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## Mellen Issue Still Open

# CONFUSION CONTINUES AS STUDENTS MEET

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## To Trace Illness

A concentrated campaign is being waged to track down the source of the sudden illness which struck a large number of students last Thursday and Friday. More than 100 victims staggered painfully in and out of the infirmary on Friday morning alone, the Acorn was informed, while estimates of the number actually affected run much higher. Although so far there is no real evidence to link the epidemic with the Food system, Ed Polash, manager of the cafeteria, told this that the foods supply is naturally suspect. Mr. Polash said that he and Dr. Parry, the school physician, both called in the Board of Health on Friday morning and that samples of food served last week are now under analysis with a report due Tuesday or Wednesday of this week. In addition, a state doctor is spending several days on the campus for first hand observation.

Another possible source of the infection is a virus brought onto the campus from outside, and a questionnaire is being distributed to the entire student body in an effort to assess the probability of this vs. other solutions.

Again emphasizing that the root of the trouble remains undiscovered, Mr. Polash told the Acorn that "The Board of Health is probing all possibilities at this time, but it is too early for any conclusions to be drawn. We are cooperating with the Board of Health and cooperation from students will be helpful in determining where the epidemic stems from."

## Sees New Labourite View Toward Europe

Sterling is in danger; there are significant weaknesses in the British economy. These problems are not only of grave concern to the Wilson administration but to Labour parliamentarians in general. The situation is such that, as he stated last Tuesday, Sir Patrick Duffy views the monthly trade statistics as intimately at his own monthly bank statement.

As Chairman of the Labour Party's Economic Affairs and Finance Group, Sir Patrick's concern is not solely personal. He is responsible for finding solutions. The potentialities of European wealth with regard to defense, trade, and economic development all point to a tantalizing solution.

### LABOUR REVERSAL

Three years ago the Labour Party, then the Opposition, adamantly disapproved British entry into the European Economic Community. The reversal of the Labour position is not illogical — there have been changes. At the time the Labour Party voiced great concern for the Commonwealth role. The Party feared entry into EEC would jeopardize the internal economic structures of the nations concerned. Time has proved otherwise. The Commonwealth Nations in general have become increasingly independent economically, while the British home situation and the present precarious position of Sterling on the World Market have deteriorated. New options are mandatory — hence the change in party view.

Sir Patrick noted a two-fold approach: reorganization of the British home economy, and a reevaluation of the European commitment (or lack of the same). The primary domestic issue is steel. The present structure of steel production is inadequate; it is technologically deficient and it utilizes labour inefficiently. The Labour Party demands the nationalization of steel. In his speech



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Sir Patrick Duffy

Tuesday, Sir Patrick challenged the Drew audience to suggest any means of efficient and high quality production within a framework of private enterprise. There was no solution suggested.

### CITES "CONCORDE"

Internal reorganization is not sufficient. Many Labour Parliamentarians look to Europe to complete the drive for efficiency. Despite the present French view toward British entry into the Common Market, functional and highly beneficial arrangements do exist between France and Britain. Sir Patrick's prime example was the present cooperation between the two nations in developing the Concorde supersonic aircraft. The connections can be increased until 1968-69, when the Common Market is reorganized and Sir Patrick hopes Britain will be able to enter.

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For the third straight week, campus activities boiled around the Mellen affair and the fuzzy issue of academic freedom. Student Council met Monday night to act on a resolution establishing a committee to clarify the faculty committee report, parts of

Peter Morrill will reply to Dr. Oxnam's comments on recent student activities, this evening, Monday, October 25, around 8 P.M. Information concerning the meeting place will be posted in the University Center.

## EDITORIAL

by William Chambers

I am told that it was the custom among certain primitive societies periodically to heap the guilt of their collective sins on the head of one unfortunate individual, thereafter referred to as the Scapegoat, and to drive that individual out of the community. Sunday night was the first time I realized that the custom has, in fact, not been relegated to our more unsophisticated past, and it was the first time I realized that Drew University qualifies for the designation: "primitive society."

In his address to the student body last evening, Dr. Oxnam created a Scapegoat, and in his choice, he did not display the slightest element of originality. Once again, the paranoia of the self-righteous has pointed the finger of accusation at the "radical left"—the "activist minority"—this time in the person of an anonymous graduate student who was author to a "blueprint for insurrection." What Dr. Oxnam hopes to accomplish by this character assassination seems obvious. He hopes to achieve a further confusion of an already-muddled issue by the logical fallacy of "poisoning the well," thereby preventing anyone from coming to a conclusion on one issue without, *de facto*, coming to the same conclusion on all issues.

What has Peter Morrill to do with James Mellon? What has academic freedom to do with the Hollow Project in Morristown? And what have the mid-term grades of Freshmen to do with the price of tea in China? Absolutely nothing!

Dr. Oxnam fails to distinguish among the several issues which currently confront the Drew community. First: he alludes to the poor performance of students on their mid-term examinations. We suggest he refer his concern to the parents of these same students, who are obviously too "immature" and "irresponsible" to mind the serious business of learning. Second: he alludes to the paper of a particular graduate student. We suggest he refer his concern to the graduate student in question, meeting him in an open confrontation, instead of preventing him from speaking in his own defense. Third: he alludes to the war in Viet Nam. We suggest he refer this concern to the confines of his own conscience. Finally: he alludes to the duping of the entire student body by a radical minority. We suggest he refer this concern to the facts. If he cannot ascertain these facts, we suggest he request them of certain "privileged students," who are always in possession of reports on University business before anyone else. If he cannot ascertain what moral stand to take on these facts, we suggest he refer to the book, *I Protest*, the author of which we are confident that Dr. Oxnam knows well enough.

which President Oxnam read at the general meeting on Friday, Oct. 15. The committee will study the Board of Trustees' decision of Oct. 15 and statements surrounding that decision. The committee is working throughout this week, and hopes to have its report approved and ready for publication within two weeks. Committee members are: Ted Lor-

entzen, Mike Enders, Jacki Mute, and Glaven Goodwin. Jeff Fogel is Chairman, and Council President Connor is an *ex-officio* member.

The Council was prompted to action by pressures from various segments of the student body, who were fully, or

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## EDITORIALS

## I PROTEST

In addressing the student body on Sunday night, the President of the University revealed his ability to act with unprincipled ruthlessness in the attempt to crush student questioning of the honesty of the Board of Trustees. Dr. Oxnham suggested that all those students who were distressed over the Board's hypocritical statements on the decision not to rehire Mr. James Mellen, a Marxist instructor, were under the domination of a leftist faction of older students who were duping the younger students by "creating issues" and "manufacturing dissent." This suggestion is too insulting to the intelligence of Drew students to merit serious discussion. But the point which objection that comes to mind is the absurdity of suggesting that all those faculty members who are sitting in the Board of Trustees are the Board's repressive hypocrites, and the center of domination of a clique of leftist students.

The President suggested that a "senior schoolwork" was suffering because they were being forced to spend their time on political protest. Alas, Dr. Oxnham, we also regret that we must take time from our job of imparting ideas and spend time in asserting our right to free expression and all ideas from teachers without the ideological influence and interference of the Board of Trustees.

We hope that the Drew student body is aware in its ability to evaluate issues; we hope they are secure enough to disdain Dr. Oxnham's smear of those who have dared to speak publicly against the Board's cynical interpretation of "Christian ideals" for the purpose of perpetuating the desire of bigots to silence dissent on this campus. It is obvious that his intent was to tie the hands, and the feet, and rap the knuckles of all dissenters by suggesting that they were leftist theorists. That the association is false one of them seems to bother our President at all. He knows it is this, but he expects it to be an executive silence. It is up to Drew students to let him know that we find this maneuver totally irresponsible and contrary to everything Drew stands for as a Christian institution.

Katherine G. Shaw

The Acorn wishes to commend the administration for giving the campus an extra six days of Halloween. However, they have badly misused our fun by assigning the witches their parts in full view of the entire community.

## Recommended Reading:

I PROTEST—My Experience With The House Committee On Un-American Activities.  
by G. Bromley Oxnam  
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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir:

I write to you as an alumnus of Drew University to protest the rash and likewise irresponsible action of the Board of Trustees in voting not to renew the contract of James Mellen.

However much the Board might like to believe that their action is based solely on Mr. Mellen's professional qualifications, the tone and content of their statement (as reported in the New York Times) reveal otherwise. On the one hand, the Board endorses the faculty statement that academic freedom entails "the freedom to express the results of that search" for truth as an essential condition for higher learning; and, on the other hand, it presumptuously states that it has and knows the truth when it condemns Mr. Mellen's statements as "contrary to everything Drew stands for as a Christian institution." Placing such an arbitrary boundary on the search for truth does a discredit to the reputation of Drew both as a "Christian institution" and as a scholarly community.

Thus, the action of the Board of Trustees is irresponsible in that it interferes with the functioning of the University. It places arbitrary restrictions on the search for truth and makes Drew appear, in the eyes of the public, a mere finishing school for right-wing Christians rather than a community of scholars and students vitally engaged in the problems of our society.

For the sake of the University and its reputation, I must ask you to reverse your decision and keep Mr. Mellen. There is a whole world outside the New Jersey gubernatorial race that looks unfavorably on such restrictions of academic freedom. Let it not be said in the future that the reputation of Drew University as a serious scholarly community was the only vital issue decided in the 1985 New Jersey gubernatorial election.

Walter S. Achtert  
Class of 1965  
College of Liberal Arts

Ed. Note: We received a copy of this letter to President Oxnham for the purpose of publication. A copy was also sent to Dr. Robert Smith, chairman of the Political Science Department.

Dear Dr. Oxnham,

My wife and I are writing this letter as two alumni who are very much concerned with Drew University and its progress as a fine progressive institution of higher learning.

The situation which exists with James G. Mellen of the Department of Political Science is one which is extremely distressing to both of us; and we feel it our duty to Drew to make our feelings known.

We feel that the dismissal of Mr. Mellen may well prove detrimental to the reputation which Drew holds in the public mind as a fresh, progressive university. As students at Drew, we valued very highly, the encouragement which we received from various faculty members in the search for ideas and the scholar's tools with which one may acquire them.

Vital and flexible opinions cannot be taught; they must

be inspired. A student must be allowed to make his own critical evaluation of those things which he experiences. We feel that Mr. Mellen was entirely honest with his students in stating at the outset that he is a confirmed Marxist. While we do not agree with his views, we feel that a vital principal of Democracy is at stake — that of the right of free speech. In addition, and as important, the students at Drew may be deprived of a prime source of intellectual stimulation.

The first duty of a university is to provide its students with the tools which may be used in the search for knowledge. One of the most potent and valuable, in our opinion, is constructive controversy, based on open and honest stands.

We appreciate the difficult position in which the faculty and administration have been placed; in spite of this, we sincerely hope that the university will reconsider its decision and stand firm against the forces of adverse opinion.

On the other hand, if indeed the article in the New York Times of Saturday, 16 October, which stated that the grounds for Mr. Mellen's dismissal are his lack of adequate progress toward his Doctorate, is correct, we feel that this should have been made clear to him prior to the public announcement.

In closing, we wish only to say that we sincerely hope that this letter will be taken in the spirit in which it is meant; that of genuine affection and concern for our Alma Mater.

Yours truly,  
Roger Dean Ditman '64  
Barbara-Rose Feri Ditman '65

To the Editor:

I find it difficult to understand many of the remarks pertaining to the Mellen controversy in the October 18 issue of *The Acorn*. I attended the meeting where President Oxnham presented the university's decision on Mr. Mellen. I felt that it was completely fair. In *The Acorn*, several people who disagree with the decision chose also to take exception to the trustees' statement that Drew is a Christian institution and that its actions are affected by this position. These people were aware of Drew's status when they chose to come here.

This is a private institution. The trustees have an obligation to uphold what they think are the standards of the Methodist Church. Any students who find this opinion reactionary or oppressive are free to transfer to other institutions of higher learning.

I came to Drew because of what it stood for, as well as for its fine academic status. Please don't spoil it for me, and for others who came for the same reason.

Frances Edwards

To the Editor:

I believe it is apparent to all of us that Drew has every legal right not to rehire Mr. Mellen next year. The reasons given leave something to be desired, but let us not forget that the university is not required to give any reasons what-so-ever for dropping a lecturer at the end of the academic year.

Furthermore, I believe the decision not to invite Mr. Mellen back was made prior to the Rutgers Teach-In, but I can't believe that such a decision was irrevocable and would have been made without discussing the problems with Mr. Mellen with a chance of clearing them up, as was the case because of the Rutgers incident.

Moreover, I believe we should look further than only the Mellen incident, at the basic policies of this university. Drew has far too many stodgy, academical lecturers and when a student here finds an enthusiastic teacher it is a delight. Mr. Mellen is apparently such an instructor even without his Ph.D. If this school is to sacrifice a good teacher because of a lack of prestige in London or because the school's Ph.D. statistics aren't awe-inspiring then basic changes should be made.

(There are many other aspects of Drew which are much less awe-inspiring than the number of Ph.D.'s on the faculty.)

One stimulating instructor will not be here next year; perhaps the other worthwhile, non-conformists on the faculty should also leave. They are apparently out-numbered and, unfortunately, not appreciated.

No longer an "adventure in excellence," now "stop new ideas, they cost money!"

Thank you,  
Rick Schell

To the Editor,

Although the reasons for Mr. Mellen's non-reinstatement are not altogether clear, it seems that it was only a quirk of fate that prevented the problem of Mr. Mellen from becoming a clear-cut case of violated academic freedom. The meeting of September 23 and the subsequent official reasons for Mr. Mellen's non-reinstatement cannot, however, completely gloss over the pressure of opinion stemming from Mr. Mellen's political philosophy. The fact that Mr. Mellen expresses a different opinion from that of the rest of the Political Science department should be welcomed as a further means of clarifying the discipline of the political scientist. In almost every other department, divergent specializations and philosophies of the professors are helpful, if not necessary, for the full understanding of the discipline. But in the Political Science, any divergent from the "American Line" is held to be, in popular opinion, a threat to the student (and to the country). There is a fear of "communist indoctrination". However, I contend that the difference between the existence of only one point of view and the existence of many divergent points of view is a far greater threat to the American student than anything else. A sympathetic understanding of the Marxist-socialist point of view is becoming more necessary in a world where this political philosophy is being embraced by more and more nations. Therefore I contend that, contrary to the opinion of the public and the Board of Trustees, the presence of Mr. Mellen is an asset to Drew in

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keeping with the modern Christian tradition of critical thinking rather than bigoted dogmatism. Hence it is my opinion that the allegation that Mr. Mellen is contrary to the ideals of Drew as a Liberal Arts College is detrimental to the intellectual development of the Drew Student. Thus the opinion of the Board of Trustees in this case is against the student and stifling to the pursuit of knowledge. We must, then, safeguard our own intellectual development and defend knowledge and confront the Board of Trustees in an effort to guarantee intellectual vitality on this campus.

George Van Deus  
Class of '67

Dear Sir:

Vultures are wheeling over your campus. Look up! Wayne Dumont is lofting exhaustedly on his black wings while congressman Gross, the dust of Iowa still fogging his brain, flaps doggedly behind him. The stench of decay, academic decay, is sweet nectar to these foul fowl carrion birds.

Drew has shouldered the mantle of shame. Your noble administrators have in quaking fear and shameful cowardice refused to fight the good fight. They have betrayed you! They have bent and broken before a foul breeze while their counterparts at Rutgers stand unyielding in a veritable gale, defying the fury which the terrible forces of ignorance dash upon them.

Pity your administrators. They have failed in what could have been their finest hour. They should have risen to a noble and just defense of James Mellen and brought honor to their University and themselves. Rather did they lie and yield to with unmanly haste. They are disgraced. They are broken men; for they know only too well the depth of their treachery. The ghosts of masters they must have honored, Jefferson, Paine, Gallileo, Newton and Jesus Christ stand forevermore in silent indictment and condemnation of their lowly act. Sadmen! They shall learn the old lesson that shame is the reward of cowardice.

Shall the same be said of the students of Drew? Or will they rally to the cause of free speech as their forebears did in 1776? Will they cleanse away the dishonor of their administration, fight the good fight, rise up against the forces of darkness abroad in our land, and by a vigorous and sustained defense of James Mellen, allow the doves of Justice, drive away the vultures of Intimidation, Sadism, and Ignorance.

Sincerely yours;  
R. D. Baldwin M.D.

To the Editor,

To assure absolute compliance with the beliefs of the hierarchy of this institution and to stop all that is "contrary to everything Drew stands for as a Christian institution," may I suggest to the Board of Trustees that they purchase one dozen (twelve) blinking, neon Jesus Saves signs and distribute them throughout our campus. Perhaps this is the last resort which can be sought to maintain Drew as an "adventure in excellence."

Rick Schell

## INSIGHT

Editor's Note: We received this piece as a letter but found that it expressed unusually well our own opinions concerning the Mellen issue.

I would like to add my voice to those that have shown the insight to see through the cloud of confusion in the Mellen affair to the actualities of the case. What cannot be doubted about the Mellen affair is that the decision to dismiss Mr. Mellen would have been dismissal. It is now generally known that it was only through the persuasion and severe pressure of the faculty, President and Dean that the Board of Trustees was dissuaded from immediately dismissing Mr. Mellen on the basis of his "seditious" remarks at Rutgers University. The Board of Trustees clearly indicated its position in the statement in its concurring decision: "In the opinion of the Board of Trustees Mr. Mellen's statements at Rutgers University on September 30 were totally irresponsible and contrary to everything Drew stands for as a Christian institution."

In making this statement, the Board of Trustees has done a definite disservice to the stature of Drew University in the academic community. For an institution cannot serve the function of an academy, i.e. fostering the search for truth, if it is limited by all the assumptions imposed upon it by Christian beliefs.

In view of the above, the very existence of a decision made prior to the thirtieth of September can be called into question. Rather than quibbling over technicalities or points of law (which is what the criteria for the decision must ultimately be reduced to, since the President and the Dean have stated that they do not question Mr. Mellen's teaching ability or his academic competence) we might get to the heart of the matter by considering the compulsions of the case which seem to indicate that all the parties to the decision could have come to no other decision without risking serious damage to the University and to themselves. To have retained Mr. Mellen would have meant the continuation of the "pink" stigma attached to the University after the Rutgers affair and in consequence the loss of many of the college's already slim endowments. Yet to have dismissed Mr. Mellen on the grounds of his controversial remarks either within or outside the classroom would have brought down upon the University the condemnation of every one committed to the cause of academic freedom. Further, it would have called forth a serious investigation by the American Association of University Professors and possible loss of Drew's accreditation by other organizations. To avoid either possibility, the President and Dean may have felt compelled to seek technical grounds for Mellen's dismissal. Thus, it is quite possible that any considerations regarding the renewal of Mr. Mellen's contract were highly tentative at best. To say this is not to accuse these men of an inherent lack of integrity. Rather, it is to say that under the specific crisis conditions involved, they may have yielded to pressures to take an unjust course of action.

One of the most disturbing aspects of this whole business is the way in which Wayne Conner, Student Council President, in his attempt to protect the interests of the Administration has ceased to fulfill his role as representative of the interests of the student body. No matter how well motivated Mr. Conner's actions may have been, his highly questionable exclusion of three Council members from a meeting of the remainder of the Student Council on October 14, his bringing the resolution of support to a vote less than an hour before the President's statement on October 15, and his well-known consultation with Dean Stonestier after the student meeting October 18 are clear indications that Mr. Conner is now serving the interest of the Administration and not those of the student body.

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## KICKING THE BRICKS

by Wayne Conner

The Student Council, via a special committee created on Monday evening, October 16, is presently reviewing the report produced by the faculty committee on Promotion and Tenure regarding the status of Mr. James Mellen as a member of the Drew faculty. Jacki Mute, Jeff Fogel, Ted Lorenzen, Mike Enders, and Galen Goodwin will be working with the appropriate faculty and administrative officers to clarify the procedure used, the background leading up to the decisions, and the statements surrounding the announcement of the decision. The controversial Board of Trustees' statement will be carefully examined as to its meaning and implications for this academic community.

The Student Committee on discipline will be meeting with various dormitory residents throughout the coming week to discuss such questions as the responsibility of students to the college when off-campus, the responsibility of resident student to their parents, the good and bad aspects of a curfew system, the role of dormitory directors and counselor, etc. Dorm meetings have been arranged through the officers of the respective residences. It is extremely important that students make use of this opportunity to be heard, for this is the committee which shall recommend to the faculty those rules and regulations which shall in the future govern our civic and social life on campus.

Big-Name entertainment, in the person of "The Four Seasons", has been arranged for Spring Weekend. Gene Hoyd's committee will present to the faculty on November 5 its request that approval to charge admission be granted for this one event.

The first draft of the new Student Association constitution will be ready for Council review before the end of this month. The document should be ready for initial presentation to the faculty's Educational Policy Committee on November 18. Student and faculty referendum will wait until the first few weeks of the second semester.

## LETTERS

To the Editor:

I wish to express my personal thanks to Dr. Bicknell and Dr. Baker for allowing themselves to be questioned and, at times I'm afraid, insulted by members of the student body at the meeting on Wednesday night. We are all grateful for your presence at that meeting and applaud your patience and stamina.

At that same meeting the student body once again saw Mr. Friederichs as "Crusader Prof." "Death be to all closed-meetings", he cried, while he himself stood before the group in front of the microphones. It is only a shame that the head of the sociology department could not find time to remain at the meeting and answer the many questions which his statements aroused. It seems to me that making a statement and then leaving is not conducive to an exchange of ideas or to open meetings, either. He was guilty of exactly what he condemned the meeting for.

Thank you,  
Rick Schell

ALL LETTERS TO THE  
EDITOR:

Deadline is 7:00 P.M., Wednesday before Monday distribution date.



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Dr. Baker and Dr. Warner speak to Mellen issue.





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## Lose to Upsala 3-2; Drew Record Now 5-2

The Drew soccer team slowed to a 5-2 record in losing to Upsala on Tuesday at Young Field. While the forward line managed a fantastic 39 shots at the Upsala goal, all but 2 were wide of the mark. The Ranger backfield, minus the hustle which is characteristic of ailing Don Marcy couldn't keep up with the fast breaks of Upsala, even though they were few and far between.

The game belonged to Drew from the first kick-off. Roberto Azevedo paved the way with a near goal in the opening seconds and continued to lead Drew in a press which lasted most of the first quarter. Then, at 10:03 of the period, an Upsala fast break resulted in a goal for Capt. Vikner on his team's first shot of the game.

When the team's exchanged goals for the 2nd quarter, Drew began another press, but to no avail. John Logan led the barrage of shots which angered from near goals to miskicks. At the horn which signaled the half the score stood: Upsala-1, Drew-0. With the jinxed 1st half over, the Drew squad began to pour it on. With 2 minutes gone in the half, John Lo-

gan relayed one into the goal on a pass from Mickey Colella. A minute and a half later, Colella again threaded the needle with a magnificent assist to Ben Alexander who was cutting perfectly towards the stricken Upsala goalie.

Drew picked off the ball and began still another press, this time with Capt. Fara Mahdavi coming close on a couple of rocket shots. As the front line pressed, the Ranger backfield moved up for support, but a long bomb and a foot race ended in another goal for Upsala's Capt. Vikner. The third quarter revealed the same pattern as all of the rest. The Drew line pressed hard, but could not find the range. Upsala took off on a fast break. This time, however, the Ranger backfield was set, only to have fullback Reid Fraser fall on the ball with his hands, in the penalty circle. Capt. Vikner of Upsala converted the penalty kick, running his total for the day to 3. With the game 3-2, in favor of Upsala, the Drew team again mounted a frantic, last minute offensive, but time ran out before the Rangers could even the score.

## New Labourite

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The years 1968-69 are crucial; NATO is then due for revision have expressed their discontent with NATO and their intent to revise it. The United States will be involved and Britain, consequently is interested in maintaining the present amicable Anglo-American relations. Sir Patrick suggested an Atlantic, rather than a strictly European, organization. Such a constitution along military and economic lines is almost mandatory, for the alternative is American isolation.

### Party "Neurosis"

Sir Patrick also emphasized the bare Labour majority. The result has been a neurosis of sorts within the party, and almost morbid concern for the help of the M.P.'s. Despite the parliamentary majority, the party remains explosive. Specific issues tend to rend the Labour fabric. Vietnam is one

instance with some members strongly favoring U.S. withdrawal, against the stated policy of the Labour government. But Sir Patrick is certain that the Wilson government will be able to consolidate its position through byelections and hopes that the Wilson leadership will be able to decrease the dissipating tendencies.

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in part, disturbed by the developments since September 30. Many of these students met last Sunday and Monday nights to discuss their reactions, opinions, and suggestions regarding these developments. Their efforts culminated in an open meeting Wednesday night, in which faculty members were invited to participate.

Mr. Mellen opened the forum with an address responding to the action of the Trustees, the Administration, and the Faculty Committee in not renewing his instructor's contract. Mellen reduced the reason for this decision to the slowness of his progress toward the PhD degree. To this he replied that he was well enough prepared now, were he to devote a month to writing, to finish a first draft which would require only minor revision from the thesis examiners at Iowa. He emphasized that no conversation with Drew officials on the subject of his thesis had given any indication of official dissatisfaction with his doctoral progress. He stated clearly his feeling that the crucial factor for his contract's 'non-renewal' was his remarks at Rutgers on September 30.

Professors Bicknell and Baker were present, and informed the group of particulars regarding the AAUP and the faculty committee report. The mood of the meeting - which at times attracted 300 persons - was one of questioning and not of activism.

Future activity regarding this vastly confusing issue has assumed no definitive character. Several private groups are involved in discussion, but no decisions or plans for action have appeared.



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### WRESTLERS

There will be a short meeting for all those interested in this year's wrestling team on Tuesday, October 26, at 12:30 P.M. in room 102 of the University Center. Mr. Davis will discuss the plans for the coming season.

## Morris Theatre To Open 29-Week Season on Nov. 6

The Morris Theatre launches a 29-week repertory season of eight plays with Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet", Bertoldt Brecht's "Galileo" opens November 6, and Samuel Draper's adaptation of Michel de Ghelerode's "What a Lovely Day" opens on November 26. After December 18, the balance of the plays can be obtained upon request. Matinees for student groups will be performed on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, in addition to five nightly performances a week.

Michael McCarthy and Paulene Reynolds will play the title roles in "Romeo and Juliet". Director Michael Sisk sees as the universal message in this drama the senselessness of human division - whether between families, communities or nations - with love the only means of bridging such civil strife. With this understanding of Shakespeare's message, he intends to place the usually over-emphasized theme of love within a context significant in our war-torn world.

The second production, "Galileo" (translation by Charles Laughton), deals with the Renaissance scientist's clash with ancient prejudice. "What a Lovely Day", based on the Belgian playwright Michel de Ghelerode's "Pantagheize", is a premiere production in this country.

The 16 members of the company include three returning members of last year's company—Howard Green, Paulene Reynolds and Victor Raider-Wexler—and 11 new members, selected from among 200 readers.

Several interesting innovations were made this summer in the physical structure of the theatre. In addition to the installation of a new electronic lighting control system and a raised stage ceiling to improve lighting and render more flexible the handling of the scenery, 200 plush upholstered chairs were acquired from Philharmonic Hall to replace the old canvas chairs of last season. These seats were first used in September 1963 at the opening of Philharmonic Hall. Unique aspects of these seats are their wide armrests and "acoustical mohair" seatcovers which can be removed for dry-cleaning!

### MORE RUNNERS NEEDED

The Drew Cross Country Club opens its 1965 season in a triangular meet against Montclair State and Pace College on October 30. Representing Drew this year are Tim Blauvelt, Bob Church, Richard Duff, Richard Doff, Dave Miller, Fred Sanborn, Mark Shoham, and Emmons Welch. All except Blauvelt and Sanborn are sophomores.

However the Cross Country Club is in a tenuous position this year. Because there are only a few runners interested, and because runners are so easily injured and sidelined, the Club wavers between strength and weakness. More runners are needed to assure Drew of a consistently strong team.

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