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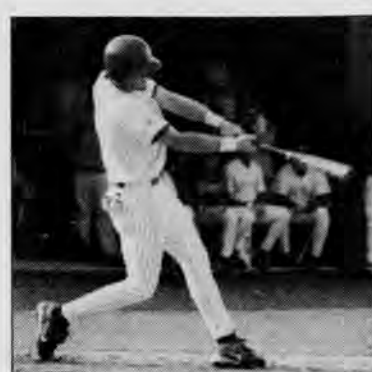
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Al-Jazeera editor profiles station

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By airing unedited footage of controversial issues, Al-Jazeera broke barriers in the news world, a former broadcast editor told more than 100 students and faculty on Monday night.

Yasser Thabet said Al-Jazeera started tackling social, economic, religious and political issues and other views in the Middle East, which were never covered before.

Because Al-Jazeera is an independent station, Thabet said, it was able to present open discussions of highly debatable topics in the Arab world, such as women and religion, sexual tourism and oppression, which draws the most criticism.

"[People of the Arab world] were accustomed to one opinion," he said. "They were not used to being confronted with other thoughts and ideas."

Thabet said Al-Jazeera's slogan of "opinions and other opinions" epitomizes the station's broadcasting principles.

The previous governments controlled Al-Jazeera, he said, and citizens accepted anything that was broadcasted as the truth.

"They took what was being presented without questions," he said, "without giving it second thought that the information was falsified or minimized."

Thabet said Al-Jazeera is not only sharply criticized by the United States, but Middle Eastern countries as well, because it deliberately shows footage that is controversial.

"There is hardly an Arab government that Al-Jazeera hasn't offended," he said.

However, Thabet said the station's main purpose is to cover news and bring forth opinions.

"We are not pro-this side or pro-that side," he said. "What is important is that we are discussing these matters."

By allowing both opinions, Thabet said, there is room for debate.

"Whether or not you think Osama bin Laden is a terrorist or a leader," he said, "he is a newsmaker."

Al-Jazeera is often accused of being pro-Israel, Saddam, United States, Taliban and Afghanistan, he said.

"We are trying to cover the news," he said. "We cannot speak for these people all the time."

Thabet said in showing both sides of an issue, Al-Jazeera does not edit its programming.

"Un-editing the news is one thing we do because it is important to have something without manipulation," he said.

The channel has also dealt with claims that the station is anti-American, but Thabet said that idea developed after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

"Pre-9/11, Al-Jazeera was the darling of the West," he said.

Only after broadcasting pictures of dead civilians in Afghanistan did the United States become angry, but Thabet said he stands by the station's decision.

"There are no clean wars," he said. "War means killing people, atrocities and



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Former Al-Jazeera broadcast editor Yasser Thabet explains the independent TV station's impact on public discussion in the Arab world.

horrific pictures."

Thabet said it is very difficult for people to understand the horrible consequences of being in war.

"If we show it, we show it all — both sides," he said.

The station covered the war in Iraq with firsthand accounts of the action, Thabet said.

"We went to places where news happens," he said, "in the markets, places where things happen and victims are killed."

Sophomore Griffin Dubreuil said he was impressed by the speech and learned more about the station's policies and principles.

"They try to do the right things whether you like it or not," he said. "They try to get the controversial opinions out there."

Graduate student Alex Meyer said

he is skeptical of news stations but appreciates what Al-Jazeera does.

"This lecture reinforced that they're a news organization that is not taking sides," he said.

Meyer left the speech with an admiration for the network but not without questions.

"I wonder if Al-Jazeera ever withheld a story that wouldn't go over well in the Arab world," he said in reference to Thabet's comment that the United States censors stories.

Thabet said he understands the consequences of covering the news, especially after the death of one of its correspondents but still insists on maintaining autonomy.

"We know the price of being independent," he said, "and we are willing to pay the price."

Iraq power transfer disputed

BY ANDREW G. SHERWOOD
Staff Reporter

Senators cautioned this week that the June 30 deadline to transfer power in Iraq might be too early, citing recent outbreaks of violence and anti-American sentiment centered in the Sunni Triangle.

The chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., and Sen. Joseph R. Biden, Jr., D-Del., the committee's ranking Democrat, both raised concerns about the transition date.

Ken Lisaius, spokesman for the White House, said President George W. Bush and the administration plan to meet the deadline.

"The United States and our coalition partners are continuing to work closely with Iraqi leaders and the Iraqi people on our plan to meet the June 30 deadline," he said. "The United States will stay in Iraq until the job is done and there is a free, peaceful and democratic Iraq for the Iraqi people."

Margaret Aitken, press secretary for Biden, said one of the main concerns is to have a plan established for the changeover.

"Primarily, there hasn't been any strategy put forth by the administration for after June 30," she said. "Who will referee Iraq so the country doesn't slide into civil war?"

She said it is critical the United States broaden the coalition to reduce the American face of the occupation.

Biden believes the United Nations should play a role, Aitken said, and NATO troops eventually should be brought in to enhance the decreasing American forces to give a more international face to the military.

"While we must end the appearance of occupation, it is clear that Iraq will need a neutral referee," she said, "and tens of thousands of foreign troops for many years to keep these growing political tensions from tearing the country apart."

Andy Fisher, press secretary for Lugar, said the senator was hoping for someone in the administration to address the security concerns of the power shift.

Fisher said L. Paul Bremer, III, the civilian administrator in Iraq, had been scheduled to return to Washington, D.C. for a briefing with administration officials, but those plans were all but cancelled in light of recent attacks.

"Who will we be giving the sovereignty to," he said, "and how secure will this place be when we do?"

The administration is reducing the number of U.S. forces despite an unstable security situation, as seen in last week's attack in Fallujah, he said.

"To succumb to political pressure and cut and run would be a catastrophe for U.S. interests," he said. "Sen. Lugar doesn't think we should pull out this soon, we need to leave the door open to the possible delay of the transfer if the situation worsens."

Daniel Green, political science and international relations professor, said the sooner Iraqis are involved in governing, the better.

Leaving could obviously be a danger, he said, but the sooner the American presence is replaced with a more Iraqi presence, the more closure for the United States and Iraq.

Aitken said the most sensitive period in Iraq's political transition would be the seven months between June 30 and the national elections, scheduled for Jan. 31.

"We're about to give over authority to a government structure we haven't identified yet," she said, "knowing that whatever that entity is, there's going to be uproar between June 30 and Jan. 31, when there is supposed to be an election."

In a society marked with armed militias and a persistent anti-American insurgency, Aitken said we must empower an Iraqi leadership that would put ethnic differences aside in the interests of national unity.

"With less than three months to go before the Coalition Authority hands over sovereignty to Iraqis on June 30," she said, "critical questions remain unanswered."



Courtesy of Dan Lang

Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity has moved into the South College Avenue house vacated by Sigma Alpha Mu after last Fall Semester.

PiKA gets new house

BY CARSON WALKER
Staff Reporter

The former Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity house at 155 S. Chapel St. got a new owner and new letters on April 2.

Al Schweiser a Pi Kappa Alpha alumnus, teamed up with his wife and another alumnus to purchase the property, which was formerly occupied by SAM.

"We purchased the property to ensure PiKA would have a fraternity house and as an investment," he said. "Also to preserve the dwindling stock of Greek housing in the city."

Schweiser said the house cost a quarter of a million dollars.

In February 2002, PiKA announced a \$2.5 million housing plan that would create three to four newly renovated houses, as well as one large house on South Chapel Street.

However, the plan never materialized, and an ordinance passed on Sept. 23, 2002, that prohibited future Greek houses from being established in Newark.

Senior Justin Barilla, former president of SAM, said members of the fraternity moved out of the house due to monetary troubles.

"The house was too much of a financial obligation for us," he said. "We had to give it up."

Barilla said the event that triggered SAM to vacate the property was a robbery during the winter.

"We were robbed back in December," he said. "That basically led us to move out."

Schweiser said the house would be ready for occupation by early summer but not before some significant renovations were made to the property.

"We're going to make a significant investment in improving both the exterior and interior," he said, "and hope it's an asset to the community."

Barilla said SAM's financial difficulty went beyond the house.

"We are in a rebuilding process," he said. "We had a national debt, next year we should have all our funds going toward our fraternity instead of going toward debt."

Barilla said the debt accumulated because of money lost by last year's SAM council at the university.

"We had some council problems last year," he said. "There was a [misappropriation] of money. Some money was owed somewhere, we paid it off, then went to pay off something else and we were short of funds."

Matt Lenno, assistant director of student centers, said the house switch occurred without the university's knowledge.

"It wasn't a university-bought house like the [Tau Kappa Epsilon] house," he said. "This is one of those deals that happened and we don't really know about it."

Schweiser said PiKA was able to put its letters on the front of the house without penalty from the city because it was already a fraternity house.

"The letters we allowed on because it is a non-conforming use," he said. "The use continues with a different owner, before it was SAM's it was a sorority house."

Schweiser said PiKA owns the surrounding lots, including 24 and 26 Benny St., which back up to the new property.

"The house will be ready to occupy by June 1, with five or six people living in it," he said. "It's livable for at least eight though."

UD graduate schools ranked

BY MOLLIE GROSS
Staff Reporter

The university has been nationally ranked in the current issue of U.S. News and World Report Best for having top graduate programs.

In the 2005 edition, the university's graduate schools in physical therapy, engineering, urban affairs and public policy and education were recognized.

Three graduate programs were ranked in the top 10 in the nation.

Physical therapy was ranked fourth and urban affairs and public policy and chemical engineering were both ranked ninth.

Jeffrey A. Raffel, director of the School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy, is proud of the national recognition of the program.

"We are real pleased to offer such a superior education," he said. "These rankings show we are doing well."

Two surveys are sent to each program during the fall, Raffel said.

On the survey, 253 universities are listed. Each university is ranked on a scale of one to five, one being marginal and five being distinguished.

The School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy improved from 3.1 to 3.3, which was a significant gain compared to the other schools in the top 50, he said.

The entire urban affairs program is tied at 35th with many big name schools such as Cornell University, Texas A&M University and Indiana University.

"This is a big deal because Big 10 and other big schools all have urban affairs," Raffel said.

In the area of specialty and concentrators two programs were ranked, city management-urban policy was ranked ninth and the specialization of non-profit management was ranked 14th.

Raffel said when he was

made aware of the rankings, it was a huge surprise.

"I was at a meeting in Portland and on my way home I had to change plans in Kansas City," he said. "I was wandering in the store and spotted the U.S. News and World Report Best graduate schools edition, which was not supposed to come out until Friday."

After looking through it, he was stunned to find out how highly ranked the university had been.

Michael Chajes, chairman of the department of civil and environmental engineering, which was ranked 50th, said the program has nationally and internationally known faculty.

The first graduate degree in civil engineering began over 70 years ago, Chajes said.

Currently, there are approximately 70 graduate students enrolled in this program.

Chajes said the national ranking does help to attract students.

"Students do pay attention to the rankings," he said. "They are important in attracting high quality students."

John Rabolt, chairman of the department of materials science and engineering, said receiving the rank of 32nd was the first time the 6-year-old program was distinguished.

He said the main strengths of the program are the outstanding faculty, high quality research and modern curriculum.

The School of Engineering as a whole tied with Boston University for 48th in the nation and the School of Education was ranked 55th.

Raffel said the rankings will undoubtedly benefit the university.

"This is big, great news for the university because others are recognizing the school and what it has to offer," he said.

State reconsiders gun bill cost

BY EVAN EMOLO

Staff Reporter

In an effort to discourage firearm related crimes in Delaware, House Speaker Terry Spence, R-18th District, is pushing a bill to foster harsher penalties for those who use guns during the commission of a felony.

Joe Fulgham, communications director for the Delaware House of Representatives, said possession of a firearm during the commission of a crime would carry the current minimum three-year mandatory sentence.

Under the new bill, if a criminal exhibits the firearm he or she would face a minimum 15-year sentence, while shooting the gun during the commission of a felony will follow with a mandatory 25 year sentence,

he said. Wounding a person would result in life in prison without the possibility of parole.

The controversy over the bill is due to its costs and was tabled last week by the House Appropriations Committee.

Beth Welch, chief of media relations for the Department of Delaware Correction, said estimates from the department run as high as \$100 million to build a new prison and \$40 million annually to operate.

"Those that are interested in this legislation need to understand this," she said.

Welch said with the augmented punishments it is estimated by state analysts that an additional 1,100 prison beds would be needed over the next 20 years and necessitates a new prison being built.

Fulgham said he is not surprised about opposition to the costs of the bill.

"There is a knee-jerk reaction from the cost, but it's expected," he said. "How much is it worth to you to protect family and neighbors?"

The House estimates vary widely and there is a dispute over its accuracy, Fulgham said, but the costs will run into the millions.

Lori Sittler, public information officer for Delaware Attorney General Jane Brady, said the office plans on working with Spence for a more detailed plan on what sentencing changes are necessary.

"The attorney general's office conceptually supports the idea of graduated penalties," she said, "but have not weighed in

on the cost."

Fulgham said it is unclear as to whether the bill would deter criminals from committing such acts, but the focus of the bill is to remove repeat offenders from the streets.

"It is a philosophical question as far as who we should be incarcerating," he said, "but this bill is for those who are most likely to repeat a crime."

The House speaker's office is also looking at other potential ideas to maximize its current system and cut back on potential costs, Fulgham said.

A commission is being formed to find ways to make the current prison system more efficient with regard to prison space through such means as home confinement.

In the News

U.S. BOMBS MOSQUE, MAY EXTEND SOME TROOPS' DUTY

FALLUJAH, Iraq — U.S. forces battling for control of Fallujah bombed a mosque complex Wednesday after hours of fierce fighting, as Pentagon officials said they might extend some soldiers' tours of duty to quell the violence flaring across the country.

Witnesses said 40 Iraqis died in the air strike on the mosque, which U.S. forces said Sunni Muslim insurgents had been using as a launch pad for attacks.

Marines said they could confirm only one Iraqi was killed. The fighting, also left one Marine dead and four injured.

At the same time, U.S.-led troops continued to skirmish with armed supporters of radical Shiite cleric Muqtader Sadr in Baghdad and cities in southern Iraq, and his forces remained in control of a key shrine in the city of Najaf.

Sadr militiamen reportedly drove Ukrainian forces out of the town of Kut in fighting late Tuesday and early Wednesday.

Members of the U.S.-backed Iraqi Governing Council said a deadline set by occupation officials for Sadr to surrender expired late Wednesday without any sign that he would give himself up.

Sadr, wanted in the slaying of a rival cleric, issued a statement calling the U.S. the "biggest nightmare" and urging neighboring Kuwait to kick U.S. forces out of its territory.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan said he blamed the current unrest on "a relatively small number of extremist elements" and said the fighting did not amount to a return to "major combat" in Iraq.

Army Gen. John Abizaid, who is directing the war in Iraq, ordered commanders this week to craft plans in case conditions worsen and he calls for more troops.

There are now 135,000 U.S. troops in Iraq, 20,000 more than called for under the current Pentagon plan because new units have arrived before those they are replacing have left.

In a briefing to Pentagon reporters, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld signaled that extensions were likely.

Among the key tasks facing U.S. forces is pacifying Fallujah. The job took on added urgency last week after four U.S. security contractors were attacked, killed and mutilated by an angry mob.

Marines cordoned off the city late Sunday and began an operation to regain control.

Wednesday's bombing of the mosque in Fallujah appeared likely to inflame anti-American passions around the country and intensify the battle for the city, 30 miles west of Baghdad.

GERMANY FREES MOROCCAN CONVICTED OF AIDING SEPT. 11 PLOTTERS

BERLIN — A Moroccan man, who is the only person convicted of aiding the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attack hijackers, was freed by a court in Hamburg Wednesday pending a retrial.

Mounir Motassadeq walked from the courthouse one month after an appeals panel ruled that his first trial had been compromised by the judges' failure to adequately consider the U.S. government's refusal to provide evidence from an al-Qaida operative it holds in secret custody.

Motassadeq's attorneys contend that this operative and other prisoners could support their client's defense that though he was friendly with the hijackers when they lived in Hamburg prior to the assaults, he had no knowledge of what they planned.

In releasing Motassadeq Wednesday, the Hamburg court said there was no longer "urgent suspicion" that he was involved in planning the attacks. Lawyers said that may result in a retrial focusing on the lesser charge that he was a member of a terrorist organization.

The release followed disclosure of new evidence supporting his defense. At a hearing last Friday, the court was given a 2002 letter in which Said Bahaji, an alleged member of the Hamburg group who is now a fugitive, told his mother that "Mounir didn't know anything."

Motassadeq had been serving a 15-year-sentence after conviction last year on charges of membership in a terrorist organization and 3,066 counts of accessory to murder. Prosecutors had successfully argued that he paid bills and gave the hijackers other help in the plot.

The U.S. government has consistently refused to provide evidence for the cases, citing national security concerns.

ANNAN URGES WORLD TO PREVENT GENOCIDE IN AFRICA

UNITED NATIONS — Ten years after the start of the slaughter in Rwanda, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said Wednesday that the world must be prepared to take decisive action, including militarily, to prevent genocide from happening again.

Speaking to the U.N. Human Rights Commission to launch an international warning system, Annan said the world now must act in Congo and Sudan to avoid mass killing and "ethnic cleansing."

He said he would appoint a special adviser on genocide to monitor potentially explosive situations, and a humanitarian envoy would go to Sudan next week.

"Anybody who embarks on genocide commits a crime against humanity," he said. "Humanity must respond by taking action in its own defense."

President Bush echoed Annan's call for the Sudanese government to stop militias from committing atrocities against its black African communities and to allow access for aid agencies.

He said the United States would not normalize relations with Khartoum until there was peace in the country.

The warnings represent an evolution in the decade since the Rwanda massacre.

Annan's plan to prevent genocide is built around an early warning system to prevent the wars and ethnic conflicts that have the potential to escalate into genocide, and to sound the alarm when intervention is necessary to halt it.

"One of the reasons for our failure in Rwanda was that beforehand, we did not face the fact that genocide was a real possibility," he said in Geneva. "And once it started, for too long we could not bring ourselves to recognize it, or call it by name."

Annan, who was head of the U.N. peacekeeping department during its failures in Rwanda and in Bosnia, said he wants to make the eradication of genocide part of his legacy as secretary-general.

In 1999, he made the case for "humanitarian intervention" to protect people who are subject to wide-scale human rights abuses by their rulers.

Currently, U.N. peacekeepers are only authorized to maintain peace, not to stop a war, and it usually takes months to muster a force from nations willing to contribute troops.

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

U.S. considers DNA database

BY NICOLE A. SARRUBBO

Staff Reporter

A new study issued by the U.S. Department of Justice last Friday shows that some crimes, such as rape and homicide, could have been prevented if DNA samples had been taken from convicted felons and made part of a national DNA database.

Travis Pratt, criminal justice professor at Washington State University, worked on the statistical analysis part of the study and looked at the massive backlog of unsolved crimes in the United States, the reasons behind it and the extent to which additional funding could help.

Blain Rethmeier, spokesman for the U.S. Department of Justice, said the researchers surveyed law enforcement officials from all 50 states to establish the backlog of unsolved crimes in the United States.

The research found that more than 540,000 unanalyzed cases still exist in the United States, he said.

President George W. Bush has set aside \$91 million in the 2005 budget to reduce the DNA backlog in the United States, Rethmeier said.

"The use of DNA evidence has provided law enforcement the ability to solve unsolved cases," he said.

Charles Johnson, a teaching assistant at Washington State University, who conducted the qualitative portion of the DNA study, said the study was conducted over a six-month period. During that time, he worked closely with detectives discussing the bene-

fits of collecting DNA samples from convicted felons.

The study looked at different states with police personnel to find cases where DNA on file could have prevented future crimes, he said.

"If a suspect is in jail and his DNA has been taken and then he is released from the criminal justice system and commits another crime, usually rape or murder, then upon completion of his first rape or murder, if DNA had been drawn, then subsequent crimes could have been prevented," Johnson said.

Carole Johnson, executive director of Women Organized Against Rape in Philadelphia, said collecting DNA from convicted felons is beneficial because it increases the likelihood of catching the perpetrator.

DNA is what connected Center City's serial rapist to his crimes, and he is now serving a life sentence, she said.

"Not only is it a method of prevention," she said, "but also, if the person is wrongly accused, it can serve both purposes."

Dan Katz, DNA technical leader from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Delaware, said DNA is found in the cells of individuals. A comparison can be made between the DNA from the evidence to the DNA samples in the Central Database of DNA Index System.

The DNA can be obtained through blood samples and cheek swab samples, he said. In Delaware, all convicted felons are required to give a blood sample.

Claire Harwell, national training director at the Victim Rights Law Center, said the importance of DNA cannot be emphasized enough, and in one study in Colorado, more than 80 percent of defendants committed another crime.

The benefits of DNA testing, including the protection it gives to society, far outweigh the high cost of DNA testing, she said.

"Victims need to know the system will respond quickly and effectively," Harwell said.

Deborah Jacobs, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union in New Jersey, said she is part of a lawsuit that is challenging the constitutionality of a law recently passed requiring DNA collection from any kind of criminal, including non-violent crimes and juveniles.

"In New Jersey, legislators are putting tremendous resources into collecting DNA from people who shoplifted a loaf of bread or a juvenile who got into a fight," she said.

The concern is about the constitutionality of the law and how the information is going to be used since DNA contains a lot of information about a person.

Pratt said some critics have argued that DNA samples are too intrusive since they hold a lot of information.

"That political concern is offset by the potential to exonerate criminals," he said, "and the advanced ability to do justice."

"No one has a problem with fingerprinting. This [DNA sampling] is just more accurate."

Del. asks for mercury revisions

BY JESSICA ROLAND

Staff Reporter

Some U.S. senators and environmental groups are criticizing and urging the Environmental Protection Agency to re-evaluate its 2003 mercury emission regulation proposal, citing it as insufficient.

The proposal, issued in December, asked all coal-fueled power plants to cut mercury emissions by 70 percent by 2018.

Approximately 50 members of the Senate have signed a letter addressed to EPA administrator Mike Leavitt urging him to reconsider the proposal. In the letter, the senators argue the proposal "falls short of what the law requires" under the Clean Air Act.

Michelle Rodriguez, deputy press secretary for Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., said Alexander stated in a press release that it is important for the EPA to work to provide safer mercury emissions regulations throughout the country.

"The proposed rule is not enough to clean our air and protect our health," he said.

Figures in the letter were used to emphasize the growing effect of mercury contamination. A recent study released by the EPA showed that 630,000 infants born during a 12-month period in 1999 and 2000 contained unsafe blood mercury levels.

The letter also urges Leavitt to withdraw the proposed rule package and re-introduce a rule for adequate public com-

ment.

Donna Heron, spokeswoman for the EPA's Region 3 office, said the agency believes their proposal meets the regulations of the Clean Air Act.

Current regulations call for mercury emissions to be examined at new or re-modeled coal-fueled power plants in order to safely operate, she said.

The EPA's proposal is the first official proposal made to regulate mercury emissions.

After receiving criticism, the EPA proposed two alternative rules to address mercury emissions.

The "Cap and Trade Program" allows power plants to earn emission reduction credits by reducing mercury emissions to below the required level, she said.

The credits can be sold by companies to other power plants that may not be able to meet the required regulation levels, Heron said, which will ultimately help power plants to continue operating.

The EPA hopes that the free-market approach will be as successful with the mercury emissions program as it was with the acid rain program, she said. Buying credits is expensive so the EPA hopes that plants would rather sell than have to buy.

"Not only would they be able to cut air pollution," Heron said. "But they could also make money off the credits that they can sell."

The second alternative, the "Maximum Achievement Control Technology" program, requires coal-fueled power plants to meet emissions limits consistent with technology that is considered to achieve maximum results, she said. If implemented, the method would reduce nationwide mercury emissions by 30 percent by 2008.

The mercury emissions proposal will be finalized and set into action after the EPA receives and considers all public comment, Heron said.

Hearings already held in Pennsylvania, Illinois and North Carolina were packed and residents were very concerned, she said.

"They opened at 8:30 a.m. and went until around 9 p.m.," Heron said. "There was a continuous stream of people coming in at all three places."

Allen Mueller, spokesman for Green Delaware, said the group testified against the proposal because of the health problems mercury emissions have caused in Delaware, such as elevated blood mercury levels and birth defects.

The proposal needs tighter regulations, he said, but he believes the state legislature should contribute to the change.

"We really need action at the state level," he said. "Delaware's leaders need to act themselves instead of just complaining about Bush. We need a political will to act on behalf of the people."

THREE-DAY FORECAST



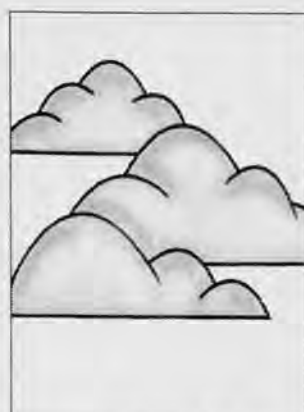
FRIDAY

Partly cloudy,
highs near 60



SATURDAY

Partly cloudy,
highs in the 50s



SUNDAY

Mostly cloudy,
highs in the 50s

— courtesy of the National Weather Service

Police Reports

PROPERTY REMOVED FROM PATRONS AT BLUE HEN LANES

An unknown person removed a wallet from a student at Blue Hen Lanes on East Main Street between approximately 10 p.m. Wednesday and 12:36 a.m. Thursday, Newark Police said.

Sgt. Rick Williams said the student placed her wallet on a table near the lane she was bowling in. When she returned, he said, the wallet was gone.

Williams said there was \$100 in the wallet, a license and student identification card.

In addition, he said, another person at the bowling lanes at a similar hour left her purse on a table.

The woman's phone and a dollar were removed, Williams said. He said it is likely the two incidents are connected.

The case will remain inactive though, Williams said, as there is no suspect information.

FRAUDULENT CHECK SENT TO NEWARK RESIDENT

A fraudulent check was mailed to a Newark resident at 12:40 p.m. Tuesday, Williams said.

The resident was trying to sell her vehicle online, he said, and received e-mail from a woman in London regarding it.

Williams said the woman claimed to be a director for a company called Yanni Automobiles and had a client who wanted to purchase the car.

The woman told the resident she had a certified cashiers check for \$11,000, he said.

Williams said she then told the resident to send her the difference of approximately \$5,000.

He said the woman sent the resident a fraudulent check for \$11,000 in an attempt to scam her.

Police have contacted City National Bank, Williams said, and the FBI are actively pursuing the case.

FLOWER SHOP BREAK-IN

An unknown person unlawfully entered Kirk's Flowers Incorporated on Ash Avenue between approximately 11 p.m. Tuesday and 6:30 a.m. Wednesday, Williams said.

Even though the rear door was unlocked, he said, it was kicked open by the intruder.

Nothing was removed from the shop, Williams said.

Damage to the door is estimated at \$250, he said.

— Stephanie Andersen

Sororities compete for crown

BY KELLY MCHUGH

Staff Reporter

Ms. Greek contestants stripped to Disney music, "swam" on stage and played the keyboard barefoot to impress judges in front of approximately 500 people Wednesday night in Clayton Hall.

Junior Steve Becker, president of Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity and an organizer for the Ms. Greek Pageant, promised the audience the event would be better than last year's.

"Last year was an awesome show, but we wanted to kick it up a notch," he said.

The announcers could barely be heard over the screaming audience members who packed into the auditorium to wave banners and cheer for their favorite of the 10 contestants.

Participants lined up on stage in their evening gowns and then proceeded to the question and answer portion of the competition.

Contestants each drew a random question, which gave them a chance to offer their opinions on pop culture.

When senior Kristen Billyer, a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority, was asked what movie she would like to appear in, she immediately answered "Super Troopers," which elicited laughter and cheers from the audience.

Responding to a question about a favorite Halloween costume, sophomore Liz Leary, a member of Delta Gamma sorority, said her ideal costume would be a leprechaun.

"Everyone would think of going as a Playboy Bunny or something, but this is surprising," she said. "Plus, I'm very Irish."

When asked which animal she would most like to ride, sophomore Amanda Crouse, a member of Gamma Sigma Sigma sorority, cracked up the audience with her response.

"Does it have to be an animal?" she said.

During the active wear competition, each contestant modeled a sports ensemble.

Sophomore Kim Dwyer, a member of



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The Ms. Greek pageant entertained approximately 500 people in Clayton Hall Wednesday. Ten contestants answered questions and displayed their talents to raise money for Special Olympics Delaware.

Alpha Xi Delta sorority, wore a tennis outfit and served a small tennis ball into the audience.

Senior Kristy Miller, a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, modeled in a snorkel and "swam" across the stage.

Between rounds of the competition, audience members scrambled to purchase tickets for their favorite contestant, which was a determining factor in deciding the winner.

Junior T.J. Morbelli, an organizer for the event, said the rules have changed since last year because the winner used to be determined solely by ticket sales.

"It's a little different now," he said. "We have a panel of judges this year."

Judges included a chapter advisor, two alumni and a member of the national Phi Sigma Kappa organization, Morbelli said.

The judges ranked the contestants, but they had to be in the top half of ticket sales in order to place.

The talent completion, the final round of the night, featured a diverse selection of performances. Crouse had to remove her heels to play selections on the keyboard, which included Billy Joel's "Piano Man."

Senior Christina Carbone, a member of Sigma Kappa sorority, danced to a mix of Disney songs and dance music, while pulling off layers of her costume.

The top three winners received prizes from the pageant's sponsors.

Miller placed third and received a gift certificate to Starbucks and Leary placed second, winning a gift certificate to Hot Tanz.

Sophomore Diana Palko, a member of Alpha Phi sorority, was crowned Ms. Greek and won a haircut and a manicure.

She said she was surprised she won. "I didn't know what to do when they called my name," she said. "It was really unexpected."

Palko said she had competed in dance competitions before but never in a pageant. She said she had big plans to celebrate her win.

"I'm going out to eat pizza," she said.

Senior Tracey Messina, a member of Sigma Kappa sorority, who attended last year, said she came to support her sorority sister.

"We came out to cheer her on and also to help the Special Olympics," she said.

Becker said the contest was open to every sorority on campus and other competing sororities included Alpha Epsilon Phi, Chi Omega and Phi Sigma Sigma.

The pageant, along with a fundraiser at Dairy Queen earlier in the week, raised more than \$1,000 for Special Olympics Delaware.

City has low unemployment

BY SHILOH ANDRUS

Staff Reporter

According to recent figures from the Delaware Department of Labor, Newark has the lowest unemployment rate in the state.

Ed Simon, acting director for the Delaware Department of Labor, said throughout 2003 and continuing into February 2004, Newark's unemployment rate remained at a steady 2.3 percent, except during the month of January.

"In January, Newark's numbers went up to 2.6, but by February they dropped back down to 2.3 percent," he said.

Simon said he believes the reason Newark has maintained a low unemployment rate is because of the university.

"Towns with universities and colleges traditionally have low unemployment since they provide lots of job opportunities," he said.

The university provides a stable employment base for the city by offering full and part-time job opportunities for students as well as local residents, Simon said.

Tom LaPenta, assistant vice president of Labor Relations at the university, said he agrees with Simon that the university generates a large amount of economic activity in Newark.

He also gives credit to research grants and said they have been a great help to the internal economy of the school as well as the local economy of Newark.

James Butkiewicz, economics professor, said Delaware currently has a strong, diverse and overall healthy economy. He also attributes Newark's low rates of unemployment to the existence of the university.

"It's important to understand colleges and university towns often have low unemployment rates and are less affected by economic downturn because they continually admit students," he said.

There are some places in Delaware, Butkiewicz said, that are not as affected by the rise and fall of the economy as harshly as others.

"In Southern Delaware, we have the agriculture and recreational opportunities that keep the economy strong," he said. "In the north we rely on financial services as well as heavy industrial plants that are cyclically sensitive and help the economy."

While Newark's numbers have remained stable, Wilmington and Dover have both seen significant declines in unemployment.

In January Wilmington's unemployment rate rose to an all-time high of 6 percent, Simon said, and then dropped back down to 4.3 percent in February.

Dover's unemployment fell to 3.8 percent in February, he said, compared to February 2003 when its unemployment reached 4.5 percent.

At 3.4 percent, Delaware is tied for the third lowest unemployment rate in the country, Simon said.

"Delaware's unemployment rate had been low for some time, but the state was not experiencing job growth," he said. "Now we are seeing job growth and that has helped our numbers a lot."

Tom Stengle, analyst for the U.S. Department of Labor, said a survey taken last Friday indicates the national unemployment rate has risen from 5.6 percent to 5.7 percent.

He said Delaware's low unemployment rate could be attributed to having better job opportunities than in other states.

"When there is an equal amount of available jobs for available workers, you get a better economy," Stengle said, "and Delaware does have a strong economy."

Newark to review reservoir plan

BY MELISSA COX

Staff Reporter

The Newark City Council has called for an independent review of the city's reservoir plans to determine whether or not the reservoir is safe.

Mayor Harold F. Godwin said at least one engineering company has been hired to investigate the safety of the reservoir designed by URS Corporation.

In order to keep the investigation completely independent, however, the city's attorneys have not disclosed to Newark officials which engineering companies have been hired to lead the critique of the reservoir.

Godwin said he has faith in URS's engineering expertise and wishes to verify through further investigation that the design is safe.

"We trust URS," he said. "However, we think that it's prudent to have the plan critiqued to get a second accurate and complete critique of URS's design."

The decision to launch an independent investigation came on the heels of a pending lawsuit filed by Donald M. Durkin Contracting against the city and URS.

According to Carol Houck, city assistant administrator, Durkin was hired to build the reservoir behind Timothy's Restaurant off of Paper Mill Road, but Durkin failed to complete the project, claiming that the inner slopes of the reservoir posed a hazard.

"Durkin said that they could not build it as designed," she said.

Houck said Durkin left the reservoir site unfinished in September 2003 and in January, the City Council terminated its contract with the company. Durkin is currently suing the city and URS for wrongful termination.

She said the results of the independent review are intended to reassure the community of the reservoir's safety and will not be used in court against Durkin's claims.

Both Godwin and Houck said they stand by the safety of the reservoir.

Houck explained that a liner and a drainage system were installed for extra security. A dam safety specialist approved the plans even though Delaware law does not make such a review mandatory.

Godwin said despite all of the safety precautions, he said he does not know why Durkin failed to complete the reservoir as planned.

"It seems odd that he would agree to this design, but then he gets three-fourths through the job and he says that he can't finish it the way it's designed," Godwin said. "It raises suspicions in my mind."

After several requests, Durkin Contracting and URS Corporation declined to comment. Durkin's lawyer declined to comment due to the inability to discuss pending litigations.

Steven Dentel, environmental engineering professor and chairperson of the Newark Conservation Advisory Commission, stated in an e-mail message that in 1998, the CAC advised against a Newark-based reservoir, but the City Council approved the construction of a reservoir larger than the one originally proposed.

"While the added volume is not directly responsible for the construction issues," Dentel said, "it may have added to both economic and design constraints."

Despite these setbacks, Godwin said he is determined to complete the reservoir project by the end of the year.

"We started this reservoir project with a mission in mind: to ensure that Newark's water supply is drought-proof," he said. "We are going to get this finished."

Local residents may participate in cancer study

BY MEREDITH MCCARTY

Staff Reporter

Approximately 1,200 cancer survivors in Delaware will soon be contacted by the American Cancer Society to participate in the National Quality of Life Study.

Betsy Cromartie, project coordinator for the American Cancer Society South Atlantic Division, said approximately 160 Newark citizens will be among the 1,200 Delaware residents contacted for the study.

These people had to have been living in Newark during the time of their cancer diagnosis, she said. It is possible some may be living elsewhere now.

"Ideally we would love to get consent from all 1,200," she said. "There is no maximum amount we will take."

The National Quality of Life Study's goal is to learn more about cancer survivors' quality of life and the needs and concerns they may have after surviving this disease, Cromartie said.

"We encourage people to help others out by sharing information on their lives," she said.

If a survivor gives his or her consent to take part in the study, they will receive a questionnaire to fill out, Cromartie said.

The information on the questionnaire deals with issues of physical health, quality of life, social support, mental health and spirituality, she said.

The information will be compiled and the results will help the American Cancer Society to plan new programs about what it's like for cancer survivors, Cromartie said.

The results of the study may also be beneficial for oncology professionals who work with cancer patients and survivors, she said.

Natalie Dyke, manager of corporate communications for Christiana Care, said her office treats approximately 60 percent of newly diagnosed cancer patients in Delaware, both in and out-patient.

"There are about 2,700 newly diagnosed patients per year," Dyke said.

The diagnosed patients include both Delaware residents and patients from surrounding areas who receive treatment at Christiana Care, she said.

The number of current cancer patients will change within the year because of those that enter into remission, Dyke said, but there is no way to predict whether a patient's cancer will go away.

Cromartie said the National Quality of Life Study will begin within the next few weeks.

The American Cancer Society, along with the Delaware Division of Public Health's cancer registry, are the two organization's primarily involved in the study.

Survivors will receive voluntary enrollment information about the study very soon, she said, and they can decide for themselves whether or not they want to participate in the study.

"The acceptance is just dependent upon who will be interested," Cromartie said.

Besides Delaware, 15 other states were chosen to be part of the study, she said. In total, approximately 10,000 people will be contacted to take part in the study nationwide.

The American Cancer Society and the Delaware Division of Public Health will protect the confidentiality of those who participate in the study.

The Cancer Care Connection is a non-profit organization that provides support and information for cancer patients and survivors.

Carol Deputy, care specialist at the Cancer Care Connection, would not comment on its clients' involvement in the study due to confidentiality policies.

Kerry searches for running mate

BY RACHEL CIRONE

Staff Reporter

Just like playing the saxophone on late-night television can get you a spot in the limelight, a la former president Bill Clinton, so too can holding your "VP-stakes" early.

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., announced this week he plans to pick a winner of the vice presidential sweepstakes within the next two months.

Joe Rupert, founder of Delawareans for Kerry, a grassroots organization, said he thinks there are three potential candidates: Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., and New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson.

Kerry has appointed James Johnson to aid in the selection of a running mate, which he said is more beneficial than Kerry carrying out the process himself.

Richardson could gain Kerry the Latin-American vote, Rupert said.

"Edwards balances out Kerry's personality flaws," Rupert said.

Lee Sigelman, political science professor at George Washington University, said Graham would help Kerry get Florida's vote, which is something former vice president Al Gore needed in the previous presidential election.

Jerome Maddox, political science professor at the University of Pennsylvania,

said Kerry's choice for a running mate is important for two reasons: It indicates his way of thinking and either helps or hinders his campaign.

The effectiveness of the running mate's campaigning skills is important to the success of the campaign, he said.

In choosing a running mate early, Maddox said the campaign would quickly gain more media attention.

"He's had a hard time getting any," he said.

People tend to spend a lot of time reviewing potential candidates for running mate, he said. This is a guaranteed way of getting national coverage all the time.

Jason Mycoff, political science and international relations professor, said the media attempts to guess Kerry's running mate will give him more attention.

"The idea is that it's a parlor game," he said.

Kerry will also benefit by gaining another person who can campaign for him, Mycoff said.

Kathy Roeder, spokeswoman for John Kerry for President, said having a running mate early will help to amplify Kerry's message.

"It will double the ability of the campaign to talk to people," she said.

Rupert said choosing the right vice-pres-

idential candidate is important. For example, former president John F. Kennedy could not have won the 1960 presidential election without former vice president Lyndon B. Johnson as his running mate.

In Gore's 2000 presidential campaign, he had a four to five point surge when he made his selection for running mate, he said.

Mycoff said there are disadvantages to choosing a running mate early. Once the candidate is picked, President George W. Bush's side can attack him, which could work against Kerry's campaign.

Michael Krueger, executive director of the College Republican National Committee, said choosing a running mate within the next eight weeks is just a way for Kerry to get free positive press coverage.

"He is probably desperate for some good news," he said.

Krueger said he is not worried by any of the potential candidates Kerry is choosing from.

"Cheney is of a stature far beyond the names mentioned," he said. "If he's smart he'll look for someone strong on national defense and cutting taxes."

Sigelman said choosing the right candidate is not the most critical issue, since voters do not base their decisions on who will be the vice president.

TV may be responsible for attention problems

BY BENJAMIN ANDERSEN

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Blame it on Blues Clues.

Television viewing among 1 to 3-year-old children causes permanent attention problems later in life, according to a study released Monday.

The study, performed by the Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center in Seattle, found that watching television at a young age increases the risk of attention problems such as Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder by 10 percent.

Obesity and violent behavior were also problems the study found were related to television viewing among youths.

Dimitri Christakis, pediatrics professor at the University of Washington, who led the study, said synapses in children's brains are apt to change because of over-stimulation caused by television programs.

Young children were chosen for the study because their brains have not yet been fully formed, he said.

"We know the newborn brain continues to form in the first few years," Christakis said.

Studies involving television-like stimulation in infant rats suggest a developing human brain could be affected by television, he said.

Parents of the children studied were asked to report attention problems,

Christakis said.

Although problems were reported, he said, he did not know how many children were eventually diagnosed with ADHD.

"To diagnose a child with ADHD is a clinical diagnosis," Christakis said. "You need information from doctors and parents. We only have information from parents."

He said ADHD is the most common behavioral disorder among children, affecting between 4 and 12 percent nationwide.

Amy Damico, communication professor at Endicott College, who teaches a class in children's television, said she doubts television creates all of the

attention problems common among children.

"The idea of media use causing something else is problematic," she said.

Damico said the American Association of Pediatrics recommended in 1999 that children under 2 years old should not watch television.

However, she said this is not feasible, so parents should try to limit the amount their children watch. Watching educational programming is also preferable.

Ranny Levy, president of the Quality Children's Television Fund, said she believes the research is accurate, but small amounts of television are

good for children.

"It's like my grandmother used to say: 'Everything in moderation.' Whether it's chocolate, alcohol or driving speed," she said.

While educational programming is preferable, Levy said children should watch age-appropriate programs.

"It's getting a little bit out of control," she said.

Levy said while watching an R-rated movie recently, she saw a 4-year-old child run out of the theater only to be dragged back in by her parents.

"It really comes back to the issue of responsible parenting," she said.

Field House hosts Olympics

BY NICK NEBORAK

Staff Reporter

The David M. Nelson Athletic Complex Field House was filled with the sounds of laughter, cheers and bouncing basketballs Tuesday afternoon as the Special Olympics Delaware held its annual Basketball Skills Event for New Castle County.

Delaware basketball Head Coach Dave Henderson opened the ceremonies to a resounding drum-roll as Special Olympic athletes from across Northern Delaware showcased their abilities in basketball events such as the 10-meter dribble, target pass and the 10-foot spot shot in front of a large crowd of family, coaches, volunteers and others during the skills event.

Heather Hirschman, director of public relations for Special Olympics Delaware, said the basketball skills competition is a non-sponsored event that was formally coupled with the Special Olympic basketball team tournament.

Last year was the first time the skills competition was introduced as a separate event because of the growth of the Special Olympic Program, she said.

Due to the 450 athletes participating, it had to be set in two different locations to accommodate the strict time constraints school programs have with their buses and other student activities, Hirschman said.

Delaware State University's Memorial Hall hosted the event for Kent and Sussex County participants Wednesday.

The event consisted of three different categories for the children. The 6 and 7-year-olds can earn participation credit for their program but are only involved in demonstrations.

The 8-year-old divisions can compete and earn medals, Hirschman said. There are also individual skills for those new to the game as well as team skills for children who are beyond the individual training but not ready for team competition.

The event is open to any Special Olympic athletes who are interested in basketball without the added pressure of competing as a team, she said. It is primarily younger athletes involved in school-based programs, but there are some older children and community-based programs that take part as well.

Participants have to be registered in the Special Olympics and it is also required the athletes take physicals.

Once cleared to play, the athletes are placed in a training program, which last approximately eight to 10 weeks, to hone their basketball skills, Hirschman said. Preliminary scores are later sent to the Special Olympics and the top eight candidates are chosen for their division to partake in the



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Special Olympics Delaware held a Skills event at the Field House Tuesday, hosting child athletes from across New Castle County.

activities.

The coaches who volunteer are often teachers the athletes are familiar with from school and after-school programs.

Matthew Kupelian, program director and coach for Baltz Elementary athletes, said the whole event is wonderful, and the children love participating in it every year.

This event gives the athletes an opportunity to compete with peers of their own ability level, he said.

Kupelian said he made sure that he gave his players enough time to practice so they were not intimidated during the event.

"You're supposed to have eight to 10 practices before the

event, but we practiced more than that," Kupelian said. "We practiced about every week so when the kids got here they were not overwhelmed by the excitement."

Senior Abbey Steel volunteered with others from the university to encourage the athletes with cheers and high-fives.

"I volunteer because I think it's a great idea to get involved with the kids and have them see older kids supporting them," she said.

Hirschman said the event ran very smoothly and having the parents and family come out to support the large group of athletes made it a little more exciting.

"This is why I work for the Special Olympics, to watch our athletes and the excitement that they have," she said. "Not only are they playing a fun sport and competing, but they have a goal to do this and have been practicing for this."

Steel also felt the event went well because all the children seemed to be having the time of their lives.

"I think as long as the kids are having fun it's a good time for everybody," she said. "The best times are when one of the kids tries so hard to make a basket and all of the sudden it goes in. When you see the look on their face it makes it all worth it."

College Dems host Council president

BY JESSICA ROLAND

Staff Reporter

More than 30 students learned how to distinguish a donkey from an elephant Tuesday night at a discussion sponsored by College Democrats in Gore Hall.

Christopher Coons, New Castle County Council president, explained the general characteristics of Democrats and Republicans to an attentive audience.

After a few icebreakers, Coons asked the students to name the major issues in political debates. He drew a chart on the board with their responses, which included education, taxes, need and security.

Coons asked the audience to explain what position each party generally takes on each issue. One student tried to pinpoint the issue of taxes by explaining that Republicans cut taxes, even in times of deficit, whereas Democrats raise taxes to create revenue.

"Is it that simple, folks?" he asked. "President Clinton ran on cutting taxes for the middle class."

He explained parties do not always take completely opposing stances on issues. For example, with the issue of taxes, both parties generally want to cut taxes. The difference, according to Coons, is Republicans typically cut taxes for the rich, whereas Democrats cut taxes for the poor.

Coons said at age 18 he registered as a Republican since his family expected him to do so. He was active in college politics as a Republican student.

Coons said his experiences studying in Africa made him question his political views, especially concerning the rich and the poor.

"I had been raised to believe that if you were poor it was because you were lazy and stupid, right?" he said. "That's how the poor deserve to be poor. That's how the rich justify being rich."

"That's how Republicans are comfortable."

Coons explained that his roommate was a



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Christopher Coons, New Castle County Council president, discusses the complexities of political party positioning on social and economic issues on campus Tuesday.

poor, yet hardworking tribesman who worked eight hours a day to make 20 cents an hour.

"This guy wasn't rich, but he sure wasn't stupid, and he sure wasn't lazy," he said. "He worked harder than I did, and he was incredibly articulate and engaging, and from that little wedge grew a great big crack."

Coons said he returned to the United States as a Democrat, much to the dismay of his Republican grandmother.

The remainder of the discussion focused on Coon's position as county council president, including his duties, his role and why he considers himself appealing to voters.

"The average voter doesn't give a rat's behind about what our policy is toward Rwanda," he said. "What they care about is: Do you ask them for their vote? Do you remember that you met them? Do you help care for their kids and spouses? That's what politics is really about."

Coons said he was happy to be a part of the discussion because it allowed him to hear the concerns of young Democrats.

Sophomore Annie Arreola said she was glad to be actively involved in politics.

"The apathy of politics on campus really grosses me out," she said. "People think, 'These issues don't affect me,' but that's just silly. Everything that we decide or don't decide affects us."

Junior Larry Walker, president of College Democrats, said the group tries to have a speaker at least once a week.

"It's important because students need contact with politicians so they understand the issues," he said. "It makes the club more unified."

U.S. may offer more job training

BY SARAH DUSSAULT

Staff Reporter

President George W. Bush announced his plan to double the number of people receiving federal job training assistance during a speech Monday at a community college in North Carolina.

Appearing at Central Piedmont Community College, President Bush said he wants to raise the number of workers receiving job training from 206,000 to 412,000 next year by maximizing available federal dollars.

The funding for the program will rely on the \$250 million Bush proposed in the State of the Union address to help community colleges train 100,000 additional workers, he said.

Additional money will not be added to the program but will force state governments to decrease their spending on administrative expenses related to job training, Bush said.

James Butkiewicz, economics professor, said he thinks Bush is revamping the federally funded job training programs because as other countries are beginning to open up to the global market, foreign workers are willing to work for less money than U.S. citizen workers.

"Given that he wants to expand the number of trained workers without spending more money is an excellent notion," he said, "but it may be a difficult task administratively."

The major areas the program would affect are fields where technical skills are needed such as high technology or health care, Butkiewicz said.

"The nation's current unemployment rate of 5.7 percent is not a very high number," he said. "It only seems high in relation to a few years ago."

Jack Townsend, director of the Career Services Center at the university, said job-training programs are usually for individuals without a college degree, and they usually do not include higher education programs.

"[Bush's proposal] will not have much effect on the university," Townsend said. "People who leave high school without a skill will benefit more so than a college educated individual."

Only 25 percent of the national population is college educated, which may be hard to realize living on a large college campus, he said.

A spokesman for the Employment and Training Administration said citizens must call their state department of labor and make an appointment to talk with a counselor in order to be approved for funding.

"We get a lot of people calling that are upset about the training, saying that it is for mediocre type work," he said.

Bush said the federal program spends \$4 million per year on job training but in 2003, only 206,000 workers received training.

"The money needs to be sent directly to the governors," Bush said. "Let the governors distribute the money to programs which actually are training people for jobs which exist."

City plans spring cleanup

BY JIA DIN

Staff Reporter

Volunteers are getting ready to spruce up their neighborhoods at the annual community clean up day April 24.

Sharon Bruen, recreation supervisor for the Newark Department of Parks and Recreation, said the annual clean up began in 1999 and has been successful in past years.

"The goal is to help clean the city and to promote environmental awareness," she said.

The event is organized by Newark Parks and Recreation and is usually scheduled on the Saturday closest to Earth Day, Bruen said.

Earth Day, observed every April 22 since 1970, is an annual celebration of environmental awareness held on a national and local level.

Bruen said all work accomplished during the community clean up is done by volunteers who donate their time and effort to pick up trash that has been discarded in public areas around Newark.

Volunteers meet at the city's municipal building on Elkton Road at 9 a. m. and proceed to tidy up various parks and streets, she said.

Companies such as the DaimlerChrysler Newark Assembly Plant and DuPont Dow sponsor the clean up, Bruen said.

Tom Webster, environmental specialist for the DaimlerChrysler Newark Assembly Plant, said the company has sponsored the community clean up every year since it first began.

DaimlerChrysler solicits volunteers from the plant, contributes gloves for volunteers and provides monetary donations, he said.

Bruen said the number of areas cleaned depends on how many people volunteer, but Christina Parkway and Elkton Road are always included in the clean up.

Councilman John Farrell, District 1, said volunteer events like this are important for the environment and also community members.

"When people come out to do this, they want to do something for their neighbors and for their city," he said. "That is the spirit that Newark has."

Bruen said more than 200 people usually volunteer for the community clean up.

Every year, approximately two truckloads full of trash are taken to the landfill after volunteers finish, she said.

Councilman Jerry Clifton, District 2, said pride in Newark's appearance is clearly important for many volunteers who participate in the clean up.

"Newark has a lot to be proud of in its cleanliness," he said.

Farrell said annual community clean ups provide people with a chance to come together and do something helpful for the environment.

"People want to do this," he said. "This is a chance for anyone with a few spare hours to roll up their sleeves, put on a pair of gloves and do something for their community."

UD students help landscape Emmaus house

BY DANIELLE RABIN

Staff Reporter

Students in the plants and soil sciences department recently had an opportunity to participate in a hands-on experience with landscape design.

James Kent, president of the Newark Morning Rotary Club, said with the club's centennial in 2005, the national headquarters has proposed each organization do something extraordinary.

Kent, a health and exercise sciences professor, said he, along with the Newark community, initiated the idea of a cooperative project.

The club purchased the Emmaus House on Continental Avenue, which is currently undergoing a major expansion

project, he said.

While the house received major funding for expanding and remodeling, Kent said the temporary shelter for homeless women and children did not receive funding for unnecessary services like landscaping.

He said he approached Carol Krawczyk, plants and soil sciences professor, because he did not know anything about landscaping and design.

Kent said this could be an opportunity to provide students with hands-on experience because the house is close to campus.

"The students could easily get to the house so they could come up with an appropriate landscaping purchasing

design and order within the \$6,000 budget," he said.

Krawczyk stated in an e-mail message she likes to provide her students enrolled in an independent study course with projects that can be built or installed.

Many students have taken courses in design, plant identification, construction and drawing, she said.

"Students are looking for projects that test their creativity and advance their experience," Krawczyk said. "The Emmaus House project is such an example."

She said service-based projects help build community ties between the university and the public.

Nancy Berry, co-executive director of the Emmaus House, said everyone working there was excited about being approached by the club.

"They were extremely enthusiastic about the project and we needed the help," she said.

Berry said a beautiful garden is essential for this child-friendly property.

With the recent construction, all of the flower bulbs had to be dug up, but she said they will continue their year-round garden.

"One time, a child brought home flowers for his mother from a neighbor's garden and we made him give them back," Berry said. "We want flow-

ers for the children to present to their mothers."

Kent said the target date for the completion of the garden is the last weekend in April, depending on the weather and when the students finish their projects.

"We can't wait for spring," he said. "We want to provide an attractive exterior to support the good works that are going on inside the house."

Kent said the Rotary Club focuses on international, community and vocational service.

"We are a bunch of good folk who do a bunch of good deeds," he said.

Filesharing does not affect sales, study says

BY GRETA KNAPP

Staff Reporter

File sharing has no impact on record sales, a recent study found.

Despite a 15 percent drop in American record sales reported by the Recording Industry Association of America between 2000 and 2002, the study, released on March 29 by two professors, maintains that downloaders may not be at fault.

The study found file sharers rarely download entire albums, opting instead for just one or two popular songs.

Based on this information, the study found it was unlikely downloaders would have ever purchased the CD.

According to the study, less than 50 percent of songs on a Billboard Top Chart album are ever downloaded, and 75 percent of the songs on the album are downloaded no more than twice.

The study was conducted in a period of 17 weeks in 2002 by Felix Oberholzer-Gee, Harvard Business School professor, and Koleman Strumpf, University of North Carolina — Chapel Hill economics professor.

Strumpf said file sharing alone is not responsible for the RIAA's recent plight because there was no relationship found between the number of times an album is downloaded and its sales.

After observing the file sharing activity of more than 680 albums, he said he and Oberholzer-Gee were able to use a statistical technique known as data regression to estimate the relation between downloading and sales.

"At the end of the day, what this regression does is give a specific number of how many downloads it takes to lead to one less sale," Strumpf said.

They found reducing the sales of a single album would require at least 5,000 downloads, he said, which means file sharing is responsible for the loss of only 2 million album sales in 2002. This is a fraction of the actual 139 million lost between 2000 and 2002.

Although the study stated that file sharing poses no overall effect on the recording industry, popular CDs benefit from downloading. At the same time, smaller releases may suffer from a negative effect on sales.

Strumpf said this negative effect is inconsequential to overall record sales. Drawing from research he conducted on small bands, which included interviewing bands and reviewing numerous articles on the topic, smaller releases are rarely profitable for the company or the band.

Even if smaller bands face a decline in sales, most of their income comes from ticket sales at concerts and merchandise.

The study offered several explanations for the shrinking number of CD sales. The reasons include more competition from video games and DVDs, a fewer number of album releases and backlash against the recent lawsuits filed by the RIAA against known file sharers.

Jason Schultz, staff attorney for the Electronic

Frontier Foundation, an organization dedicated to protecting freedoms related to technology, said the study's findings illustrate the RIAA's poor management of the downloading issue.

"When the RIAA sues people for file sharing, they claim that the fines should be up to \$150,000 per song that you download," he said. "It seems a little outrageous that they would demand that much money when studies suggest they may not be losing any money at all."

Schultz said he does not believe people will ever completely stop file sharing, so the RIAA needs to find a better solution than filing lawsuits.

"I don't know any business school that would give you a passing grade in a course where your business plan was to sue the people you're trying to impress and convince to buy your product," he said.

If approached correctly, Schultz said, downloading could become a potentially profitable source of income for the record industry.

With 60 million downloaders in United States today, the RIAA could make \$300 million per month if they charged everyone a \$5 monthly fee for unlimited legal file sharing.

"I think it could be a tremendous opportunity for the recording companies," he said, "but they're going to have to turn around their approach and work with the technology instead of fighting against it."

Amy Weiss, RIAA senior communications vice president, stated in a memo that she questioned the legitimacy of the study's results.

She said the results were released before being evaluated by independent economists and a number of other recent studies have contradicted these findings.

Weiss said the time covered in the study was too short to be fully representative of the effect file sharing has had over the years.

The results might also be skewed, she said, because some of the study was conducted during the Christmas season, which is traditionally a time of increased record sales.

Strumpf said complications such as Christmas season sales were overlooked during the original study, and he and Oberholzer-Gee plan to recalculate some of the results in order to account for this oversight.

"It's something we didn't think about as hard as we should of," he said. "We're re-running our results to see what happens, but my guess is it is not going to change much."

Lee Dickerson, manager of Bert's Records on East Main Street, said the store's record sales have not noticeably decreased since file sharing began.

He said he thinks if consumers are interested in the entire album they will buy it legally.

"Whether or not they can download the whole album or just a few songs, they eventually come in to get the real thing with the artwork," he said. "Most people are like 'yeah, well, I like it but I want to get the real thing.'"

Multiculturalism critical in higher education

BY SARA STREETER

Staff Reporter

The director of the Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity, who is also a professor of international affairs at Columbia University, lectured on the topic of multiculturalism Wednesday night in the Trabant University Center theatre.

Gary Okihiro was selected from the university's Asian Heritage Council to explain "Why Multiculturalism Matters."

He described before an audience of more than 20 people about multiculturalism as being mainly about power, and he said multicultural differences started with a critique of higher education in the United States.

Okihiro said higher education is significant because it is not just a part of society but also functions as a social order of race, gender and other values.

"[Multiculturalism] has had little transformative effect on the academy because higher education has resisted its influences and the field has failed to mount a persuasive case," Okihiro said.

Okihiro recalled the after-effects of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on racial minorities, especially Arabs and people of Asian descent, when racial tensions emerged and communi-

ties of people were subjected to physical and emotional attacks.

Some Pakistani and Asian communities in New York have nearly disbanded, fleeing the country, he said.

Since Sept. 11, many minority individuals have been consciously making decisions to sacrifice certain cultural aspects in order to sustain their own personal safety while they are under the United States' close watch, he said.

Okihiro also pointed out that multiculturalism is more than simply a black and white issue.

He cited *Mendez v. Westminster School District* in 1946, which came before the famous *Brown v. Board of Education, Topeka, Kansas* in 1954, as breaking civil ground for non-black minorities.

"How can you possibly apprehend the U.S. racial formation if understood solely as a matter of black and white?" Okihiro asked.

He delved into history that strayed from distinctive black and white conflicts and events.

Okihiro described other tribulations in minority history, like the Hampton Institute in Virginia, which was a school for American Indian children.

He discussed the negative

effects of placing American Indian children in the school in order to force them to assimilate to European culture and society.

Okihiro said the university needs multiculturalism, but, like democracy, is something that will be struggled over.

Multiculturalism is not just about understanding oneself, he said, it's about understanding society.

Junior Carson Henry, a class representative for the Black Student Union, said he feels the university needs to push toward a more diverse campus.

"[I attended the event] because multiculturalism in any form affects society as a whole," he said.

He said he was interested in Okihiro's discussion on how multiculturalism went beyond race issues in the struggle for power in society.

Freshman Angel Quezada heard about the talk through HOLA.

He said he was interested in Okihiro's opinion on issues of multiculturalism and will probably attend more of the multicultural events.

This event is part of the university's office of multicultural programs' celebration of Asian heritage, which will continue into May.



THE REVIEW/Jessica Sitkoff

In honor of April's National Poetry Month, 18 local writers' work is on display at Caffé Gelato on Main Street.

Caffé Gelato hosts poets

BY JENNI WRIGHT

Staff Reporter

April marks National Poetry Month, and with the work of 18 locally-renowned Delaware poets on display, the month long celebration is in full swing in Newark.

English professor and Delaware Poet Laureate Fleda Brown, as well as novelist Julianna Baggott, had the privilege to choose the poetry that is being displayed at Caffé Gelato on East Main Street.

Brown said she is excited with this innovative way of showcasing poetry in a new venue.

"I think displaying poetry for people to see as they eat is a new idea," Brown said.

She said Gov. Ruth Ann Minner commissioned her in 2002 to be poet laureate, and this is her first time displaying her poems to the local community.

"This is actually my first time showing the public my work," she said. "I usually put all my poems in books."

Poet laureate is a position of knowledge and talent recognized by the governor and maintained until a new person is appointed.

Ryan German, owner of Caffé Gelato, said he has been displaying local art in his restaurant since its inception in 2000. However, he is pleased to join in the celebration of National Poetry Month.

"I think it is a really good way of introducing art, and this month poetry, to the public and give them a different venue than it is normally shown in," German said. "Maybe some of the folks who come in here have not ever been into a gallery, but

now they can see work that is normally only shown in galleries."

Laura Scanlan, director of Delaware Division of the Arts, said she is delighted with Brown's accomplishments.

Scanlan said she feels Brown was a wise nominee for the state to choose as poet laureate.

"Fleda Brown is a wonderful candidate to be poet laureate," she said. "Her poetry appeals to many age groups and covers many human experiences."

Scanlan said the poetry displayed could be enjoyed by a wide variety of people, as it ranges in topic from human experiences to ones reminiscent of childhood.

Brown said the act of writing poetry is quite tedious. However that does not seem to have affected her productivity, as she recently published her fifth book.

"You have to craft your art, just as anyone has to do to become good at something," she said.

German said the reason for putting poetry on display in Caffé Gelato is the hope that once people actually have the time to sit down, they will take notice of the art around them.

"The idea is, with lives as busy as they are, people don't have time for the finer things in life: poetry and art," he said. "So by hanging poetry in restaurants maybe they can use that extra second to read it."

Brown's poem, as well as works of the 17 others, will remain on display throughout the month.

Del. may change crime database access policy

BY CHRISTOPHER MOORE

Staff Reporter

Media and residents in Delaware may no longer have access to the names of arresting officers in the state's criminal justice database due to an amendment passed in the state Senate last Thursday.

The provision would allow for the omission of the arresting officers' names. It would assign a special code in place of their names but would give the public access to information including location of arrests and acts that did not lead to convictions.

Lt. Joseph Aviola, spokesman for Delaware State Police, said the database is extremely helpful during investigations.

"This is where we get information on possible suspects," he said.

Concealing the names of police officers is a safety issue and eliminates the possibility of revealing names of those working undercover, he said.

Beth Welch, spokeswoman for the Delaware Justice Information System, said The Wilmington News Journal contest-

ed the amendment in January.

However, she said this is a fair compromise.

David Ledford, executive editor of The Wilmington News Journal, said the media should serve the public as a watchdog.

"I understand that there is a personal safety issue though," he said.

There should be a light shown on records to prove evidence of accountability, especially if a citizen feels they have been mishandled in a police investigation, he said.

Steve Wood, Delaware state prosecutor, said he thinks the amendment is reasonable.

"There has to be a balance between the safety of police officers and the public's access to sources in order to show how the criminal justice system works," he said.

It is vital to ensure the security of Delaware's police officers, Wood said, especially in instances when identity has to be concealed during investigations.

He also said maintaining the freedom citizens have to access public records is just as important.

"The information is already available to anyone, good or bad," Wood said.

Interest in the database has ranged from media studies of arrest patterns to potential criminals seeking retribution.

"The scribe, the scholar or the scoundrel, this information can be obtained by any of them," he said.

Wood said the attorney general's office understands that media and academic institutions study the workings of the Delaware criminal system, but that does not diminish the need to make revisions to the databases content.

If the amendment passes through the House, changes could be made as soon as next month, provided Gov. Ruth Ann Minner signs it into law.

Ledford said he sees the difficulty that may result from these changes for both journalists and the public.

"I think the newspapers may have to work harder now," he said. "This is not just an issue with news organizations — this is an issue for everyone."

Students debate gay marriage

BY NATALIE TORENTINOS

Staff Reporter

Students participated in a heated open debate about gay marriage on Wednesday at the Perkins Student Center to voice their opinions on the issue and listen to each other's arguments.

The discussion was co-sponsored by Civil Liberties Union and Secular Student Alliance.

Senior Jonah Schwartz, vice president of SSA, was adamant about his position of supporting gay marriage.

He said he saw no reason for its controversy because he thinks marriage is a right for everyone.

"I think it's a real tragedy that something this fundamental is a topic of debate," he said. "We have more important things to worry about."

More than 35 states have introduced legislation this year with the goal of preserving the definition of marriage to be between a man and a woman.

Massachusetts in particular has received attention for ordering legislation to allow same-sex marriages but is considering an

amendment reversing the court order.

Schwartz said the student discussion tended to sway in favor of gay marriage and the side in opposition needed more representation.

Senior Jack McCloy was the enthusiastic, lone conservative of the discussion.

Despite the lack of support for his position, he said he has a love for debating and gave rationale for his stance against gay marriage.

"The only reason is there's not enough statistical evidence to show children of gay couples turn out as well," he said. "If you can show me there's not a statistical difference, I'm for it."

The question of adopted children's welfare when raised by gay couples was a major topic within the group.

McCloy claimed statistics have shown that a homosexual family environment is not as healthy as a heterosexual one.

Nancy Edwards, an individual and family studies instructor, said living with gay or lesbian parents can be enriching to children.

She defended this statement by saying gay couples work hard to create a comfortable

environment for their children in a society that still holds reservations.

"If we can all be supportive of them," she said, "then children will grow up with less of a bias."

The group recognized that children's perspectives will be critical to the future of the issue in the United States.

Senior Adam Twersky, vice president of CLU, was optimistic about future generations and their tolerance toward different sexual orientations.

"Younger people are in favor of equality for everyone," he said. "As for now, the older generations are realizing that."

Senior Kristin Ricciardone, a member of CLU, was pessimistic about progressive movements on the issue of gay marriage.

She said that if our governing body was moving to ban gay marriage, then there is little room for hope.

Twersky said the importance of the discussion does not lie in promoting one view over the other, but formulating one.

"It's better to have an opinion against gay marriage," he said, "than to be indifferent."

Sexual activity not affected by access to EC

BY COREY MUNCH

Staff Reporter

Teenagers who have the morning-after pill on hand are no more likely to participate in unprotected sexual activity than those who do not have the pill, a study released on March 31 found.

Melanie Gold, pediatrics professor at the University of Pittsburgh and leader of the study, said the teenagers who had the pill in her study were two times more likely to use it after unprotected sex because of its availability. They also reported taking it up to 12 hours quicker than the teenagers who did not have it in their possession.

"We wanted to see whether people would be more likely to abandon other forms of contraceptives if emergency contraception was readily available," she said. "Our study found that they did not."

However, there was one surprising outcome of the study, Gold said. The teenagers who had the pill reported a much higher rate of condom usage during their sexual encounters during and after the study.

The Food and Drug Administration had approved the initial application to make the emergency contraceptive Plan B available without a prescription but delayed a final decision following an outcry from conservative groups and from members of Congress.

Sharon Kaplan, a represen-

tative for Planned Parenthood of Delaware said the study shows teens are being responsible when it comes to sex, and making the morning-after pill easily accessible only encourages further responsibility.

"I think it's a very good thing and [the product] should be over the counter," she said.

Wendy Wright, senior policy director for The Concerned Women for America, said emergency contraception has been promoted as something that will help women, but her organization believes it will do just the opposite because it puts them at risk.

In Thailand, where the pill was made available without a prescription several years ago, the main buyers are men who do not want to use condoms, she said. They then slip the pill to the woman without her knowledge.

This poses other health risks to the woman if they have another condition, such as diabetes, which makes taking the pill dangerous, she said. There have also been no studies done on the effects of multiple uses, and how the high dose of hormones affects a woman's body over several doses.

The pill could also be purchased by rapists who want to cover their crime, Wright said.

"The issue is not who buys it, but who it is given to," Wright said.

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Group to focus on women's leadership

BY MIKE HARTNETT
Staff Reporter

The Women's Leadership Organization, a new student group at the university, will promote awareness of women's issues and the advancement of leadership opportunities for women, beginning this month.

The organization was created during the Women's Leadership Series in March. The series discussed women's issues and how to develop leadership skills.

Senior Stephanie Raible, vice president of the group, said there was a positive response from many students who participated in the leadership series, so it developed into an organization.

She said this organization is unique because there are no women's organizations on campus that are concerned with developing leadership skills.

"I think the club is an amazing opportunity for people to learn about themselves and become good leaders," Raible said.

Junior Suki Deen, president of the Women's Leadership Organization, said members have already began planning ideas for next fall, including a resumé building and interview skills workshop, a women's health program, guest speakers and community service work.

The group thought there was a lack of resources for women on campus, she said, especially for foreign women.

"For someone who is foreign like myself, it would be helpful to build connections and a network on campus," she said.

Deen, a native of Kenya, said the group does not have any gender bias and encourages men to

join.

"If men are interested in careers in the business world or in women's issues this will be beneficial to them as well," she said.

Senior Tyesha Williams, treasurer of the group, said the organization wants to help students on campus learn certain skills that will help them after graduation.

"I think it's a good way to improve resumé building and interview skills," she said.

Williams, a native of the Caribbean, said the group would also like to establish international connections by inviting Caribbean and other foreign women to speak on campus. She said international speakers would benefit foreign students who are trying to establish connections in the business world.

Williams said the group welcomes students with any major, not just business.

"We have a wide range of members already," she said, "from English majors to psychology majors."

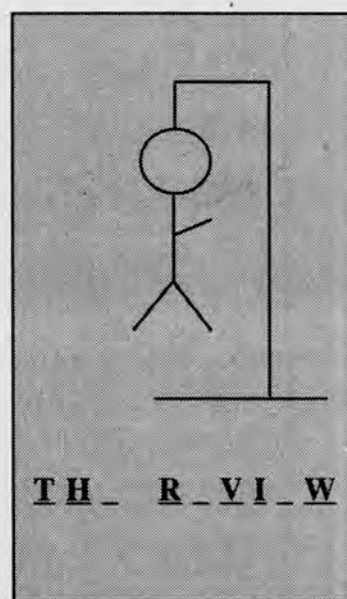
Deen said the group also encourages graduate students to join, but only undergraduates can be officers or executive members.

Junior Keara Tella, the secretary of the club, said they will contact local businesses and establish connections with them.

One of the organization's goals, she said, is to promote leadership within the community through professional development and services.

"We want to be able to give students the opportunity to hold leadership positions," Tella said, "and experience things you wouldn't experience on campus."

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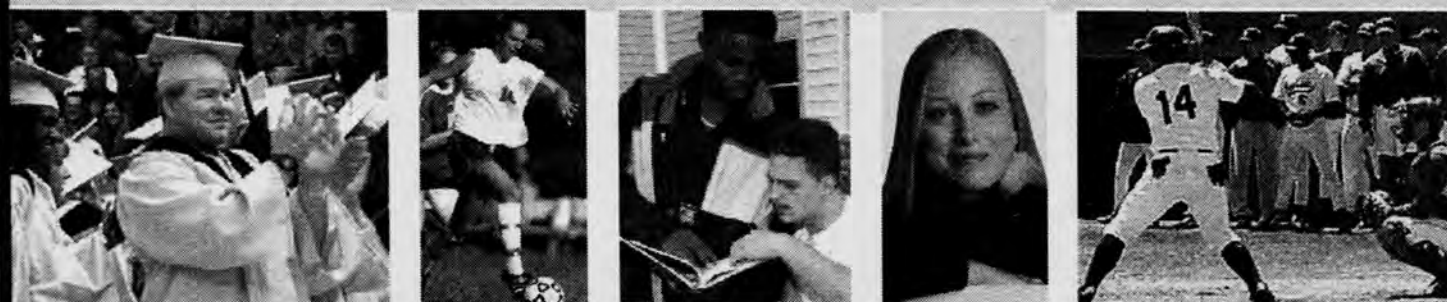
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Iraq Deadline

The June 30 deadline for the transfer of power in Iraq has many senators worried, including Sen. Joseph R. Biden, Jr., D-Del., the ranking Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In light of recent attacks and outbreaks of violence in Iraq, the senators expressed concern that the administration of President George W. Bush should consider the dangers of leaving Iraq too soon.

The Review agrees with these senators.

The U.S. government should be taking full responsibility of the Iraqis whose lives have been disrupted during this past year. It seems unlikely that a country in which the entire infrastructure has been destroyed will be stabilized by June 30.

Bush's instinct of taking U.S. troops out of danger as soon as

possible is admirable, especially as the casualties grow every day.

The Review does not necessarily advocate an extended presence in Iraq. However, we feel the administration should be less dismissive of concerns from the experts on this issue. The turnover must be done properly or the consequences will be exponentially worse than the current situation.

In an election year it may be difficult to keep focused on this point, but the potential for Iraq to become a haven for terrorists or to break out into civil war after June 30 is high.

It is hard to cite a solution, but the first step would certainly be to encourage more discussion with those closest to the issue.

Review This:

The U.S. government should be more mindful of concerns about the June 30 transition of power in Iraq.

DNA Database

Emerging technology has undoubtedly helped the field of law enforcement and DNA evidence is one of the most accurate ways of identifying perpetrators.

The U.S. Department of Justice recently released a study that suggests collecting DNA samples from convicted felons and sending them through a national DNA database could have prevented many crimes such as rape and homicide.

On the other hand, the American Civil Liberties Union in New Jersey has filed a lawsuit contesting the constitutionality of the state's new policy of collecting DNA from all convicted criminals, including non-violent

offenders and juveniles.

The Review understands the benefits of DNA collection and fielding it through a national database to connect different crimes and offenders. However, DNA evidence often makes or breaks a case and there can be an automatic assumption of guilt attached to it. Since DNA carries so much personal

information with it, this is a technology that should be guarded extremely carefully. The number and rank of people with access to a DNA database should be closely monitored in order to keep the possibility of error at a low rate.

Review This:

The potential downfalls of a national DNA database for convicted criminals should not be ignored.

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THE REVIEW / Dan Lisowski

Letters to the Editor

Students deserve to know how the university allocates funds

Dear Editor,
We would like the student body to be informed that the following letter has been sent to President Roselle today, April 7, 2004. Thank you.

Dear President Roselle,
April 7, 2004

The Nov. 14 Review article discussing your high-ranking salary has brought our attention to financial matters on campus. As part of the academic community, we are all dedicated to creating the best possible university for everyone. It is with this in mind that we, the undersigned, have become concerned about the direction of the university's finances.

The university flourishes on a budget of public and private moneys, from the state, tuitions, grants, donations and endowments to name a few. Our concerns lie in how the funds are distributed around campus.

Students have seen tuitions rise each year. Class sizes seem to be getting bigger, making individualized attention from professors more infrequent. Higher level courses are difficult to get into, causing an unlucky number of us to scramble for credits. We are interested in knowing what is being done in response to these important academic situations that affect thousands of students.

While we do not fully know the intricacies of the university's budget, one aspect of funding everyone can see is the beautification projects. We take pride in the appearance of the university, but we would certainly not want to see appearances take priority over education.

Where does our tuition money go? What part of the endowment pays for beautification as opposed to internal reforms in the various departments? How are the renovation projects on South College Avenue and the other recent property purchases being paid for? What is the cost of one brick?

We understand that tuition revenue is only a part of the overall budget. A large portion comes from donations, grants, and

research contracts. Who are these contributors? Do these donors get anything in return?

Our requests are simple. We would like to know how our tuition dollars and other funding are being spent. Full public disclosure of our university's funding sources and financial priorities is necessary. We realize that much of the budgetary information is available on-line and in the library as part of the State of Delaware financial reports, and we value these sources. However, we cannot ignore that some important aspects are missing, as discussed above.

We would very much appreciate your prompt response. Thank you very much for your time.

Respectfully,
Students of Campus Greens, Students Acting for Gender Equality, Students for the Environment, Secular Student Alliance, Amnesty International

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Parents should not be sheltered from the realities of student life

It's amazing how Delaware is portrayed as this amazing campus, full of amazing college students that do nothing but school work, and sing kumbaya. I'm so glad someone finally spoke the truth. Future UD parents have the right to see what the campus is like, and Blue Hen Ambassadors should not have to censor what they tell parents so that the school looks good to them.

UD is an amazing school with various benefits, like the engineering program, the communication school and the agricultural and chemical departments. However, just as every school has its advantages, it has its disadvantages too. We're college kids, we party, we screw up but we eventually learn something that we do take with us. I mean UD got a grant from the government to control the

drinking problem. We're not that angelic. Parents should be aware of this problem so that they can talk to their kids about it and make sure they understand the consequences of their actions. Talking about it will open the lines of communications between the parents and their kids so that the kids don't end up with alcohol poisoning or with a strike. Partying is a large part of the social scene here. I believe it is better for students to know how to party safely than learn about the consequences the hard way.

If parents are aware of this problem not only at UD but at every college campus around the country, there wouldn't be as much of a drinking problem because students would know how to go about it wisely and still have fun.

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Editorial on tradition used compelling arguments

I try to look at other college newspapers from time to time to see what other people are talking about. I came across Mike Fox's column from the April 6 issue of The Review online and felt compelled to tell you how great I thought it was.

I've read a lot of opinions on both of the subjects you mentioned, and your piece is one of the best-articulated arguments I've seen. More importantly, you brought up some historical evidence that I had never encountered — most interesting is the Treaty with Tripoli. Thank you for further enlightening me on these matters and for once again affirming what today's progressives know is right. In time, as with other struggles for civil liberties, I believe that what is right will prevail over the status quo.

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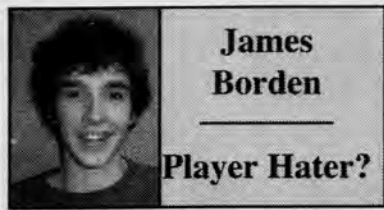
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National Security takes priority over travel delays



James Borden

Player Hater?

The American Civil Liberties Union announced Tuesday that it would be filing a class-action lawsuit against the government challenging the list of travelers banned from flying because they are considered a threat to national security.

Among the seven co-defendants mentioned in the suit is Illinois-based trial lawyer David Nelson, who shares his name with someone who poses an even greater threat to our country than even the most litigious of lawyers. Nelson has never actually been denied passage on a flight; rather he has been held up and questioned by airport security officials before being allowed to board. As Nelson himself said in an interview with the Associated Press, "Few would line up in sympathy for a trial lawyer delayed for a few minutes at the airport every time he wants to hop on the plane."

That about sums it up for me. However, Nelson goes on to add that "surely it affects individuals of color disproportionately, individuals of Arab descent or who practice the Muslim religion, and it's very much those people on my mind when I volunteered to be a named plaintiff."

This is a valid point, and as the lawsuit isn't seeking monetary damages, it can't be said that any of the

plaintiffs are motivated by greed, though it's doubtful Nelson is as altruistic or noble as he thinks he is. As with the other plaintiffs, he likely joined out of ignorance rather than greed.

On the ACLU's Web site, each plaintiff has made available a written complaint of the travel woes they've faced after heightened security measures were put into place. One man writes, "Eventually I was cleared to board, but not before I was subjected to enhanced screening that included a physical pat-down of my body and a hand-search of my luggage."

As nightmarish and deeply scarring as this experience must have been, things only continued to get worse for the harried traveler. On a return trip home from Egypt, his luggage and correspondence was examined by customs agents. "I asked them if this would happen to me again in the future. The agents could not assure me that I would not be subjected to similar searches and delays in the future."

Searches and delays. That's it. Had some of the measures currently in effect for airport security been implemented before Sept. 11, 2001, (in addition to a number of other useful law enforcement tools barred by civil rights activists, such as one which prohibited the CIA from giving the names of known terrorists to the FBI or the INS in order to prevent them from entering the country) there is a chance that more than 3,000 people would not have died that day.

Another defendant is Alexandra Hay, a junior from Middlebury College in Vermont, who, like the others, says she was harassed and detained before

boarding her flight. She was worried this would happen again before she flew to Paris, so she had her dad step in for her. "That's when my Dad contacted the ACLU of Pennsylvania. The ACLU got in touch with the Transportation Security Administration and threatened to file a lawsuit if they couldn't get some kind of assurance that I would not be stopped again. I guess that got their attention — a TSA attorney escorted me through the Philadelphia Airport to make sure that I got on my flight to Paris without a problem."

Crybaby. In addition to the woes of being searched and momentarily detained, the plaintiffs all complain of the Orwellian nature of the No-Fly list, from which they could not be removed and for which they could not be given a reason for appearing on. At the end of her statement, Hay writes: "But if the government is treating someone like me as a potential terrorist, I have to wonder — who is looking out for the real terrorists?"

I've got a question for her. How many terrorist attacks have there been on American soil since Sept. 11? I've been searched at an airport too. Everyone has, it's not that big of a deal. If I was on that list, I'd brag about it to the person I sat behind on the airplane. I'd tell them I was on it because I once killed a man for reclining their seat during a flight.

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Editorial gave inaccurate view of BHAs

Amy Stull

Blue Hen Ambassador

Last Saturday the University of Delaware welcomed more than a thousand prospective students who wanted to look at our school after being admitted to the freshman class for the fall of 2004. The things we tell families on our tours are certainly not lies, even though we may choose not to scream out to families the "partying rituals" of some students. At any school in the country there are students who choose to spend time at parties and there are students who find other activities to fill their time. Our university is no different.

We would like to address some of the points raised by Leah Conway in her editorial from the April 6 issue of the Review. We too think it is conven-

ient that our Decision Days start so early in the morning, but for a different reason than she expressed. We start so early because there are many activities to pack into the day and we want families to have time to do it all. Starting early ensures that our visitors can enjoy breakfast on campus and still be finished in time for the dining halls to open for students to have brunch. This also means that by the time they have finished their meetings and tours begin, many students will be awake and don't have to be disrupted in their residence halls by multiple tours.

During Decision Days, we take time to show our visiting families more housing options so that they can explore different places to live in their freshman year. We have current students who give us access to show their rooms in Russell, Lane and Smyth.

We also have the opportunity to show singles and doubles in the Rodney complex and the more tradi-

tional rooms in the Dickinson com-

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plex, as our visitors from last Saturday

can attest.

We as a group select our members from a variety of organizations and affiliations on campus, ranging from athletics to greek life to performers to student government.

We incorporate these other facets of our lives into our tours and our open houses. These experiences give us the connections to invite many different student groups to participate in our programs, whether they are promoting their group at an information table or performing for our guests. Many organizations have also conducted philanthropy events while others have held functions on and off campus during our programs. To address the concern raised in Ms. Conway's piece, we have also hosted Decision Days on the same day as Skid Fest on several occasions over the past few years.

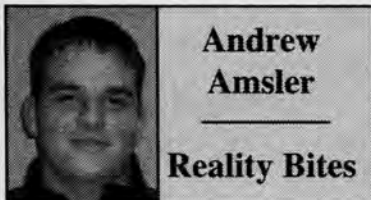
Currently, while many high school students are on spring breaks, we are hosting almost 500 visitors to campus

each day this week and next week. We certainly understand that this has the potential for causing a traffic and parking nightmare. However, this is the perfect time of year for these future UD students to visit, interact with current students, and see how vibrant and active our campus truly is.

As students, we are proud of all aspects of the University of Delaware. We all chose UD for a variety of reasons. Every time we talk with students and families about our school, we represent not only UD, but we also represent ourselves: our experiences, good and bad, some we remember, and yes, even some we too may have forgotten.

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June 30 deadline could spell disaster for Iraq



Andrew Amsler

Reality Bites

Seven American soldiers killed in combat one day, 12 U.S. Marines the next...Iraq has literally erupted into a state of turmoil, where Americans are no longer battling the Sunni minority but are being attacked from all sides.

The history of Iraq makes it such that the tribal affiliations of these people are much more significant than any hint of a national identity. In addition, pretty much the only thing Iraqis are united in is their hatred of Western occupation.

So, when I hear President Bush telling a crowd in Arkansas that our stay in Iraq will be a symbol of progress throughout the Muslim world and that our ideals of freedom will prevail, I am a little discouraged.

I strongly believe that the fundamentals of democracy must be taught worldwide. Anyone who says Iraqis are incompatible with democracy is selling Middle Easterners short. Instead, these people should be charging that Iraq is incompatible with a western form of democracy.

The American democracy was established by and for the people. What makes us think an American-imposed government in Iraq will enjoy the same success, without the general consent of its natives?

Nonetheless, Bush has basically screwed this up for all of us. If the Middle East views Americans as imperialists who are self-interested and care little about Iraqi freedom, it will follow that any similar plans throughout the world are shot.

Besides making us look like idiots, Operation Iraqi Freedom has shut down all pathways to incorporating real democratic values in the Middle East and made any progress towards an actual Iraqi government extremely difficult.

Now, for the "I told you so's." The most amazing part of the recent atrocities in Iraq is that they are being carried out by Sunni Muslims. Remember, they are the Iraqi majority who were originally oppressed by Saddam Hussein. These are the people we were sent to free.

Do you remember when Bush declared Iraqi Freedom a victory? Now I'm not so sure it is even over, let alone a victory.

A recent article in the New York Times revealed something very interesting

about the day Saddam's statue toppled. In America, we witnessed the toppling of a regime as pictures of the huge statue being knocked down were broadcast nationwide. We also watched as a seeming mob of Iraqi civilians flooded the streets to celebrate this momentous occasion.

Unfortunately, this was not the case, said the article in the Times. In fact, no more than 150 Iraqis actually cheered the falling of the statue.

Where were the rest of the people, you may ask? Well, many were busy looting Iraq's cities, but most were cooped-up in their houses.

Bush was right when he said we would initially be fighting an age-old army with little resources. He was wrong in thinking that was all we would be fighting, however. The recent combat situations that have spanned the entire nation of Iraq are an indicator of what almost any Muslim will tell you: the people of Iraq do not want us there, and they alone can control the true destiny of government there. They resent our presence, our Western ideals and even our President's arrogance. So, how the hell do we think an American style of democracy is going to go over?

Yet, Bush is adamant about turning over rule on June 30, despite the criticisms of an almost infinite number of intellectuals.

Other than the fact that he needs to get out before the election early enough so we forget about the mishaps in Iraq, I can't fathom a reason why the government has to be set-up by this date.

A campaign manager of Bush said, also printed in the Times, that Americans stop thinking about politics in early June. This was his reasoning for the 90-day attack plan against Democratic hopeful John Kerry, but it may also explain why the Administration wants an interim government by June.

If Bush thinks he can parade around the world with a stamp that says "Democracy" and all is peachy, he is sorely mistaken and his actions could lead to heightening conflict there, even a civil war.

The prospect of actually celebrating freedom in the Muslim world diminishes as we approach June 30. I am ashamed of our actions in Iraq and worry what will happen after that fateful day.

Will a new dictator rise up? Will fighting among tribes escalate? Will all chances of warming to democratic principles be lost forever?

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Farewell Old Man Winter

BY LINDSAY HICKS
Features Editor

The calendar date for spring's arrival seems like a tease as students zip coats and open umbrellas one day and strip to a tank top the next.

As these precious few rays beam down on campus, students can't help but skip class and trade in a textbook for a magazine or a desk chair for a lawn chair.

Deciding how to spend longer spring days can almost be as much fun as the activity itself.

Open the windows and doors, let the (kind of) fresh air in and get together with friends to plan the next move. Fall and winter months provided plenty of time to be couch-ridden, so get up and check out some of these sun-soaked springtime options:

Students who think Frisbee is limited to dread-locked hippies miss out on one of the area's best outdoor options.

Frisbee is a game requiring skill but even those unable to choose a "huck" from a "flick" can enjoy learning.

White Clay Creek State Park features an 18-hole disc golf course where players of all levels spend hours perfecting aim and goofing around as they make their way through the wooded route.

Access to the park is free until May 1 when out-of-staters pay \$5 for the day, and Delaware residents pay \$2.50. For the few weeks before the rates go into effect, the only necessary purchase is that of the proper frisbee.

Smaller and heavier than a Wham-O, Innova discs can be purchased at Frolic on Main Street for \$8 to \$12, the price growing with quality (specialty discs are \$15 to \$20). The game of disc golf is slow-paced and can be as competitive as the players make it.

If the minute the disc hits the floor tempers begin to flare, try to lighten the situation. Point out a pretty flower or climb a tree, anything to quell that miniature-golf-style battle. Suggest a barbe-

cue and turn the heat up as the sun goes down.

Nothing signifies the coming of summer and warm spring sunshine like sweet, sizzling slabs of meat. Chicken, ribs, steak, and veggie burgers make the staple for a scrumptious grilled meal, but don't ignore the sides. Pick up a box of cornbread mix and toss together thin-cut red, green, orange and yellow peppers with onion and some Italian dressing. Cover them in an envelope of tin foil and grill alongside the main course.

Carry out the boom box on one shoulder and a hang a lawn chair from the other. Breathe in the smokey-sweet aroma of barbecue sauce and hot charcoal, sit back with a glass of pink lemonade or a bottle of Bud and bask in springtime splendor.

If a sting of envy forms a subconscious scowl as a friend announces himself as "grill master," don't stand bitterly in the background.

Tie on a "Kiss the Cook" apron and challenge him to an iron Chef duel.

Ditch the same ol'-same ol' Newark blues and preview sunnier months with a day trip to the shore.

Bethany, Dewey, Rehoboth, Atlantic City, Avalon, Sea Isle, Ocean City — these Delaware and Jersey beaches are close to two hours away and provide an escape from Newark on many levels.

Browse surf shops, get sick off of peanut butter fudge or orange salt-water taffy, cruise the boardwalk and stroll on the sand before finding a restaurant with a great sunset view.

Even squawking seagulls help to ease the work-plagued mind, but probably not nearly as much as crashing waves.

Crank the windows down on the way and turn up music reminiscent of summer months — Alice Cooper's "School's Out for Summer" could be a little premature but anything is possible to create the best June illusion.

If picking up orange-vanilla swirl on a waffle cone from Kohr Bros. requires too many hours from the books, take a break and walk to a local ice cream or water ice shop. Spring break bikini contests are over and everyone witnessed the rock-hard abs, so take a detour from the gym and splurge.

After all, Newark is hardly lacking in temptation for those spending between, during and after class pondering the question, "If I could have anything right now, what would it be?"

Tangerine, Wild Black Cherry, Chocolate, Mango, Lemon or Lime — there are more than 20 flavors of Italian ice offered at Rita's in the Newark Shopping Center. So running off to a tropical island every time a failing grade is passed back hasn't yet turned to reality, eating a Pina Colada Italian ice and closing one's eyes might do the trick for those willing to try anything.

Sometimes a straight injection of "real fruit" sugar doesn't do the trick. People with verging on obsessive cravings may have to shell out the extra bucks on a beautiful day at Cold Stone Creamery or TCBY.

Give in to Chocolate Devotion, a blend of Chocolate ice cream, fudge, chocolate chips and brownie. Inhale. Or close your eyes to the Strawberry Shortcake Serenade, a blend of cake pieces, whipped topping, strawberries and sweet cream ice cream. Exhale.

Hey, the "Like It" size of a Cold Stone's creation is approximately \$4 and as long as roommates can be convinced to share in the sin, it isn't so costly.

If making it to Citizens Bank Park isn't a possibility on a weeknight, Newark Little League games may bring even more excitement.

Follow the ghost of springtime past to a Little League field and memories will likely ignite.

From the practice when red, blue, green, and yellow advertisement-plastered T-shirts were thrown at each player to pizza parties and championship games, there might not be a better reminder of warm weather arrival than a baseball game.

Although the idea may seem silly, an hour or so at a Little League baseball game can leave you feeling a little less stressed. The closest field is located near the corner of Casho Mill Road and

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Matthew Perry (left) returns with Bruce Willis for the sequel to the 2000 comedy "The Whole Nine Yards."

Willis, Perry add another 'Yard'

BY CALLYE MORRISSEY
Entertainment Editor

In 2000, "The Whole Nine Yards" opened to mixed reviews, so making a sequel didn't seem likely, but when big name celebrities are involved, nothing is impossible. So, four years later, "The Whole Ten Yards" makes its way to screens everywhere.

"The Whole Ten Yards" is the story about retired mobster Jimmy "The Tulip" Tudeski (Bruce Willis) and his wife Jill (Amanda Peet), who are thrown back into action when their friend Oz (Matthew Perry) tells them about his wife's (Natasha Henstridge) kidnapping.

On-screen pals Bruce Willis and Matthew Perry took time via telephone to talk about reprising their roles in "The Whole Ten Yards" during their busy press junkets in Los Angeles last Saturday.

You guys have a new director and a new writer on this movie. How different was it to work with new people?

Willis: I think it's always a great creative process. We tried to assemble the best team we could to make this movie funny, to make it watchable and interesting and wacky and irreverent, and I think we had a really great crew and a great gang.

Perry: Was there a new director on this?

Willis: Yes, Howie Deutsch.

Perry: Oh, right, OK.

Willis: George Gallo, the guy that wrote "Midnight Run," Matthew miraculously brought in, and he wrote the script and I think knocked it out of the park.

Matthew, it seems that since your rise to fame as Chandler on "Friends," that the film roles you've chosen, including "The Whole Ten Yards," have been almost exclusively slapstick or romantic comedy-oriented. Is that a conscious decision on your part, and are your recent guest appearances on "The West Wing" attempts to move away from that mold?

Perry: I guess, you kind of get type-cast a little bit when you're on a show like "Friends," so most people think of me just doing comedy, and that's what's fun about "The Whole Nine Yards" and "The Whole Ten Yards" is it's really slapstick and it's quite different than what "Friends" is. And, yes, doing a few episodes of "The West Wing," trying to change

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Film ends in questionable 'State'

"The United States of Leland"
Trigger Street Productions
Rating: ☆☆☆ 1/2

Sneak Peek

HOLLYWOOD

There are two essential questions at the heart of "The United States of Leland": why would the kindly, well-off teenager Leland stab his autistic friend to death, and more importantly, why should the audience care about this seemingly remorseless murderer?

For the first question, the film offers no easy answers or explanations. In fact, the movie deliberately avoids answering this question; it seems to want to leave it to the audience to ponder. As for the second question, it's simple: except for the opening scene, the murder itself is put on the backburner. It seems like a plot device, an aside from its numerous subplots and the interesting relationship that develops between Leland (Ryan Gosling, "Murder by Numbers") and his juvenile hall teacher, Pearl (Don Cheadle, "Ocean's 11").

Although much of the focus is on Leland and

Pearl, the large supporting cast is well utilized, and many of them, such as Jena Malone, Kevin Spacey, Chris Klein and Michelle Williams, have their own story arcs.

Spacey, who plays Leland's father Albert, and Cheadle are far and away the film's strongest assets and the most interesting characters, although Spacey is not given nearly as much screen time as he deserves. He is a successful writer but a failed man; an alcoholic who is separated from his wife and spends his free time drinking alone in an empty hotel bar, emotionally distant from his son Leland.

One of the best scenes in the film comes when Pearl approaches Albert, who is half-drunk and slumped into a darkened booth of his hotel bar. Pearl, though a teacher at the juvenile detention center where Leland is being held, is an aspiring writer and a huge fan of Albert's.

Pearl is ostensibly there to talk about Leland; the two have been meeting together quite regularly and Pearl has come to believe he can do something to help the troubled young man. Albert soon sees through his façade, blasting Pearl for wanting nothing more than to exploit Leland in order to finally publish a successful novel.

It's never entirely clear though, whether Pearl merely wanted to exploit Leland or whether he believed he could actually do him some good.

As the movie is not an event-driven film, there is more focus on the characters and their personal history rather than important plot points to drive it along, this question is typical of most of those raised by the film. Should people take pity on violent juvenile offenders? At what point does one have to come to grips with who they are and start living their life according to their own principles?

There are really only two major events in the entire movie, one of them comes in the semi-shocking ending, the other in the beginning when



Leland murders the autistic boy. Although the boy's family is given plenty of screen time, and are often shown grieving, the murder itself never hangs over the film in a way that one might expect it to, especially given the circumstances surrounding it. It's clear though, that writer/director Matthew Hoge did not wish to make a violent film peppered with brutal and haunting imagery.

On the contrary, it seems he wanted to explore the human side of those whom we often classify as nothing more than base savages; unable to control themselves they cannot help but maim and kill others, and our only solution for them is to lock them away.

As a director, Hoge draws good performances out of the entire cast and manages to balance their subplots, as he did in the screenplay, without creating too large a degree of confusion. Some of the scenes are very well shot — notably those in

Pearl's apartment and in the aforementioned hotel bar. He even brings to the table a clever visual trick — to simulate the way one's perspective can change when they cover one of their eyes, he shifts the camera several feet to the left or the right whenever one of his characters is doing this.

The writing is well thought out; especially Leland's journal, which serves as the narrative voice for much of the film. Hoge, like much of the cast in his first feature film, is a budding talent. "United States of Leland" does not quite rise up to the talent of its performers and creators, but it does make for an interesting few hours and generates much more insight than the typical film.

James Borden is an entertainment editor for The Review. His past reviews have included "Jersey Girl" (☆☆☆☆) and "Hildago" (☆☆☆).

The Gist of It

- ☆☆☆☆ State of procrastination
- ☆☆☆☆ State of intoxication
- ☆☆ State of depression
- ☆☆ State of confusion
- ☆ State of denial

"The Girl Next Door"
20th Century Fox

Rating: ☆☆☆

Sure, "The Girl Next Door" features the blond bombshell and star of the TV series "24," Elisha Cuthbert, but the movie is not just eye candy. In fact, it's actually a charming, cute movie about a bunch of high school boys who get caught up in the life of the hot, new next-door neighbor, Danielle, who just happens to be a porn star.

Those who want to see the movie in hopes of catching a sexy eyeful of Cuthbert will be severely disappointed, so this serves as a warning.

In the film, Danielle does not end up hanging out in suburbia to shoot another porno but is instead attempting to break away from the dirty, gritty life she is used to by staying at her aunt's house, who lives next door to Matthew Kidman (Emile Hirsch, "Dangerous Lives of Altar Boys"). Matthew is a baby-faced, innocent high school senior who can never seem to get anywhere with the opposite sex.

Matthew's nerdy friends, Eli and Klitz, are just as unlucky with females, so it is no surprise that the group freaks out when they learn Danielle is a porn star.

Although Danielle comes off as overly confident when she goes to parties with the three guys, she is



contrastingly submissive to her pornographer boss. At times, her personality is too contrived and over-the-top, which makes for some cheesy scenes and dialogue. The ending of the movie is non-stop cheese ball action, but it's all in good fun.

Ultimately, the film takes a comedic and romantic take on the porn business, even though porn isn't usually associated with either of those adjectives (money and controversy come to mind first). "The Girl Next Door" is heavily reminiscent of the 1994 film "Milk Money," which stars Melanie Griffith as an extremely homely prostitute who gets caught up in suburbia after a group of boys pay for a peek at "her goods."

Although "The Girl Next Door" is rated R for language (not nudity, strangely enough), it is a tame yet entertaining coming of age story.

— Callye Morrissey

"The Whole Ten Yards"
Warner Brothers

Rating: ☆☆☆

"The Whole Nine Yards," released in 2000, may not have been a film worthy of a sequel, but in true Hollywood spirit, a sequel was made.

"The Whole Ten Yards" is filled with comedic clichés and a shaky conclusion, too confusing for a comedy. Matthew Perry's constant blabbering quickly becomes overbearing.

But if a comedy can get through the movie's faults, it can be fairly entertaining as Bruce Willis sheds his tough guy image for that of a domesticated husband.

Willis reprises his role as Jimmy "The Tulip" Tudeski, a contract killer, but when "Ten Yards" opens, he is hiding in a luxurious Mexican villa where he tries to enjoy life away from the mob with his wife Jill (Amanda Peet).

Meanwhile, back in California, "Oz" (Perry) and his wife Cynthia (Natasha Henstridge) find out she is pregnant, and shortly after Cynthia is captured by the recently paroled Hungarian mob boss Lazlo Gogolak (Kevin Pollack). Gogolak is out to avenge his son Janni (played by Pollack in the first movie) who was killed by Jimmy four years before.

Seeing Gogolak and his goons work together emu-



lates any comedy featuring a head boss and those who work beneath him. The thugs are stupid as those always are, and Gogolak constantly hits them when they screw up. It becomes more annoying than funny toward the conclusion.

Matthew Perry is also unnecessary in the film, despite the fact that he was in the first movie. He still reminds the viewer of Chandler Bing on "Friends" and only strikes laughs from audiences by running into objects.

Willis is a high point of the film as he flops back from a house-cleaning, aspiring family-man to mass-murderer. He has not lost his intimidating touch, as Oz is still afraid of him and his murderous ways.

A somewhat surprising and confusing ending arrives, and you might wonder whether they are watching a comedy or a thriller.

— Kevin McVey



"Daylight Savings"
By: Todd Miyashiro

SAY WHAT?

The Review asks students:

What's the worst way to break up with someone?

— compiled by Allison Clair



Katie Hartung
Sophomore

"Walking in on a guy when he's getting with someone else."



Carolyn McKean
Freshman

"Email is bad and even over the phone. It's best to do it in person."



Todd Blass
Junior

"Just to start going out with someone else, and not to tell your current partner."

"On Valentine's Day when you're out to dinner."
— freshman Chelsea Smith



Jess Bobson
Freshman

"A text message."



Chelsea Smith
Freshman

"On Valentine's day when you're out to dinner."



Stacey Cifelli
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"Any way besides face-to-face is a bad way to break up with someone."

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THE HITLIST

FRIDAY

Trabant University Center
Theater: "Old School," 7:30 p.m., "Animal House," 10 p.m., \$3

Deer Park Tavern: DJ Rick Daring, 10 p.m., no cover

Stone Balloon: DJ Dance Party, 8 p.m., \$5, no cover with university ID

Klondike Kate's: Dynamite DJ Dance Party, 9 p.m., no cover

East End Café: Steve Pepper Band, 10 p.m., \$12

SATURDAY

Trabant University Center
Theater: "Animal House," 7:30 p.m., "Old School," 10 p.m., \$3

Deer Park Tavern: DJ Rick

East End Café: Schleigho, 10p.m., \$3, \$5 minors

Deer Park Tavern: Paul Lewis, 10 p.m., \$3

Klondike Kate's: Dynamite DJ Dance Party, 9 p.m., no cover

South Carolina reviews mini-bottle tradition

BY BROOK PATTERSON
National/State News Editor

Walk into a bar in South Carolina, and you may have some trouble walking out.

South Carolina has an age-old tradition of serving alcoholic beverages in bars using only mini-bottles. That's right, no big bottles of liquor sit on the shelves of any South Carolina bar. Only the miniature versions like those most commonly found on airplanes. These drinks pack more punch than those mixed from regular sized bottles of alcohol because the contents must be used in one drink.

Debate has been stirring regarding the 32-year-old law, and in November residents will vote on whether they support a constitutional amendment that will give bars the choice to use these diminutive drink mixers.

State Sen. Phil Leventis, D-35th District, a 24-year veteran of South Carolina's state senate who filibustered the proposal of banning the bottles, says the minibottles provide a lot of the tax revenue for the state, bringing approximately \$23 million a year.

If the bottles are banned, he says, the state will lose \$3 million to \$5 million.

"I don't care much about the bottles," Leventis says. "What I care about is how it helps the state. The mini-bottles are not the issue, the issue is the tax revenue brought in."

The taxes from the sales of the minibottles contribute to the state drug and alcohol commission, along with the general state fund.

Leventis says constituents throughout South Carolina are concerned about how much damage the mini-bottles are capable of causing, because although the bottles are small and seemingly harmless, they actually contain 1.7 ounces of liquor, where a normal shot only

contains 1.2 ounces.

"Because minibottles are so big, people think it contributes to the DUI rates," he says. "To me that is silly because that assumes that it is okay to drink and drive."

The opponents of the law believe promoting the 1.2 ounce drinks will be safer, but that is not the case, he says.

"It's not OK to drink and drive after having a drink with 1.7 ounces as well as one with 1.2 ounces," Leventis says. "It's not OK to drink and drive at all."

The one and only concern should be the profits that the state will lose if the bottles are barred, he says.

"This is a very deep concern for our budget," Leventis says. "It is a big deal as far as tax revenue."

A bartender at Iron Hill Brewery on Main Street says the law is bizarre and an attempt to control people, adding that it's not a solution to any kind of drinking problem and a major waste of glass.

"A normal shot contains 1.2 ounces," he says, "it [the mini-bottle] is obviously a larger amount, so do they control how much someone drinks? Can they have the same amount of drinks they would have at any bar in the country? And, who gets the kick backs since they are so much more expensive?"

Libby Mann, a bartender at Tiger Town Tavern in the heart of Clemson University's college atmosphere in South Carolina, says she does not have a problem with the bottles, but has never bartended anywhere else but South Carolina.

Inventory is easier because the bottles are so small, she says, but restocking tends to take a lot longer.

"The mini-bottles are easy because they are not so heavy, but then again, I like that because I'm old," Mann says.

The house drink at the Tavern costs \$3.25, and



THE REVIEW/Katie Grasso

although she has nothing to compare the expense of drinks at the bar, Mann says customers do not complain and can afford to frequent the bar often.

"We can't have overpriced drinks because we are a college town," Mann says. "I haven't been out of state in a few years, but I don't think that is much different than other states."

Drinks served at the bar are filled to the top and are very strong, she says, but that does not bother most customers.

"All I can say is drinks in South Carolina are real stout," Mann says.

Visitors to the bar tend not to notice or even pay attention to the law and order drinks just as they would in any other bar outside of South Carolina, she says.

"I wouldn't say they drink more drinks because of the law," Mann says, "I just think they are not aware the drinks are stronger than in other states."

Once opened, the mini-bottles must be used up in one drink, but she says there are some exceptions to the rule.

"We can split the bottle between two customers if they want," Mann says, "but most don't want to do that."

Most bartenders do not mind the mini-bottles, she says, except for the occasional injuries that result from opening the bottles everyday.

"The problem is opening so many bottles, because you get split palms sometimes," Mann says.

Changing the law will not have much impact on the business at bars across the state and whatever the outcome, this issue will probably remain controversial, she says.

"Because there has been so much brouhaha about the whole thing," Mann says, "I think a change would be good initially, but then everything would drop back to normal."

As for Mann, whether mini-bottles are used is not an issue and will not affect her drinking habits.

"It doesn't really matter to me," she says, "but that's just because I drink beer."

Longwood features Easter display

The Gardens give the holidays an aroma of spring and good music

BY JOCELYN JONES
Copy Editor

As spring fever gets under way, luring in that special someone with a dozen roses will not suffice. Longwood Gardens, located in Kennett Square, Pa., with its 5,000-square-foot Easter display, surpasses any store-bought bouquet, while being a cheaper, more unique option. And, with more than 25 years experience in wooing visitors, the exhibit is guaranteed to impress.

Do not bother spraying any perfume or cologne before arriving, no matter how expensive the name brand bottle, because any foreign scents vanish upon entering the conservatory, as the fragrance of 1,000 Easter lilies and more than 20 varieties of other flowers saturate the exhibition hall.

The lilies, lining both sides of the central path, trumpet the arrival of each new guest, while the foxgloves, with their bell-like shape, sway with each passerby. Listen closely for a ring.

Creeping fig, a ficus plant that can grow up to 15 feet per year, crawls up the side columns, as it has since 1920, and vies for attention with the impeccably manicured lawns and dangling ceiling plants.

With a plethora of colors rivaling a painter's palette, each corner's turn is a visual treat.

Jennifer Pennington, display specialist, says she works with the different vignettes of floral color to create the best arrangement.

"It's almost like putting together a big, colorful puzzle," she says.

With the help of a talented staff, Pennington says she works on the display a year in advance and grows thousands of forced bulbs that are showcased as early as January, previewing spring.

Special attention should be given to the white double-flowered

lilacs, she says, that have been forced into bloom and will not appear naturally outside until six weeks from now.

Nearly 5,000 plants are installed to change over to the Easter display, Pennington says, and when any flowers begin to fade, there is always something ready to take their place in the greenhouse.

Check out the labels of other flowers for creative nicknames like Purple Robe, Triumph Tulip or the Pink Lady.

Also intriguing is the native origin of many of the flowers — from Australia, South America and Las Vegas to the Canary Islands, Mexico and South Africa.

Elizabeth Sullivan, publicity coordinator, says there are other events at Longwood Gardens in celebration of Easter.

Most notably, she says, is the Carillon Concert on Easter Sunday performed by Lisa Lonie. The carillon, a musical instrument, consists of at least 23 bells that, when played together, produce harmony. Lonie uses her fists to pound on a large keyboard, triggering movement of the bells.

Sullivan says upcoming holiday events also include a string quartet from the Curtis Institute of Music, professional demonstrations and courses as well as programs geared toward children.

"We hope people of all ages and all backgrounds will come visit us," Sullivan says. "The gardens are universally appealing."

For admission to the Gardens, the price is \$14 per ticket for those 21 and over, and on Tuesday's, adult tickets drop to \$10.

So, don't be a pansy — hop across the border into Pennsylvania before the Easter display, which embraces the 40 gardens and 11,000 types of plants on the property, closes on April 16.



Courtesy of Elizabeth Sullivan

Author discusses dating, relationships and break-ups

BY ALLISON CLAIR
Assistant Features Editor

Breaking up is hard to do. Just ask Alison James, who wrote the new novel, "I Used to Miss Him ... But My Aim is Improving." It is a different sort of self-help book aimed at young women who want a humorous girl-guide to get through that difficult time. The time when the last petal has dropped from the relationship flower, leaving you alone.

As James' high-toned voice flings with laughter and excitement, she explains just what it is that separates her book from all others.

"My book differs from the others like it because I tried to make it funny and empowering for women," she says.

Her experiences browsing the Barnes and Noble bookshelves sparked the idea for the novel.

"After a relationship had ended, I was in Barnes and Noble looking at relationship books. I just remember thinking that all of the books were the same. They were too nicey-nicey to me. I wanted to be angry with a guy and find something that was empowering."

She sprinkles the conversation with words like "empowering" and "sassy," sounding a little like Seventeen magazine. But her enthusiasm for her first book is infectious.

Also, she does not claim to be anything other than she is — a person who knows about relationships.

"The book is based around my experiences and those of women I know. It's mostly about a better way to approach relationships.

"There are a lot of things that I wish I had known when I was 20. As you get older, you just have more experience."

One thing James emphasizes in the book is getting to know and like yourself, without a boyfriend.

"In general, the book is about focusing on yourself instead of the guy. A lot of people aren't happy with themselves and look for a relationship for the confidence they need. So all of their confidence is coming from a guy. Then when the relationship ends, they're devastated. It's important to focus on making yourself happy and confident without someone and then incorporating a guy into your life."

Of course she realizes this can be hard in college, "when the cute guy is paying attention to you."

A major part of the book focuses on the signs of an ending relationship. James believes it is essential to see these signals and face the facts.

"There are signs when a relationship is ending, but a lot of times people make excuses for guys when [the relationship is] about to end. A big thing is to open your eyes and see the signs. Don't rationalize. I have one friend who can rationalize anything, but it's best to be prepared."

General advice James gives is about guys who cheat, and she has a strict view on it.

"For guys who cheat, I'm one to say that if a guy cheats once, then he's going to do it again. It's part of his values and it has nothing to do with the woman. You need to find someone who has the same values as you and is not going to cheat on you."

When James first flirted with the idea of writing a relationship book, she picked out another book that proved to be invaluable called "How to Get Published."

"I picked up that book and followed it to a tee."

The first step consisted of the search for an agent. However, the process of finding one was not exactly what she'd expected.

"You send out a query letter to a lot of agents talking about what the book is going to be about, your target audience and a little bit about



yourself. Then you wait, and you get a lot of rejections."

Inexperience led her to select one of the first agents who showed interest in her, a decision she regrets. The agent did not represent her book properly and no publishing companies were responding. She terminated the relationship.

"I went back to another person who had previously shown interest, and it has been great ever since. He sold it within two weeks to a publisher."

Although her publisher, Adams Media, which is based in Boston, Mass., is not one of the huge publishers in the industry, she is content with her experiences there.

"They're more a niche publisher, so I think that I've gotten more attention. Also maybe because I'm a new writer, they've given me special notice and have just been so helpful. They've been phenomenal to work with."

In fact, she has signed a contract to write two more books. The next, tentatively titled "The Ten Women You'll Be Before You're 35," deals with life experiences you should have and learn from before you hit your 30s.

James' other job is with the finance department of A&E Television Station in New York City.

"I'm at the point at this job where I know what's required for the work, so I don't have to put as much effort in. Sometimes I'll write late at night or on the weekends."

"It's like when you have a paper due. You find the time. With deadlines, I just work harder when that comes around."

Of course, she spares some of her time for her fiancé, a guy who laughs about her recent book.

"He's been with me through the whole thing. He's just a sarcastic and funny guy, so I'll make fun of him and tell him what not to do. Also, he had two sisters so he knows something about girls and the issues we have."

James may be busy, but she thinks it is worth the effort. "It's a lot of work. But I didn't want to write a book just to write it. I wanted it to be creative and original and be unique and do well. It will be interesting to see what happens."



THE REVIEW/Lindsay Hickox

Spring is in the air

continued from B1

Barksdale at Hill Field, where Newark American plays.

The pop of a steel bat, chatting mothers and siblings with rings of ice cream around their mouths, all make the experience like watching an old home video. Games are competitive with oh-so-familiar politics and intense father coaches.

The atmosphere of the classic Little League game may cause an urge to start up a stick ball game with friends before the sun goes down to really send one back to the good old days. Especially if an old size "L-Youth" is used as a solo uniform.

Behind the Carpenter Sports Building or on the fresh-cut grass of The Green are among the best places on campus to hold a home-run contest or intense three-on-three game.

If not an advocate of friendly compe-

tion, celebrate the incoming warm front by planting flowers. Whether decorating the window of a Rodney B single or front lawn of a Wilbur Street rental, it doesn't matter.

Local garden shops like Alexander's Lawn & Garden on Ogletown Road sell seed packets and plants.

Employee John Bohinski says plants are the biggest sellers right now because gardeners would have to plant ahead and have started planting seeds back in January.

Pansies are sold for \$2.99 for a six-pack and \$12.99 for a flat, or pack of 36 plants. Primroses and Ranunculus are offered for \$2.99 per four-inch pot.

At last, the sun has come along — get ready quick, because in another 24 hours she might hide her warm rays behind Newark clouds once again.

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Community Bulletin Board

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Delaware is holding its 23rd annual Bowl for Kids' Sake Community Day bowling even, in New Castle County on Saturday, April 17th. Corporate teams as well as individual teams are welcome to participate in any of the events that are planned for that day. Each team will enjoy free bowling, food, contests and prizes at the event. Call the Big Brothers Big Sisters' Wilmington office to get your sponsor sheets and put together a team of 5 or 6 people. You can schedule the time and location of where you would like to bowl. You and your teammates each sign up at least 10 sponsors or raise \$100 and you are ready to bowl. In New Castle County call 302-998-3577.

John Berendt, the award winning author of *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil: A Savannah Story* (Random House, 1994) will be the guest speaker at the Annual Dinner of the university of Delaware Library Associates on Tuesday, April 27, 2004, at Arsh Hall, University of Delaware, Wilmington. The April 27th evening will begin with a cash bar at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner and the program at 7:00 p.m. Dinner prices are \$72 per person for members of the University of Delaware Library Associates, \$92 per person for guests. The event is open to the public via reservation. Additional invitations are available by sending an email message to UDLA@udel.edu or by calling the office of the Director of Libraries at 302-831-2231.

The Jewish Community Center Newark is offering a FREE 4-week course for adults to learn basic Judaism. The course is on Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., starting April 15 and continuing until May 6. This FREE 4-week Basic Judaism course is being facilitated by Connie Sugarman. She will teach belief in g-d, prayer, the Sabbath, Jewish observance and sexuality. Contact Lynda Bell at (302) 368-9173 to reserves a seat. Reservations must be made by April 12. The JCC Newark is located off I-95 on Route 896 going north, on the corner of West Park Place and South College Avenue.



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The Australian American Society of Wilmington, Delaware is now accepting applicants for the 2004 Music Scholarship Competition. First prize worth approximately \$8000, is an expense paid trip to the International Academy Mozartium in Salzburg, Austria, for a six week term next summer. Second prize is \$500 cash, and third prize is \$300. Applicants must reside in Delaware or within 25 miles of Wilmington and be active music students with a minimum of four years of classical training. Vocalists must be between 21 and 35, and instrumentalists between 18 and 30 years of age.

Are you a beginning cyclist or an avid enthusiast? Or neither? Whatever your cycling ability, there's a spot for you in this year's Mason-Dixon Ride for MS presented by Bank One scheduled for Sunday, April 25, 2004. The registration fee for this pledge-optional event is \$35 by March 31, \$40 April 1-24 and \$45 dollars on the day of the ride.. Call the Delaware Chapter today at (302) 655-5610 to register or volunteer OR register online at www.msdelaware.org (click on "Events").

The Jewish Community Center Newark is having an Antique Road Show on Sunday, April 25, 2004. The event starts at 11:00 a.m. Do you have some antique treasures stashed away and don't know the value or use? Bring your items to the "J" for appraisal. Its costs \$10 for the first item you get appraised and \$5 for each additional item. Contact Lynda Bell at (302) 368-9173 by April 22 for reservations, which are required, and for more information. The JCC Newark is located off I-95 on Route 896 going north, on the corner of West Park Place and South College Avenue.

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Don't miss the Delaware Chili Cook-off Saturday, April 24, 2004 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at St. Anthony in Avondale, PA (near Hockessin, DE). Featuring live music, prizes, great fun and all the chili you can taste. Hot dogs and beverages will also be available. Costs: \$7.00 per adult; \$15.00 per family; Children under 12 are free. Do you make a pretty good chili? Enter it in the cook-off! Call Reyn Cierniak for details at 302-239-5182. Sponsored by the Delaware Knights of Columbus to benefit Birthright of Delaware, Inc.

The Delaware Humane Association invites you and your 4-legged friend to the First Annual "Beach Walk for the Animals," Saturday, April 24th in Rehoboth Beach. This 2-mile walk along the Rehoboth boardwalk will begin at 11:30am. Registration and check-in begins at 11am. You can pre-register for \$15 until April 20...cost is \$20 day of walk. Kids ages 6 to 16 are just \$5, the walk is free for children 5 and under. This is a pledge-driven walk...participants are encouraged to raise \$50 in pledges. If you raise \$75 in pledges, you'll get a Walk for the Animals T-shirt. Form a team or walk as an individual...prizes will be awarded to the top two fundraisers as well as in the kids and team categories. Free refreshments for all walkers will be provided after the Walk. You are welcome to bring your leashed dog on the Walk. All proceeds from the Walk will go to help support the Delaware Humane Association's Spay/Neuter Van, which since it began operations in 2002, is responsible for more than 100 cats being spayed/neutered! To register or for more information, call 302-478-8172x301. Or register online at www.dehumane.org.



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Not quite standing 'Stille'

Freshman track star shatters records

BY MATT AMIS
Senior Sports Editor

Freshman Mandy Stille hasn't had too many hurdles to climb since joining Delaware in the fall ... save for the actual hurdles she's flown over on the outdoor track this season.

Stille, a freshman from Wilmington and a McKean High School graduate, has seemingly had the inside track on her early college career and was honored April 1 by the Colonial Athletic Association as its Athlete of the Week.

In her collegiate outdoor debut, Stille turned heads, breaking two long-standing school records in the heptathlon and the 100-meter hurdles during the University of Florida Relays on March 24.

She posted a score of 4,696 points in the heptathlon, shattering the school record of 3,684 (set by Linda Mullaney in 1984) and went on to topple another school record when she ran 14.71 in the 100-meter hurdles, surpassing the previous Delaware all-time best of 14.79 by Sheryl Hall in 1994.

Less than one week later, Stille broke her own record in the 100-meter hurdles,

clocking in at 14.59 at the Terrapin Invitational in Maryland.

"It's really wonderful," Stille said of her accomplishments, "except I wasn't expecting it. I had no idea what else was going on in the conference."



Freshman Mandy Stille.

High School Girl's Track and Field Athlete of the Year according to the Wilmington News Journal also set two school records during the Hens' indoor track and field season with a 9.00 in the 60-meter hurdles and 3,279 points in the pentathlon.

"It's still awesome to break any school record. The thing is, with runners, we just

kind of run for our own PR, and anything that comes along with it is just a bonus."

Delaware head coach Sue McGrath-Powell isn't surprised by Stille's early success. When she scouted last year's Penn Relays, McGrath-Powell knew what she had on her hands.

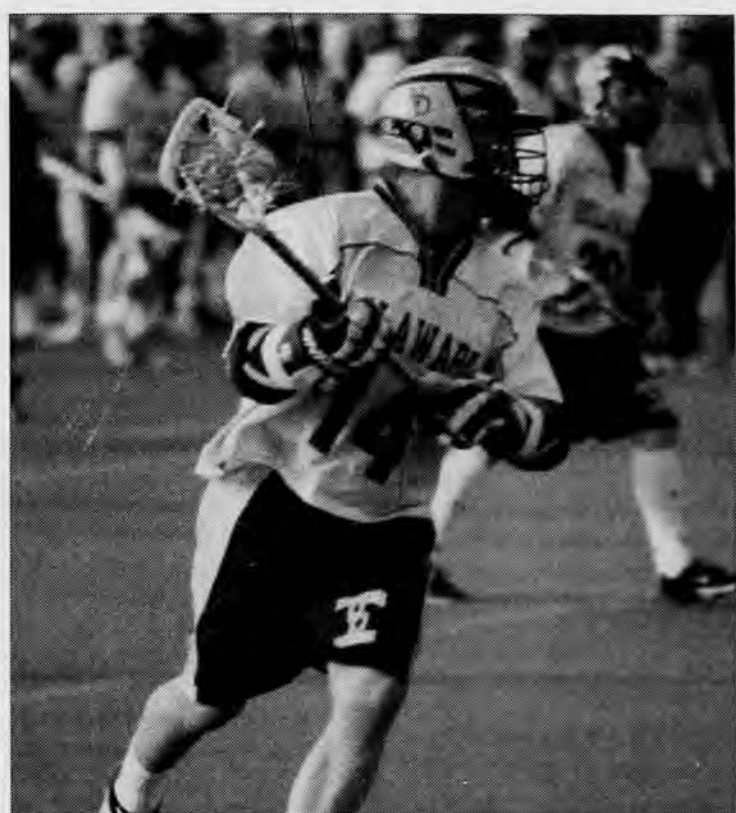
"We knew that [Stille] would make a big impact right away," she said. "Obviously, she's got the heart to be a collegiate runner and she has loads of talent. The thing is, she's gotten better since high school. She isn't tapped."

One of Stille's greatest assets is her versatility. She's a threat to succeed in many different events and relays.

"Obviously, she's coordinated and can do well in a lot of events," McGrath-Powell said.

In addition to her prowess in the 100-meter hurdles and the heptathlon, Stilles has shown flashes of versatility in the 400-meter hurdles, and the 4x400-meter relay.

"I feel one my strengths as a runner is my ability to go out and give it all, no matter what the outcome might be," Stille said.



THE REVIEW/File Photo
Junior attacker Andy Hipple cradles the ball earlier this season. Hipple and other members of the high-powered offense will need to play well against Villanova.

Hens take on rival Villanova

BY JON DEAKINS
Sports Editor

After experiencing its biggest win since joining the Colonial Athletic Association, the Delaware men's lacrosse team has a new hurdle to jump in their quest for CAA supremacy this Saturday as it will host rival Villanova (7-2) at Rullo Stadium at 7 p.m.

The Hens (8-2) earned their first ever CAA victory over Hofstra Saturday night, 12-10, following 11 straight conference losses over the past two seasons. Delaware moved from the America East conference to the CAA at the start of the 2002 season.

In the game, Delaware scored

leads the team with 51 ground balls.

The next step in that goal is taking care of Villanova, a team which Shillinglaw pointed out is a mirror image of Delaware. Both teams sit atop the CAA this season with 1-0 conference records, but the similarities run deeper than that. The Hens score an average of 8.7 goals per game and give up only 7.2.

Villanova: 8.67 and 7.28.

Another reason Shillinglaw stresses the talent of the Wildcats is because they have put up similar results against common opponents this season.

"They have some really good outside shooters," he said, "and

"The ranking doesn't mean anything unless we win the conference and make the tournament this year."

— Freshman Alex Smith about his team's No. 11 rank.

Two players Delaware will be sure to focus on are sophomore mid-fielder Matt Starker and senior attackman Richie Kratz. In

nine games this season, the two have combined for 23 goals and 16 assists.

Shillinglaw also gives a lot of respect to the Wildcat goalkeeper, sophomore Joseph Canuso, who leads the CAA by allowing just 7.16 goals per game.

The Hens, however, have probably the most formidable one-two punch in the conference in attack in senior Matt Alrich and freshman Cam Howard. Alrich leads the conference with 23 goals this season while Howard is tied for the lead in assists despite missing the opening game of the season due to injury.

Combine that with the fact that the Hens are 5-0 at home at Rullo Stadium this season and Delaware has reason to finally be confident heading into this game.

"It will be tough to come down here and beat us on our own turf. I can tell you that much," Smith said. "If we play well and as a team I think we'll beat Villanova. We are really coming together as a team."



THE REVIEW/File Photo
Freshman midfielder Dan Deckelbaum fends off a defender while carrying the ball in an earlier game this season.

Low attendance despite success

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Delaware's average student attendance over seven home games: 2,366. Curt Krouse, Delaware's director of sports marketing, said that the student attendance numbers are not completely accurate because many students buy tickets and sit with their parents for the games on the two Parents & Family Weekends. Even so, Krouse said that student attendance at football in 2003 is outstanding when compared to 2002 — 16,562 compared to 8,337.

It can be argued that the Division I-AA National Champion should have all of its students in attendance, and certainly more than the Dukes, who have an enrollment of approximately 4,000 less than Delaware and finished seventh in the Atlantic 10. James Madison also outdrew Delaware in men's basketball, averaging 443.

The Dukes finished 10th in the CAA — dead last. Delaware alumna Carin Bloom graduated last Spring but continued to attend football and basketball this past season. She said she wasn't surprised that James Madison had better student attendance because Delaware students aren't aware of how good their teams have been, even in recent years.

"People like to watch good teams," she said. "Ours must have been the best-kept secret on campus. The football team went to the playoffs my sophomore year [2000] but no one seems to remember. Hopefully the success of our teams now will help students understand how worthwhile our teams are to watch."

"Maybe more advertisement and statistics from the university would clear up such problems in the future."

She said that Delaware has made it easy to attend games and that

the distance of the arena and stadium from the main campus should not be a factor in student attendance.

"When students don't have cars, they could walk," she said. "It's not that far. [And] there are shuttles down there all the time. All you have to do is catch one."

One of the ways Delaware has tried to encourage student involvement is by having head coaches visit selected dorms. At the beginning of last season, head football coach K.C. Keeler went to two dorms with team captains Mike Adams and Jason Nerys. Krouse said Keeler, and possibly head men's basketball coach David Henderson, would do the same thing next season.

When Bloom came to Delaware in the Fall of 1999, Blue Hen Fever did not exist. But she said that if it had, she wouldn't have known about it. She said that she only attended a few basketball games and went to the football games only because she was in the marching band.

"[Delaware should] cater to freshman," she said. "If you get them hooked, they'll keep coming back. Maybe they could have a program where they ask RAs to bring their hall to a game."

Krouse said a stronger push to get freshman involved is already underway, with head coaches being introduced to the freshman class, for example. By working with Resident Life and getting other student groups involved, Krouse said student attendance should continue to increase, but putting students in the seats is only the first step.

"I want to be able to go into that arena and see the student section full, and not only full but everyone wearing Blue Hen Fever shirts, standing and clapping and cheering like you see on CBS."



THE REVIEW/File Photo
Members of the women's lacrosse team, as well as members of the coaching staff, watch in anticipation in a game earlier this season.

Ladies aim to top Dukes at home

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shots," O'Connor said. "We really need to get the draws and hold onto possessions longer."

The Hens will look to freshman Jenny Diana and seniors Michelle Campolettano and Shannon Kron to lead the offense. Diana averages over two goals a game and Kron posts just more than an assist per game.

Defensively, midfielder Erin Edell will team with defenders Lynch, Becky Rausa and Lindsey Greer in an effort to slow down the vaunted JMU

attack. Lynch has caused a team-leading 15 turnovers, while Edell's prowess on the draw should allow the Hens to consistently take possession.

Having lost three consecutive contests to the Dukes, the Hens are still confident that by playing mistake-free lacrosse, they can pick up a crucial victory.

"If we win it would turn our season around," O'Connor said. "After that, there wouldn't be any stopping us."

"It's all based on attitude, we have to come out and give it everything we have."

Stanley Cup Finals forecast

We guess until we get it right



Bob Thurlow - managing sports editor
Toronto over St. Louis - I must admit, I am biased because the Blues are my favorite team, and they have an honest shot by having one of the few experienced playoff goalies in Chris Osgood, but the Leafs look too good. Offense is strong, defense is solid and the goalie (Belfour) has Cup experience.



Matt Amis - senior sports editor
Detroit over Toronto - The last couple of years have produced an "anything can happen" playoff atmosphere, but this season two Original Six teams will go the furthest. Both the Wings and Leafs made themselves better at the trade deadline, adding veteran depth to old favorites like Steve Yzerman and Mats Sundin.



Ryan Mignone - copy desk chief
Philadelphia over Detroit - A rematch of the 1997 Stanley Cup Finals. Flyers look healthy, but goaltending is a big question mark. Losing Desjardins could be a deciding factor in how far they go. The Red Wings look stacked as usual. Robert Lang had a sick goal in Wednesday's 3-1 win over Nashville. Dreams can happen for this Philly fan, but probably not. Go Phils!



Mike Fox - managing news editor
Detroit over Boston - Despite initial goalie problems, Detroit ended the regular season by winning five of the last six games. Only Colorado poses a problem for the Wings, but Detroit can handle it. Tampa Bay will collapse like all past Eastern Cinderella teams, and after years of playoff troubles, the Bruins are due for a Stanley Cup appearance. If Legace can maintain his composure, as he has been with Hasek and Cujo's exit, the Wings will clinch the Cup this year.

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Hugh Hefner - 1926 - original playboy
 Peter Gammons - 1945 - baseball guru
 Hal Morris - 1965 - MLB star
 Olaf Kolzig - 1970 - NHL goalie
 Jenna Jameson - 1974 - noted actress

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Commentary

DAN MONTESANO



Mullets for everyone

As I sat down to write this column on Thursday morning, (which tells you already things weren't going well) I tried desperately to find something to write about. Now I know what you're thinking, how is it possible that I couldn't figure out anything to write about?

And it's true, there really is no excuse for this self-proclaimed sportswriter to come up empty on column ideas, but it's true. I had nothing.

So I turned to senior sports editor Matt Amis for some inspiration, anything to get me started. In his infinite wisdom, I was sure he could point me in the right direction. His response? "Uhh ... umm." He then proceeded to walk away.

Thanks, Matt.

So I was back on my own again, trying to find something, anything to write about. Finally, after much deliberating and narrowing down the topics, I decided to settle on golf and the Masters.

We don't write many golf columns here at The Review, but I figured it might be a nice change to discuss something other than Philadelphia sports teams.

The first round of the Masters is underway as I write, so trying to write this column and follow the first-round simultaneously is proving to be a difficult task. Yet, I forge ahead.

After last year's circus Masters, that featured something for everyone, including a Hootie, some feminists and a few guys from the local chapter of the Ku Klux Klan, I wonder what the committee of Augusta National will do to top last year?

And now that it's time for the first major tournament of the season, all eyes will once again be on Tiger.

Of course, Woods will almost certainly be in contention on Sunday, well, because he's Tiger, and even though he's been in a "slump," Tiger and green jackets just seem to go together.

And then there's Phil Mickelson, my favorite golfer on tour. It's kind of sad, I know, but I do have a favorite golfer.

I've liked Mickelson since I first started watching golf, and this year may just be his time to finally get a major under his belt and remove the title of "best player on tour without major" that always seems to precede his name.

Mickelson has finally gotten the point that his obsession with driving distance wasn't really working, and now that he's lost some weight and gotten in shape for the first time in his career, he has put himself in position to finally get a major.

And what would be a golf column without mentioning John Daly? The beer-bellied, mullet-wearing redneck from Arkansas got his first win on tour this year after a nine-year drought.

We're all rooting for Daly to pull a miracle and win the Masters. It's hard to figure out why exactly we love John Daly and why we root so hard for him.

Maybe it's because we got to see everything he's been through. From his four marriages, including the last one where his wife and her parents were arrested for money laundering.

Maybe it's because we've watched him drink and gamble his tour earnings and sponsors away. Maybe it's because we've seen him breakdown and cry during a round and have to leave the golf course. Or because John Daly is the exact opposite of what most golfers are like.

But maybe it's because we've seen all of that and never expected John Daly to still be around.

Whatever it is, everyone watching golf this weekend will be pulling for Daly to reach in his bag and pull out some of the magic that he's shown glimpses of so many times in his career.

And how funny would it be to watch the disgust on the faces of the members of Augusta Country Club as Daly puts on his green jacket?

Maybe it will happen, but probably not. But we'll all be hoping.

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Baseball ends 10-game skid

BY DUSTIN SEMONAVICK

Staff Reporter

The Delaware baseball team broke out of a ten-game losing streak in a big way Wednesday afternoon cruising past Temple, 9-2, at Bob Hannah Stadium.

Sophomore Brent Rogers led the way for the Hens offense that out-hit the Owls 15 to three. Rogers had two triples, and three runs batted in.

The Hens received a solid pitching effort once again from senior Jarame Beaupre who went five strong innings giving up just one run and two hits. Beaupre added five strikeouts to help him to improve to 3-0 on the season.

"Every game he goes out we know we have a chance to win," said senior co-captain Steve Van Note.

Temple (13-8) was riding a seven-game win streak but fell behind early and was not able to muster up enough offense to come back.

With the win, Delaware improved to 14-14 on the season and ended a six game home losing streak. The key, according to head coach Jim Sherman was a balanced attack.

"We got both of the ingredients today," said Sherman, "pitching and hitting."

"During the losing streak we couldn't get both. It would either be good hitting with no pitching or good pitching with no hitting."

The scoring started in the second as sopho-

more Todd Davison singled home junior catcher Kelly Buber. Rogers then followed with a triple that scored two more runs and gave Delaware the early 3-0 lead.

The Hens grabbed control of the game in the third when they tacked on three more runs to extend the lead to 6-0.

After Temple fought its way for two runs in the fifth to cut the lead to 6-2, Delaware responded right back with three more runs of their own in the sixth.

Rogers hit his second triple of the game scoring Davison. Rogers then scored on an RBI ground out from junior Ryan Graham. Van Note then capped off the game in a big way with a solo home run that brought the crowd to their feet in awe of the blast.

The second ingredient to winning games according to Sherman is pitching something the Hens did extremely well on Wednesday.

Aside from Beaupre, freshman Mitch Heckert threw three innings giving up no runs, and sophomore Joe Coudon closed out the game with a perfect ninth.

Seeing how up-and-down Delaware has been this season, this could possibly be the start of yet another winning streak.

Delaware next plays the Liberty Bell Classic in Philadelphia next Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Ambler Field. The Hens will face Temple in the first round of the tournament.



THE REVIEW/File Photo

Sophomore Brent Rogers led the Hens offense with two triples against Temple on Wednesday. Rogers three RBIs helped Delaware put together a 9-2 victory.



THE REVIEW/File Photo

Sophomore Patrice Hughes prepares to play the ball out of her defensive zone. The Hens will need strong goaltending against CAA power James Madison this weekend.

Women to host JMU tonight

BY STEPHEN MANGAT

Staff Reporter

Sitting in sixth place in the Colonial Athletic Association, the Delaware women's lacrosse team finds itself at a pivotal point in its season tonight as it hosts No. 8 James Madison.

Last weekend, Delaware (3-7, 1-2 CAA) recorded a dramatic 12-11 victory over Drexel, only to lose 17-8 to Hofstra on Sunday following a second half letdown.

Inconsistent play has hampered the Hens all season, as evidenced by last weekend's performances. Delaware has not won consecutive games all season and only once has it hit double-digit goal totals in back-to-back games.

In facing the Dukes (7-3, 2-0 CAA), a national powerhouse that have made the NCAA tournament seven of the past nine years, the Hens recognize that they need to turn in one of their best performances of the season on both ends of the field.

Captain Kelly O'Connor said although the Hens have yet to go over the scouting report, they are well aware of the Dukes' ability.

"JMU is always tough competition and to beat them we just really need to play our game," she said.

Most importantly, Delaware must contain JMU senior midfielder Gail Decker.

Decker, a second team All-American last season, is ranked third nationally in points per game and fourth in goals per game. This preseason, Decker was one of 25 players named to the Tewaaraton Trophy "Watch List." The Tewaaraton Trophy is given at the end of the season to the nation's best player.

Unfortunately, the Hens can not focus on Decker alone.

Junior defender Allison Lynch said that overplaying Decker could yield grave consequences.

"Someone has to definitely keep an eye on Decker, but they have other good players too," she said. "If we concentrate on just one player, others will score."

On the offensive end, Delaware needs to control the ball, minimize turnovers and convert its chances without rushing.

"The attack needs to stay patient and not force our

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Johnson, Nerys work out for NFL scouts

BY ROB MCFADDEN

Sports Editor

Delaware seniors Andy Hall, Shawn Johnson and Jason Nerys worked out for NFL scouts Wednesday, attempting to prove why they should get a shot to play professional football. So far, so good.

Hall turned some heads last week when he threw a 54-yard pass, flat-footed, into a 10 mph wind. He performed adequately in his other drills, but tweaked his ankle and could not run his 40s. But Hall tried again Wednesday and ran a 4.65, which is faster than most quarterbacks.

Several representatives of the Philadelphia Eagles, including quarterbacks coach Pat Shurmur, were in attendance to watch Hall. Though still a longshot, Hall has increased his chances of being drafted. NFL.com's Gil Brandt named Hall to his Hot List, which lists players who "NFL GMs, scouts and coaches are talking about" and "who are moving up draft boards."

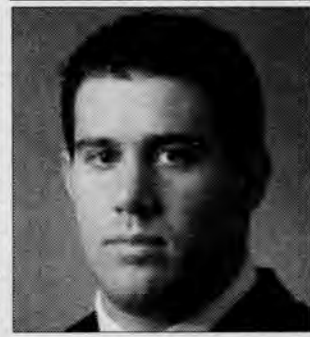
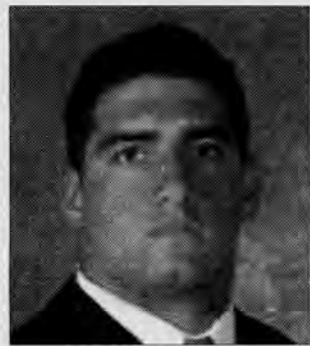
Nerys also did not run his 40s last week as he has been bothered by a tight hamstring. He had to pull up early Wednesday, but still ran a respectable 5.31 considering he ran a 1.83 for the first 10 yards. Nerys also redid the short shuttle and three-cone drills, posting 4.7 and 8.0 seconds, respectively. Last week,

he was timed at 5.01 and 8.06. Other numbers from last week include a 32.5 vertical leap, 28 reps of 225 pounds and an 8-foot-6 broad jump.

Josh Buchanan, a friend of Nerys, said at least five NFL teams have contacted Nerys and one specifically told him that he was on their draft board from the fourth round on. Nerys is ranked 17th in the nation among offensive guards by Draft Insiders Digest and in their profile of Nerys, scout Frank Coyle wrote that Nerys has "adequate athleticism and intangibles for the NFL."

Johnson, a defensive end, has been recovering from post-season shoulder surgery and was not able to bench press or vertical, but he ran the 40-yard dash and went through agility and positional drills for seven NFL scouts. Johnson was noticeably winded at the end of the work out, but one scout said he did very well considering he had not done much recently. Johnson had previously run between a 4.25 and 4.85 in the 40-yard dash, benched between 18 and 23 reps of 225 pounds and had a 33-inch vertical leap.

Both Johnson and Nerys are projected to be drafted in either the sixth or seventh rounds, while Hall and safety Mike Adams may be signed as free agents. The last time three Delaware players were drafted was in 1971.



Offensive lineman Jason Nerys (top) and defensive end Shawn Johnson.

Where are the students? Low attendance for athletic events

BY ROB MCFADDEN

Sports Editor

The Bob Carpenter Center reverberated with the noise of thousands of voices Feb. 28 as senior guard Mike Ames prepared to take the last shot of his collegiate career. Delaware was leading conference rival Drexel 75-62 with 32 seconds remaining in the last game of the season, a game that the Hens had owned from the start. The Bob was loud, it was rowdy, and more importantly, it was filled. Even the student section.

Well, sort of. It was mostly filled.

Much has been made of Delaware's large and faithful fan base. Delaware Stadium was consistently filled with more than 20,000 fans during last year's football season, a number that fewer than five NCAA Division I-AA schools can top. And the men's basketball team drew a respectable number of fans for a program of its size and ability. But the kicker is that while the alumni and local community show up for every game, good weather or bad, the majority of Delaware students do not.

The NCAA does not track student attendance and some schools like Hofstra do not keep student-specific numbers at all. It is difficult to say for sure how Delaware compares to other schools nationally. But in its conference, at least in basketball, Delaware does not match up well.

UNC-Wilmington sold out its entire 1,200-seat student section for every home game last season other than the three games over Christmas break.

According to Rob Brickels, director of athletic marketing and promotions, the Seahawks usually gave away all 1,200 tickets by noon of game day.

Students are only given 10 days prior to the game to pick up tickets. UNC-Wilmington finished seventh in the CAA, two spots below a fifth-place Delaware team that defeated three of the four teams above it and took CAA champion Virginia Commonwealth to double-overtime in the last week of the regular season.

George Mason, the team that knocked Delaware out of the playoffs, averaged 429 students per game and drew more than 1,000 students to two games.

Old Dominion finished just above Delaware in the standings last season, winning only one more game in the regular season. The Monarchs averaged 1,033 in student attendance with 500 tickets given to the Monarch Maniacs every game.

Delaware's student attendance average: 200. UNC-Wilmington, George Mason and Old Dominion are all "basketball schools." They do not have football programs and since Delaware is a "football school," it makes sense that they would outdraw the Hens in basketball.

But James Madison, a member of both the Colonial Athletic Association in basketball and the Atlantic 10 in football, outdrew Delaware in both sports last season. Over six regular season home games, their football games had a total of 14,591 students. That averages out to 2,432 per game.

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