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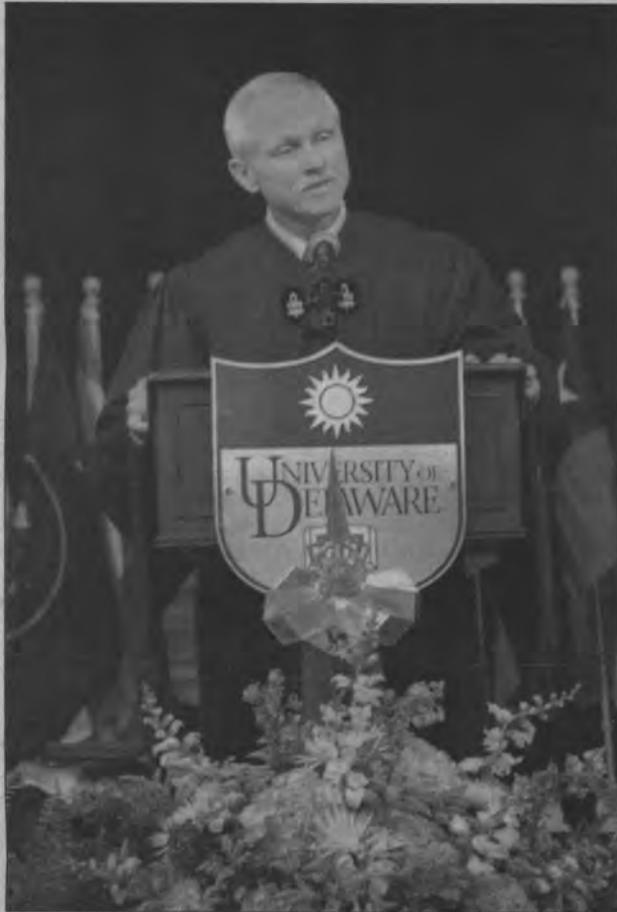
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Winter Commencement 2006



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More than 500 students gave themselves a round of applause at the Bob Carpenter Center Saturday.

Graduates told to 'do what you love and love what you do'

BY LAURA BETH DLUGATCH
Copy Editor

Cheers rang throughout the Bob Carpenter Center Saturday morning during Winter Commencement, as more than 500 graduates accepted their degrees in front of family, friends, faculty, administrators and the Board of Trustees.

The ceremony opened with a performance of the national anthem by senior Lori Jennifer Marateck followed by a welcoming speech from University President David P. Roselle, in which he introduced the guest speaker, alumni William B. Chandler III, '73.

Chandler, chancellor of Delaware's Court of Chancery, said he was honored to be the guest speaker and congratulated the recent graduates. He said graduation is not the beginning of the end but rather the start of a lifelong journey of continuing education.

"Ceremonies such as this are a chance to pause, to celebrate what you leave behind and to reflect on what lies before you," he said.

Chandler reflected on his time at the university many years ago where male students needed to receive permission to enter the women's area of campus, he said. He even recalled his years living on campus in Ivy Hall, which he referred to as "Cockroach Hall."

Chandler said to the newest graduates that

60 years from now they will also reflect on the decisions they have made and the importance of their education.

"Sixty years from today, unimaginable as it seems, your future self is waiting," he said. "That old crone or codger is a stranger to you now, but trust me, be kind. Her pains and joys, his satisfactions and regrets will be yours."

Referring to Robert Frost's "The Road Not Taken," Chandler said the roads before the graduates are different for each person and have no guarantees where these roads may lead. He urged the graduates to take a road that will make that older person proud.

Along this road called life, Chandler said, a true mentor is someone who can help you find that road. This mentor will last a lifetime.

"No one can choose the right path for you, but a true mentor can help you discover things about yourself that you might never otherwise learn, or that would only come to you in bitter experience," he said.

Chandler's mentor was James R. Soles, an alumni and political science and international relations professor. He recognized Soles for his help in finding the right path.

Even with a mentor, it is important to experience life and find your own path to follow it with courage, Chandler said.

"Believe in luck and do not fear chance," he said.

Alluding to Roman writer and philosopher Seneca, who became a powerful political figure, Chandler said to find something in life that you love. If at first you do not find it, keep looking.

"Do what you love and love what you do," he said.

He told the graduates to choose goals larger than themselves and strive to reach those goals. Chandler also said to give back to the community through public service which he said was a gift you can give and give back to yourself. The graduates are at the height of their physical health and the more the graduates conquer now, the prouder the old man or woman at the end of the road will be.

After Chandler's speech Robert A. Fischer Jr., vice chairman of the Board of Trustees first congratulated the newest graduates and then presented Andrew B. Kirkpatrick Jr. with an honorary doctor of laws degree. Kirkpatrick served as a member of the university's Board of Trustees for 21 years and now is an attorney in Wilmington.

During his time at the university, Kirkpatrick accomplished great things, Fischer said. Among those were more than 30 build-

ings acquired, built and dedicated, such as the Bob Carpenter Center, Gore Hall, Trabant University Center and Rullo Stadium.

"The quality of these facilities is a witness to your unwavering commitment to provide the best living and learning environment for our students and faculty," Fischer said.

Kirkpatrick said the greater celebration was the diplomas awarded to the newest graduates. With the university's education, the graduates will be better qualified to face the challenges ahead.

Some of these challenges are new, such as threats of massive destruction, pandemic diseases and terrorists. Kirkpatrick reflected on older nation policies which imposed penal measures after a crime has been committed. However, he said, now the nation imposes penal measures preemptively that question some traditional liberties.

"These are largely new questions for our society, Kirkpatrick said.

Finding the answers to these questions he said will take investigation, experience and innovation. The newest graduates have the education to find the right balance.

"That is something for which we salute you today and for which we wish you well tomorrow," he said.

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Student hacks system

BY PAT WALTERS

News Features Editor

Former university student Marc Simpson, previously a computer engineering major, allegedly accessed university computer servers Oct. 6 after stealing the username and password of assistant physics professor Michael Shay, according to University Police.

Under the guise of the professor, Simpson sent an e-mail to classmates stating that an exam, originally scheduled for the next day, had been moved to the following Friday. He also modified the class Web site to reflect the phony schedule.

Simpson was arrested by University Police Nov. 7 and charged with six counts of felony computer crime – two counts each of identity theft, unauthorized computer access and misuse of computer system information. Simpson faces possible jail time and thousands of dollars in fines. Each charge carries a maximum sentence of eight years. His indictment is pending at the Delaware Superior Court.

Mark Sisk, Simpson's attorney, said his client intends to plea not guilty to the charges he faces. Sisk said he doubts Simpson would face the maximum sentence if convicted, which would amount to nearly five decades in prison.

Cynthia Cummings, director of campus life, said Simpson is no longer a student at the university, but that she could not comment on why he left.

Simpson could not be reached for comment.

Shay said he announced to his Fundamentals of Physics II (PHYS 208) class that he would conduct an exam Oct. 7. Two days before the exam, one student complained, telling Shay he had an exam in another class on the same day. Shay told the students he would be out of town Oct. 7 and a teaching assistant would administer the exam. He did not reschedule.

On the evening of Oct. 6, Shay, who was in Princeton, N.J. to give a talk, reported a hack to the University Police. He told the police someone had sent an e-mail from his account to the class that evening. The message claimed the exam would be delayed by one week because of a family emergency. The class Web site was also modified.

Capt. Steve Bunting, computer forensics examiner for the University Police, led the investigation.

Bunting said he began his investigation at the physics department servers, where the e-mail and Web site data for the department is stored. There, he found several suspicious connections, one of which was, in his mind, "absolutely, positively associated with a hack." The Internet Protocol address associated with the connection was registered to a Comcast subscriber. Bunting subpoenaed Comcast for the name and address of the subscriber.

The subpoena led Bunting to an unsecured wireless network in an apartment above Margherita's Pizza. Shay received an anonymous letter shortly after the incident confirming the hack had occurred in the restaurant. The letter named Marc Simpson as the perpetrator.

Bunting acquired a search warrant for Simpson's

apartment Nov. 1. He executed the warrant Nov. 3, seizing Simpson's computer system.

In the course of his examination of Simpson's computer, Bunting found a log of connections that showed those made to the physics department servers, as well as a file that listed Shay's username and password. Bunting suspects Simpson "sniffed" the information – a process that relies on simple hackers' tools that collect pieces of data from a network, wired or wireless. That data can eventually be assembled into a usable form – a username and password, for instance. He then used this information to connect to the physics servers using Secure Shell, a tool commonly used legitimately by many students to connect to their personal university Web space.

An arrest warrant was issued soon after Bunting completed his investigation of Simpson's computer system.

One of Simpson's classmates, who asked to remain anonymous, said Simpson expressed the intention to flee the country, possibly to Canada. The suspect did not do so. He turned himself in to the University Police Nov. 7.

The incident was never publicly reported by the university's Office of Public Relations. Representatives at the office this week did not return repeated phone calls regarding the incident.

Bunting said the steps Simpson took were simple, gradually leading him to a high level of access.

"It's all about escalation of privileges," he said. "Basically you get little pieces of information that help you open sequential doors."

Bunting said he suspects Simpson executed the hack from the unsecured wireless network on Main Street in order to minimize the risk of the police tracing it to him.

"If he tried to do it here [on campus], then he would have run the risk of being associated with that connection," he said. "Whereas doing it out there, outside our system, it looks like somebody else did it, not him."

In the fall, Bunting conducted a survey of unsecured wireless networks on campus. His results can be found on the University Police Web site. These networks, most of which originate in off-campus apartments and houses, are wide open to connection by anyone within range of the signal. Any illegal activity committed by someone connected to that network would be traced by the police to the owner of the network.

Furthermore, any users of an unsecured wireless network, including the one operated by the university, are vulnerable to the same "sniffing" carried out by Simpson.

Simpson's classmate said hacking is more widespread at the university than most people think.

"I am aware of students who talk about hacking both the wired and the wireless systems here," he said. "Identities and credit card information are highly marketable. Students do a variety of things to supplement their incomes. To think [hacking] is not occurring is incredibly naive."

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Dean of business college named



courtesy of the Office of Public Relations

Conrado "Bobby" M. Gempesaw was named the new dean of the Alfred Lerner College of Business and Economics last Wednesday. He was formerly the vice provost for academic and international programs.

Look for a full profile on Gempesaw in next Tuesday's issue of The Review

Temperatures drop, so does business



THE REVIEW/Mike DeVoll

Brewed Awakenings does not depend on students as much as other Main Street businesses.

BY PAT WALTERS
News Features Editor

Cold Stone Creamery offers 15 flavors and dozens of toppings to its student customers — even in January.

Bill Brice, manager of the Main Street ice cream shop, said 90 percent of the shop's business comes from students. He admitted business slows when students leave town for the winter.

"Sure, when the kids are here, we're busier," he said. "But we're different from all the other Cold Stone's. When they slow down in the winter, we actually do well."

Brice said most people still enjoy eating ice cream even when temperatures outside drop. And even though thousands of his student customers have left Newark for the winter, his business remains buoyant.

Determining exactly how many of those student customers have left, and what impact their absences have on Main Street businesses, is not easy.

Joe DiMartile, assistant provost, said 7,045 undergraduate students are taking at least one class here in Newark for Winter Session. Slightly more than twice this number were enrolled this past fall.

Linda Carey, director of housing, said most of the undergraduate students who spend the winter in Newark are upperclassmen. The housing numbers reflect this, as only 2,708 undergraduate students are registered to live in on-campus housing this winter, approximately 70 percent of whom are freshmen and sophomores.

The majority of the remaining 4,337 undergraduate students enrolled for Winter Session classes are almost certain-

ly upperclassmen. Few students leave the dorms before their junior year at the university.

An exodus of several thousand people shows itself boldly in a town like Newark, which has a population of less than 30,000 people, including students.

While students depend on Main Street shops for their coffee, books and much of their food, shop owners depend just as directly on their student customers.

Most tightly intertwined of all are the fates of the student customer and the coffee shop owner. Semester averages rise and fall based on the presence of a reliable and affordable supply of caffeine. The shop owners depend heavily on the students who keep their shops bustling into the night.

Nancy Salaitah, owner of Central Perk, keeps her coffee pot simmering until 11 p.m., two hours later than any competing shop other than Dunkin' Donuts, which is open 24 hours a day. She does it for the students, she said.

"We love the students," she said. "Everyone is affected when they leave. Anyone who says differently is not telling the truth."

Salaitah, who said 80 percent of her business comes from students, plans to extend hours in the spring when the rest of her student customers return.

Employees at other Main Street coffee shops, such as Brew HaHa!, Brewed Awakenings and Starbucks, also said business slows in January.

Joe Marshall, owner of Brewed Awakenings, said the drop in business may not entirely be a result of students leaving during Winter Session.

"January is tough for everyone," he said. "Everyone is pinching pennies after the holidays."

Jim Morgera, a manager at Happy Harry's, said winter is a particularly hard time for retail. With the holidays behind them, few people feel the need or desire to do much shopping.

"We normally make about \$8,000 in a day during the normal semester, and then during winter we make only \$2,000," he said. "It's a huge drop-off."

Brian Handloff, whose family has owned the National 5&10 since it opened nearly a century ago, said he agrees January is a rough time of the year. But he also said locals seem more inclined to shop downtown in the winter. With many of the students gone, parking becomes easier and traffic congestion is reduced.

"It's almost like beach season," he said. "Locals have a chance to get out in the town."

Dina DiEleuterio, a server at Grotto Pizza, said locals may just appear to be out in greater numbers since many of the students are gone. Approximately half of the restaurant's business comes from students, and their absence has a serious impact.

"Winter session kills business," she said. "Before and after Christmas, business is great. Nobody wants to cook during all the holiday craziness before Christmas, and everyone is sick of cooking by the time it is over."

Employees at other Main Street restaurants, such as Klondike Kate's, Iron Hill Brewery and the Deer Park Tavern, said they are not as drastically affected by the winter exodus, but agree student customers are very important.

Lizette Torres, a manager at Klondike Kate's, said business at the restaurant has remained steady and may even be



THE REVIEW/Mike DeVoll

Margherita's Pizza is closing early during Winter Session to compensate for the lack of business.

increasing.

"I feel like people go out a lot more during the winter session," she said. "Just because they only have one class to worry about, so they have a lot of extra time, and nothing else to do really besides go out."

Main Street businesses clearly depend on their college-aged customers to widely varying degrees. But few, if any, can claim absolute freedom from student patrons.

Steven Gregory, an employee at Days of Knights for eight years, said students are far from crucial to the success of many Main Street businesses.

"If you try to base your business solely on students, you will go out of business," he said. "There are three things students care about — beer, books and babes or boys. If you don't happen to fall into one of those categories, you're not going to catch most of their attention."

Gregory's list very nearly illustrates the needs of a college student, but misses the one thing many students might say is most important — late-night munchies.

Employees at D.P. Dough and the Korner Diner, two powerhouses of late night fare, said at least 75 percent of their business comes from students.

Margherita's Pizza, which usually remains open until 3 a.m. on weekends, now closes at 11 p.m. Since the onset of Winter Session, both D.P. Dough and the Korner Diner have cut late-night staff by more than 75 percent.

With most students gone, the market for late-night take-out seems to have hit the floor.

Percentage of Main Street businesses dependent on students

Delaware Book Exchange — 98%

Tan Inn — 98%

Cold Stone Creamery — 90%

Margherita's Pizza — 85%

Central Perk — 80%

Korner Diner — 75%

D.P. Dough — 75%

Klondike Kate's — 50%

Homegrown — 50%

Cat's Eye Salon — 50%

Deer Park — 50%

Grotto Pizza — 50%

Newark Barber Shop — 50%

Starbucks — 50%

Homegrown — 50%

Ali Babbas — 40%

Village Imports — 35%

Newark Camera Shop — 35%

Brewed Awakenings — 25%

Rainbow Books and Music — 25%

Iron Hill — 20%

Bike Line — 10%



IN THE NEWS

Revival of Sharon planned to observe brain damage

JERUSALEM — Doctors said early Monday that they planned to begin reviving Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, a procedure that could provide the best opportunity thus far to assess the extent of brain damage he suffered because of a massive stroke.

The 77-year-old prime minister, who has remained in a medically induced coma for four days, continued Monday in critical but stable condition, as doctors set out to begin easing his sedation and testing his responses.

Dr. Shlomo Mor-Yosef said a brain scan Sunday showed that swelling in Sharon's brain had continued to subside slightly. Other vital signs such as blood pressure and pulse rate were "within the norm," he said, and there were no indications of fever or infection.

Sharon has hovered near death, connected to a respirator, since suffering a massive cerebral hemorrhage late Wednesday, and has undergone three delicate brain surgeries in the time since. Though he may survive, Sharon is not expected to return to his job as head of the Israeli government.

Another hospital spokesman early Monday announced that Sharon's condition remained unchanged, and the procedure would go ahead as planned.

DeLay aborts attempt to regain House majority leader position

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Former House majority leader Tom DeLay, indicted in Texas last fall and under scrutiny in a blossoming political scandal on Capitol Hill, abandoned his effort to regain his leadership post Saturday.

In a letter released Saturday, DeLay said he agreed with growing calls among other Republicans that a new, permanent majority leader should be chosen soon.

He also pledged to stay in Congress and run a "vigorous" campaign for re-election in November for the Houston-area seat he has held since 1984.

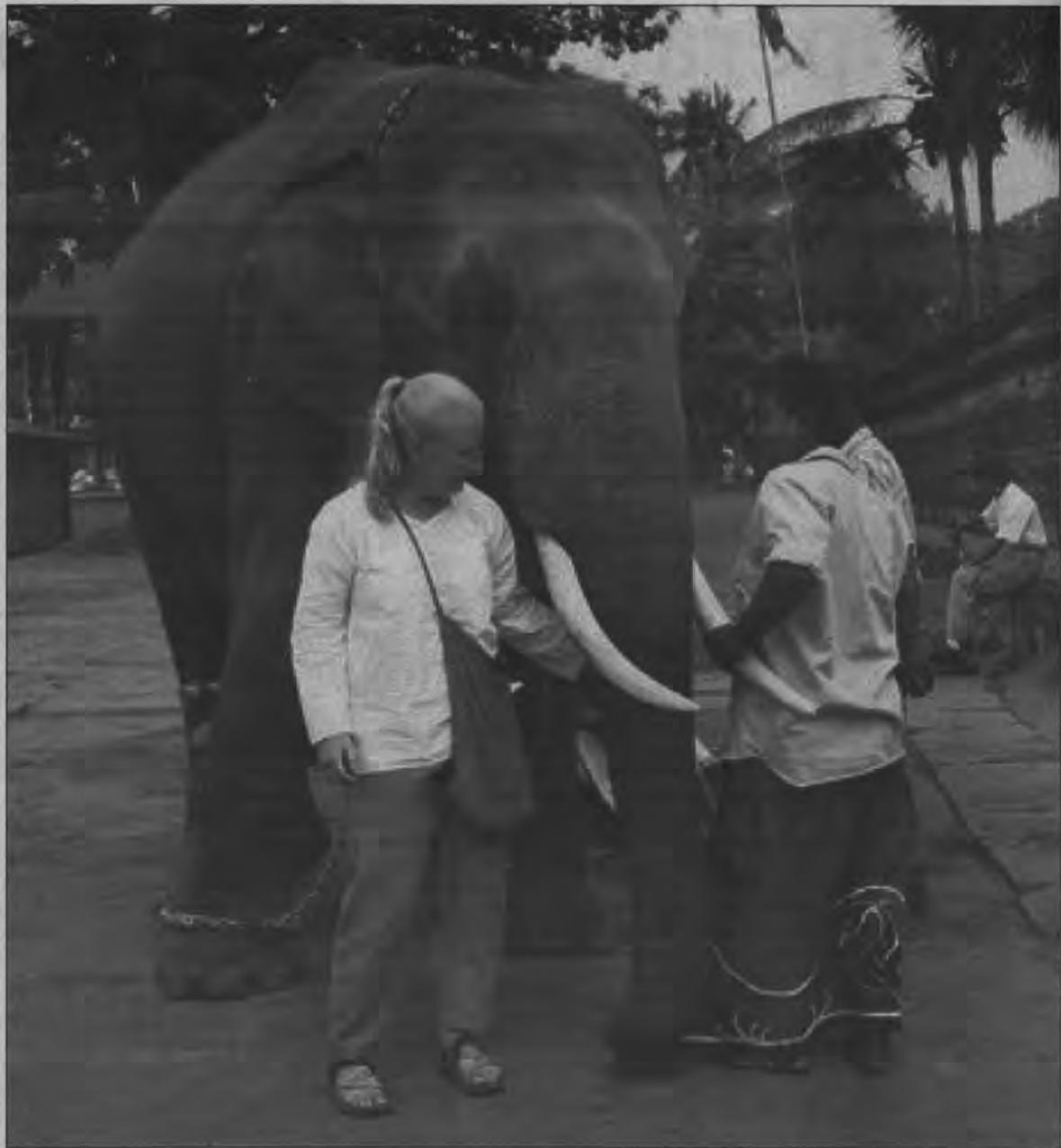
DeLay, for years widely viewed as the most influential Republican in Congress, stepped down as majority leader after charges of violating campaign finance laws were filed against him in Texas in September. Insisting he expected to be found innocent early this year, DeLay said he would then seek to reclaim his former job.

House Republicans — many of whom agreed with DeLay's claim that the charges against him in Texas were politically motivated — had been willing to give him time to resolve that case. In September, they decided against naming a permanent successor to DeLay, appointing Rep. Roy Blunt of Missouri as temporary majority leader.

Blunt, 55, the acting majority leader, is expected to seek the job on a permanent basis.

Others considered possible contenders include Rep. Tom Reynolds, R-N.Y., chairman of the National Republican Congressional committee.

— compiled from Washington Post and L.A. Times wire reports



courtesy of Katie Ellis

Newark resident and Wellesley College student Katie Ellis travelled to Sri Lanka last summer to aid victims of the 2004 tsunami.

POLICE REPORTS

Pizza deliveryman robbed at gunpoint

A 19-year-old male was assaulted and robbed by three male suspects Thursday night, Newark Police Lt. Thomas Le Min said.

At approximately 11 p.m., the victim, a pizza deliveryman for Pat's Pizzeria, was delivering an order on King William Street when he was approached by the suspects, Le Min said. One suspect pulled a handgun and pointed it at the victim. The second suspect punched the victim in the face and the first suspect took an undisclosed amount of cash from the victim. The three suspects fled the scene in what the victim believes to be a gray Chevrolet Lumina, Le Min said.

The suspects are described as white males of average build between the ages of 18 and 23. The first two suspects are described as wearing dark colored pants and a dark hoodie sweatshirt.

Le Min said the victim was injured around his right eye but refused medical treatment.

"Molotov Cocktail" thrown into Chinese restaurant

An unknown suspect threw a "Molotov Cocktail" incendiary device through the front window of the New #1 Chinese Food restaurant Friday, Le Min said.

Between approximately 1:30 and 7 a.m., a glass bottle containing gasoline and a rag was lit and thrown into the restaurant. Examination of the device revealed the flame was somehow extinguished before the area could catch fire, Le Min said.

Damage to the property was limited to the broken front window pane, an estimated value of \$1,500.

The restaurant, located in the Fairfield Shopping Center on New London Road, was vacant at the time of the incident.

Male a victim in physical altercation

A 20-year-old male became involved in a physical altercation with two male suspects on Madison Drive Saturday, Cpl. Tracy Simpson said.

The three males were having a verbal argument when the two 21-year-old suspects punched the victim in the face, Simpson said. The suspects fled in a white Mitsubishi.

The victim had minor scratches to the face and lips, but did not receive any medical treatment.

Because the victim knew the suspects from high school, police advised the victim on how to swear to a warrant if he so chooses, Simpson said.

— Caitlin Ginley

Resident aids tsunami victims

BY CAITLIN GINLEY

City News Editor

In a country ravaged by the notorious tsunami of 2004 and two decades of civil war, Newark resident Katie Ellis sat in a circle with local children, doing her best to teach a game of Ring Around the Rosie.

"Because they didn't understand what the song meant they would sit back down whenever they felt like it," she said, laughing. "It was a hard game for us to teach."

Ellis, a junior at Wellesley College, spent two-and-a-half months in Sri Lanka last summer as part of a program that sent students to countries affected by the December 2004 tsunami. Ellis spent most of her time working at children's homes, where orphans and poor families could find refuge.

In addition to Ring Around the Rosie, Ellis taught "Hokey Pokey" and, a particular favorite of the children, Duck, Duck, Goose, which in Sri Lanka, is translated into Duck, Duck, Chicken.

"Sometimes I would need someone to translate," she said, "but when you're playing games with children, it's not always necessary."

Ellis, 20, said she became involved through Wellesley College's Center for Work and Service and received grant money to fund her trip.

Melissa Hawkins, director of service and stipend programs at Wellesley, said the faculty, staff and students were interested in helping tsunami-stricken countries, but wanted to do more than send money.

"Students were looking to be a part of the process, whether it's simply laying the foundation for a house, it's something they can be part of," Hawkins said.

Ellis, who initially lived with the organization she was working with and later moved in with a local family, said the locals were receptive to her help.

"At first it was a bit of a culture shock," she said. "But I can't say it wasn't what I expected because I didn't know what to expect."

"When I got there, I realized it was more important to help get what the orphanages needed, like running water and food, rather than to teach English."

Ellis said her parents were initially hesitant about her traveling to Sri Lanka.

"Their reaction was 'over my dead body,'" she said. "But after I received the grant, I think they realized I was serious."

Ellis said the area of Sri Lanka where she stayed was politically unstable — wrecked with damages of civil war.

"My parents became significantly more worried after I arrived," she said. "My mom had said if she had known the area's situation before I left, she might not have let me go."

Working in an area affected by decades of political instability and civil war left an impression on Ellis. "The focus was more on tsunami relief, obviously," she said. "But it made me think that if a war broke out again, this relief won't mean anything."

Ellis said she hopes to return to Sri Lanka and plans to re-apply for more grant money in August. After leaving several of her relief projects in the hands of other people last summer, she is eager to check on its progress.

The tsunami relief program at Wellesley has led to other relief projects, especially since Hurricane Katrina. This winter, 17 students went to help build houses in Louisiana, Hawkins said.

"We see this as an ongoing project and a way for students to engage in the world," she said. "Even if it's a small contribution, they know they are part of something."

Newark relief for Pascagoula strong

BY LAURA BETH DLUGATCH

Copy Editor

When Hurricane Katrina first hit, the city of Newark rushed to do its part to help. Four months later, Newark is still making an impact.

Newark adopted the city of Pascagoula, Miss. in September and the Newark City Council immediately worked toward helping its sister city.

In January, Newark continues to provide support and aid.

Carol Houck, assistant administrator to Newark's city manager, said she has been acting as the liaison between the two cities.

Newark has donated four old police vehicles to Pascagoula filled with cleaning supplies purchased by Newark employees and the Employees Council Union, Houck said.

"This was the fastest way for us to get supplies to them," she said.

Brenda Reed, city clerk in Pascagoula, is Houck's main contact as she works out of a trailer in Pascagoula. Reed stated in an e-mail message the damage the city suffered from Katrina and the work Newark has done to help the situation.

"Our greatest gift early on was the donated police vehicles. We lost about 90 percent of our police fleet so this was a blessing," she said. "We truly appreciate from the heart everything Newark and its citizens have done for us. Even talking to Carol has been so uplifting for me."

When Pascagoula city officials expressed a need for cleaning supplies, the Avon Company donated 50 cases of bug guard towelettes, Houck said.

Not only has Newark arranged for supplies to be sent to Pascagoula, they have also donated a sufficient amount of money. At Community Day in September more than \$5,500 was collected and donated.

Local restaurants, along with several university fraternities and sororities, also participated by organizing a fundraiser which raised more than \$9,000. In October, the Downtown Newark Wine and Dine night collected and donated over \$6,000, Houck said.

Pascagoula's library sustained serious damages, she said. Newark's library tried to help by donating books but the facility is not ready to receive donations. A local Newark dance group has also connected with a Pascagoula dance company and helped by sending supplies.

"In the beginning, everyone in the community wanted to help but Pascagoula wasn't able to accept donations because of the destruction," Houck said. "But now, the city is in a better state and can receive more donations."

Pascagoula officials have been working out of trailers since the hurricane, but Houck said she keeps in touch with their city officials through e-mail almost daily.

"When the old police vehicles first arrived, the police officers were so relieved that they could continue serving the city," she said. "Before they had no way of getting around because about 30 of their vehicles were destroyed."

On the morning of Sunday, Aug. 28, Pascagoula city council held a special meeting to address the hurricane that was gaining speed toward them, Reed said.

"We were advised to leave town," she said. "I'm thankful we did."

Reed and her family left Pascagoula and traveled to a town 45 miles away on Sunday where they watched the hurricane on television. Upon returning to Pascagoula after the hurricane, Reed and her family assessed the damage.

"Our house had 8 inches of water inside so we had to replace sheet rock and flooring," she said.

Her family is currently living in a Federal Emergency Management Agency trailer but hopes to be back home soon, she said. As for the city, the damage stretched from the beach, several blocks inward.

"Our subdivision has never been flooded before," Reed said. "City Hall and the Courthouse were flooded."

Approximately 95 percent of the homes in Pascagoula have been damaged. Only a few houses remain on the beach but most were washed away, she said. Many people are living out of temporary trailers.

"It looks like a war zone," she said. "There are FEMA trailers everywhere."

Reed said progress is slow but can be seen.

"Many businesses are repaired or almost ready to open," she said, "though, many are still vacant. Many folks have relocated or have 'For Sale' signs in their yard. Debris is still evident around town and homes or businesses closer to the beach have a condemned sign posted and must be torn down."

Reed said she, as well as the city, appreciate all that has been done to get the city "up and going again."

"Recovery will be a very long process," she said.

Mayor Vance A. Funk III said Newark will continue to support its sister city and has developed a personal relationship with Pascagoula.

"Our generosity has been well received and is continuing to build a strong relationship," he said.



THE REVIEW/File Photo

The city of Newark's assistance to the Hurricane Katrina-stricken town of Pascagoula, Miss. continues months later.



Professor named to Newark Planning Commission

BY CAITLIN GINLEY

City News Editor

Communication professor Ralph Begleiter hopes to improve community housing and businesses as the newest member of the Newark Planning Commission. Begleiter was appointed by the mayor in late December after commissioner Dick Prettyman resigned.

Begleiter said his appointment came as a surprise since he never asked or applied for the position.

After Prettyman announced his resignation, Mayor Vance A. Funk III said he put together a list of people he would like to see take over the job. Begleiter was No. 1 on that list.

"I think he will bring a new dimension to the commission," Funk said. "He's extremely intelligent, concerned about the environment and knowledgeable about things I don't think anyone else in Newark is knowledgeable about."

"I was shocked when he said yes," he said.

Begleiter's first meeting with the commission took place on Jan. 3, during which the commission received several controversial proposals. The decision to build a Home Depot in

Newark was unanimously turned down by the council.

"Going into this meeting, I had fully expected to vote for the building of Home Depot. But by the end of the evening, the developer made no effort to persuade Newark as to why this would be good for the community," Begleiter said. "He made the case about why it would be important to them, not why it would be important to us."

James Soles, member of the planning commission, said he believes Begleiter will be an asset to the commission.

"We're very glad to have him," he said. "At the first meeting, he demonstrated that he will be an outstanding member."

Begleiter, a resident of Newark for six years, said he has no specific agenda, but is looking forward to improving aspects of the community.

"I see this as an opportunity for me as a relatively new member of Newark to contribute something to the community," he said.

Begleiter said he would like to see the quality and appearance of housing improve and wants to widen opportunities for

businesses.

"Main Street is certainly the heart of town, but other areas of Newark are also important to the city," Begleiter said, citing the area immediately off Interstate 95 as a "gateway" into Newark that should be improved to make a better first impression on visitors coming in from the highway.

Begleiter said a proposal for townhouses on North Street was made at the Jan. 3 meeting and he was impressed with the appealing look of the development. The townhouses would replace a run-down automobile shop and refresh the appearance of the street, he said.

As a member of the university community, Begleiter said his position on the commission will help him understand more of the residential and business aspects of Newark.

"Most students and university employees do not live in Newark and so they have no interest in its future. Students spend 4 or 5 years here and move on," he said. "I can contribute. Being a resident, I understand the needs of this town and the long-term interest."

Editorial

ONLINE POLL

Q: Should the university's office of Public Relations have reported the recent hacking crime?

Vote online at www.udreview.com

Dec. 6 results:

Q: Do you agree with the boycott of Main Street businesses?
 40% Yes 60% No

OUR SAY

Public Relations decides not to report hacking, campus, community left in dark on incident

In the recent past, the university's office of Public Relations has been exceptional at reporting crime and occurrences of importance to students and the campus community as a whole.

However, for reasons unknown to The Review, a recent crime, allegedly committed by a student, has gone unreported by the university.

Why public relations chose to clam up and sweep this crime under the rug is puzzling.

A former university student was arrested and charged with six counts of felony computer crime Nov. 7, more than two months ago, according to University Police.

Marc Simpson, previously a computer engineering major, allegedly accessed university computer servers Oct. 6. Under the guise of assistant physics professor Michael Shay, Simpson sent an e-mail to classmates postponing the date of an upcoming exam.

Upon investigation, University Police were led to an apartment above Margherita's Pizza on Main Street, the location of an unsecured wireless network, Capt. Steve Bunting said.

Police then received an anonymous letter confirming Simpson as the perpetrator, as well as the location of where the hack occurred, he said.

The logistics of how the hack occurred are not complicated, and The Review suspects "stealing Internet" through unsecured wireless networks occurs frequently on Main Street.

Bunting backs up the theory that this is a pervasive problem with a survey he himself conducted in the fall. He found many networks, most originating in off-campus apartments and houses, which were wide open to connection by anyone within range of signal.

Simpson's reasons for allegedly committing the crimes are unknown, but whatever inspired his criminal activity, let this be a lesson for all students and faculty.

If the proper precautions are not taken to protect your computer, understand that what happened to Professor Michael Shay could happen to you.

We are all vulnerable — and this is why The Review believes this story needed to be reported.

If students did not read about the incident in this newspaper they may have not heard about it at all. Thus, the university put students at risk by withholding valuable information. Students need to know so they can protect themselves. In addition, when a hacker "steals"

your Internet, any illegal actions will be traced back to the computer on which they occurred. This could implicate innocent people in crimes they have not committed.

The Review suggests Enable Wired Equivalent Privacy, or WEP. Although not a perfect solution, as experienced hackers can still break through the network, this system will prevent a normal user, simply interested in connecting to the Internet for free. WEP works on a key system, only those who possess it can view data flowing across the network.

This is just one simple solution to help students and faculty, one that perhaps the university should have used itself.

The Review does not agree with the office of Public Relations' decision to keep this incident under the table. In fact, we are curious about its reasoning. Clearly it is beneficial for students to know their vulnerability and take action to prevent people from using their Internet. Indeed, it seems professors also could benefit from insight about this problem.

One could speculate that perhaps because the actual location of the crime took place on Main Street, the university deemed themselves not involved. Still, the victim was a professor, and the crime allegedly was committed by a student.

Nonetheless, the university's server is certainly not safe, and other recent breaches into its security support this claim. As a school that prides itself on advanced technology, this is one problem that needs a solution.

Moreover, precedence demonstrates these incidents are reported in full, offering the community as much information as possible.

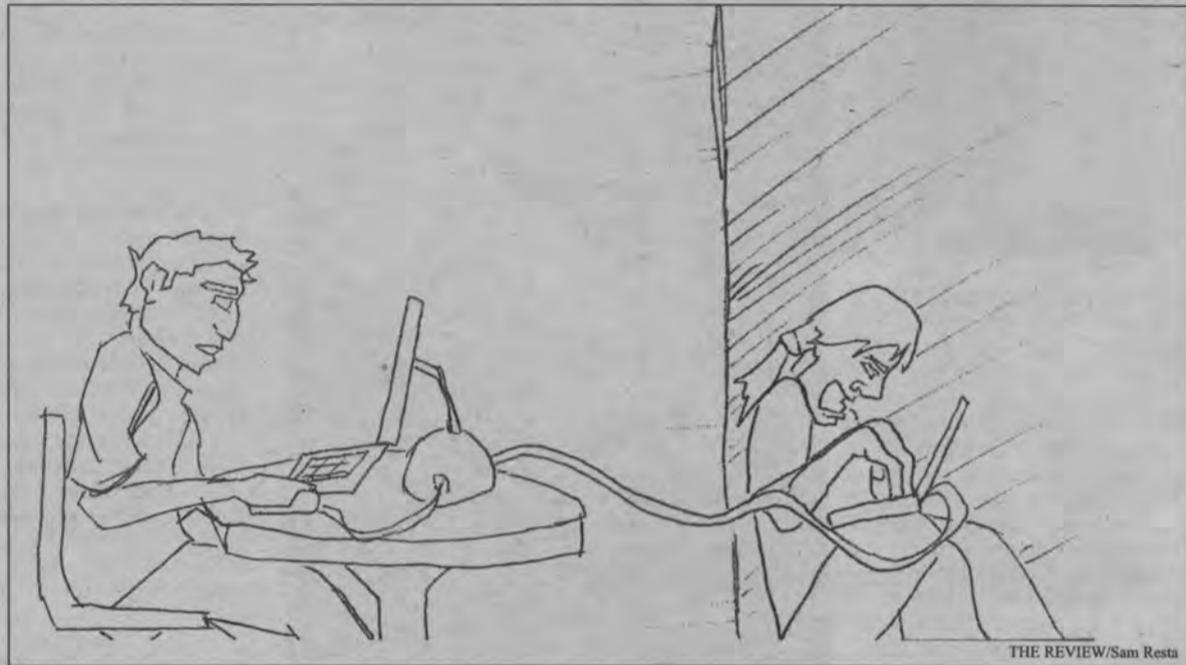
What The Review would like to know is — what was different this time around?

An anonymous classmate of Simpson's agreed that hacking is a widespread problem.

"Identities and credit card information are highly marketable," he said. "Students do a variety of things to supplement their incomes. To think it [hacking] is not occurring is incredibly naive."

This may be true that those who do not realize the extent of the problem are being naive. Still, being informed requires a two-way street, participation from both the reader as well as institutions providing the information.

Without both cooperating, there is a breakdown of communication, and precaution to crime is impossible.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Act now to get your money

"Immediately" is not too soon for even in-school students to protect against the vicious anti-competitive and anti-student legislation passed by both houses of Congress during Christmas week. And the highly unfavorable to students bill is likely to be signed into law by President George W. in early February.

This legislation, as it currently reads, will prevent students from locking-in the current in-school/in-deferment rate of 4.7 percent by consolidating their loans, and would further curtail most students who have ever consolidated, from shopping around for a lower rate, no matter how long their loan term or what other lender offers them better terms.

There is, however, just time enough to "make hay while the sun shines."

Students with Direct Loans may lock-in the current rate of 4.7 percent by simply contacting the

U.S. Department of Education, requesting and completing an in-school consolidation application. However, students whose loans are held by lenders such as Sallie Mae or Citibank must initially request "repayment status" (from their own lender) and once that is granted, immediately request "in-school deferment status" before consolidating to get the fixed 4.7 percent interest rate.

According to the Department of Education, "repayment status" is a requirement for in-school consolidation for FFEL borrowers (those having loans held by lenders other than the U.S. Department of Education's Direct Loan program) and "in-school deferment status" presently guarantees the lowest consolidation interest rate.

January is the time to make this financially prudent move, while Congress is presently in recess. Once the legislators return to Washington, D.C. in February, this short window of opportunity

could be permanently eliminated and students who failed to take this action will be stuck with repaying possibly thousands of dollars that they otherwise would not be accountable for. The gift of cash in the pocket is certainly worth the time and effort. It is likewise prudent to put your finger on the dial-pad to make a phone call or two.

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Where is free press Iraqis deserve?

GETTIN' IT DONE



Kyle Siskey

America: land of the free. Democracy grants various freedoms that keep leaders in Washington, D.C. from becoming more powerful than their constituents. All democracies should include basic freedoms such as the right to vote and the freedom of religion. Why then, should America, the self-proclaimed model of democracy, force an illegitimate democracy on Iraq?

In the past month at least one of the most basic freedoms Americans enjoy has been called into question for the Iraqi people. The freedom of the Iraqi press has been violated by the very Pentagon that vowed to install democracy. Just before we went on winter break, the Los Angeles Times broke a story regarding the press in the war-torn country.

In an effort to build the morale of the Iraqi people, the Pentagon has established "information operations" troops that submit articles to Iraqi newspapers which read more like propaganda than news. Disguising themselves as Iraqi reporters, the Pentagon

used a third party public relations group to pay editors for publication spots in Iraqi daily newspapers.

Bringing a democracy to Iraq seems to be the newest in a string of reasons President George W. Bush has given Americans for keeping our troops there. But why are the Iraqi people unable to question political ideologies and decide for themselves how a democracy should be formed and who it should be formed by? The most open forum that Americans have to debate these issues is our free press, and Iraqis have been deprived of that.

Ironically enough, the L.A. Times published the report days after Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said the new "free media" is a "relief valve" for the Iraqi people to discuss issues from their hundreds of newspapers to their various television stations. It is ironic that months after a State Department training session for Iraqi press members entitled, "The Role of Press in a Democratic Society," the definition of a free press was encroached by their own professors.

If the Pentagon wonders why people are taking out aggressions with car bombs and terrorist tactics maybe it should start to look at its own injustices against democracy. It has long been said by analysts that the people of Iraq need to discuss their problems in a more diplomatic manner. But when the people of Iraq have tried, they have only been fed unlabeled propaganda by the Pentagon.

After admitting many of the



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articles published by Iraqi newspapers were disguised by the Pentagon as worthy news sources, editors said they were not surprised. The Iraqi's lack of shock was not because the United States has had an over-bearing effect on their basic liberties, but because the Iraqi press was corrupt before 2003 when we decided to invade, a time when papers were controlled by the Saddam Hussein regime.

It is both shocking and appalling that little more is expect-

ed from the United States by Iraqi press agents than from Saddam Hussein.

The Pentagon submitted articles with headlines such as "Iraq Must Unify against Terrorism" and "More Money Goes to Iraq's Development," and claimed it's biggest mistake was getting caught — not that it went through an undercover press relations agency, not that it paid off newspapers to publish reports with un-verified sources. According to the L.A.

Times, Pentagon officials told the Senate that all published materials were supposed to be identified as originating with the United States military, but this identification was often omitted.

So apparently we do not have enough money in the billion dollar budget to buy an extra ink cartridge to run a header across our own propaganda. It would be a joke to believe that the Pentagon, a group of the most powerful people in the world, forgot to sign their own letters.

The issue makes me personally angry because it not only reflects poorly on the Iraqi press, it reflects poorly on the American press as well. Since the dawn of the Bush Regime, the American free press has fought right wing analysts that claim the articles published have a liberal bias. With our government claiming that the propaganda publishing in Iraq was the right thing to do, why should other countries believe that our press itself is not crawling with American spies?

If our government ever expects to install a full-fledged democracy in Iraq it needs to stop disregarding the basic civil liberties which make our country great. If the Iraqi people are not given the power to control their own lives, what kind of change have we really made for them?

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La. Republican bequeath's bipartisanship

Price is Right



Greg Price

It's been almost five months since Hurricane Katrina ripped through the Gulf Coast region and the Louisiana bayou, and the displaced are still displaced, like those who were forced to the Superdome and Astrodome.

Yet only now has a true effort toward a long-over due reconstruction plan for Louisiana come to light, and from an unlikely place — relatively unknown Louisiana congressman Richard H. Baker. Baker is sponsoring a bill that would bring much needed relief to Louisiana.

Baker's plan is rather simple. By creating the Louisiana Recovery Corporation, the bill's title, the federal government would buy all the damaged land in Louisiana for roughly \$80 billion, which would pay off creditors and fund a massive clean-up of the state's drenched landscape. Specifically, the government would sell bonds and pay the developers with the profit.

By pushing for the legislation's passage, Baker has become the voice of Louisiana's disenfranchised on the house floor. And why not?

According to New York Times' reports, a relief package for the Gulf States passed last month shafted the state out of billions of federal dollars, which instead went to Mississippi. The state now has five times more relief money in housing aid per household than Louisiana, which is clearly in a more dire situation.

Normally I would say the fact that Baker is a Republican should have nothing to do with his support of such a large scale project,

but unfortunately it does today. The country is severely divided politically: blue vs. red, South vs. Northeast, whatever you want to call it. Either way, it has been very hard to find something Republicans and Democrats can agree on these days.

He appears to be walking the bipartisan line on this issue, with several federal and Louisiana Democrats fully supporting his initiative. Even President Bush has agreed with the plan's ambition in private.

I have to praise Baker for taking such a bold stand. Particularly at a time when most Republicans should be running into hiding after the debacle that is the Iraq War and the Tom DeLay campaign finance and kickback scandals. Yet (and I'm sure Baker realized this) support for this bill should be a no-brainer to any politician. It is an instant re-election campaign, something everyone in Washington has on their mind this year, whether donkey or elephant.

I will admit the Iraq War made me semi-cynical at my young age.

After the first bombs were heard in Baghdad, I immediately became an Independent. I could not understand it then and certainly do not now. But I'm slowly coming out of my little whole because I secretly want to be an optimist.

A bill like the LRC is something that actually gives me hope that politics is not just about who wins in November, and that our government can actually accomplish a meaningful and optimistic goal. If I come off as preachy, I'm sorry. I know a plan like this, if instituted correctly, can immediately impact millions of lives. Most politically active citizens and lobbyists wait years before they see the true effects of the legislation they argued for.

Yes, it will take years to rebuild the state, and it won't look or be the same. Yet \$80 billion dollars seems like a cheap price to me, especially when \$500 billion might be spent to create democracy in Iraq. If the U.S. can be a democratic nation builder, I'm sure it can invest in the state restoration business.

It troubles me that the Bush administration has yet to jump on board publicly with Baker. As chief executive of this country, Bush should do anything and everything to ensure that the lives of every single Katrina victim improve with each passing day. He should put as much effort behind the LRC as he did for his re-election campaign and his insistence of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

Even though it has been only five months since Katrina, cynicism is a philosophy I'm sure I share with many Louisianans. Their cynicism, however, is far more warranted than mine. Iraq has not directly affected me the way 180 mph winds and several broken levees have New Orleans' residents. Yet the faster legislation like the LRC does pass the faster the victims' spirits and new homes will rise.

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T-shirt co. finds niche

BY MELANIE MACKO

Staff Reporter

It's only appropriate that alumna Kristin Lauricella parks her minivan in front of a condominium with pastel purple siding and blue trim. It stands out, surrounded by more traditional white and brown-exterior buildings lining her Cambridge, Mass., street. However, inside Lauricella's walls is where her artistic sense really shines. Here, she creates designs for her company, Lollicakes.

Lollicakes unexpectedly grew into lollicakes.com, an online boutique selling charming products for infants, toddlers and adults. Its original works differ from the family-oriented designs used by most retailers.

Specializing in customization, Lollicakes allows buyers to alter their designs or have their own concept created.

Exiting her van, a Starbucks coffee in hand, her dirty blonde hair hangs just over the shoulders of a black, button-up peacoat. The diamond studs in her ears sparkle, accentuating her large blue eyes. She wears a pair of cropped jeans and the heels of her tall, black leather boots click all the way up to her front door.

The clientele that fueled Lollicakes' takeoff is characterized by Lauricella's appearance.

She says her clients are, "Me — that is — moms-to-be, what Business Week called Yoga Mommas, mompreneurs."

By "Yoga Mommas," she means what marketers dub today's rising class of women. They maintain healthy, active and fashionable pregnancies and extend these

lifestyles to their children. They spend more for higher quality merchandise, which is resulting in a 4-percent increase each year on products geared toward infants and preschoolers.

"Yoga Mommas are aware of brands and trends," Lauricella says. "Regardless of income they spend a little more on their children."

She says she believes fans of Lollicakes "want something unique, purchasing things with a more sophisticated look for themselves and their babies." Lauricella says she feels lollicakes.com caters to new mothers looking to combine fashion with family.

When pregnant with her second child, Tristan, Lauricella wanted an "I'm a Big Sister" T-shirt for her 4-year-old daughter, Josephine, to excite her about the new addition to their family. Unsuccessful in department stores, Lauricella designed her own. She sketched pretty, pink letters and an image of a smiling, pig-tailed girl pulling a boy in a carriage.

Once Josephine wore the shirt, people began asking where Lauricella had bought the unique item. Around the same time she also began getting similar questions about the playful designs she sent out on handmade invitations.

"The feedback was amazing," she says. "Initially it was family and friends. Then other people wanted my designs."

Ideas for designs began piling up and she decided she had come across something special.

"Lollicakes sort of launched itself," Lauricella says. "I never

expected a T-shirt to become so much more."

In addition to Lollicakes, Lauricella juggles freelancing for her first company, Lauricella Designs. Graduating in 1994 with a bachelor's in visual communications with a focus on graphic design, she has worked with clients like Sesame Workshop/Sesame Street and Bed Bath & Beyond. Her work entailed designing layouts, specific colors, lettering and any other details for brand-name packages, brochures or logos.

However, despite career achievements, she stresses the most exciting part of her life is being a wife to her husband, Chris, and a mother to her two children.

Entering her studio, her desk takes up a substantial portion of the room, holding three massive computer monitors. Her walls, a bright exhibit of corkboards and shelves, proudly display finished works.

She logs onto lollicakes.com, where goodies like baby bibs, coffee mugs and greeting cards offer patterns. The Web site is partnered with cafepress.com., an outsourced product manufacturer.

Lauricella's brother, Kevin Richards, is also a graphic designer.

"Cafe Press allows Kristin to maintain little to no overhead, it saves her time, giving her room to be with family and freelance at the same time," Richards says.

In addition to her best-selling "big sibling" products, "nickname" designs are an option too. Delicate fonts display names like

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'Twas the season for online shopping

BY ANNIE BALDRIDGE

Staff Reporter

As an alternative to long lines in stuffy malls where the air reeks of overplayed Christmas carols, many shoppers turned to their PCs to do their holiday shopping this season. It seems sitting on Santa's lap can't quite beat sitting in the living room anymore.

According to comscore.com, a Web site for Internet commerce ratings, more than \$143 million was spent online this year and 22 percent more people opted to shop online than last year.

Senior Meg Goettner was one of those people. She purchased a custom-made picture frame for her boyfriend from a small online company.

"It is just so much easier to get something custom-made online because you are not dealing with the huge crowds," she says.

Goettner says she was surprised how flexible and attentive the company was.

"They let me just draw a picture of what I wanted, fax it to them and they made it and had it out in the mail to me within a few days," she says.

In addition to the convenience, Goettner says she also enjoys the creative nature of online shopping.

Virtual stripteases on Gap.com, and custom-made Wal-Mart diamond jewelry were some of the new features introduced by Internet vendors this season.

Kimberly Terry, spokeswoman for Gap.com, says the virtual striptease allows a customer to choose a likeness of him or herself, put an outfit on the model and watch it do a virtual striptease. Terry says the campaign was created to convey the updated image Gap wishes to promote.

The Web site also allows shoppers to shop by body type. Female shoppers can choose to be tall, curvy, petite or boyish and clothes tailored to their size will show up on the screen.

Could this be the end of static cling in 3-by-4 dressing rooms? Or maybe the beginning of picking clothes according to self-image instead of size?

Senior Maria Sordoni says she has been buying her clothes online for a few years. She bought all of her Christmas presents at online stores this year.

Sordoni says she has never been sent the wrong size and appreciates how most stores show all the sizes in stock, so there is little risk of back order.

Economics professor Richard Agnello says he thinks the increase in Internet sales this year was due to a good economic year in general, not necessarily exclusive to e-commerce.

However, he says he thinks with the growing popularity of Internet shopping, traditional stores are going to need a way to charge for the shelf space they provide.

"They are going to need to harness that tangible element of shopping and put a price tag on it," Agnello says.

If the trend in Internet shopping continues to skyrocket, he says stores could begin charging customer entry fees or Web sites like eBay.com to sell their products.

Agnello says all traditional economic indicators show 2005 was a strong year for the country's economy. He also predicts a decline in growth of online shopping.

"I think the boost in Internet sales was a combination of a good year and popularized Internet," he says.

With an increase in the number of sales and a peak in the number of online shoppers, Agnello says Internet commerce statistics will plateau in the next few years.

Wal-Mart, one of the country's largest retailers, boosted its sales this year by adding higher-end items to its already vast inventory. If wandering through the fourth aisle of scented candles halfway through the store does not sound appealing, then the updated version of Wal-Mart's Web store may come with a sigh of relief.

Amy Colella, spokeswoman for Wal-Mart, says the Web site items are aimed at a more educated and younger group from a higher income bracket.

"Cashmere sweaters and high-end cameras complement the stores' assortment of 100,000 items," Colella says.

It's hard to believe even Wal-Mart has shelf-space problems, but, she says, most items sold online are exclusive to the Web site and would not fit in stores.

"Wal-Mart had a healthy holiday season and enjoyed 140 million visits to the newly updated website," she says.

Although this holiday season's healthy Internet sales may give shoppers one more reason not to get off the couch, Agnello says he doesn't think the Internet shopping craze will replace traditional stores.

"Some people still want to actually touch and try an item before they buy it," he says.





Oscar race heats up



BY WESLEY CASE

Entertainment Editor

It's that time of year again — Jan. 31 will see the announcement of the 78th Annual Academy Award nominees. The ceremony, which will take place on March 5 at the Kodak Theater in Los Angeles, is Hollywood's premiere event, honoring the best performances and films of the year. This year's awards will be different — no film is a clear-cut favorite.

There is no "Lord of the Rings" or "Million Dollar Baby," but rather a slew of films featuring career-defining performances, strong screenplays and controversial topics. While some may argue 2005 was a weak year for the industry, the following films and performances beg to differ.

Best Picture

"Brokeback Mountain" (directed by Ang Lee) — One of the most talked about films of the year due to its controversial storyline.

The film features Heath Ledger and Jake Gyllenhaal as two Wyoming cowboys who fall in love with each other and attempt to suppress their feelings. An amazing performance by Ledger and Lee's artistry behind the camera combine to make "Brokeback Mountain" a shoe-in for a nomination.

"Good Night, and Good Luck" (directed by George Clooney) — The man with the most potential to clean up Oscar night is George Clooney thanks to two powerful performances in "Syriana" and this black-and-white film about the battle between news anchor Edward R. Murrow and Sen. Joseph McCarthy.

"Capote" (directed by Bennett Miller) — In the biopic of the year, Philip Seymour Hoffman portrays the author Truman Capote as he investigates a murder case in Kansas and faces the daunting task of writing the novel

inspired by the deaths.

"Walk the Line" (directed by James Mangold) — What could have been a sad attempt to capitalize on the popularity of "Ray" resulted in a charming, up-and-down love story between legendary musician Johnny Cash and fellow country-star June Carter.

"Crash" (directed by Paul Haggis) — Tackling America's preconceived notions of race, Haggis has crafted a film meant to question even the audience's existing stereotypes with the help of strong performances by Terrence Howard and Matt Dillon.

Best Actor

Philip Seymour Hoffman ("Capote") — As if he was born to play the role of the famous author of "Breakfast at Tiffany's," Hoffman gives himself to a character few in Hollywood would be able to play.

Heath Ledger ("Brokeback Mountain") — Who knew the same actor in "10 Things I Hate About You" could accurately play a role as a cowboy who involves himself in a homosexual relationship? His performance garnered Oscar buzz as soon as it was released.

Russell Crowe ("Cinderella Man") — Crowe gives another strong, Oscar-caliber performance as Jim Braddock, an everyman character who becomes one of the most unlikely sports heroes ever.

David Strathairn ("Good Night, and Good Luck") — As TV news anchor Edward R. Murrow, Strathairn acts with the fervor necessary to convincingly resemble Murrow's personal crusade against 1950s McCarthyism.

Terrence Howard ("Hustle & Flow") — 2005 proved to be Howard's breakout year thanks to his strong performances in "Crash" and the southern hip-hop-infused "Hustle & Flow." Howard is the protagonist necessary to illustrate this story of

perseverance that Horatio Alger couldn't have penned.

Best Actress

Reese Witherspoon ("Walk the Line") — As June Carter, Witherspoon delivers the performance many knew she was capable of. Overcoming her blonde bimbo typecast, Witherspoon proves she has real talent with her portrayal of the wife of Johnny Cash.

Felicity Huffman ("Transamerica") — The "Desperate Housewives" star has always been regarded as a fine actress but it is this role as a male-to-female transsexual that shows her true range.

Ziyi Zhang ("Memoirs of a Geisha") — Zhang's abilities were first seen in "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" but as the young Sayuri in "Memoirs of a Geisha," she gives a provoking, emotional performance.

Charlize Theron ("North Country") — Just like Crowe, Theron is usually an Oscar contender. While she plays the underdog in this race, it is never wise to count her out, especially after portraying the woman responsible for the first class-action lawsuit for sexual harassment, Joesy Aimes.

Judi Dench ("Mrs. Henderson Presents") — Four-time Oscar nominee Dench proves her age, experience and wisdom cannot be duplicated in this comical period piece.

Time will tell whether these predictions will come to fruition, but it is clear March 5 will be a very interesting night based solely on the fact there are no front-runners. It is truly anyone's race prompting the potential for numerous upsets. The show, hosted by "Daily Show" anchor Jon Stewart, will undoubtedly be more than just a water-cooler topic at the office the following day.

PRICE OF FAME



Apparently, when you are a super-model and strung out on drugs, laws don't apply to you. The superficial.com reports **Kate Moss** is going against police demands to return to the United Kingdom to face drug charges. Moss, whose excuse is she is too busy working, does intend to return. However, if the police need to "force her back sooner" they will have to talk to her lawyers, claims one of her aides.

"She will come when she has time but she has two or three photo shoots to do first," a source says. "Kate has every intention of returning to Britain, which is her home, when she has a gap in her diary."

Nick Lachey cross-dressing? The tough and manly ex-98 Degrees singer admitted to putting on **Jessica Simpson's** shoes and walking around in them in an interview with "Elle" magazine.

"It was sort of a kinky thing we liked to get into," Lachey says.

Maybe Nick felt wearing Jessica's shoes would put him in touch with his sensitive aura? Lachey also admits to "typically being an overly sensitive person."

He went on to say, "I lay my heart out there too often. I've never been shy about crying. Sometimes we're so scared of our emotions that we rob ourselves."

Lachey still thinks Simpson is the sexiest woman he's ever seen. We don't doubt that. But something about missing the feeling provided from putting on a good pair of stilettos probably had some influence on the decision.

Kevin Federline, has broken his silence, reports thesuperficial.com. He appeared on Ryan Seacrest's L.A. radio show, Federline said everything is "wonderful" with him and Mrs. Spears. Federline denied being kicked out of the home that Spears

owns and that his Ferrari, we mean her Ferrari he borrows, was repossessed and reports that they are planning on having a second child.

"Nah, not right now, we're gonna wait," Federline said.

What he meant to say was: Britney has decided we're not going to have another child now, not the collective "we" Federline used.

The secret is out. **Mariah Carey's** ability to hit the high notes comes from deep within her belly. Yes, like the legendary tenor, Carey is able to hit all the right notes after a meal fit for a professional wrestler.

She admitted her love of food to the British newspaper, Daily Mirror, saying, "I'm so excited to get in bed, watch movies and eat! I joke that I need a bib because I'm such a messy eater. At a restaurant people are looking at you, so when I'm in private I eat like a two-year-old."

Don't worry, your invitation wasn't lost in the mail. Actually, rumors are that the **Tom Cruise/Katie Holmes** wedding may be on hold after a holiday snafu at the Holmes' abode, reports thesuperficial.com. Cruise "decided to take the opportunity to mend fences with the family of his fiancée," according to "Life & Style Weekly." Apparently, however, things didn't go so well.

"Tom and Katie ended up leaving, three days earlier than planned. Katie was in tears, but that's standard when it comes to dealing with family matters and Tom," a close friend says.

Why have one friend's opinions, when you can have two?

"My honest opinion is that the wedding's not going to happen. Neither one of them seems as enthusiastic as they once did about marriage," another close friend of the couple said.





'Memoirs' lacks emotional punch

"Memoirs of a Geisha"

Sony Pictures

Rating: ☆☆☆

One can almost taste the loneliness swimming in the eyes of the young geisha. Her eyes are frozen orbs set against blizzard-white skin. The powder applied to her face is thick enough to allow a single tear to trace its path down her face.

Even in the most crowded rooms, she remains alone, always remembering the words she has been told, "It is not for geisha to want. It is not for geisha to feel. Geisha is an artist of the floating world. She dances, she sings. She entertains you, whatever you want. The rest is shadows, the rest is secret."

It's difficult to express the loneliness felt while watching "Memoirs of a Geisha" in a packed theater, sitting elbow-to-elbow. This sense of loneliness, though, even at its most fever-pitched moments, is vital to selling this otherwise mediocre movie based on the stunning best-selling novel by Arthur Golden.

Director Rob Marshall ("Chicago") lends his meticulous eye to a film that often drowns in its own minuet details. It tells the life of Chiyo, a young Japanese girl sold to a geisha house far from her seaside home. The striking Zhang Zhihi portrays Chiyo, renamed Sayuri when being prepped for full geishahood.

The standout performance, though, belongs to Gong Li, playing the envious, self-absorbed Hatsumomo. Her performance is as overly-dramatic as it is hysterical. Stomping in a very Diana Ross-mid-tantrum-manner, her constant fits have more in common with "Valley of the Dolls" than a geisha house.

The rest of the movie is pure visual confection, with little substance to accompany it. The lonely life the geisha lives is made swimmingly clear, but one look deep into the icy-blue eyes of Sayuri signals how

little she actually has invested in her role as geisha to begin with.

The acting, though, serves as a simple garnish to an extravagant dish, the setting more than makes up for it, winding the characters in and out of the small, snake-like streets of Kyoto.

The costuming is, much like the scenery, flawlessly executed. Hatsumomo's kimonos are as elaborate as her personality, while Sayuri's are elegant and subtle.

Interestingly, the character of Pumpkin stands as the film's most flawed element. Initially utilized as a foil between the two main Geishas, her character evolves into something almost as annoying as the fool in the front row chomping like a cow on a piece of Bubble Yum.

The entrance of the World War II American soldiers signals the era, which would have otherwise been left undetermined. The intrusion of Western culture serves as a nasty stain on an already soiled film. Even poor Pumpkin falls for the allure of the American dream, evolving into Technicolor ridiculousness, trading her traditional garb for seamed stockings and her saki for a pack of Chesterfields — from meek and mild to geisha-gone-wild.

Sadly, this influence extends to the movie's Hollywood ending. Still, that loneliness remains, not so much because of the reality that Sayuri may always remain alone, but because the film that could have followed this mighty book pales in comparison. For something of this magnitude to work, the visual and the emotional should remain equal, but the overall picture is all shine and no substance, ironically like the way the geisha is expected to live her life.

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Posthumously pointless

"Duets: The Final Chapter"
The Notorious B.I.G.

Bad Boy Records

Rating: ☆☆

As if the executive producer of "Duets: The Final Chapter," Sean "Diddy" Combs, didn't have enough quality-lacking, money-making schemes, Hip-hop fans are being subjected to a capitalist-minded cash-in from Combs, at the expense of his supposed best friend Christopher Wallace aka the Notorious B.I.G., in the form of a bloated, ill-advised 22 track "album."

Quotations are necessary in this case because "Duets" is merely a paint-by-numbers attempt to pair the late Biggie Smalls with current popular MCs and producers. There are no new, unreleased Biggie verses. The production doesn't mesh well with his style and many of the guest MCs do not have the lyrical ability to keep up with one of the genre's best. The results are lackluster, to say the least.

It's hard not to take "Duets" as a slap-in-the-face of Biggie and his fans everywhere. It reeks of exploitation to the highest degree, featuring interludes by Biggie's son and daughter.

Yet the number one problem with "Duets" is its overall lack of substance. All of the Biggie verses have already been released on previous albums. They are what we have come to expect from Biggie — the majority being excellent, well-crafted lines of struggle, heartache and boasting. Nonetheless, we have heard it before and are left scratching our heads at why Combs would feel it necessary to put together such a weak compilation.

The most intriguing aspect of the album is the list of guest MCs. If Combs is good at one thing, it's networking. It's clear by the impressive list of "who's who in Hip-hop" featured on "Duets," including Nas, Jay-Z, Eminem and The Game. Unsurprisingly, most of the names can't live up to their hype and provide less-than-stellar verses. While the guest list is intriguing, it also includes alarming "duets" that should have never made it to the drawing board.

The all-too-obvious and stale first single "Nasty Girl" features two of the most mediocre MCs in Hip-hop today. Diddy, never known for his skills on the mic, clumsily stumbles through the song with horrific lines such as "I need you to grind like you're working for tips / And give me what I need while we listen to Prince."

Bravo.

If that wasn't enough, Nelly comes on next with his lame, sing-and-rap thing he always does.

The mistakes do not end here. The song,

"I'm With Whateva," seemed to have the most potential to be one of the strongest tracks on the album, with guest spots from 2005's most-improved-MC, Lil' Wayne and heavy hitters Juelz Santana and Jim Jones. It's a good song but is missing a key element — a Biggie verse.

What a duet.

Finally, in the most confusing combination on the album, "Wake Up Now" features the awful rock outfit Korn. Attempting to capitalize on the unfortunate Linkin Park/Jay-Z "mash up," Korn and Biggie just sound absurd together.

The more miss-than-hit tracklist features few highlights.

"Whatchu Want" is a duet between the Kings of New York — Biggie and Jay-Z. This is only the second track to ever feature just the two MCs, the first being the far superior "Brooklyn's Finest" from Jay's debut Reasonable Doubt.

It's clear that the "retired" Jay-Z is still the greatest living MC to touch a mic. "Just a Memory" is a strong track featuring The Clipse, who prove their recent underground success was no fluke but rather the catalyst needed to re-up their status in the game. Finally, "Breakin' Old Habits" pairs Biggie with the two best southern MCs at the moment, T.I. and Slim Thug. The track sounds like it could have been on either T.I. or Slim's albums, which is the other problem with "Duets."

The production, put together by the most popular producers today like Just Blaze and Jazze Pha, is crafted to the guest rappers rather than B.I.G. With one of the most distinct sounds in Hip-hop today, southern-influenced tracks like "Breakin' Old Habits" make Biggie sound out of place, which is the antithesis of what the "Duets" album should have been.

The Eminem-produced "It Has Been Said" is a messy collection of typical Marshall Mathers drums and boring synthesizers. Too many of the songs accommodate the guest appearances rather than adding a new twist to already heard B.I.G. verses.

"Duets" is a Hip-hop documentation of why some things need to be left alone and not edited, doctored, remixed, screwed and/or chopped to simply make money.

Hip-hop fans everywhere should only hope the new, younger audiences will overlook this unfortunate release and go straight to the previously released classics. Rest in peace, my friend, rest in peace.

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Line has mom-appeal

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"Principessa" and "Sweet Pea," all accompanied by delightful illustrations. For instance, "Lovebug," is paired with a magenta ladybug. With customization, shoppers desiring particular nicknames can have them created along with designs.

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Capello also says she likes that Lolicakes is "run by a parent just like me."

HOROSCOPES



Libra

(Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

How many Oreos can you eat? Not sure? Try. I bet you can polish off an entire box of 'em in an hour. I can also bet that if you do, New Year's resolutions won't be met. Stick to resolutions you can keep and stay away from the sweets.

Scorpio

(Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

You're fire baby; so hot the devil wouldn't touch ya.' Nothing can touch you, for now. Enjoy it while it lasts. Icy sidewalks will melt under your feet, much akin to the way rock salt dissolves snow. Just don't abuse your powers and start any fires.

Sagittarius

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)

You couldn't be more coy if you tried. You're so sketchy. You have become that guy in every town who walks around on the local bridge at 3 a.m. making "cell phone calls" while enjoying a cigarette. You are scaring your friends, without realizing it. But you aren't doing anything wrong. Hey, whatever gets you through the night.

Capricorn

(Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)

Something is knocking at the door. It is the voice of reason. Shoplifting, skipping out on bills and illegally parking will catch up with you. You cannot continue to go through life by cheating. Well, only if you are part of the super fortunate and extremely lucky .01 percent of the population. It is a new year, consider a change if you aren't part of the .01 percent of slicksters.

Aquarius

(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

You are on the right path. Keep up the good work. However, you can afford to kick a few pebbles along the road. It has been a while since you let off some steam, the cosmic gods will allow it for a short while. Make sure you don't kick too big a pebble, though. A boulder per say. For a strong kick will hurt your toe.

Pisces

(Feb. 20 - March 20)

Reverb is beautiful. It takes dry and flat sounds and gives them more pizzazz. Suddenly, they have life and breathe in new and more beautiful ways. Put a little reverb into your life. A little more emphasis in your statements, and maybe some emotion and inflection in the voice wouldn't hurt either.

Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

It is going to be a long Winter Session if you keep popping bubble-wrap, refilling your ice cube trays, lighting citronella candles and frequenting your couch with a lint brush. Books, music, movies, TV and magazines are all wise choices for the nippy winter months. Dare I say actually leaving your house as well?

Taurus

(April 21 - May 21)

You seem to be doing fine. If you're lucky, we'll toss you the honorable bone this week and liven up your life a little. Start noticing things going more your way this week. If we like what we see, your style and approach to this good fortune, we

just might extend it a little longer.

Gemini

(May 22 - June 21)

We could be mean to you, Gemini, for another year. But, you're not worth it. It was like coring an apple. Too much work. And, besides, the horoscopic cosmic gods are allergic to apples for the most part. So be good.

Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)

Life is like satellite radio. There are always two choices that tickle your fancy, yet you cannot get both. XM or Sirius? Black or white? Yin or Yang? Always go with your gut choice, as good as the competition sounds. Sometimes outside forces will help you realize going with your gut is crucial.

Leo

(July 23 - Aug. 21)

Why must you always be the first to do something? Does it make you the best? You are the first to get drunk, the first to have Christmas lights up and see that movie. I bet you were the first person to buy snap bracelets, pogs, Tamogochis and wear L.A. Gear light-up shoes back in the day. Keep up the good work.

Virgo

(Aug. 22 - Sept. 23)

Damn you are fast. The highway is no match for your Porsche 911 GT2. But sometimes you don't always want to be so fast at everything you do. A lot of things done fast aren't achievements, you follow? Slow down, bucko. Life aint a race, toughster!

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Despite a tough start, Men's
basketball is still striving for the
playoffs.

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UD rebounds versus JMU

BY STEVE RUSSOLILLO

Sports Editor

It's inevitable for a basketball team to sputter at some point during the season and suffer a difficult loss. But good teams know how to pick themselves up and get back to their winning ways.

The women's basketball team overcame Friday's dreadful road loss to defeat James Madison 70-62 Sunday afternoon at the Bob Carpenter Center.

"This is a huge win, H-U-G-E," head coach Tina Martin said. "If I could do back flips all the way back down the court, I would. Let me tell you something, that's a huge win."

Junior guard Tyresa Smith scored a game-high 20 points and was one of four Hens to post double figures in scoring. She also pulled down a career-best 14 rebounds to lead Delaware.

"We knew they had the size advantage so we had to just come out and rebound like crazy people," Smith said. "Our main goal was rebounding and playing defense and that's what we did."

Delaware (10-2, 2-1 CAA) returned home after UNC-Wilmington halted its six-game winning streak. Friday's 55-41 loss to the Seahawks featured an abysmal shooting performance.

The Hens scored only 12 field goals on 24 percent shooting and played their first game without junior forward Chrissy Fisher, who suffered a Lis Franc sprain of her left foot Dec. 29. Fisher, who was Delaware's second leading scorer and best rebounder, will miss three to four weeks.

Delaware showed no ill effects from Friday's game. Instead, it came out on fire from the opening tip, as the team hit 11 of its first 13 shot attempts and opened an early 24-10 lead.

The Hens built up a nine-point lead in the second half before James Madison (10-2, 2-1 CAA) went on an 18-4 run.

With the Dukes up 55-50, and only seven minutes remaining, Delaware could have easily backed off and dropped its second game in a row.

"It's about us staying together and just finding it deep down to keep going," said sophomore guard Melissa Czorniewy. "You can easily fall back on your heels and be like 'oh man' and get discouraged. But we all talk to each other and the coaches keep encouraging us and that's why we came out the way we did."

The Hens responded by scoring 20 of the game's final 27 points to preserve the victory. Senior center Arek Deng posted career-highs of 10 points in 33 minutes of action. With 3:16 remaining, she drained a baseline jumper to give Delaware the lead for good.

In those final seven minutes of the game, the Hens made four of their five field goal attempts and showed tremendous poise at the foul line by making 12 of their 14 attempts.

James Madison could not build off their five-point lead and fell apart down the stretch. They could only convert on three of their final 15 attempts from the field.



THE REVIEW/Mike DeVoll

Delaware sophomore guard Melissa Czorniewy stifles the Dukes' junior guard Andrea Benvenuto in Delaware's 70-62 victory Sunday afternoon.

Czorniewy finished with 16 points and dished out a career-high five assists. Junior guard Alena Koshansky chipped in with 13 points.

"I feel like everyone stepped up today," Czorniewy said. "It wasn't just one or two people, it was everyone contributing offensively."

Overall, Delaware shot 49 percent from the field, compared to James Madison's 35 percent. Delaware held James Madison's leading scorer Tamera Young in check as she scored 18 points but made only six of her 19 field goal attempts.

"I just feel good for the entire team," Martin said. "This was a team that was very down after Friday. To come in here today and play the way we played and defend our home floor is just huge. I'm so proud of them. We played very well and I really thought it was our 'A' game. We brought our best game and we needed it in a big-time way."

The Hens will look to build off their "best game" on Friday when they travel to Towson. Game time is set for 7:30 p.m. at the Towson Center.

Delaware adjusts its style of play

BY GREG PRICE

Managing Sports Editor

With its 70-62 victory over James Madison Sunday afternoon, the women's basketball team proved two things: they do not need former star power forward Tiara Malcom to win, but they are not the same squad as last year's Colonial Athletic Association regular season champion.

This point should not be misunderstood to mean the Hens couldn't use Malcom (because they could), but rather they have found a new formula for success, one built strongly around stifling perimeter defense and tough guard play. Delaware head coach Tina Martin said last year's team was built more around a power game, while this year, the Hens garner more finesse for a victory.

"You have to play to your strengths," Martin said. "Last year, we were really a power oriented team with the post play. We've definitely made a shift. As a coaching staff you have to look at your team and see where

your strengths are."

The leaders of this newly revamped squad, especially in Sunday's game, have been junior guards Tyresa Smith and Alena Koshansky and sophomore guard Melissa Czorniewy.

In the first five minutes of Sunday's game, all three guards set the Delaware offensive tempo. It was very fitting that Smith and Koshansky scored the Hens first five points off of two Czorniewy steals. The trio's play sparked a Delaware 24-10 run in the first seven minutes of play.

Smith, the Hens' standout defensive stopper, finished the game with 20 points and 14 rebounds and when the Hens lead slipped in the middle of the second half, she hit several clutch shots to keep the game close.

"All fifteen players were into it today," Smith said. "And that's what it takes. We have to get our minds ready to play."

Smith was referring to the injured junior forward Chrissy Fisher, who sprained her foot

against Saint Joseph's last month and is expected to miss a minimum of four weeks of action.

Fisher is listed at 6 feet, which meant the Hens were low on depth and size in their disappointing loss to UNC-Wilmington Friday, which, Martin said, left the team very distraught. The kind of energy that she normally sees in the Hens was just not there. It was the team's first game without Fisher, so they had little time to adjust without the player Martin calls the team's most versatile. It was also another reason for the guard play to step up, especially Koshansky.

"As a point guard I try to be the leader," Koshansky said. "Try to keep everything, everyone together when things are going good or things are not going good."

On the season she is averaging 9.3 points per game, leads the team in assists with 3.7 a game and hits an astounding .489 percent of her three pointers, good for twenty-seventh in

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COMMENTARY



TIM PARSONS

A Look Back at 2005

Another year is upon us so let's take a look back at 2005 in the world of sports.

The steroids controversy in baseball erupted when Congress had sessions discussing the topic in March. Players such as Sammy Sosa, Curt Schilling, Mark McGwire and Rafael Palmeiro vehemently denied use of the illegal substance. Later, Palmeiro himself was one of the players caught testing positive after officials realized his hat size grew nearly three sizes since the hearing. His legacy will be tarnished forever, not because he took steroids, but because he was one of the first athletes to endorse Viagra.

Terrell Owens entertained, but also irritated, the nation with his antics. From holding press conferences in his driveway while working out to his absurd touchdown celebrations, he somehow managed to stay in the headlines nearly all year despite his sheer stupidity when it came to his contract demands.

This year also witnessed the return of the National Hockey League after a 1-year lockout. Wait, what's that you say? You don't remember what hockey is? Come on, you know, that sport with the sticks, the skates and the ice - oh forget it.

Danica Patrick took the world of racing by storm after she was the first woman to ever lead a lap in the Indianapolis 500. It's too bad that one lap was the only one she did lead during the entire thing. I think her appearance in a hilarious Sportscenter commercial having her race car towed is much more of an achievement.

The past year was a tough one for Delaware athletics, but there are still some great stories.

The football team struggled, going 6-5 after a rash of injuries ravaged the team and forced a large number of freshmen into playing with little experience. A 34-28 victory over defending National Champion James Madison was the one bright spot in an otherwise dismal season for a team that should have been competing for a National Championship.

But while the marquee team of

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After slow start, Hens are still fighting for a shot in the CAA

BY JASON TOMASSINI

Staff Reporter

While students were home for the holidays opening presents, stuffing their faces with food and sleeping until noon, the men's basketball team was trying to improve on last year's disappointing 11-20 season.

Unfortunately for the Hens, the holidays brought another slow start, leading to a 4-9 record and the team's first 0-3 start in conference play since the 1988-89 season.

The team started the season with two wins at the Hispanic College Fund Classic before falling to host and ACC power North Carolina State in a 73-57 loss which began a six-game losing streak.

The Hens showed some promise beating UNC-Greensboro and Central Connecticut in back-to-back games, but junior guard Calvin Cannon knows the team has not played up to its potential going into Colonial Athletic Association play.

"We were concerned early in the season when we lost to a couple teams that we feel we should have beat," he said. "The CAA is a real strong league and teams are doing well but we have to keep our chin up and keep moving forward."

Cannon has been one of the bright spots for the Hens. He is the team's second-leading scorer in his first season at Delaware after transferring from Palm Beach Community College in Florida.

Another star early in the season is senior forward and preseason All-CAA first team selection Harding Nana. After leading the conference in scoring and rebounding last season, Nana has lived up to expectations this year. He is currently seventh in scoring in the CAA with 16.0 points per game and third in rebounding with 9.0 per game.

Nana also experienced a career milestone Thursday night at home against UNC-Wilmington, as he became only the 24th play-

er in school history to score 1,000 career points.

Despite the individual progress, the team has been unable to succeed as a whole.

The Hens are last in the CAA in scoring margin, rebounding defense and rebounding margin.

"Every night is going to be tough in this league and to win in this league you have got to be tough," head coach David Henderson said. "You've got to play 40 minutes of hard-nosed basketball to get a win."

There are still 15 CAA games left for the Hens to make ground and senior guard Andrew Washington knows what it will take for Delaware to turn the season around.

"We have to keep fighting," he said. "We don't have any quit in us. We have to fight and get some road wins and I know we can turn it around."

The newfound emphasis on winning on the road stems from Delaware's most recent 71-58 home loss to CAA powerhouse UNC Wilmington at the Bob Carpenter Center.

The Hens trailed most of the game and although they were always within reach, they could not get closer than a three point deficit in the second half.

Delaware was led by Nana and sophomore forward Herb Courtney who both had 14 points while Washington added 12 off the bench.

Henderson said it is frustrating to get so close but not be able to make plays at the right time.

"You can't make mistakes against really good teams like this in the league," he said. "We had the momentum but then we gave it back with turnovers."

Delaware's next game is Thursday at Northeastern and will return to the Bob Carpenter Center on Saturday to face Towson. Game time against the Tigers is set for 4 p.m.

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■ The men's and women's indoor track and field teams competed at the UMES Invitational Saturday in a non-scoring invitational meet. Freshman Brooke Maguire won the women's 3,000 meter run as she finished with a time of 10:42:59. Freshman Chris Martens finished first in the pole vault. His leap of 14-6 set a university record for freshman.

■ The men's basketball team suffered its third straight loss of the season Saturday, as it fell to George Mason 70-56. The Hens' (4-9, 0-4 CAA) 56 points were a season-low and they haven't lost four games to start conference play since the 1988-89 season. Junior guard Calvin Cannon finished with 10 points and was the only Hen to score in double figures.

■ The men's and women's swimming and diving teams swept Towson Saturday at Rawstrom Pool. The men's squad (3-6, 1-4 CAA) defeated the Tigers 119-112 in their first-ever CAA dual meet victory. The women's team (9-1, 5-1 CAA) posted a 142-99 victory for their sixth straight win of the season.

— compiled by Steve Russolillo

Strong backcourt play leads women's basketball

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the nation. Sunday, she bettered those season totals with 13 points and shot 3-4 from the behind the arc.

Czorniewy is the most versatile of the Hens "trifecta." Her style of play complements Smith and Koshansky's, as she can make a stop or nail the tough jumper in the paint. She loaded the stat sheet against the Dukes with 16 points, four rebounds and five assists.

"Offensively and defensively, I have to step it up in different ways," Czorniewy said. "Offensively I have to look to score, but then look to get my teammates the ball. Defensively, just add all the energy on the court that I can."

Delaware has the same record, 10-2, as last year's team had in early January, despite the dramatic competitive increase in the CAA this season and the loss of Malcom, last season's conference player of the year.

There is no doubt Fisher's absence leaves a formidable gap in the Hens' front court, but Delaware overcame the loss and held James Madison's junior forward Meredith Alexis in check for most of game. The Hens held her to one for seven shooting and only four points in the first half. Alexis was named to the CAA preseason All-Conference first team, and holds the school record for most double-doubles in a

career with 30.

While it is early in the Hens division schedule, Hofstra, UNC-Wilmington and Old Dominion boast unblemished CAA records. Currently, Delaware is in a three-way tie for fourth place with the Dukes and Towson, the Hens next opponent.

With the CAA as tight as it is and the team playing a completely different style of ball, Delaware fans should not expect

this team to win 17 straight like last year. Yet, Martin is not concerned with streaks and only cares about two records, the conference and the overall ones.

"I never want to say no because then you're letting people down," Martin said about a possible streak. "I'm just trying to get our team to play consistent basketball right now after a major injury, so that we can play night-in and night-out in the CAA."



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Junior guards Alena Koshansky (left) and Tyresa Smith prepare to defend against the James Madison high-powered offense in Sunday's win.

University athletes shined in past year

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the university struggled, two others excelled in 2005.

The women's basketball team was arguably the most successful of all the Delaware sports in 2005. It finished the regular season with a record of 25-6, the team's best record since 2000-01. This netted them the Colonial Athletic Association Regular Season title and No. 1 seed in the CAA tournament. The Hens rolled to the CAA title game where they lost a heart-breaker 78-74 (OT) to their arch-ennemy, Old Dominion. Despite the defeat, Delaware still received a bid in the Women's National Invitational Tournament, but lost in the first round to St. John's. Watch out for them this season.

The men's lacrosse team picked up on the success of the women's basketball team and carried that into its season. The Hens finished 11-6, giving them the CAA Regular Season title. But they were also defeated in the CAA Championship game when No. 2 Towson dropped the Hens 9-8 in a game that had a bizarre, bitter twist to end it. Junior Cam Howard scored the tying goal with just 36 seconds left, but referees waived the goal off, saying Howard stepped into the goal crease, negating the goal. The men still managed to gain a bid to the NCAA tournament, but fell to No. 5 Navy 9-7.

Individual athletes also made a strong impact on the field as well. Cross country runners Colleen O'Brien and P.J. Meany blazed by

their competitors and were named to the All-CAA First team for their outstanding performances. Field Hockey player Katie Evans was selected to the USA Under-21 Field Hockey team and played in the World Junior Championships held in Chile in September.

But the Story of the Year in Delaware sports has to go to the volleyball team. In wake of Hurricane Katrina, the team found that one of their own players was directly affected. Freshman Molly Rand grew up in Metairie, La., a suburb of New Orleans. Fortunately, her family was in Delaware to watch her play in her first collegiate game when Katrina hit. The team decided to start a fundraiser in which all the proceeds would go to victims of Katrina. Donations came from students, parents, fans, players and coaches. When the season concluded in early November, they had raised \$4,963.70. While this might seem like a small amount in the grand scheme of things, it will have a huge impact on some people whose lives have been changed forever.

Championships will come and go. Scandals will rear their ugly heads every once and awhile. But it should be stories of helping and caring for others, not insignificant trophies and dirty needles, that should never be forgotten.

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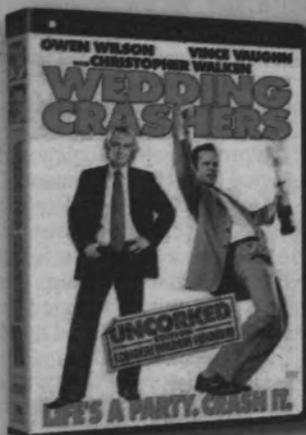


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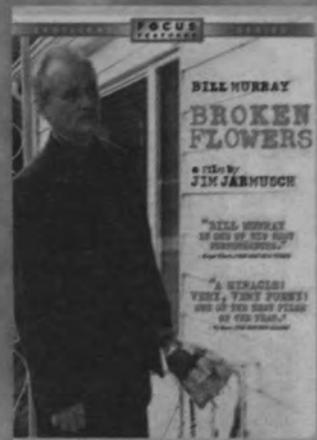


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