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A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Hello, E-52!

I hope you all had a wonderful winter, whether back at home relaxing or right back here to UD for Winter Session! We've got a lot to look forward to this spring (including some warm weather for a change!), so be sure to keep following the Facebook page, looking out for emails from our lovely Secretary Rachel, and coming out to audition or see our amazing shows!

This edition of *Encore!* is a little shorter and provides just a little update on some of the things that went on over winter break, including some fun show announcements, a recap of the end-of-the-semester banquet, and a storm that gave me a lot of grief in more ways than one!

On behalf of the Board, I want to thank everyone for all of their friendship and hard work in this organization. I know we all expect this Spring semester to be a great one!

Enjoy this edition of *Encore!*,

Grayson

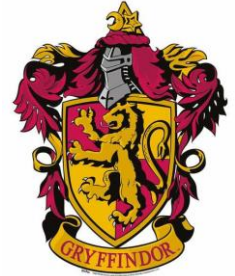


Have suggestions for how to make *Encore!* better? Contact Grayson at grayzieg@udel.edu!

A BEWITCHING BANQUET

By Matt Leicht

E-52 hosts a banquet every semester for the organization. The fall banquet is always themed and this year, the theme was Harry Potter. The organization was split into “Hogwarts Houses” and competed for the house cup. The night consisted of games and challenges to see who would win. The room was decorated in the Hogwarts colors and teams split up to participate in different activities. Some of these activities were Harry Potter trivia, Quidditch pong, Hogwarts classes, and a hunt to find the golden snitch. Noncompetitive activities were set up as well. These included “potion making” and an “Azkaban Prisoners” photo booth. At the end of the very fun evening, a winner was about to be announced when the houses tied it up with 1,950 house points each. So a tie breaker based on how well the houses knew each other and how well they dressed in their house colors was taken into consideration by the hosts (Myself, Emily Murphy, and most importantly-Lauren Goldenberg). The winner of the House Cup was Slytherin! (Rachel Milberg, Paul Tudan, Abby Lamdan, Siggie Schorr, Heidi Fliegelman, Patrick O’Beirne, Jen Lohrius, Robby Hanna, Jake Steltz, and Chris Knieste). Everyone enjoyed the magical evening and went home with smiles, potions, and some new memories.



(THEATRE) SEASON’S GREETINGS!

By Grayson Ziegler

Now that we’re back into the swing of Spring session, that means that IT’S SHOWTIME!!! Our season is off to a wonderful start (if I do say so myself)! Here’s our current season. Take a look:

Our first show of the season is the gripping *Suicide, Incorporated*. Directed by myself, and featuring a star-studded cast and production-staff, the show will be coming to Bacchus from the 8th to 11th of March. The show stars Jason (played by Mikey Malaszczyk), a young writer/marketing man with a dark past as he joins Legacy Publishers, a company that writes suicide notes (yeah, you read that right). Throughout the show Jason grapples with his sociopathic boss, Scott (played by Jake Steltz), his past with his brother Tommy (played by Jeff Kappers), and a secret hidden motive...

Our Pearson production, directed by our president, Nina Groom, is *The Skin of Our Teeth*. A dream for a lover of theatre-of-the-absurd, the show features the Antrobus family and their lives in the Ice Age, the 1920’s, and the end of the world! With an amazing 16 cast members, this show is bound to please!

24 Hours of Theatre is making its return once again, now bigger than ever, being featured as a part of Perkins Live! Featuring a team led by the illustrious Lauren Williams, this high-octane performance will be one for the books.

NO, NOT THAT GRAYSON

By Lucy Davies

The first few weeks of winter break were fairly uneventful weather wise, although we did enjoy a peaceful white Christmas in some parts of the country, but, unless you have been living under a rock for the past couple of weeks, you probably had some kind of experience with the “bomb cyclone” (ironically dubbed with the same name as our editor, “Grayson”) that blasted the United States over January 3rd-4th. “Grayson” was a very unusual storm that displayed an effect called “bombogenesis,” which is a term that is so new that it was only first used back in the 1980’s to describe storms that strengthen incredibly quickly over a 24 hour period. Satellite images of “Grayson” even showed that it resembled a hurricane pattern, making it more foreboding than other winter storms before it even hit. When it did, it carried snow as far south as Florida and blasted the New England coastline with flooding and up to two feet of snow in some areas.

I’ve been through quite a few snow storms during my 15 years living in Massachusetts, and I love snow as much as the next person, but this storm seemed different right from the very beginning. Even up until three days before the storm was supposed to hit, people were stocking up on groceries, water, oil for heating, and firewood. Many people’s biggest fear was losing electricity, and thus, heating because not only was a massive snow storm on the way, but the temperature was also forecast to drop to record low temperatures, in some places as far as 10 degrees Fahrenheit below zero with wind chill. Freezing was a very real concern.



When the storm did hit, my town was one of the heaviest hit with snowfall in Massachusetts, with 17 inches being our final count. Luckily, we were far enough inland to avoid the flooding that was a major problem in the more coastal areas of New England, such as Boston, Cape Cod, and Plum island. These areas were faced with freezing floods that came 4 or 5 blocks in land in the cities, destroying homes, buildings, cars, you name it. To make things worse, oftentimes the flood water contained blocks of ice causing even more damage.

Overall, winter storm Grayson had devastating effects in many states, especially those that are not geared-up to deal with snow in this capacity, and the clean-up will be long and hard. So far very little research is available concerning how global warming may be affecting the development of storms like “Grayson,” but it is thought that they do affect them somehow, whether it be by changing the trajectory of the jet stream or the base state that the storms arise from, making more moisture available to them. No matter what the effect, the arrival of this “bomb cyclone” is yet another wake-up call that global warming is having a major effect on weather patterns, and it needs more attention from everyone. As destructive as “Grayson” was, hopefully we can learn from this storm and use that knowledge to help better combat or even prevent similar storms in the future.

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