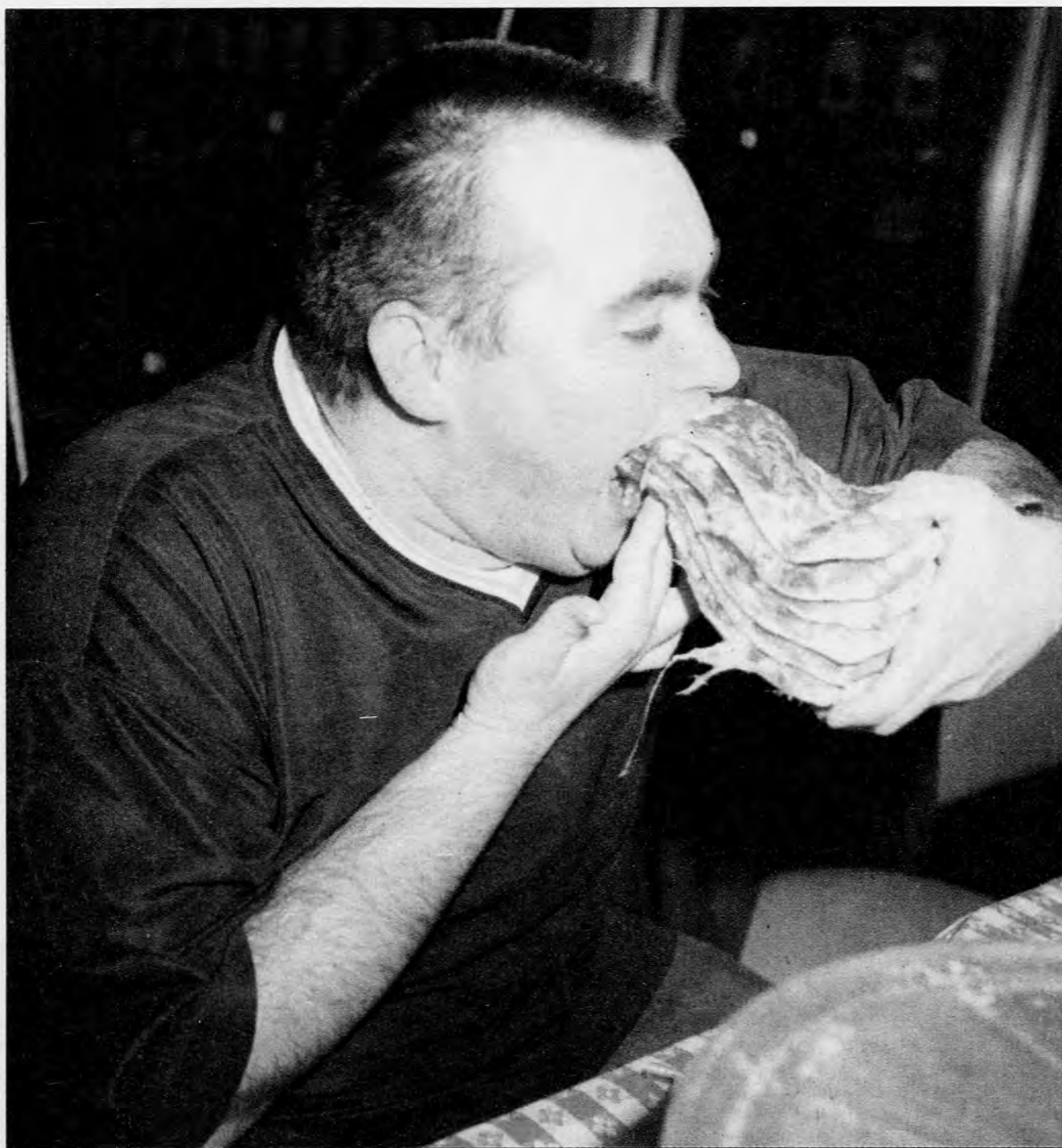
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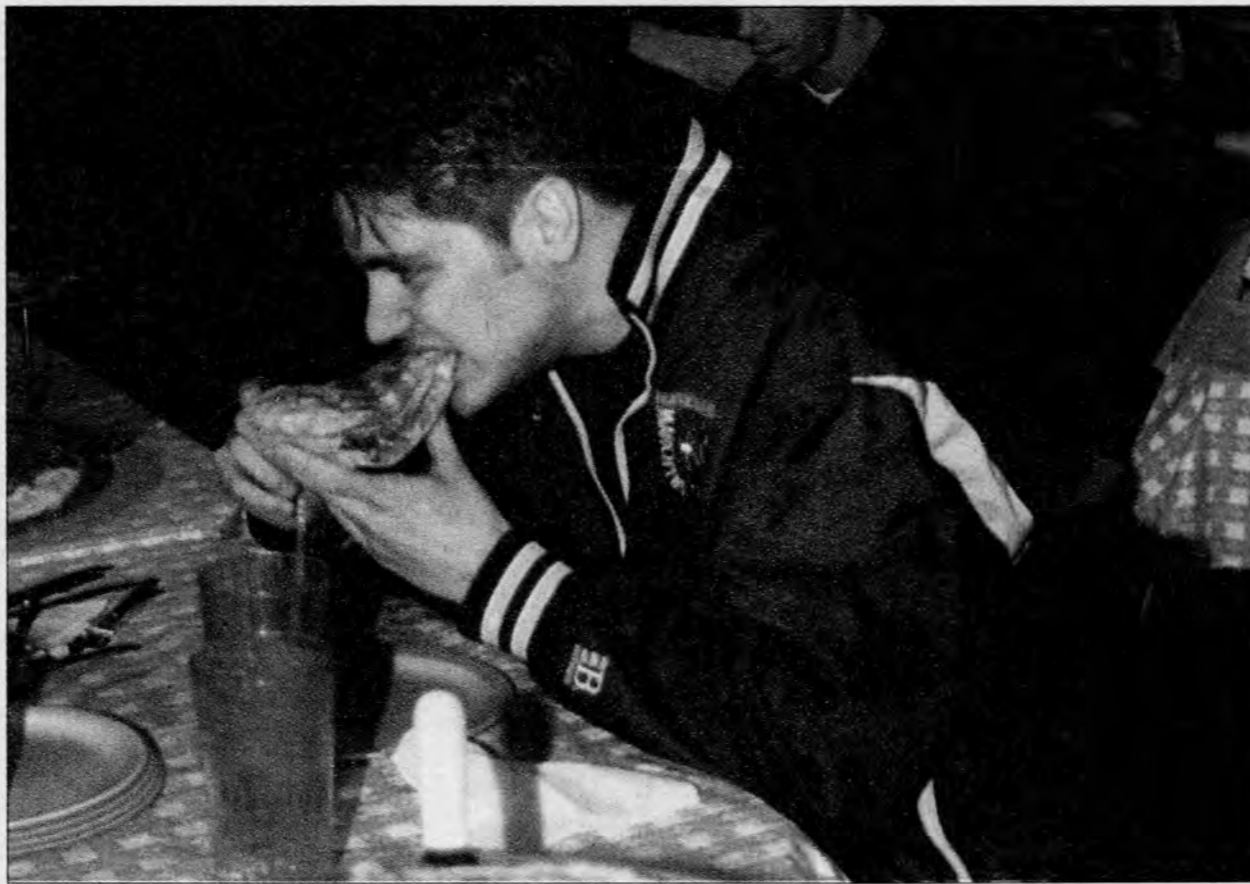
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Friday, March 3, 2000



Bud Quiloen (top) takes on six slices at once. However, this shot documents the only bite he takes in the stack. Lew Indellini (left) polishes off a pie in 10 minutes. Dave Reinschussel (right) attempts to double up.



The Contest

Gluttony, grease and the gods all played a role in The Review's pizza-eating contest

BY KYLE BELZ
News Features Editor

Social ills like world hunger, obesity, bulimia and anorexia nervosa did not seem to weigh heavy on the thoughts of the contestants, or the dozen onlookers.

At The Review's pizza-eating contest in Main Street Galleria's Grotto Pizza, comic relief from classes seemed a more likely motivation for the competitors: senior Dave Reinschussel, and sophomores Bud Quiloen and Lew Indellini.

Just after 5 p.m. Tuesday, the three contestants began their tasty quest to eat the most pizza in 25 minutes.

THE PRE-GAME

Though he says he is indifferent to the contest, Lew is confident in his gluttonous potential.

Eager to evaluate his chances to win, Bud asks Lew how many slices he expects to eat. "You mean how many pies?" Lew replies.

None of the contestants have had any experience in eating competitions previous to this event, but Bud and Lew both boast impressive accolades for their stomachs' ability to contain large amounts of food on command.

Lew says wolfing down four burgers in 11 minutes earned him a spot on the now-relocated Colonel Mustard's wall of fame.

Stealing Lew's thunder, Bud quickly champions his own past accomplishments — four of the same burgers in 10 minutes.

Yet Lew says his confidence can not crumble, even without a particular pizza-eating strategy.

"I'm not sure yet," he says. "I might just roll it up tortilla style."

Nervousness, however, seemed to grip Dave's mind, causing him to voice his qualms.

"He looks hungry," he says, referring to Bud, sitting directly across the table. "Dude, I don't want to get anywhere near your pizza."

"You're gonna start eating my hand!" Taunts come from those not even in the contest.

Junior Alex Young, a friend of Lew's who agreed to heckle the other contestants, takes advantage of the fact that the contest does not restrict this unsportsmanlike conduct in its rules, which only prohibit smoking, booze, leaving the table and not eating the crust.

Yet Bud says he has personal rules to help him seize victory.

An early lead might cause false hopes, he says, inducing one of the three to lose their advantage, blinded by the false light of complacency.

"Endurance is the key," he says.

THE SHOWDOWN

Minutes later, three pizzas are brought out. Dave alone says grace, while Bud raises his hands toward the ceiling, appealing to any pizza spirits that may exist.

He prepares to rip into his pie. The three wait quietly for the signal. Bud sharpens his fork and knife, but then discards them to the side of his plate once he and the others have been given the "go."

Dave and Lew prepare pizza sandwiches, mashing the cheese side of two slices. Bud stays true to his slow and steady commentary by eating one slice at a time.

Minutes later however, Lew has grown bolder with his consumption, piling on four roll it up tortilla style.

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Peace, love and scrapple

BY MIKE BEDERKA
Managing Mosaic Editor

PHILADELPHIA — For one warm winter day, modern health concerns curled up in a ball and rested quietly on the outskirts of the Trocadero.

Scrapple ruled Philadelphia Sunday afternoon, and virtually nothing could stop its pork-filled "goodness."

The concert venue swelled to capacity as 3,000 people lined up for blocks to eat free samples from five different vendors at WWDB's Scrapplefest 2000.

"It's all about the taste," said Ken Yoder, manager of Stoltzfus Meats. "We thought the people deserved to have some good Lancaster County scrapple."

At 12:30, Yoder straightened up his display, as did many of the other workers in attendance.

Scrapple stacked neatly on white bread rested near the scrapple pizza. Scrapple squares and scrapple on a cracker vied for table space.

Renowned scrapple-maker Hatfield Quality Meats tested the boundaries of pork preparation even more with its "Frontier Scrapple." The bean-like concoction served with chips and shredded cheese added a bit of variety to the normally brownish chunks.

On the vendors' tables, ketchup, apple butter, jelly and syrup (the usual condiments) filled giant bowls.

Everybody seemed ready for the festivities to begin, including The Scrapple King

and Queen.

The couple stood poised in the Troc's lobby awaiting the throngs of scrapple enthusiasts.

"This is the highlight of my career," Queen Eliana Kelly said jokingly.

The buxom brunette, decked out in a crown and sash, kidded with Todd Nurick, her broad-shouldered mate.

"I'm just a little beauty in this ugly, ugly event."

— Scrapple Queen Eliana Kelly

"The king's main job is to protect the queen," Kelly said, pointing to her partner for the day.

Her own responsibilities, however, seemed a bit more vague.

"You know, I don't even know," she said.

Kelly works for WWDB's morning show, and Chad Wilkinson, the executive producer of programming, said the radio station picked her for the honor because she was "perfect for the role."

The king received his sash for less picky

reasons — he won an on-air contest.

"My dad has never been more proud," Nurick said.

Photographers lined up to shoot the boisterous couple, and they both seemed happy to oblige, offering multiple sexy poses.

"I'm just a little beauty in this ugly, ugly event," Kelly said.

Her comments did not intend to offend, though, as Kelly offered words of encouragement to the crowds that just burst in.

"Scrapple does a body good," she shouted.

Common opinion might take a different stance.

In addition to cornmeal and chicken broth, the treat's main ingredients are chopped scraps of cooked pork, including the ears, feet, snout and other miscellaneous body parts and organs.

University English professor and folklorist Robert Bethke explained how this eclectic mix of foods came to be known as the "blended tradition" of scrapple:

Centuries ago, Germans settled the Eastern Pennsylvania region. And with them, they brought over their traditional food of panhaus (ground-up pork that's fried).

Native Americans already lived in the area where the Germans settled. They were excellent corn growers, and eventually somebody got the idea to add maize, as well



THE REVIEW / Mike Louie

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Dancing to the meat: one fork-wielding, pork munching enthusiast gets down.

What planet is this stupid movie from?

"WHAT PLANET ARE YOU FROM?"
COLUMBIA PICTURES
RATING: ☆☆

Sneak Peek

HOLLYWOOD

BY CLARKE SPEICHER
Entertainment Editor

"I have to have sex right away! I'm really very horny!"

With these words of desperation, Harold Anderson (Gary Shandling) frantically tries to impregnate a woman from Earth in the woefully unfunny "What Planet Are You From?"

Sent from a highly advanced world with plans to take over Earth, Harold is a sexual soldier of fortune who must father a child. But since his race has no sexual organs, Harold is surgically outfitted with a phallus that hums whenever he is aroused.

Harold arrives on earth, expecting to complete his

mission with ease. To his surprise, his straightforward come-ons and buzzing crotch are not a hit with the ladies.

His luck begins to change soon after meeting Perry Gordon (Greg Kinnear). Perry's expertise as a renowned philanderer leads the pair to a surefire place to pick up women — Alcoholics Anonymous.

There, Harold meets Susan (Annette Bening), a lost soul who is trying to start her life anew without the complications of men.

But after Harold tells her his goal in life is to be a father, Susan takes into account her ticking biological clock.

After a short courtship, the couple marries in Las Vegas. Fountains flow in the background as Susan and Harold consummate their marriage — for 21 hours of passionate humming.

With Susan now pregnant, it would seem that Harold's mission is complete. But this miracle has put Harold into contact with human emotions, causing a conflict with his supreme leader (Ben Kingsley).

Along the way, a host of obstacles inhibit Harold's libido, namely Perry's sex-hungry wife (Linda Fiorentino) and an airline authority (John Goodman) who suspects an alien has arrived on Earth.

The film seems to hinge its entire plot and comic moments on sex jokes and Harold's humming extremities. Though amusing at first, the constant humming quickly wears out its welcome.

"Planet's" sex jokes are also sophomoric enough to make "There's Something About Mary" seem high-brow.

One of the rare comedic moments comes at the beginning when Harold learns about the difficulty with Earth women — they need to be willing "to experience insertion."



The film is also greatly hindered since it never explains why impregnating an earth woman will facilitate the downfall of the planet.

Shandling's performance adds to the problematic film. His range as an actor seems to be limited, since his facial expressions only vary from smug to squinting.

Bening, however, rises above her underwritten part and gives the film more energy and charisma than it deserves.

Such an under-whelming comedy comes as a sur-

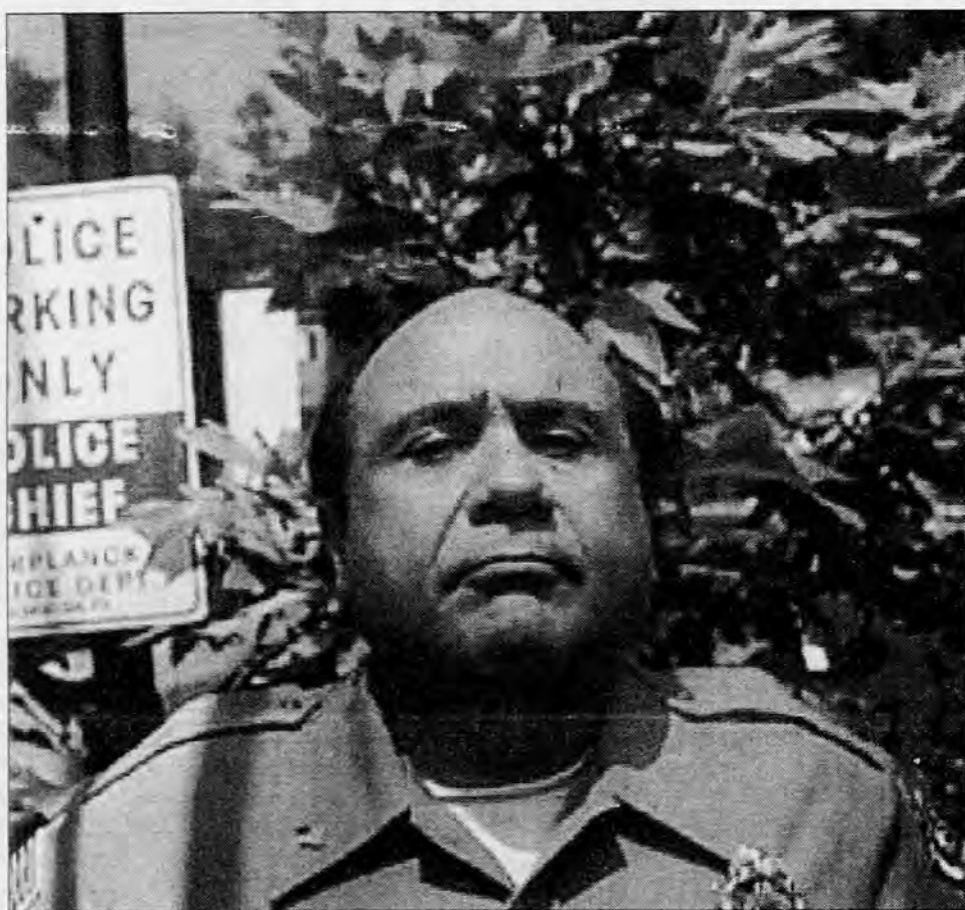
prise from veteran director Mike Nichols. Though his past hits include "The Graduate," "Working Girl" and "The Birdcage," he doesn't exhibit an ounce of comedic flair in his current outing.

"What Planet Are You From?" could have humorously explored the Mars-Venus differences between the sexes. Harold's preoccupation with sex and Susan's need to talk could have been the perfect metaphor.

Instead it settles for the easy laughs and amounts to nothing more than a 105-minute penis joke.

The Gist of It

☆☆☆☆ Earth
☆☆☆☆ Saturn
☆☆☆☆ Mars
☆☆ Pluto
☆ Uranus



'Mona' can't stay afloat

"DROWNING MONA"
DESTINATION FILMS
RATING: ☆☆☆

BY CLARKE SPEICHER
Entertainment Editor

Verplanck, N.Y., is a very special community — special in the sense that it makes a significant contribution to lowering income levels and the national IQ.

Even though every citizen seems stupid, someone in this quiet little city at least has enough intelligence to kill off the meanest lady in town — Mona Dearly (Bette Midler).

In "Drowning Mona," it's up to police chief Wyatt Rash (Danny DeVito) to determine who removed the brakes from Mona's Yugo, causing it to plunge into the Hudson River.

Mona's son Jeff (Marcus Thomas) tops Rash's list. The top-of-the-line, beer-guzzling cretin has a mean streak almost as long as his mother's.

Mona's husband Phil (William Fichtner) also has plenty of motives for murder.

Although he presents himself as a battered husband, Phil has been cheating on Mona with Rona (Jamie Lee Curtis).

Rona, the sexy, no-nonsense waitress, also has a shady past that includes cheating on Phil with his own son.

With such a dim-witted assortment of people, it would seem Rash has an easy job ahead of him, however, his list of suspects includes a landscaper (Casey Affleck), a mechanic (Kathleen Wilhoite), a fellow cop (Peter Dobson) and Rash's own daughter (Neve Campbell).

Everyone expresses their glee over Mona's death, but no one will take credit for the crime.

"Drowning Mona" begins promisingly enough as an homage to "Murder on the Orient Express" and other classic Agatha Christie novels. The decision to make the town a former test market for Yugos is also an inspired bit of creativity.

But this trashy black comedy rarely delivers the laughs that even a low concept movie like this needs to sustain it through a 95-minute running time.

"Drowning Mona" does have its bright spots. The film gets a fair share of laughs by showing flashbacks of Mona's torments.

The constantly changing story of how Jeff lost his hand also adds to the humor. While everyone agrees it happened while he reached for a beer, no one knows exactly how it was lopped off.

These cuttling funny scenes are able to add to the film's momentum, but "Drowning Mona" is unable to keep up the pace, grinding to a halt with a painfully convenient conclusion.

The movie marks a departure for director Nick Gomez. With films like "Laws of Gravity" and episodes of "The Sopranos" and "Homicide" to his credit, Gomez has earned a solid reputation for his gritty, in-your-face approach.

Despite his experience with typically grim material, Gomez is able to extract some truly funny moments from the more outrageous situations.

Unfortunately, there aren't enough laughs to keep "Drowning Mona" from sinking to the bottom of the Hudson.



Mosaic's Celeb Mix-up

This singer can hit all the right notes. Can you figure out who she is?

ANSWER: JEWEL



Spring Semester is well underway, and chances are the work is piling up and stressing you out. Here are a few suggestions to help you relieve some of that school-related angst.

FRIDAY

The weather's starting to warm up enough to pull those tube tops and capris out of the closet — if you haven't done so already. Bring your sexy self over to the Stone Balloon for the **DJ Dance Party**. There's no cover with your student I.D.

Lose yourself in the other-worldly tunes of **Comet vs. Planet** at the Deer Park. It's only \$2 to catch the show beginning at 10 p.m.

The **Kelly Ricketts Band** brings her Lilith Fair-style modern rock to the East End Café. There's a \$3 cover to enjoy the 10 p.m. show.

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Fans of modern and jazzy rock alike will be satisfied as **Smashmouth** and **Luscious Jackson** pair up for a concert at the Electric Factory. A small fee of \$10 for students will get you in the door at 7:30 p.m.

Check out E-52's presentation of "The Cripple of Inishmaan." The show starts at 8 p.m. at the Bacchus Theatre. Fret not if you can't make tonight's show. One will be going on tomorrow at the same time and place.

SATURDAY

The type of pants may have gone out of style, but the music still rocks. The Stone Balloon offers the groovin' music of **Chorduroy** — so come with \$5 in hand, or just \$3 with student ID.

Take a trip back to a more peaceful time when **Montana Wildaxe** jams out. Grateful Dead covers at the Deer Park. Starting at 10 p.m., it's \$2 for all the flashbacks you can handle.

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Take a trip to Philly to check out **Fathead**. Tickets are \$14 at the door, and the hip-hop/funk/rock stylings commence at 9 p.m.

If blues is more your thing, **The Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band** will be plucking its guitars at The Big Kahuna. The music begins at 9 p.m., and you can pick up a \$22 ticket at the door.

Hopefully you have your **Cher** ticket in hand, because her concert with **Lou Bega** at the First Union Center is sold out. For those of you attending, the show begins at 7:30 p.m.

— Compiled by Paige Wolf, who will take on all of these opportunities to release her academic stress. Join her as she dances on tables and steals the microphone from the bands.

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Smashmouth and Luscious Jackson, March 3, 7:30 p.m., \$10-\$19.50

BOB CARPENTER CENTER (984-2000)

Third Eye Blind and Tonic, April 4, 7:30 p.m., \$18-\$28.50

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Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young, March 20, 8 p.m., Sold Out,

March 21, 8 p.m., \$40.50-\$76

TOWER THEATRE (610-352-2887)

Fiona Apple, March 3, 8 p.m., \$28.50

The Pretenders, March 11, 8 p.m., \$27.50-\$37.50

Movie Times

CHRISTIANA MALL GENERAL CINEMA (368-9600)

Drowning Mona 2:40, 7:30, 10, 12

What Planet Are You From? 1:30,

4:15, 7:20, 9:50, 12

The Insider 9

The Hurricane 7:10, 10:15

The Tiger Movie 1, 3, 5, 7

Toy Story 2 1:15, 4

REGAL PEOPLES PLAZA (834-8510)

The Next Best Thing 11:30, 2:10, 4:30,

7, 9:45

Drowning Mona 11:50, 2:15, 4:50,

7:15, 9:50

My Dog Skip 12:10, 2:35, 4:45, 7:20,

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3 Strikes 12:25, 2:25, 4:25, 6:30, 8:25,

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What Planet Are You From? 11:55,

2:40, 5, 7:30, 10:15

Wonder Boys 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:45,

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Reindeer Games 11:20, 1:35, 3:50,

6:10, 8:30, 11

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The Whole Nine Yards 11:35, 1:45,

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The Beach 2:25, 5:05, 7:40, 10:40

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The Sixth Sense 1:50, 4:20, 6:55, 9:55

A state of mind

BY DAN STRUMPF
Staff Reporter

Buddy Jackson doesn't have the same name recognition as Jonny Lang and Kenny Wayne Shepherd.

But if he has his way, that won't be for long.

Bubby, who will turn 17 this month, says he hopes to become the next guitar prodigy to make some noise in the competitive music industry.

"I want to make it big," he says with a smirk. "I want to play with the big boys."

Although he may face an uphill battle, Bubby has already succeeded in making an impact on the local music scene.

After playing guitar for only two years, the Maryland native has brought his heavy-handed blues sound to the Deer Park Tavern and The Iron Hill Brewery.

He has appeared with a variety of local talents such as The Tom Larsen Blues Band, The Jaded Angels and The Kelly Bell Blues Band.

Bubby is quick to point out that he has received a great deal of help from those around him, especially his father and bass player Joel Jackson.

"If it wasn't for him," Bubby says, "I wouldn't be playing anywhere."

Bubby started his musical career four years ago playing the drums in his father's band, Bad Moon. Eventually, he picked up a guitar and he hasn't put it down since.

"He would play guitar in the basement, and I would tell him to put it down and stick with the drums," Joel says. "One night I was listening to this music coming from down there, and I realized that it was Bubby playing."

"I remember thinking that he was damn good."

After recognizing his son's natural talent, Joel brought Bubby to some local bars to gain exposure.

"He would go to the bars and sit in with bands," Joel says. "That's all it took."

The Bubby Jackson Band, consisting of Bubby, his father and two part-time drummers, began playing at local bars and clubs.

It didn't take long for Bubby's unique sound and showmanship, influenced by guitar legends Stevie Ray Vaughan, Jonny Lang and Buddy Guy, to catch the attention of local musicians.

Tom Larsen, a veteran of the local music scene, remembers his first impression of Bubby.

"He opened for me at the Deer Park," he says. "He is the first guy in years to get my

fans, people that had never heard of him, up and cheering. That doesn't happen very often."

Along with an impressive variety of music ranging from blues, rock and funk, Bubby provides an excellent display of his amazing guitar-handling abilities.

An evening with the Bubby Jackson Blues band is never complete without Bubby's version of Jimi Hendrix's "Voodoo Child." Bubby amazes his audiences by playing his guitar with his teeth, as well as behind his back.

"I like to get the crowd going," he says. "When they get into it, I get into it."

Sophomore Kate Houston, says she saw Bubby play at the Deer Park Tavern last month and she loved the show.

"He is sensational," she says. "He is really talented beyond his years. He blew everyone away."

Although he's not yet old enough to drink, Bubby doesn't mind playing at the bars.

"I like having all those people watching me," he says. "I really like playing at the college bars — the older crowds get boring."

Bubby's father doesn't mind that his son plays in bars, and he says he sees them as a place for his son to learn a valuable lesson. "All the drunks and drug addicts that he

talks to in the bars are a good influence," Joel says. "They tell him to leave the women, the drugs and the booze alone. He can see for himself that they won't do you any good."

Bubby is aware that many people may doubt the ability of a teen-ager to sing the blues. He says he knows that some people may not take him seriously as a musician, but he is also ready to prove his critics wrong.

"Everyone has bad things happen to them," he says. "I get the blues just like anyone else. It's more of an emotional thing than an age thing."

Bubby says he is looking forward to a promising future as a musician.

He says he hopes to get the exposure that he needs to make it big by playing steady gigs at the Deer Park Tavern and at the Iron Hill Brewery.

He is also currently writing songs and raising money for an upcoming original CD. This summer, Bubby will also perform in Ocean City, Md., as well as the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

If everything goes according to plan, he may just get to play at the Chesapeake Blues Festival — with the big boys.

"[Blues is] more of an emotional thing than an age thing."

— Bubby Jackson



'Life After Death'

BY HEATHER GARLICH
Entertainment Editor

Legends survive through the decades. They become a marvel without the help of any outside source. The music perpetuates long after they pass, and like an abominable snowman people swear they still see their spirits.

ELVIS

The King still makes records, and he passed away a few decades ago. Perhaps he remains the most well-known name in music since those swivel hips first came into living rooms and the rock 'n' roll revolution began.

With his death on Aug. 16, 1977, a door opened for the world of merchandise. Elvis' name graced everything from household products to velvet icons. About 90 albums have been "found" since 1978 and reissued in the name of Elvis.

MARVIN GAYE

His soulful and sexual dealings ended in 1984, the day before his 45th birthday. Gaye's father shot him after a dispute escalated to bloodshed.

"What's Goin' On," "Let's Get It On" and "Sexual Healing" ruled the Billboard charts for weeks and rolled with the times without Gaye changing his distinctive style. He continues to have albums remade and released for every occasion, though he rests six feet under. Even now, maybe at a local campus event, Gaye's music is "all you need to get by."

JERRY GARCIA

The Grateful Dead came out with a self-titled album in 1967, and Jerry Garcia became a god of trippy music and psychedelic rock.

In 1995, Garcia died and went to the great big joint in the sky, but even after his death, 10 new reissues and compilations have hit the market. Band members tour without Garcia, yet his memory still clings like the smoke in the air at a "Dead" concert.

BRAD NOWELL

Sublime's punk rock music style, straight out of California, added a zestier flavor to audiences' music collections. The albums "40 oz. to Freedom" (1992) and "Robbin' the Hood" (1994) earned cult status. And its self-titled breakthrough album escalated Sublime to the top of the charts.

Nowell, lead singer and guitar player, was an addict not only of music, but also of heroin. His death on May 25, 1996 shocked the entertainment industry.

But the release of "Second-hand Smoke" (1997) and two live albums gave Sublime the fervor to encapsulate Nowell's memory and talent. The rest of the band has moved on to form Long Beach Dub Allstars with the help of their tattoo artist.

TUPAC SHAKUR

Though police reports stated that Tupac died on Sept. 13, 1996, sightings of him have become almost as frequent as Elvis. Many fans do not believe there is enough evidence to conclude his terminal sentence, as police did not release pictures of the dead rapper, and Tupac continues to make albums.

"All Eyez on Me" (February 1996) created a new name for the gangsta, but the war raged on with East-siders vs. West-siders. Tupac's image often plasters the remixes, but new songs keep appearing as well. "Baby Don't Cry," off "Still I Rise" (1999) with the Outlawz, depicts a more rational Tupac who gives advice to young women in despair.

CHRISTOPHER WALLACE

"He is. He is..." apparently not dead. Notorious B.I.G., a.k.a. Biggie Smalls, released his debut solo album in 1994, "Ready to Die." Ironically, his record label released "Life After Death" (1997) 16 days after his passing.

Puff Daddy remembers Biggie by dedicating almost every song to his former partner and motivator. B.I.G.'s picture graces album covers and music videos that Puffy rehashes for tribute and loot.

However, Puff Daddy keeps Wallace's memory alive, all while including his vocals on different rap motifs. The photographic proof of his death is evident, unlike Tupac, and fans do not doubt his tragic murder.

JEFF BUCKLEY

On June 4, 1997, six days after he disappeared, police discovered Buckley's body floating in the Mississippi River. However, his memory still lives in the haunting songs he left behind.

Buckley's album "Grace" (1994) gave him fame, but "My Sweetheart the Drunk" was released in the same year as his death, manifesting infamy upon his soul. Buckley has a new live album coming out in May 2000, and he will be categorized among the greats who so tragically lost their lives.

MICHAEL HUTCHENCE

INXS' most acclaimed album "Kick" gave fans songs like "Mediate/I Need You Tonight" and "Devil Inside" in the early '90s. Hutchence added artistic impressionism to the band, and MTV worshiped INXS videos because of their bizarre appeal.

However, Hutchence had a fetish for more than music as revealed by the news of his death on Nov. 22, 1997 — the coroner's report was asphyxiation with a leather belt. Rumors circulate the deed was purposely done to achieve a greater orgasm. Fans should not fret, though, as Hutchence miraculously released a solo effort in 1999 and relased a self-titled album on Feb. 22.

MARK SANDMAN

Indie rock legend Mark Sandman of Morphine was the most recent rock icon to die. He didn't vocally express himself much, but Sandman's soliloquies via guitar were more than enough.

"The Night" is the most recent tribute to Sandman's July 1999 death. The surviving band members and his voice echo throughout the mystical album, which effortlessly projects Sandman's lyrical prose.



THE REVIEW / File Photo

The 16-year-old regularly plays guitar behind his back and with his teeth.

You've got priesthood

BY LIZ JOHNSON
Editor in Chief

I've done a lot of weird things in my 22 years of life, but never anything quite like this.

I mean, I was always raised to think that religion was a sacred belief, but it seems that in today's high-tech world, that may no longer be the case.

One day at the office, I was flipping through a magazine when I saw a blurb about getting ordained online.

Being the naturally inquisitive person that I am, I decided to check it out. After all, I thought, wouldn't it be neat to tell all my friends they could address me as the Reverend Johnson?

So I hopped on the nearest computer and went to the Universal Life Church's Web site, www.ulg.org.

Now I have to confess, I didn't think all of this would actually work. I believed it was just one of those silly online games that would ultimately lead to nothing.

I was wrong. Within five minutes of entering the necessary information, I was informed that I had been accepted, "with pride," as a Reverend.

This put me in the ranks of 18.3 million other "Reverends" around the world.

I was, quite frankly, stunned. To me, ministers were always the people in black robes who gave sermons on important topics — not some college kid like me.

In a few hours, the story became even stranger. I got a very long e-mail message, which informed me of all of the rights I have as an ordained minister of the Universal Life Church.

"The Universal Life Church has only two

tenets — to promote freedom of religion and to do that which is right," "Brother Daniel's" e-mail stated.

That seemed pretty straightforward at first. Freedom of religion is always a good thing, and doing what is right is definitely an ideal that should be promoted.

But I didn't really understand what I had become a part of until I continued reading. I came to realize that I had crossed over a threshold into the world of Internet ministry.

After plowing my way through pages after pages of text about how I could use the ULC's server to preach my sermons online, I finally found the hook.

The ULC offers all kinds of fun things for sale.

Think the certificate you can print off your computer when you are ordained isn't good enough?

Then you can order official credentials from ULC.

Window shields, apparently hot-selling items, can be found at the Web site for the bargain price of \$5.

These shields, which go in the windshield of your car, are two-sided — one side says "Press" and the other "Minister."

As the Web site points out, the card "will help you with parking and will also help you get into many places."

Looks like "Reverend" Johnson won't have such a hard time finding places to park by the Perkins Student Center any more.

The ULC also offers other exciting and strange benefits — parking privileges are only the beginning.

Want a degree for a lot less money and study

time than the university's offering?

ULC will give you doctorate degrees in metaphysics, divinity, religious science, motivation and universal life, all for the "free-will" offering of \$20.

Looking for that always hard-to-find Christmas gift?

Send in \$5 to have a family member named a "Lay Sister," "Flying Missionary" or "Druid."

And, just so you can prove to all your family and friends that you really are a minister, you can order the famed "Ministry in a Box."

The box set includes marriage and baptism certificates, a "master wall credential" and — the really big kicker, as far as I am concerned — your very own certificate of sainthood.

All this can be yours for the meager price of \$79. Just send money orders or credit card numbers to Brother Daniel out in California and he'll take care of it.

The ULC also offers advice to its ministers.

One "brother" at the ULC monastery says new ministers should be careful to check their state laws before performing any of the more complicated religious rites like marriage.

Now that I'm a Reverend, I'm apparently also allowed to absolve sins, including my own (which could take a while). The ULC doesn't have any Confessional booths for sale, though.

However, those looking for the quick thrill will be disappointed, since ULC ministers can perform "every religious rite" — with the notable exception of circumcision.

Soon, there may be sites that offer Cabinet seats for \$20 or a Nobel Peace Prize for \$10, and maybe even a Grammy for five cents — but for now, the \$5 sainthood certificate may be the best sale around.



FEATURE
FORUM

BY MIKE LOUIE



THE MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN

What is sleep?

Sleep is a commodity, something we all need to feel good. In the luxury and foolishness of my youth, I would spend up to 14 hours sleeping.

Each of my summer days would begin later and later until it blurred the line between afternoon and early evening. Then, I would wake for lunch or dinner, whichever one sounds more stupid.

But now those halcyon days are over. Sleep is far between the hours. It's more like little naps between work, like when your father tells you days off aren't days off anymore. They're just days you don't get paid. In past cases of insomnia, masturbation usually did the trick, as the accuracy of the one "Seinfeld" episode exhibited.

However, sometimes it will backfire on you. Sometimes you end up staying awake later.

So what to do when exhaustion and sleeplessness got you down? Beating off won't work? My suggestion — get a blow-up doll.

Nothing beats sleeping with a blow-up doll, except maybe sleeping next to a real person. But failing that, as I often do, brings me back to summertime in L.A., which I can only assume stood for Lonely Asians.

My blow-up doll and I, her name was Chasey. I think, shared a broken twin bed — broken probably from some other, more exotic action. My girl and I just slept.

Wait, I'm getting ahead of myself. There's a reason I had Chasey. I more or less stumbled onto the fact that she made a good sleeping partner.

My friend Pat was filming a movie, and Chasey had a key role. So he brought her over to my apartment, where we were filming. I wasn't too keen on the idea, but I let her in after he said she wouldn't take up too much room.

Yeah, she was my girl. She wasn't hot by any means. Even the porno star she was

modeled after wasn't hot. Her three-dimensional face smooched into two, her vinyl skin would get sticky sometimes as vinyl tends to do. Her limbs kept deflating too, and she didn't come with any "extras."

But I kept her around. Who else did I have to get me through those long nights in Westwood? She didn't complain too much and didn't eat all my food like my friends. When my roommate Dan and I ate dinner, we gave her a seat. Dan appreciated a womanly touch to the kitchen.

And if I threw up,
I could just rinse
her off.

She was a good ol' girl. When I was drunk, she'd let me rest my spinning head on her breast. And if I threw up, I could just rinse her off. She didn't care when I forgot that I hung her off my balcony overnight, either. No girl I know would take that without throwing a word or two of strict reprimand in my direction.

Unfortunately, she was just a bad life preserver who probably would've killed me if I were drowning. I had faith in her, though. Her silence always kept me grounded, and if I were in need of some loving, she probably would've let me cop a cheap feel. At night she'd let me put my arm around her, and when my skin finally warmed hers, it was better than any pillow on earth.

I had nothing bad to say about my girl Chasey. I slept with her in my bed for a couple days, but then things started getting bad.

First, I caught her with Dan and another friend named Joe. She was getting spanked and giving some oral pleasures. Man, I was mad, but she didn't say anything when I mentioned it to her, so I forgave her.

Then, the kicker. While we were filming in the hallway, I returned to my apartment. The room was oddly quiet, and no one seemed to know what was going on. The shower was on, and I could see steam coming out from the partly open bathroom door. I pulled my nine out from the butt of my pants.

Someone grabbed me and roughly manhandled me to the ground. I think it was Dan, but I got away and ran into the bathroom.

Amidst the cloud and my tears, I saw Joe and my girl making it in the shower while Pat filmed. It's too bad I had dropped my gun while fighting with my roommate. All of my so-called friends had been plotting to get my girl away from me, and I wanted to take care of business.

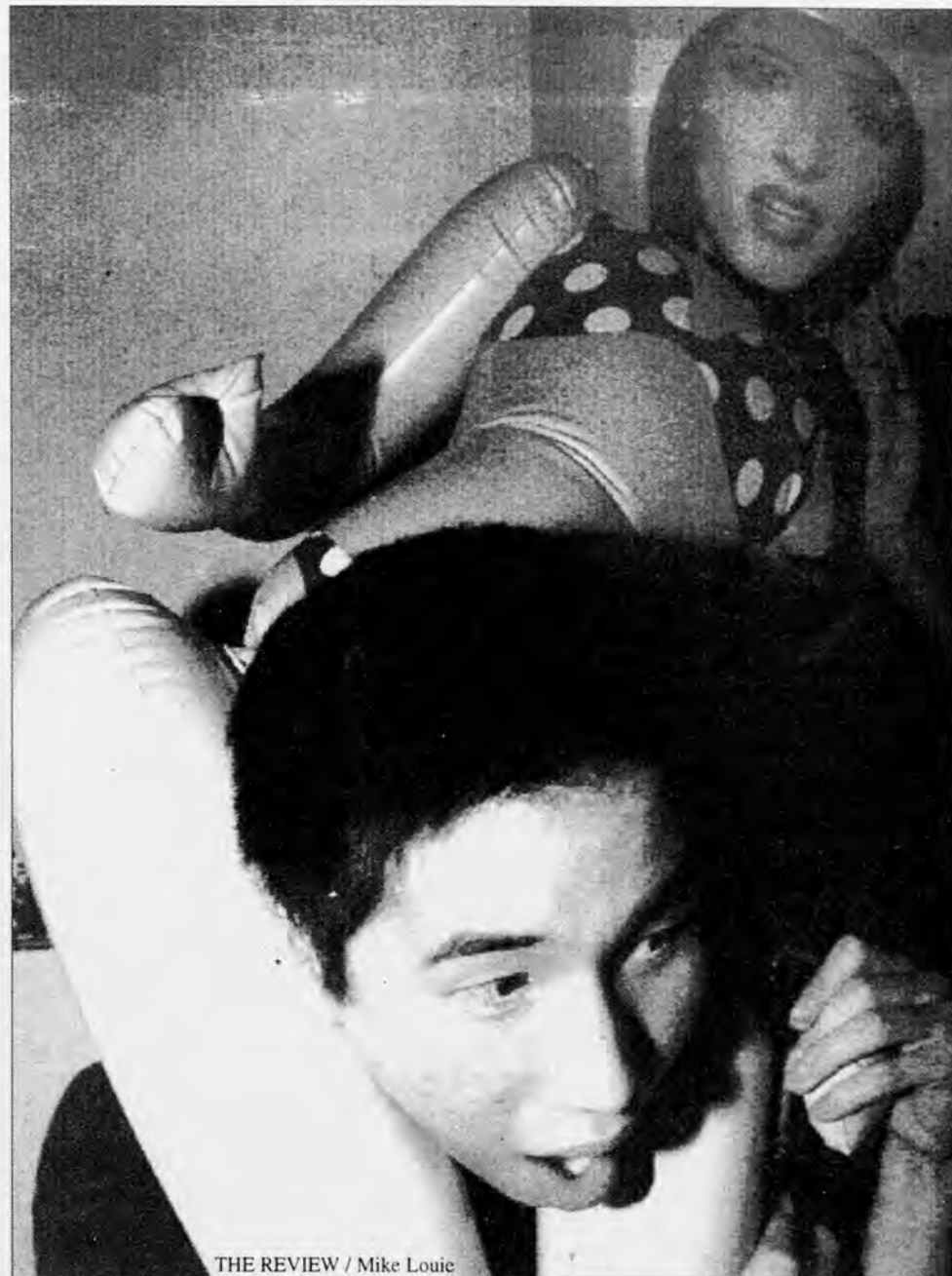
Suddenly, the opaque shower door flung open. I flipped open the switchblade I had in my other pocket, ready to stab Joe. To my surprise he threw my girl out instead, and I violently and disturbingly stabbed her somewhere in the crotch area.

I was devastated as I watched her torso slowly lose air, the life I breathed into her. I held her hand as she melted before me and turned away. I think Pat has the whole thing on 8 mm.

Later that day, I tried to perform some first aid on my special lady with duct tape, but it just wasn't the same. I gave her a proper burial in her own garbage bag.

Before I had Chasey, I could usually will myself to sleep. Now, without her, it is hard. Many a night is spent drinking cheap beer and punching myself in the head in futile attempts at reaching her in my dreams.

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Two for two for two for two...

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slices at once, waving the pizza with his finger in a futile attempt to cool it.

"It's so fucking hot," Lew shouts, cheese dangling from his brown goatee.

Half in jest and half in intimidation, Dave reminds his two opponents to chew each piece 26 times, but Lew seems uninterested in table talk, unless it involves trash-talking.

"We're having a meal here, so shut up!" he says.

Perhaps spurred by his friend's snap, Alex, the heckler, stands up in front of Bud, and engages his body in an activity that resembles dancing. Though Alex claims his motions are original, he appears to mimic an out-take of a Jim Carrey flick.

He places his hands on his hips while thrusting his pelvic region. The only accompaniment comes from his mouth, as he screeches in high frequencies, inadvertently mimicking a hungry, infant pig.

Unresponsive to these strange motions, Bud abandons his roots, and now eats a Grotto's cheese pizza sandwich like the others, taking time to wipe his greasy chops with a napkin.

All chew and speak with open mouths, sometimes expressing discomfort.

"I'm feeling it, but only in my head," Lew says. His face reddens, though the others' have not.

Perhaps this is the sign of a pizza-eating pro, as Lew has built a two slice lead over Bud's five.

For the most part, Bud eats and laughs continuously, although he burps more regularly than the others.

"I'm Buuhhhhhhhh," he rumbles.

Alex, who serves as the contest's court jester throughout the 25 minutes, uses this informative belch as an excuse for further taunting.

"Lew, what do we think about Bud?"

"He sucks!" Lew replies.

Someone from the audience asks Lew how he feels.

"You have no idea how much my

stomach's saying 'fuck you' to me right now," he says.

This pain appears to be responsible for Lew's pace slowing to a crawl. As he finishes the eighth and final slice of a pie at the 10-minute mark, he surveys the area and suddenly stands, wiping his grease-stained shirt.

"This is my good shirt," he says.

A pained look comes across Lew's face. One onlooker diagnoses it as "the vomit look."

Explaining his discomfort, Lew says four at a time is a bad idea, as he pounds his chest with his fist.

"This is gonna kill me," Lew says. "I might have to call out of work for this shit."

Taking a break from the feast, Lew stands and turns around to face the mural-sized window behind him, which faces the parking lot.

Approaching the glass, he sees a man wearing a green coat, locking his bike up.

"Hey man, I'm eating pizza," he says, holding his ninth slice to his mouth. The man scurries away with a confused looking grin.

Comfortable with his two-slice lead, Lew holds his 10th slice over his opened mouth, letting grease drip from the tip onto his tongue, which he says discerns no flavor. Perhaps his cheese-burned mouth could not distinguish the taste.

A waitress wanders over, bringing Lew the second half of his second pie.

"Who do you think I am," he says, "Godzilla?"

With eight minutes to go, Dave finishes his first pie.

Bud burps again with just under five minutes remaining. Of the three, his belches have been the most regular, probably due to his choice of beverage, Coke. The others wash their grub down with non-carbonated drinks.

"I've burped five times," Lew says, just before his sixth. "The first thing I'm going to do after this is drink a beer and throw up."

Looking to ease their digestive suffering, a waitress offers Tums, though

no one accepts them.

Lew dances to N'Sync in front of the window on his 12th slice. Bud joins him and stretches his arms once again to the heavens beyond his sight, obstructed by the high ceiling.

"Buddha come on," Dave yells at him, half incoherently, his mouth filled with cheese, bread and sauce. "I think he's got some sort of superpower."

Oblivious to Dave's commentary, Bud continues, his arms now stretched horizontally and his eyes gazing distantly, perhaps praying once again to the invisible pizza deity.

Recalling images of Babe Ruth's legendary called shot, Bud points to the audience before stacking six slices at once with only two minutes remaining.

The other competitors look dumbfounded at these antics, refusing to believe a man could accomplish such a super-human feat.

Saying he fears projectile vomit, Dave scoots to the other end of the table. Bud brings the stack to his lips, barely placing it in his super-stretched mouth.

But he never takes another bite. Accepting defeat, he reaches to shake Lew's hand just before time expires.

THE AFTERMATH

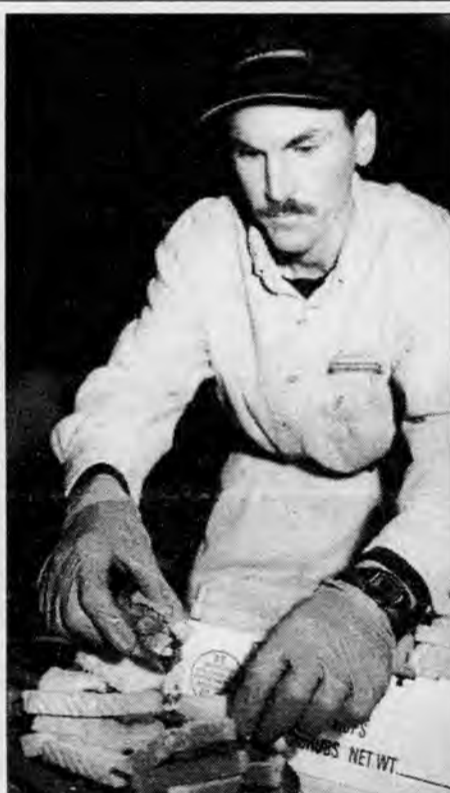
"I got beat by a better eater," Bud, who ties for second by consuming eight slices, says. "I took the first bite, and it was over for me."

Lew says he is grateful victory only required 12 slices, even though the sheer glory of winning is the only prize awarded.

"I'm going to the bathroom," he says, causing the audience — friends, onlookers and Polaroid-armed members of the Grotto staff — to shake their heads in disbelief.

"But I'm not gonna do what you think I'm gonna do," he says. "I'm gonna wash my hands."

However, no amount of soap could wash away the memories of those that witnessed the contest, even if they lost faith in the pizza god as a result of Bud's defeat.



THE REVIEW / Photos by Mike Louie

Photos clockwise from top, left. A worker stacks scrapple sandwiches. Scrapple Queen Eliana Kelly waves to her faithful followers. Three thousand people crowd the Trocadero for Scrapplefest 2000.

Scrapple — everything but the oink

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as some other spices, to the panhaus.

Kent and Sussex counties in Delaware soon became places where many farming English settlers took up raising pigs and growing corn.

"It thus seems natural to me that there would occur a 'drift' of scrapple awareness and appeal from Eastern Pennsylvania southward into Central and Southern Delaware," Bethke said.

And scrapple was born. But an interesting situation occurred. The love (or even knowledge) of the food generally didn't spread beyond the Delaware/Eastern Pennsylvania region.

"I've never had scrapple before," said Colorado native Jeff McCarthy while waiting for the lines to die down. "Everybody tells me to try it. I'm not too crazy about the smell, though."

But for many people in attendance, there were no second thoughts.

Multiple scrapple-shaped Liberty Bell sculptures (which all included the crack) adorned the building, earning impressed stares from the people inside.

A continuous flow of bands took the Troc's stage, offering odes to the meat treat.

"I got scrapple on my mind ... some grease got in my eye," opening act Bill Aronson sang.

Frank Palencar shared the band's sentiment — at least the first part. Three years ago, the senior citizen

earned the distinction of being the very first Scrapple King.

"It's nutritious and delicious," he announced with a plate full of the stuff in hand.

Pat Smith also seemed to be enjoying himself. Sunday marked the third year in a row he attended Scrapplefest, and he said he sees beyond the mere "pigging" out at the all-you-can-eat event.

"It's a fun, free time," he said. "It is a shot of optimism."

However, that optimism didn't exactly spread outside the Troc. With the meaty smell wafting in the breeze, a lone teen-ager stood on the cold sidewalk of Arch Street in protest.

A few vegetarian pamphlets rested on his makeshift cardboard table. The spike-haired dissident had a video camera on his shoulder to record the day's sometimes unfortunate proceedings.

"Some people dumped scrapple in my donation cup," 18-year-old Brian Good said with a bit of disgust. "I don't want to interfere. I just want to present my point of view."

Good was not the only person to question the validity of such an event. One man said a much more symbolic meaning lurked behind thousands of people chowing down on pig leftovers.

"It's an excuse to have a fair," Alexander DeVore said, as he inched back in line for another helping. "Nobody likes scrapple that much."



THE REVIEW / Christopher Bunn

Good to the last slice: Bud Quiloen bows out after chowing down eight cheesy triangles.

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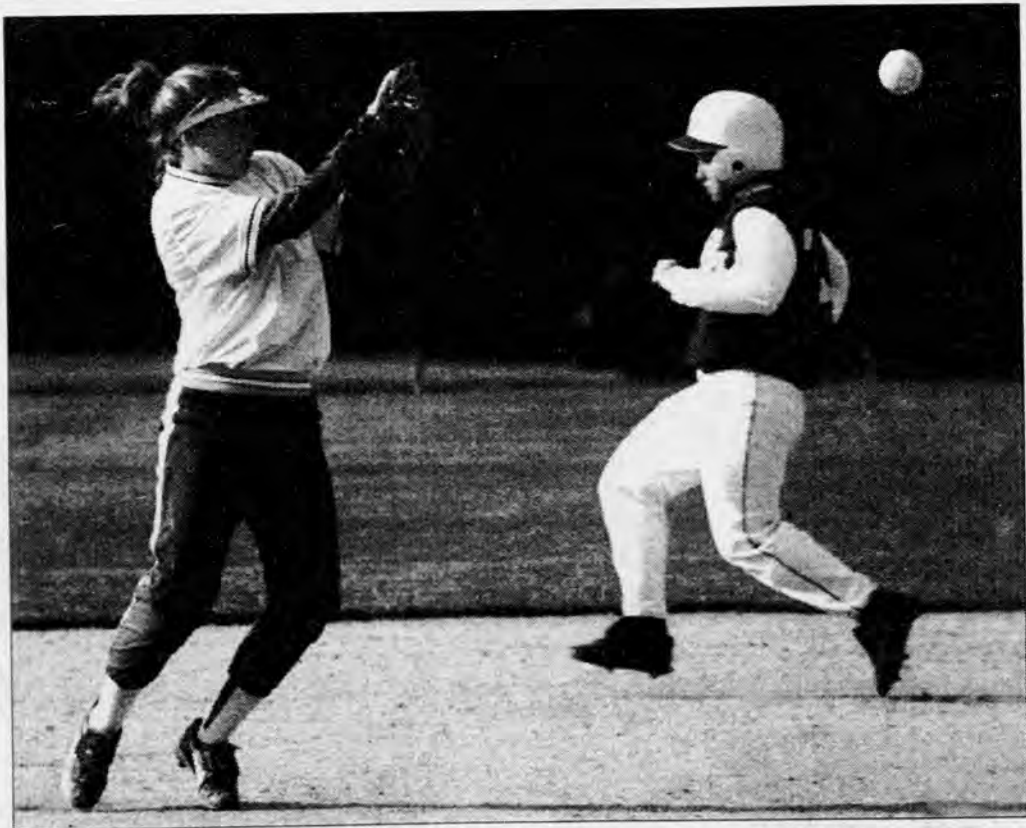
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2:30 PM	CTN	DelNut	DelNut	DelNut	DelNut	DelNut	CTN
3:00 PM	CTN	School Daze	School Daze	School Daze	School Daze	School Daze	CTN
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6:30 PM	The Game	What in the Hall?!	What in the Hall?!	What in the Hall?!	What in the Hall?!	What in the Hall?!	Burly Bear
7:00 PM	The Game	Seizures	Seizures	Seizures	Seizures	Seizures	Burly Bear
7:30 PM	Tommy Boy	Platoon	Good Will Hunting	Scent of a Woman	School Daze	Liar Liar	Scent of a Woman
8:00 PM	Tommy Boy	Platoon	Good Will Hunting	Scent of a Woman	School Daze	Liar Liar	Scent of a Woman
8:30 PM	Birdcage	SLTV News	SLTV News	SLTV News	SLTV News	SLTV News	Liar Liar
9:00 PM	Birdcage	Seizures	Seizures	Seizures	Seizures	Seizures	Liar Liar
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UD to compete at UVa Classic

BY LAUREN TISCHLER
Staff Reporter

With another difficult tournament to compete in this weekend, the Delaware softball team prepared this past week by going back to the basics and getting used to the outdoors again.

The UVa Cavalier Classic begins today at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Va., as the Hens focus on their strengths and teamwork.

Delaware head coach B.J. Ferguson said this is a tougher tournament than last weekend's at East Carolina, where the Hens went 2-3. She said that this time the squad has to make every play count.

"We're not going into this weekend assured of anything," Ferguson said. "We have to work for it. We have to capitalize on the opportunities and on our opponents' mistakes. That's what will make or break this season."

Delaware will play Eastern Kentucky, Ohio University, Virginia and Wright State in a round-robin format from today through Sunday.

The competition is difficult, but the

expectations are simple, Ferguson said.

"I put us in a tournament such as this to challenge us," she said. "It doesn't help to go to tournaments we can easily win. I want us to play well and come off the field with our heads up."

She said the team should use the competition "as a measuring stick for what they need to work on, whether they win or lose."

Ferguson said the players are upbeat about the tournament and have been looking forward to it.



Junior third baseman/pitcher Lauren Mark said the squad is enthusiastic about the competition.

"It gives us a good opportunity to see what we need to work on," she said. "We're really excited to play different teams to see what we look like."

Senior outfielder/third baseman Chris Brady said she expects the team to do a good job this weekend.

"I think we should do well if we continue to [play] the way we have been," she said. "Everybody [has] played well and hit the ball well, and defense was strong at the last tournament."

Ferguson said she is optimistic about the team's progress but knows that there's more work to do.

"Everything takes time and attention," she said. "You've got to work toward getting all the pieces to come together at the same time. That's a great win when it all comes together, but it's not something that typically happens when you first come into a season."

Brady said she anticipates a strong season.

"I think we're strong all around," she said. "All 16 of us can add something out there. Everybody contributes."

She also said the Hens have been working well as a team.

"We seem to have gelled pretty well," she said. "We just need to keep that up."

Ferguson said she is happy with the team's record.

"As coaches, we have to instill confidence in our players," she said. "We need to feel good about our performance so far in the season and work from there."

At the UVa Classic, the Hens will face Virginia today at 11 a.m., and Ohio University at 3 p.m. Delaware will then take on Eastern Kentucky Saturday at 9 a.m. and Wright State at 11 a.m.

The Delaware softball team anticipates another competitive weekend when it begins play today at the UVa Classic. The Hens will look to improve on last weekend's 2-3 mark.

METZBOWER LEADS LACROSSE ATTACK

BY JAMES CAREY
Staff Reporter

The 1999 season was a magical one for Delaware.

A trip to the elite eight and a ranking of sixth in the nation — the highest in school history.

It was as if they had died and gone to heaven.

But now 2000 is a whole new season. The loss of 10 seniors to graduation, especially key players on offense, leaves the 19th-ranked Hens with question marks in almost every position.

The losses of first team All-American John Grant, third team All-American Kevin Lavey, second team All-American Sean Carney, Dennis DeBusschere and Jim Bruder requires the need for underclassmen to fill huge voids left behind.

These five players led all of the Hens offensive categories, especially Grant, who led the team in scoring with 56 goals and 54 assists.

At 6-foot, 185-lbs freshman midfielder Ryan Metzbower provides some hope for the Delaware offensive attack.

After two games this season Metzbower seems to be filling in nicely.

He has scored five goals and has at least one assist in the first two games of his collegiate career, including four against Mount St. Mary's on Wednesday.

Metzbower appears to be ready for the challenge with his outstanding play thus far and he definitely has the tools to do so.

Outstanding speed and skill are vital to his play, which showed in the Mount St. Mary's game.

Eluding defenders like a jackrabbit does a predator, he dodges and fakes his way to the goal with lightning speed.

He is also known for the power of his shot, which he can launch through the defense and past the goalie.

Goalies may wonder if there was actually a shot in the first place, but realize there was once they see the ball sitting in back of the net.

Although Grant was the best player in Hens history, Metzbower seems to have the raw talent and ability to take his

game to a very high level just like Grant had in his four years here.

A native of Severna Park, Md., Metzbower was both an excellent lacrosse player and football player for St. Mary's High School.

His senior year, Metzbower led the lacrosse squad to a remarkable undefeated record of 17-0.

Metzbower, a quarterback for his football team, received the honor of being both All-State in lacrosse and football.

Before moving on to the university, he attended Bridgeton Academy in Maine for a year of a post-graduate school to prepare his collegiate career.

Delaware head coach Bob Shillinglaw said he has been pleased with Metzbower's play, especially in filling some big roles.

"We have a lot of guys waiting in the wings," he said. "It's nice to see [Metzbower] play well."

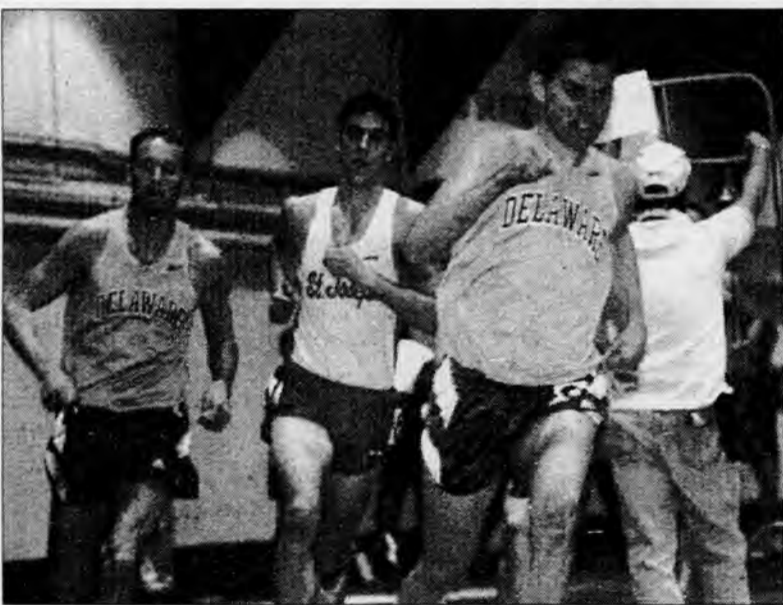
Shillinglaw also said the skill he brings to the field, particularly his ability to score from long range, is special.

"He's a good shooter," he said. "He's got a cannon."



THE REVIEW / Mike Louie

Hens midfielder Ryan Metzbower, a freshman, has sparked Delaware's offense in its first two games this season, already notching five goals.



THE REVIEW / Mike Louie

Mike DiGennaro leads nine Hen teammates at the IC4As.

10 Men to IC4As; 7 women to ECACs

BY JESSICA R. PACKER
Staff Reporter

Coming off strong performances at the America East championships at Boston University Feb. 19, both the Delaware men's and women's indoor track and field teams will go on to their respective championships this weekend.

Seven members of the women's team qualified for the Eastern College Athletic Conference championships in Boston this weekend at the Reggie Lewis Center.

Senior Caltha Seymour, who won the 20-pound weight throw at the America East Championships, will be competing in the same event this weekend. Senior captain Caron Marra will be running the 1,600-meter leg of the distance medley.

"There will be a lot of competition at this meet," Marra said. "But we're all looking for our best performances."

Women's head coach Susan McGrath-Powell said her athletes have earned their places at this meet.

"There won't be any slackers," she said. "We want to do a little better than what got us there."

Men's head coach Jim Fischer also said he is confident his ath-

letes (10 will participate) will be successful at the IC4A Championships at Harvard this weekend.

Senior Mike DiGennaro, who won the 5,000-meter race at the America East championships, is expected to do well in this weekend's open 3,000-meter.

"Mike is real close to the school record," Fischer said. "I think he's got a really good chance of making the finals."

DiGennaro placed second in the America East championships in the 3,000-meter with a time of 8 minutes, 27.34 seconds. The school record is 8:23.2, set by John Wehner in 1982.

Making the finals on Sunday is DiGennaro's goal, which means Saturday's qualifying race is an important event for him.

"I want to run on Saturday like it's my last race," DiGennaro said.

Senior Tom Marando is also expected to do well this weekend, and Fischer said he could also set a new standard.

"[Tom] is one of the top shot-putters in school history," Fischer said. "I think we could come out of this meet with a few school records."

The finals for each event will take place on Sunday.

TRACK AND FIELD

Hens hopeful at start of spring

BY CHRIS RAKUS
Staff Reporter

The fall season was rough, but the Delaware golf team hopes its potential will put the opposition in the bunker this spring.

The Hens faced tough odds in the fall season, coming away with no higher than a third-place finish. Yet optimism for a strong conclusion in the spring remains high among the coaching staff and players.

The season starts Monday for the squad at the Northeast Invitational in

West Palm Beach, Fla., which continues into Tuesday.

"We didn't measure up during the first half of the season," said Delaware head coach James Kent. "But we're getting closer to our potential, and should have a good opportunity to be competitive."

This potential will hopefully provide the team with its goal of picking up two or more wins in the spring. But in order to pull it off, the players will have to be more consistent, Kent said.

"The seniors on the team simply haven't been there," he said of seniors Craig O'Brien, Mark Swinger and captain Mike Ladden. "It's their last hurrah, and they have to get out and play well."

One of the most exciting prospects for the team, and the future, lies in the ability of freshman Eric Stepanian, Kent said.

Senior Mark Swinger said he agrees with Kent.

"Eric has a lot of talent and played well during the fall," he said. "And it will make us seniors play harder for

travel spots."

The Northwood Invitational promises to show insight into how Delaware will perform in later competition, especially against its major opponent in the conference, Towson. The Tigers have captured three of the last four conference titles.

However, only time will reveal what kind of season the Hens will have in store, and whether the outcome is good or bad.

Stepanian put it best when he said, "We're all just friends playing golf, and that makes it a hell of a lot easier."

GOLF

Delaware men open season at Lehigh

BY LAURA LAPONTE
Staff Reporter

A roster consisting mostly of freshmen has left both coaches and players unsure of what lies ahead for the Delaware men's tennis team this season.

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Senior captain Christopher Johnson will be the team's No. 1 singles player this season. He went 2-5 in the fall, but carries a 20-11 career record into the spring season.

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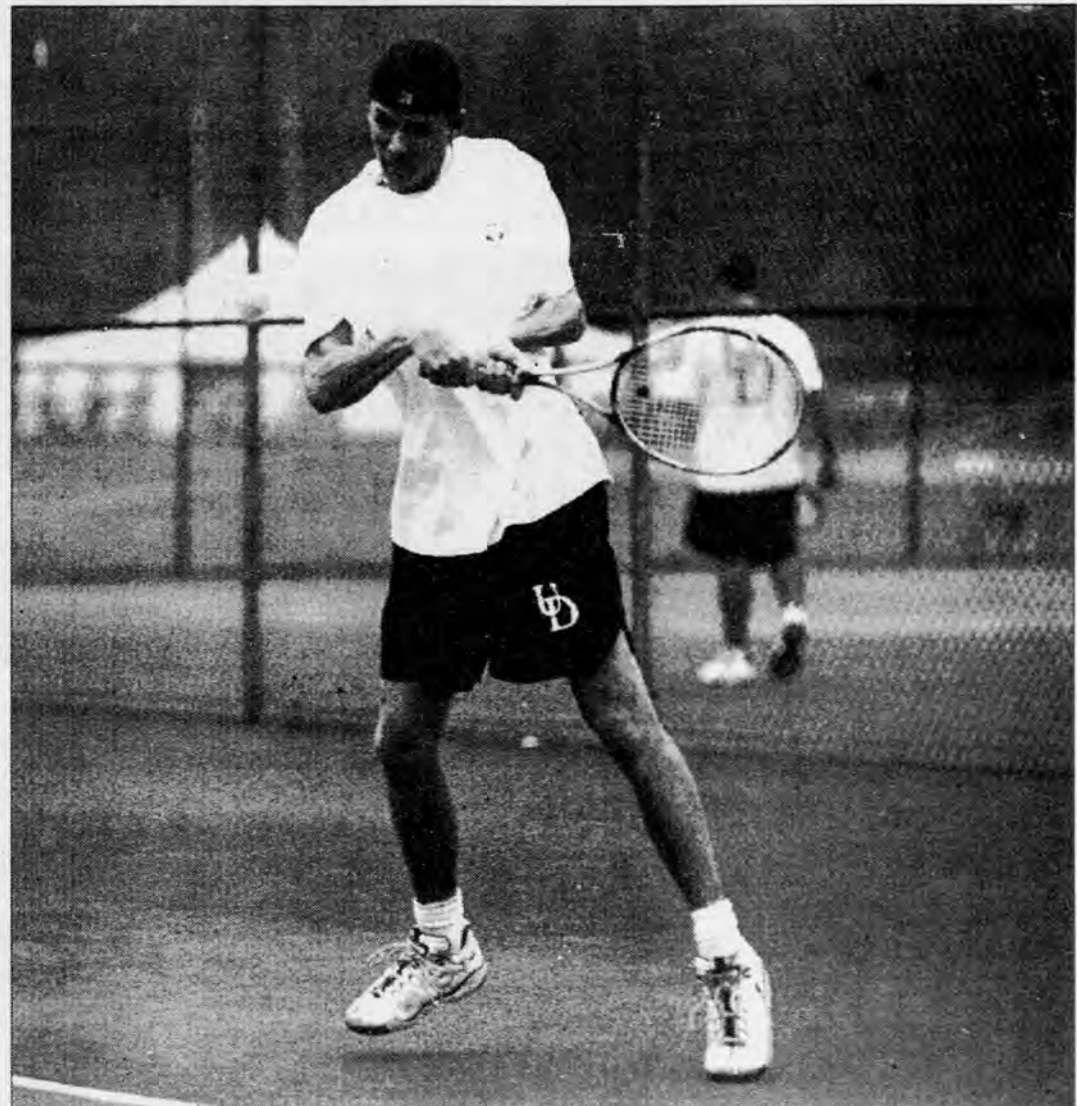
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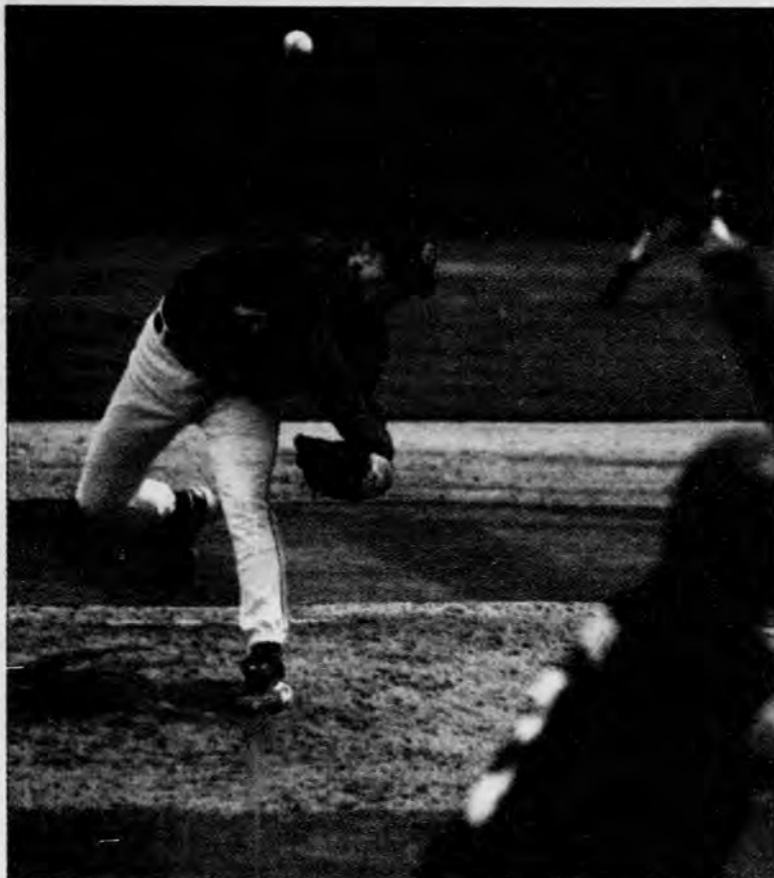
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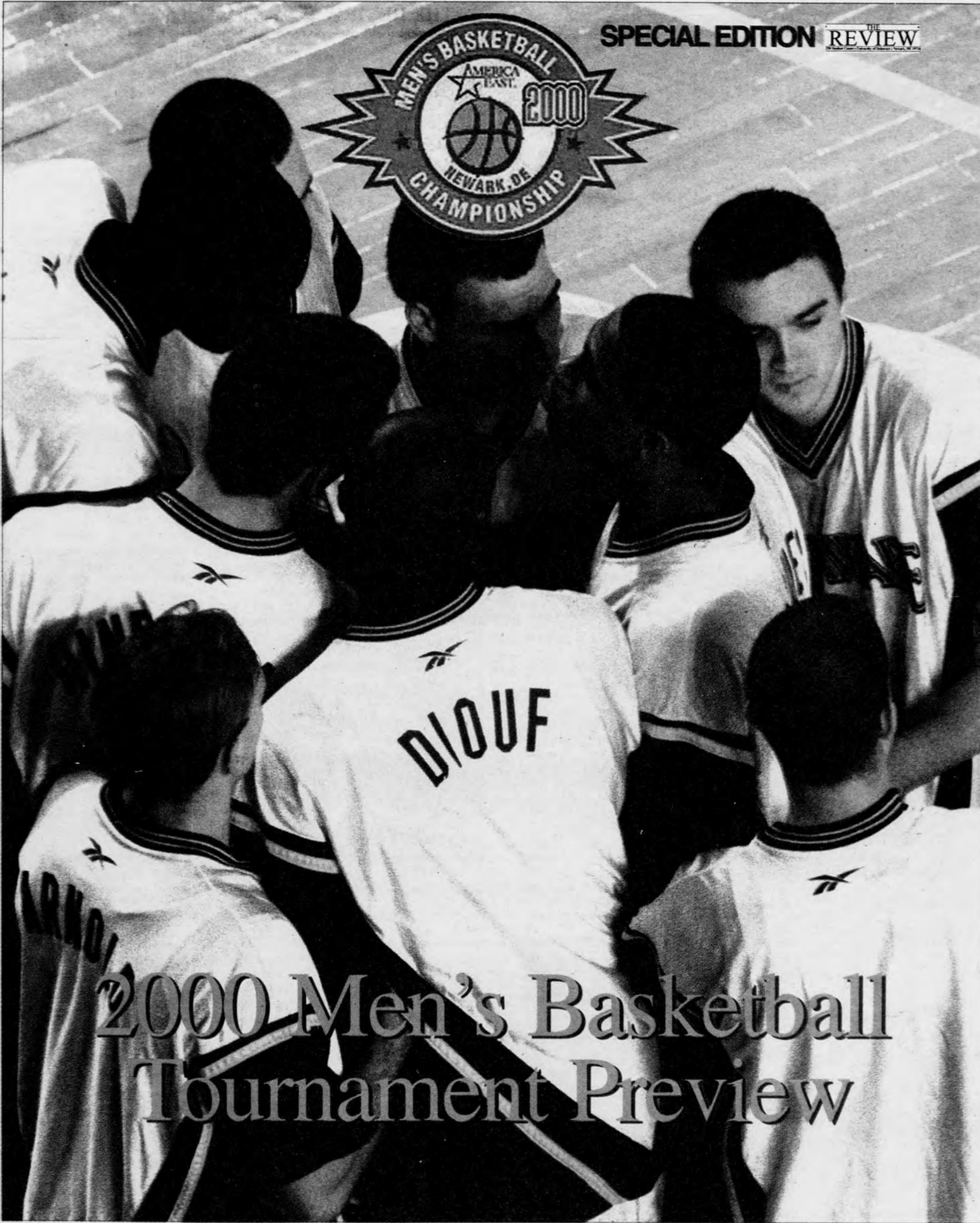
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'GQ' Coaches

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BY AMY KIRSCHBAUM

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Don't hate them because they're beautiful. With each poor call by the referee and with each sneak elbow from the opposing team, Delaware coach Mike Brey and Hofstra coach Jay Wright fly off the bench with their designer coats flapping behind them.

Both quickly compose themselves, smoothing out the wrinkles in the shirt or pulling the waist up to avoid any creases from forming in the pant leg.

These are the call signs of two of the America East's best dressed.

Though the two come from different backgrounds, they have their fair share of things in common — including a keen fashion sense.

"All the credit goes to my wife," Brey said. "She dresses me. My mom used to dress me and now my wife dresses me."

Wright, on the other hand, wants to make sure he's the one making himself look good.

"I grew up in Philadelphia and I've always liked nice clothes," he said. "I like to shop for clothes. Even if I weren't a coach I would probably still try to look nice."

Though Wright and Brey, whose teams placed first and third respectively in the America East this season, were chosen as the most stylish by fellow coaches in an unofficial poll, the two have very different ways of dressing.

Wright is more of the jacket-and-tie guy while Brey discarded his neck noose within the past two years in favor of mock turtle-necks.

"My philosophy is that it's a little bit of comfort and a little bit of superstition," Brey said. "If you notice, the tie has been retired. They're all back on my tie rack for the past two years."

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Since freeing himself of the tie, Brey swears by his mock turtle-necks for game-day situations.

"Last year, I did a little of both early in the season," he said. "Then when we got on that 13-game win streak, I wore a mock turtle-neck maybe three times. It's also more comfortable on road trips. It's comfortable for the four hour ride coming home after a game."

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Whoever dresses Brey, the league has noticed — including Wright.

"Mike is a little bit more casual, but classy," Wright said. "He looks calmer, more relaxed, but still stylish. He doesn't look uptight."

Brey returned the compliment, showing there's no hostility between the two fashion plates.

"He has his own style," Brey said. "It's about getting comfortable and about who you are. It's more my personality and the way I do things."



Photo by Brian Ballweg

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"Being in the New York area may weigh on his decision. Newark is more laid back and so my style is more laid back."

Wright admitted that living in the hot seat of the fashion world does not hurt his sideline attire.

"Living around the metropolitan area helps," he said. "I see fashion all the time. I see something I like or look at someone and say 'I like what he's wearing.'"

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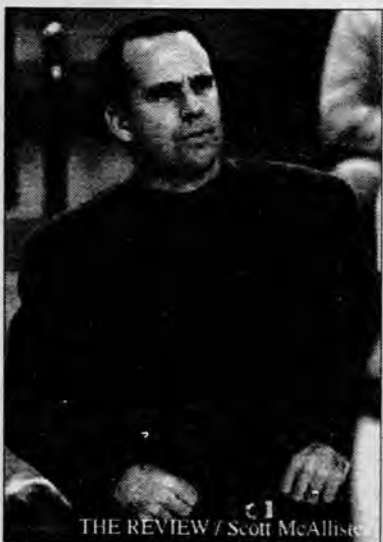
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BY AMY KIRSCHBAUM
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Don't hate them because they're beautiful. With each poor call by the referee and with each sneak elbow from the opposing team, Delaware coach Mike Brey and Hofstra coach Jay Wright fly off the bench with their designer coats flapping behind them.

Both quickly compose themselves, smoothing out the wrinkles in the skirt or pulling the waist up to avoid any creases from forming in the pant leg.

These are the call signs of two of the America East's best dressed.

Though the two come from different backgrounds, they have their fair share of things in common — including a keen fashion sense.

"All the credit goes to my wife," Brey said. "She dresses me. My mom used to dress me and now my wife dresses me."

Wright, on the other hand, wants to make sure he's the one making himself look good.

"I grew up in Philadelphia and I've always liked nice clothes," he said. "I like to shop for clothes. Even if I weren't a coach I would probably still try to look nice."

Though Wright and Brey, whose teams placed first and third respectively in the America East this season, were chosen as the most stylish by fellow coaches in an unofficial poll, the two have very different ways of dressing.

Wright is more of the jacket-and-tie guy while Brey discarded his neck noose within the past two years in favor of mock turtle-necks.

"My philosophy is that it's a little bit of comfort and a little bit of superstition," Brey said. "If you notice, the tie has been retired. They're all back on my tie rack for the past two years."

"I'm more comfortable in a mock turtle-neck than a tie."

Since freeing himself of the tie, Brey swears by his mock turtle-necks for game-day situations.

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Whoever dresses Brey, the league has noticed — including Wright.

"Mike is a little bit more casual, but classy," Wright said. "He looks calmer, more relaxed, but still stylish. He doesn't look uptight."

Brey returned the compliment, showing there's no hostility between the two fashion plates.

"He has his own style," Brey said. "It's about getting comfortable and about who you are. It's more my personality and the way I do things."



Photo by Brian Ballweg

"It also maybe where he coaches. He's in New York and I'm in Newark."

"Being in the New York area may weigh on his decision. Newark is more laid back and so my style is more laid back."

Wright admitted that living in the hot seat of the fashion world does not hurt his sideline attire.

"Living around the metropolitan area helps," he said. "I see fashion all the time. I see something I like or look at someone and say 'I like what he's wearing.'"

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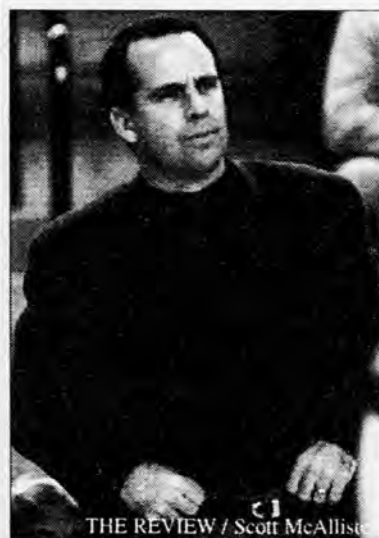
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Doin' the Dirty Work

By Robert Niedzwiecki

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From cleaning towels to keeping stats, team managers aren't about the glitz and glory.

Usually when two people are shooting the basketball together, one person shoots, and the other retrieves the ball for him until he misses. When the shooter finally does misfire, the two people switch roles.

It would be pretty boring for the retriever if he all he got to do was chase after the ball the whole time, but for a small group of students on campus, it does not bother them in the least.

This is just one of the many things the team managers of the Delaware men's basketball team do to help the program run as smoothly as possible.

Whether it is participating in the teams' practice drills or wiping the sweat of senior guard John Gordon off the floor in front of a sold-out crowd at the Bob Carpenter Center, the team managers are an integral part of the team that does not show up on the statsheet.

Juniors Jamie Chadwin and Bryant Tatman, sophomores Jared Pontz, Mike Macheski, Nate Mariano and Steven Groothuis and freshman Addam Shand are this year's men behind the scenes.

"If we weren't there," Mariano says, "it would be a lot more of a strain on the coaches."

Hens head coach said Mike Brey agrees.

"They're extremely important," he said. "We think of them as part of the team."

"They take the pressure off the staff by videotaping games and packing equipment. They know our system and they know what we need. We don't even need to coach them."

Just by observing a standard practice session, Feb. 22, one sees how fortunate Delaware is to have the team managers present.

The managers typically show up 45 to 60 minutes before practice begins. Pre-practice responsibilities include setting up the scoreboard so the team can scrimmage, and sometimes even playing some one-on-one competition with a member of the team.

"On days like today, what Jared is doing right now is the most we'll probably do," said Macheski, as he watches Pontz take on sophomore forward Maurice Sessoms, who is sitting out this season after transferring from Wisconsin. Needless to say, Pontz is not getting the better of the matchup.

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—Jared Pontz, team manager, on the unattractive aspects of his job

"In the beginning of the year, we [video]tape and take stats," Macheski said, "but right now we're just running the clock and helping out with drills."

Though today might not be hectic, Macheski said the workload increases for the two managers who are selected to go on Delaware road trips. This includes making sure senior guard Kestutis Marciulionis gets out of bed on time to eat his scrambled eggs.

"When we're on the road, we're almost like the babysitters," he said. "You have to get them up, you have to make sure they have their meals, you have to hand out uniforms and make sure they're clean. We have a lot more responsibility when we're on the road."

Practice gets underway at 7

p.m. with the forwards on one end of the court working on their post moves, and the guards on the other end working on their outside shooting in a three-point shooting drill.

Five minutes in, injured senior forward Darryl Presley starts taking shots on an adjoining court, and Shand is there to help keep his rhythm by retrieving and feeding the ball to him.

The team managers jump into drills throughout practice — helping out with three-person zigzag passing drills up and down the court, and serving as passers for set plays out of the post.

Participating and observing these drills during practice, as well as listening to Brey's commentary, is exactly why some of the managers wanted the job in the first place. Chadwin is among the contingent that sees coaching in their future.

"My primary goal is to be a coach," he said. "When I decided to transfer from Lynchburg College, one of the things I looked at was where I could get involved with a basketball program that would allow me to get involved with the coaching staff."

"It's a lot of fun. I learn a lot, and that's what I'm here for — just basically to learn as much as I can from the coaches."

After participating in drills and half-court sets in the first half of practice, the Hens move on to full court scrimmages in the latter half. The managers handle the clock and keep track of the number of consecutive defensive stops each team makes — the first team to three wins the game.

By doing this, the team managers allow Brey, along with the squad's three assistant coaches, to referee and evaluate the players' performance on the floor.

Though Delaware has enough of its players present that the managers are not needed to participate in the scrimmage, the crew is more than capable of doing so.

Many considered playing college ball, and one even suited up for the Hens. When Delaware's roster was decimated by injuries during the season's first month, Brey called on Mariano to suit up for four games. Though he did not play, that hardly mattered to him.

"That was a dream," Mariano said. "It was everything I could ask for."

Practice ends with free-throw shooting, and no player can leave the line until he hits one. Freshman forward Dave Hindenlang comes close to establishing a new Hens record for futility, but despite heckling from his teammates, he saves himself the embarrassment by finally sinking one.

Though Groothuis is not here on this night, he said his job does not usually end when practice does.

"I like to rebound for the players as much as possible," he said. "I rebound for [senior guard] Madou [Diouf] after every practice — he takes between 100 to 150 shots. It's not asked of us [as a requirement], but we do it."

Though being around the two-time defending America East champions on a daily basis can be an ego boost, Pontz said, if you are not willing to do certain aspects of the job that can be embarrassing, you should not be a team manager.

"On game days," he said, "if there's water on the floor, and the coach said 'Could you go out there and wipe the water off the floor' and there's 5,000 people there — [it's tough] having to suck your pride up and go down on your knees and wipe the water off the floor."

"You have to suck it up and do it or not do it."

Luckily for the Hens, the managers have been choosing the first option all season.



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Road to the NCAAs starts in Newark

BY MIKE LEWIS

Sports Editor

It was not supposed to be this complicated.

Coming into the 1999-2000 season in the America East Conference, Delaware was predicted to have little trouble becoming the second school in league history to win three consecutive tournament championships.

The conference's 10 coaches agreed on this in the preseason, unanimously selecting the Hens to finish in the top spot. Some prognosticators went as far as placing Delaware in its preseason national top-25, based on the vast amount of senior leadership returning to Newark.

But injuries, untimely defensive lapses and a general rise of performances from the other top schools have put the Hens in the position of underdogs going into the America East Championship Tournament, which begins today at the Bob Carpenter Center.

The championship game will take place at the home gym of the highest remaining seed on March 11, with the winner of that game receiving an automatic bid into the NCAA tournament.

This year's championship game may well be the first in history in which either Delaware or Drexel does not appear in the finals. The top two seeds belong to Hofstra and Maine respectively.

This year, Hofstra has clearly become the class of the conference, thanks in large part to the play of Craig Claxton, who is a heavy favorite to replace the Hens' Mike Pegues as America East Player of the Year.

Maine has also improved this year, becoming the most dangerous offensive team in the conference and a team nobody wants to play in the tournament.

Collectively, Delaware is just 1-3 against the top two seeds this season. In the way the tournament is structured, both are teams that the Hens conceivably would have to beat in order to advance to the NCAA tournament.

But even though no team seeded lower than third has ever won the tournament title, there are several low seeds — such as Vermont, Drexel and Towson — who could

cause some surprises among the conference's elite.

The bottom line? Expect the tournament to be just as unpredictable as the regular season.

Hofstra: No. 1 (21-6, 16-2)

You only need two words to adequately account for the Flying Dutchman's success this season — Craig Claxton.

The senior guard, also known as "Speedy," has dominated conference play. Claxton leads the league in both points (23.2 points per game) and steals (3.30 steals per game), places second in assists

(5.96 assists per game) and has won the Spalding America East Player of the Week award six times in 15 weeks.

Claxton's backcourt mate, junior guard Jason Hernandez, is also a scoring threat, averaging nearly 10 ppg and hitting at a 40.6 percent clip from three-point range.

Hofstra's perimeter play is complemented on the inside by junior forward Norman Richardson, who is in the league's top 10 in points (15.7 ppg) and field goal percentage (.416).

The Dutchmen's No. 1 seed assures them of a home game in the newly opened Hofstra Arena, if they advance to the championship game.

That fact should scare the remaining nine teams since Hofstra is undefeated at home this season and has won 25 consecutive home games overall, the fourth-longest streak in the nation.

Maine: No. 2 (23-6, 15-3)

If the tournament comes down to the ability to create offense and shoot accurately, the Black Bears can book their hotel rooms for the "Big Dance."

Maine leads the conference in almost every offensive team statistic, including field goal percentage, three-point field goal percentage, free throw percentage and assists.

Seniors Nate Fox, a preseason All-Conference selection, and Andy Bedard have keyed the Bears' charge into the conference tournament.

Fox places in the top five in both points and rebounds (17.6 ppg, 7.5 rpg) while Bedard ranks first in the conference in assists (7.0 apg) and second in steals (2.26 spg).

Maine is also one of the few teams that has not been intimidated by playing in the Carpenter Center. The Bears have defeated Delaware in Newark during the last two regular seasons and could have a rematch with the Hens if both teams advance to the semifinal round of the tournament.

Delaware: No. 3 (22-6, 14-4)

No matter the seed, the road to the conference tournament title still goes through Hen country.

The Hens will again be awarded with the advantage of playing its first playoff game in front of a friendly crowd at the Carpenter Center. Delaware is 8-1 at home versus conference opponents this year, and 16-2 over the past two seasons, with both losses coming against Maine.

Delaware's drive to its third consecutive 20-victory season has been led by senior forward Mike Pegues, a three-time Player of the Week winner.

The Hens' all-time leading scorer is one of only two players to place in the conference's top five in scoring (20.4 ppg), rebounding (7.3 rpg), field goal percentage (.519) and free throw percentage (.804).

On the perimeter, Delaware features senior guards Kestutis

Marcilionis (14.5 ppg) and John Gordon (43 percent on three-pointers). Along with junior Billy Wells, the guards' ball-handling skills have kept turnovers down (4.93 turnovers per game, fourth lowest in the conference) and assists up (15.0 apg, second in the conference).

Delaware's one glaring weakness has been rebounding, where the Hens have been constantly beaten all season, gaining three rebounds less than their opponents per game.

One thing Delaware should not need to worry about is taking their first round opponent lightly. On Feb. 19, the Hens were down 11 with less than four minutes remaining before staging a comeback that led to a 80-74 victory. Delaware has won 11-of-13 from the Tigers since both programs joined the America East.

Vermont: No. 4 (16-11, 11-7)

After losing their first four games of the season by an average of almost 23 ppg, the Catamounts have

quietly become one of the biggest surprises in the conference.

Before last Thursday's setback to Delaware, Vermont had won five consecutive conference games — and nine of its previous 10 — to charge to fourth place in league standings.

The Catamounts have received the bulk of their scoring output from their guards, led by junior Tony Orciari (16.3 ppg) and senior Tobe Carberry (14.1 ppg). Orciari also tops the conference in free throw percentage (.846) and places in the top 10 in three-point

accuracy (.393).

Sophomore forward Trevor Gaines has provided support in the paint, grabbing 8.6 boards per game, which places him second in the conference. He has also chipped in 11.5 ppg.

Vermont has been involved in two of the largest upsets in conference play this season. On Jan. 8, the Catamounts lost at home to lowly New Hampshire, 84-75. One month later, Vermont

bounced back to defeat top-seeded Hofstra 73-65.

Drexel: No. 5 (12-16, 9-9)

The Dragons suffered their worst loss of the season before they had played one conference opponent.

In early December, Drexel was forced to red-shirt senior forward Joe Linderman, a two-time first team All-America East selection.

In the first month of the season, the Dragons struggled to replace Linderman's '98-'99 totals of 17.2 ppg and 7.6 rpg by going 2-6 over their first eight games.

Drexel finished the season respectively, but it has struggled with the top teams all year, going 0-6 against Hofstra, Maine and Delaware.

Junior forward Mike Kouser has done

as well as could be expected in trying to fill in for Linderman. Kouser averages a team-high 16.1 ppg and leads the conference in rebounding, collecting 9.4 boards a game.

Kouser recently sustained an ankle injury that caused him to miss the season finale against Hofstra. As of Monday, Kouser was listed as probable to play in the tournament.

As a result of Kouser's and senior Chris Burch's (7.3 rpg) ownership of the glass, the Dragons top the conference in team rebounding margin, garnering 5.1 more boards per game than their opponents.

Senior guard Bryant Coursey (11.0 ppg, 4.82 apg) also produces quality minutes for Drexel.

Towson: No. 6 (11-16, 7-11)

If ever a team was due for a couple of big victories, it is the '99-'00 Tigers.

Towson has suffered

through several close losses this season, including one-point setbacks to Maine and Northeastern, a two-point loss at Hofstra and a three-point overtime defeat at the hands of Hartford last Thursday.

The Tigers, with only three seniors on their roster, do have a young nucleus of talented players that could surprise teams in the tournament.

Towson is paced offensively by the frontcourt tandem of junior forward Brian Barber (16.6 ppg, 6.7 rpg) and sophomore center Shaun Holtz (11.8 ppg, 5.4 rpg). Barber's points and rebounds place him in the conference's top 10 in both categories.

The Tigers also have skill on the perimeter, with senior guards Raul dePablo and Damon Cason. Cason's 4.22 apg place him fifth in the league and dePablo's .421 percentage from beyond the arc leads the America East.

Hartford: No. 7 (9-18, 6-12)

As the seventh seed, the Hawks have the best record of the four teams competing in today's two play-in games. The games match the seventh seed against the 10th and the eighth versus the ninth.

With two seniors on its roster, Hartford is another school experiencing growing pains. Before last Thursday's overtime victory against Towson, the Hawks had lost six consecutive conference games by an average of 20.6 points.

Bright spots for Hartford include senior guard Darrick Jackson (15.7 ppg, .836 free throw percentage) and junior guard Keyon Smith (12.7 ppg, 1.44 steals per game).

Freshman Pierre Johnson has also been a pleasant surprise for Hawks fans. The guard leads the team in rebounding (5.9 rpg) and has also contributed 9.5 ppg.

Hartford has had little trouble

with its first round opponent, New Hampshire, defeating the Wildcats twice by an average of 16.5 points.

Freshman forward Paul Seymour (11.8 ppg, .377 three-point pct.) and senior center Jean Avebe (11.5 ppg, 5.5 rpg) lead Boston U.'s offense. Seymour has been named Spalding America East Rookie of the Week three times this year.

Northeastern: No. 9 (7-20, 5-13)

Boston University's opponent in the No. 8 vs. No. 9 contest is the Huskies, who have also struggled mightily this season.

Northeastern was also hurt by injuries this year, losing sophomore guard Jean Bain for the season on Jan. 28 to a torn ACL in his right knee.

Over his last six games, Bain averaged 15.8 points, 3.2 rebounds and 4.0 assists.

Since October, junior guard Marcus Blossom has emerged as the Huskies' top player, averaging 14.9 points, 2.72 assists and 1.92 steals per game.

Northeastern lost its two games with the Terriers this year, falling 62-45 on Jan. 8 and 58-55 on Feb. 15.

New Hampshire: No. 10 (3-24, 2-16)

The coaches' preseason poll was accurate about the Wildcats' chances.

All 10 coaches picked New Hampshire to finish at the bottom of the standings, and the Wildcats have not disappointed.

The squad is last in total defense, field goal percentage,

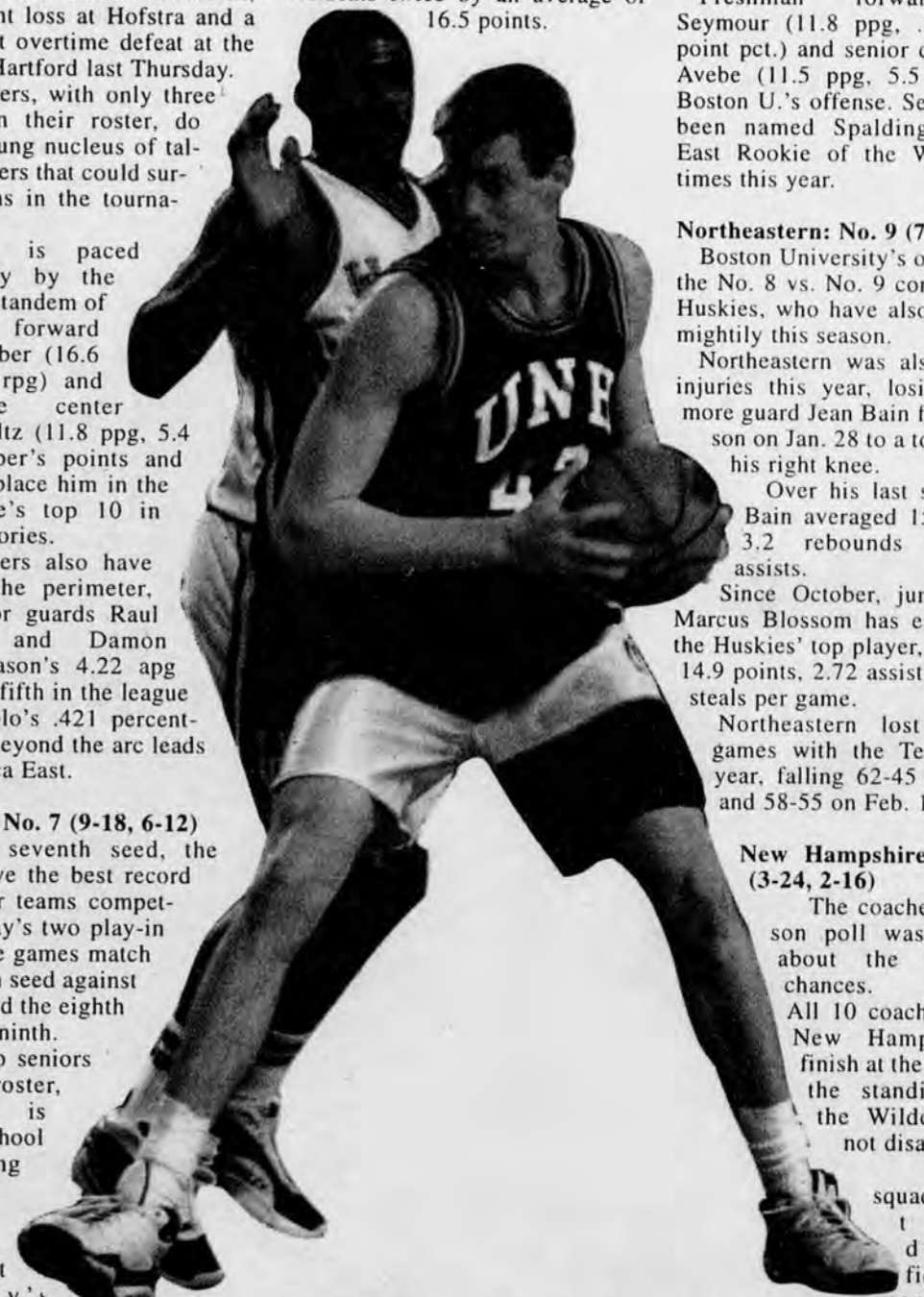
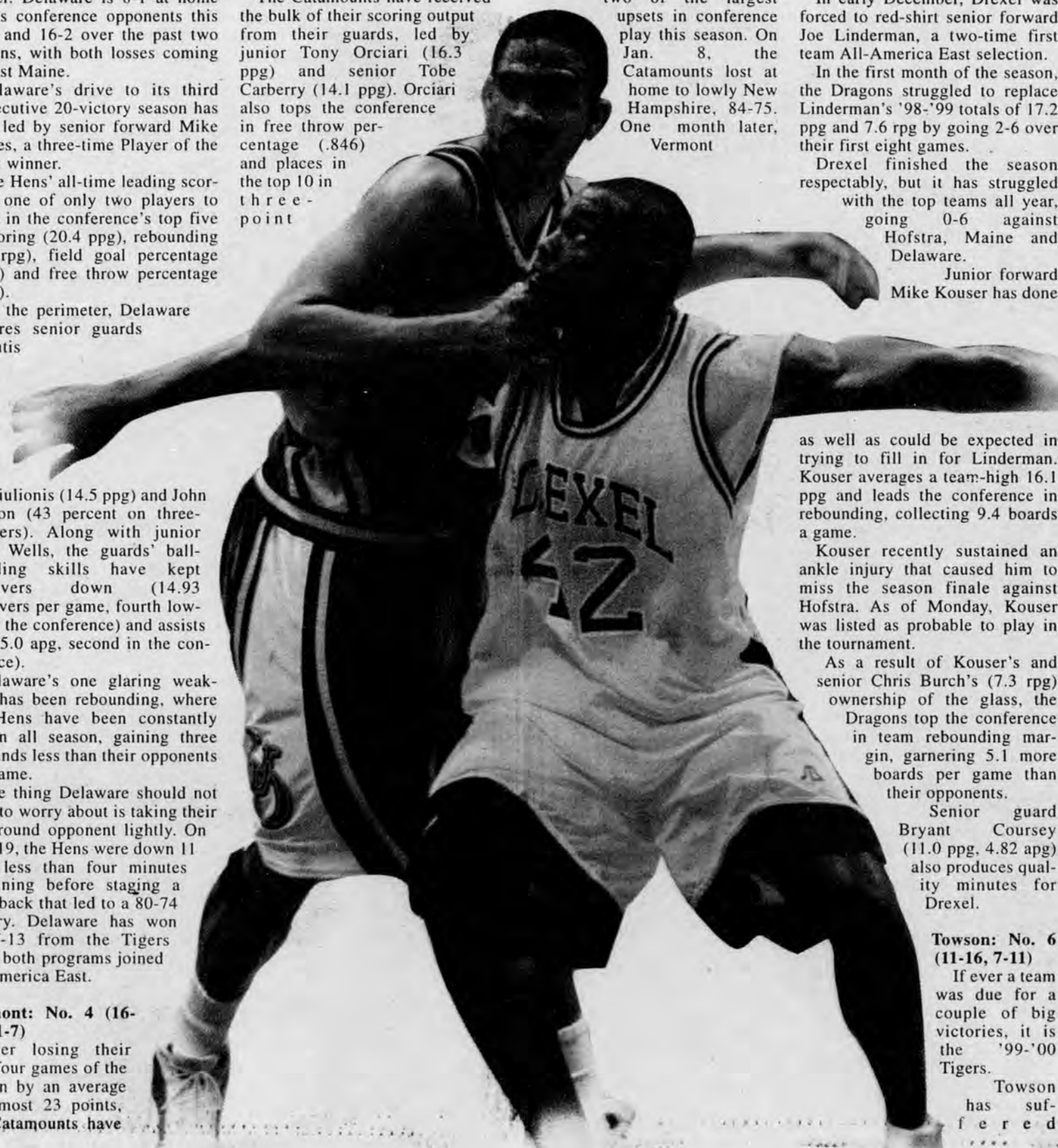
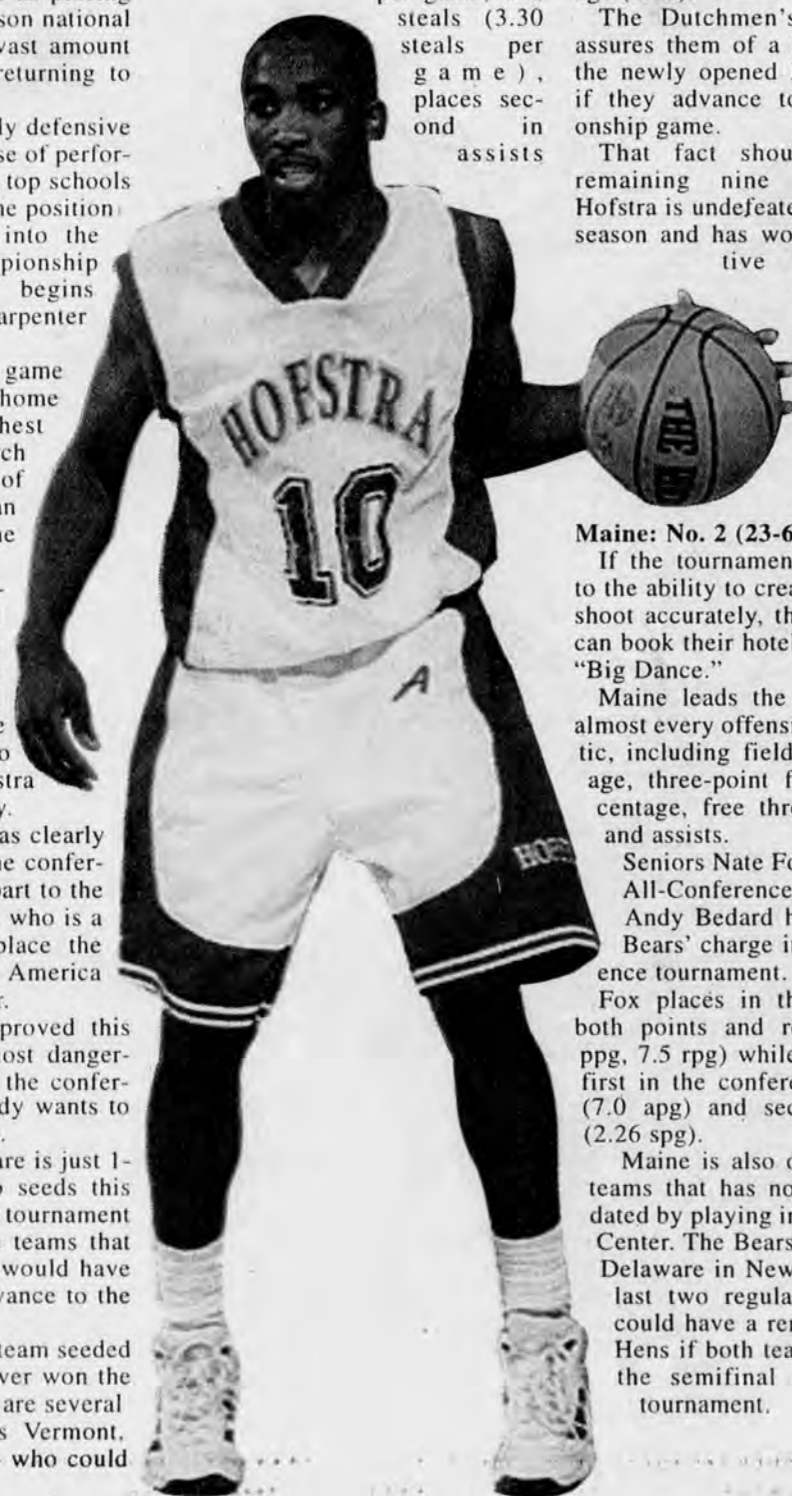
three-point field goal percentage, and is in the midst of an 11-game losing streak.

The only category that New Hampshire is close to the top in is turnovers.

The Wildcats lose the ball 18.33 times per game, second-most in the conference.

The one ray of hope for New Hampshire, which has no seniors on its roster, is guard Marcelle Williams (13.6 ppg, 2.93 apg, 1.30 spg).

The freshman has been honored with the Rookie of the Week award three times this season.





FINAL STANDINGS

CONFERENCE			OVERALL			
W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT	STREAK
Hofstra	16	2	.889	21	6	.778 W 4
Maine	15	3	.833	23	6	.793 W 2
Delaware	14	4	.778	22	6	.786 W 6
Vermont	11	7	.611	16	11	.593 W 1
Drexel	9	9	.500	12	16	.429 L 1
Towson	7	11	.389	11	16	.407 L 4
Hartford	6	12	.333	9	18	.333 L 1
Boston University	5	13	.278	6	21	.222 L 1
Northeastern	5	13	.278	7	20	.259 W 1
New Hampshire	2	16	.111	3	24	.111 L 11

NCAA Statistics

(Through games as of Feb. 29)

Scoring

Name	Team	PPG	RANK
Claxton, Craig	HU	23.2	4th
Pegues, Mike	UD	20.4	23rd

Rebounding

Name	Team	AVG	RANK
Kouser, Mike	DU	9.4	21st

Assists

Name	Team	AVG	RANK
Bedard, Andy	UM	7.0	13th

Free Throw Percentage

Name	Team	PCT	RANK
Miller, Greg	UD	1.000	1st

Blocked Shots

Name	Team	AVG	RANK
Ndiaye, Ndongo	UD	3.3	10th

NCAA Statistical Standings

Scoring Margin

Team	AVG	RANK
HOFSTRA	+12.1	19th

Field Goal Percentage

Team	PCT	RANK
MAINE	49.5	5th

Free Throw Percentage

Team	PCT	RANK
MAINE	76.3	5th

Winning Percentage

Team	PCT	RANK
MAINE	.793	20th

AMERICA EAST PRESEASON

COACHES' POLL

(First-place votes in parentheses)

1. Delaware (10)	100 pts.
2. Hofstra	89 pts.
3. Maine	77 pts.
4. Drexel	72 pts.
5. Vermont	56 pts.
6. Boston University	44 pts.
7. Northeastern	42 pts.
8. Hartford	31 pts.
9. Towson	29 pts.
10. New Hampshire	10 pts.

PAST AMERICA EAST CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

1998-1999

Delaware d. Drexel 86-67
MVP — John Gordon (UD)

1997-1998

Delaware d. Boston University 60-51
MVP — Darryl Presley (UD)

1996-1997

Boston University d. Drexel 68-61
MVP — Tunji Awojohi (BU)

1995-1996

Drexel d. Boston University 76-67
MVP — Malik Rose (Drexel)

1994-1995

Drexel d. Northeastern 72-52
MVP — Malik Rose (Drexel)

1993-1994

Drexel d. Maine 86-78
MVP — Malik Rose (Drexel)

1992-1993

Delaware d. Drexel 67-64
MVP — Kevin Blackhurst (UD)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

		Scoring						
Name	Team	G	FG	3FG	FT	PTS	AVG	
Claxton, Craig	HOFSTRA	27	226	46	129	627	23.2	
Pegues, Mike	DELAWARE	28	208	11	144	571	20.4	
Fox, Nate	MAINE	29	177	17	138	509	17.6	
Barber, Brian	TOWSON	27	175	0	99	449	16.6	
Orciari, Tony	VERMONT	27	128	81	104	441	16.3	
Kouser, Mike	DREXEL	26	144	60	70	418	16.1	
Jackson, Darrick	HARTFORD	26	112	57	127	408	15.7	
Richardson, N.	HOFSTRA	26	147	54	59	407	15.7	
Blossom, Marcus	N'EASTERN	25	146	27	54	373	14.9	
Dye, Huggy	MAINE	29	159	53	56	427	14.7	

Field Goal Percentage (Minimum 5.0 FG made per game)

Name	Team	G	FG	FGA	FG %
Fox, Nate	MAINE	29	177	302	.586
Barber, Brian	TOWSON	27	175	323	.542
Pegues, Mike	DELAWARE	28	208	401	.519
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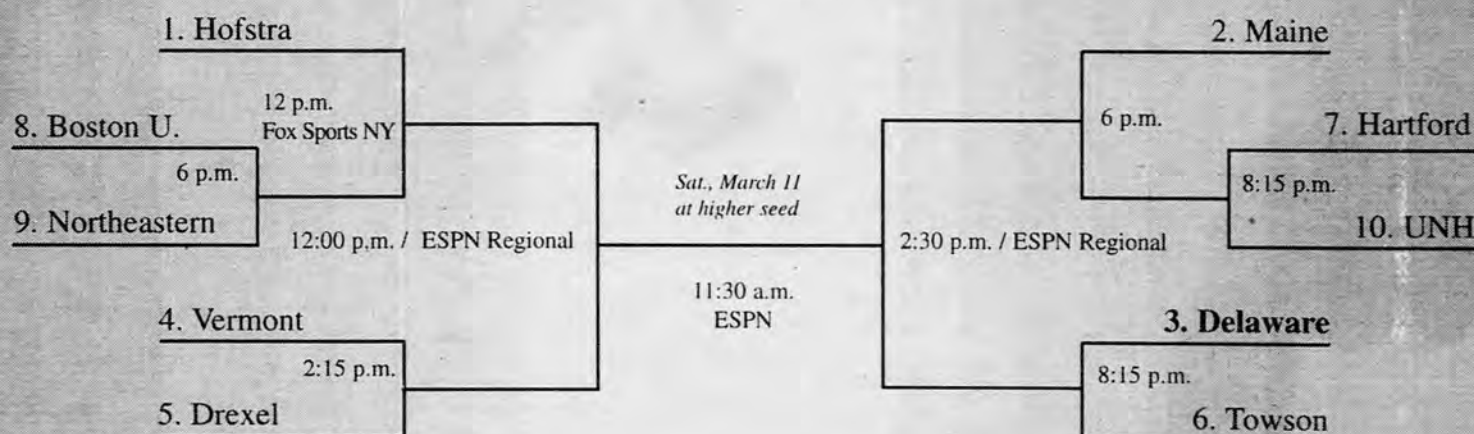
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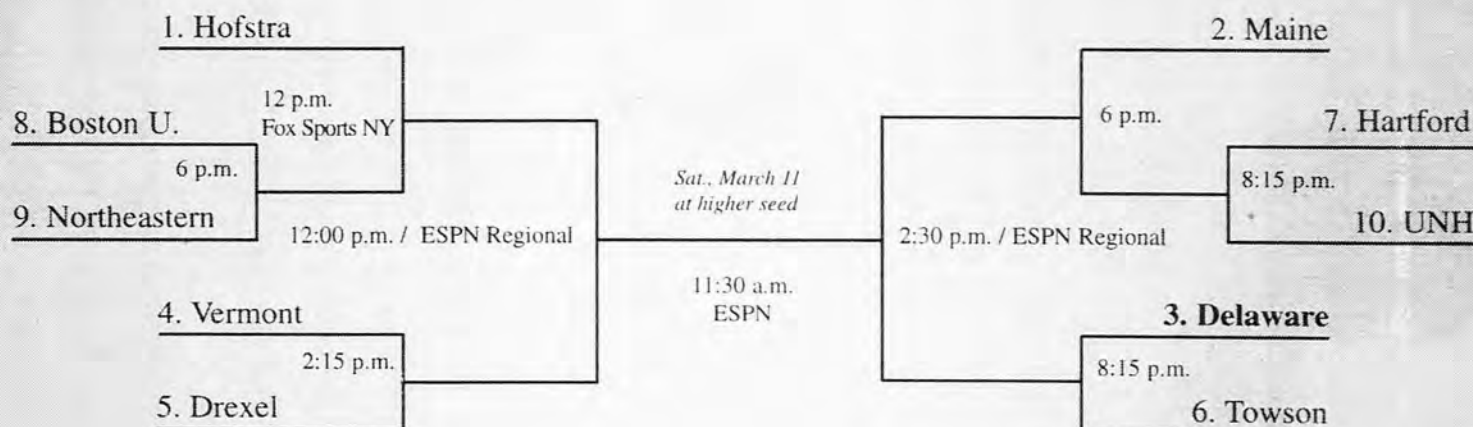
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Blossom, Marcus	N'EASTERN	25	146	27	54	373	14.9
Dye, Huggy	MAINE	29	159	53	56	427	14.7

Field Goal Percentage (Minimum 5.0 FG made per game)

Name	Team	G	FG	FGA	FG %
Fox, Nate	MAINE	29	177	302	.586
Barber, Brian	TOWSON	27	175	323	.542
Pegues, Mike	DELAWARE	28	208	401	.519
Claxton, Craig	HOFSTRA	27	226	475	.476
Dye, Huggy	MAINE	29	159	337	.472
Blossom, Marcus	N'EASTERN	25	146	321	.455
Richardson, N.	HOFSTRA	27	157	372	.422
Carberry, Tobe	VERMONT	26	147	353	.416

Three-Point Percentage (Minimum 1.5 made per game)

Name	Team	G	3FG	3FGA	3FG %
DePablo, Raul	TOWSON	27	59	140	.421
Kringe, Terry	NORTHEASTERN	27	45	108	.417
Hernandez, Jason	HOFSTRA	27	52	128	.406
Kouser, Mike	DREXEL	26	60	148	.405
Orciari, Tony	VERMONT	27	81	206	.393
Claxton, Craig	HOFSTRA	27	46	117	.393
Dye, Huggy	MAINE	29	53	135	.393
Dunkley, Julian	MAINE	29	47	121	.388
Marciulionis, K.	DELAWARE	28	68	179	.380
Seymour, Paul	BOSTON U.	27	66	175	.377

Free Throw Percentage (Minimum 2.5 FT made per game)

Name	Team	G	FT	FTA	FT %
Orciari, Tony	VERMONT	27	104	123	.846
Jackson, Darrick	HARTFORD	26	127	152	.836
Marciulionis, K.	DELAWARE	28	107	132	.811
Pegues, Mike	DELAWARE	28	144	179	.804
Fox, Nate	MAINE	29	138	176	.784
Claxton, Craig	HOFSTRA	27	129	170	.759
Holtz, Shaun	TOWSON	25	70	95	.737
Coursey, Bryant	DREXEL	28	77	105	.733
Smith, Keyon	HARTFORD	27	107	146	.733
Barber, Brian	TOWSON	27	99	140	.707

		Rebounding		
Name	Team	G	REB	AVG
Kouser, Mike	DREXEL	26	194	8.4
Gaines, Trevor	VERMONT	27	125	8.2
Brown, Chris	NEW HAMPSHIRE	27	137	8.2
Fox, Nate	MAINE	29	142	8.0
Burch, Chris	DREXEL	28	109	7.6
Pegues, Mike	DELAWARE	28	154	7.3
Gittens, Roberto	HOFSTRA	26	97	7.0
Barber, Brian	TOWSON	27	104	7.0
Dunkley, Julian	MAINE	29	140	6.8
Springfield, Greg	HOFSTRA	27	100	6.4

Steals

Name	Team	G	NUM	AVG
Claxton, Craig	HOFSTRA	27	89	3.30
Bedard, Andy	MAINE	27	61	2.26
Jackson, Darrick	HARTFORD	26	50	1.92
Blossom, Marcus	N'EASTERN	25	48	1.92
Costello, Mike	BOSTON U.	27	47	1.74
Brown, Chris	NEW HAMPSHIRE	27	47	1.74
Carberry, Tobe	VERMONT	27	44	1.63
Brittain, Toby	N'EASTERN	27	44	1.63
Wells, Billy	DELAWARE	28	44	1.57
Dionf, Madou	DELAWARE	26	40	1.54

Assists

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Bedard, Andy	MAINE	26	172	6.62
Claxton, Craig	HOFSTRA	28	159	5.68
Coursey, Bryant	DREXEL	24	128	5.33
Roach, David	VERMONT	26	121	4.65
Cason, Damon	TOWSON	26	101	3.88
King, Riyad	HARTFORD	27	101	3.74
Williams, Marcelle	NEW HAMPSHIRE	23	74	3.22
Pegues, Mike	DELAWARE	29	91	3.14
Franklin, Dereck	BOSTON U.	27	83	3.07

Blocked Shots

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Ndiaye, Ndongo	DELAWARE	28	92	3.29
Marquardt, Rob	NEW HAMPSHIRE	26	52	2.00
Springfield, Greg	HOFSTRA	27	48	1.78
Holtz, Shaun	TOWSON	25	36	1.44
Jones, Todd	HARTFORD	26	35	1.35
Pegues, Mike	DELAWARE	28	35	1.25
Aygar, George	NORTHEASTERN	26	30	1.15
Jones, Scott	VERMONT	27	27	1.00
Gordon, Garvin	HARTFORD	25	25	1.00
Adams, Changa	NORTHEASTERN	27	25	0.93

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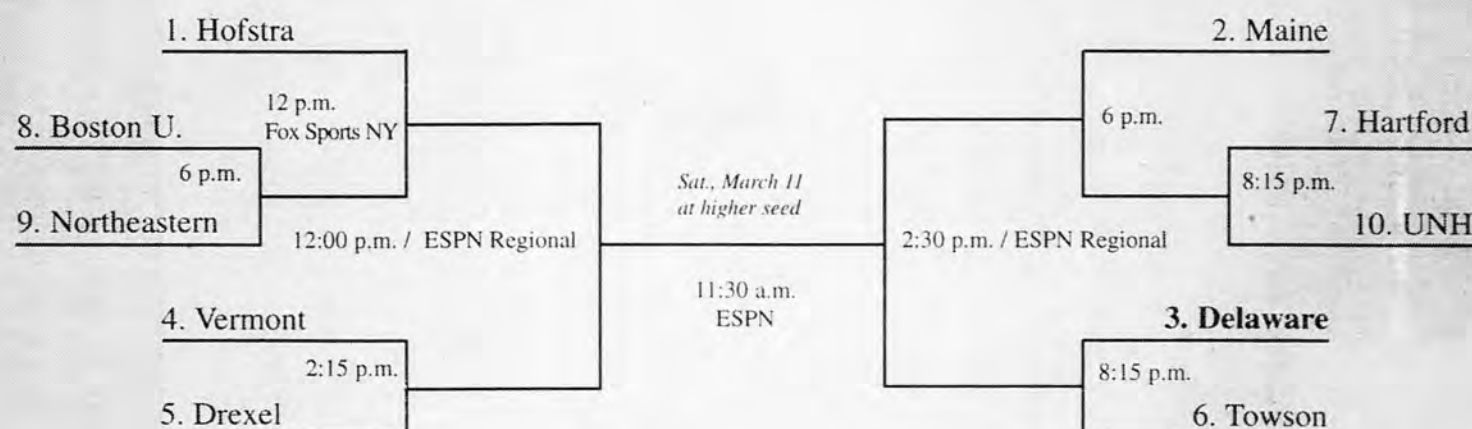
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MAINE THREAT

By Domenico Montanaro

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Andy Bedard's toughness has led the Black Bears to the No. 2 seed in the conference

Andy Bedard lay writhing in pain, holding his right side and gasping for air.

When he finally caught his wind and got up after being kneed in the torso by a UCLA player Dec. 21 in Hawaii, the 6-foot-1, 180-pound point guard limped his way off the court with a cracked rib.

While that injury would sideline most players for a significant length of time, it kept Bedard in street clothes for merely one game.

Two days after the painful shot to the ribs, he was up and running the show again for Maine.

"I'm a senior," Bedard said. "I'm not going to sit back and watch my team."

The America East leader in assists (7 per game) even tried to return in the second half of the game against UCLA, but said the pain was just too much. Without their floor general, the Black Bears were dropped 83-62.

In fact, the next contest, against Florida A&M, was the only one Bedard missed all season, he said. The injury seriously affected his performance for a month and a half, though he has played through the anguish.

"My team needed me on the court as a leader," Bedard said. "I wasn't concerned about myself. I had it padded up."

That kind of relentless effort and undying dedication to his team has helped Maine lock up the No. 2 seed going into this weekend's America East tournament at the Bob Carpenter Center.

"Andy is very serious about winning," said Black Bears head coach John Giannini.

And he is very serious about helping the Black Bears make their first-ever NCAA tournament appearance — something

Bedard is quite familiar with since he has already been to the "Big Dance" twice.

"I can't explain the feeling you get in the [NCAA] tournament," said Bedard, who ranks ninth in the nation in assists. "I totally want to get back there. It's a place Maine has never been before, and I think we have a good shot."

"I like my team and like where we're at."

Before transferring to Maine two years ago, Bedard and teammate Nate Fox were two of the many players involved in the mass exodus from Boston College when then-head coach Jim O'Brien took the Ohio State job.

At BC, Bedard and the Eagles won the Big East tournament in 1998 and went on to the NAAs before being eliminated in the second round. BC also received an at-large bid in Bedard's freshman year.

In his sophomore campaign, starting guard Scoonie Penn was academically ineligible and Bedard took the reins.

He led the nationally-ranked Eagles to a 6-1 record, playing nearly 38 minutes per game. During the stint, Bedard scored 10.1 ppg, dished out 4 apg and even led the conference in three-point shooting at a clip of more than 40 percent.

However, when Penn returned, Bedard's playing time was drastically cut to about 20 minutes per game. Penn was named Big East Tournament MVP.

"I was disappointed in that," Bedard said. "I thought I was playing well. I put in a lot of work over the summer, especially in the weight room, and thought that I could have played more."

"I didn't understand it. I proved I could be a good Big East player and didn't think it was fair, but I didn't complain."

Bedard, who said he is friends with Penn, did not need to run the point, and felt he could have been able to play a significant role at any one of the guard positions.

"As it was, there was no set point guard," the Rumford, Maine native said. "There were three guard positions and whoever got the ball brought it up."

Giannini said it was no secret that Bedard was leaving BC, and Giannini was going to do everything he could to get Bedard to Maine.

"We're very fortunate he chose us," Giannini said. "He showed that he could lead one of the top teams in the nation, and we knew he wanted the chance to really lead a team."

The intangible part of why Bedard chose Maine, he said, was because his family and friends were only two hours away.

"I am good friends with Nate and I knew if I [went to Maine], I would play a lot more minutes," he said, "but it's really nice that my family gets a chance to see me."

Giannini added that he feels Bedard and the Black Bears program have been a perfect fit. The fourth-year coach said Bedard does three things that are "extremely significant" to the success of Maine basketball.

"Number one, he has scored a lot of points," Giannini said of Bedard, who recently surpassed the 1,000-point plateau.

"Secondly, he's extremely unselfish. He could be up there with 'Speedy' Claxton and score 25 points per game, but when it's necessary, he puts the team's offensive production in front of his own."

"That's why we've been the most potent offensive team in the league."

"Thirdly, his leadership and toughness have been unbelievable. I mean, the guy played with a cracked rib. He showed great toughness and has a strong desire to win."

Giannini said he feels the sociology major has a great future in basketball — whether it be playing or coaching.

"At this level, he's a lot like a John

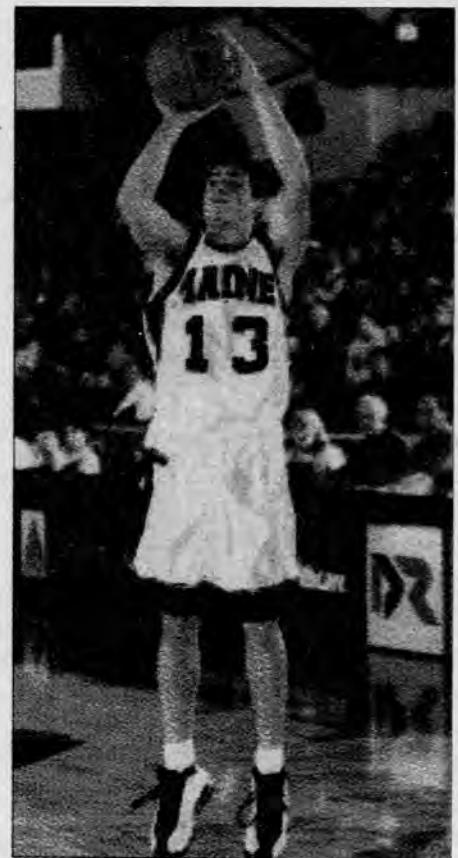
Stockton," he said. "He has what it takes to play on the next level, and can be like a Matt Maloney [from UPenn] or John Bennett [from Wisconsin-Green Bay]. He can hit shots and find open guys. The injury, though, hurt his chances a little. He hasn't been able to show the real quickness he has."

Giannini added that playing overseas is a "definite" for Bedard "if that's something he wants to do," but wouldn't mind the prospect of working with Bedard on another team.

"I would love the opportunity to coach with Andy," he said. "He's the most knowledgeable player I've ever coached."

But Bedard said he has not and will not think about his future until the right time.

"I'm focused on only one thing right now," he said, "winning the America East tournament."



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