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Homecoming royalty to be crowned

FOR the first time in history Drew will have a homecoming king and queen, according to Suzanne Dorsey, co-ordinator of the idea.

Dorsey and Trish Blakovich, both sophomores, came up with the plan this past Monday at a lunch with Director of Student Activities Tullio Nieman.

The plan originated with the aim of providing a different atmosphere for the Seiler's Thanksgiving dinner to be held in the Commons on Tuesday, November 17.

The event was originally called "Home-going" in honor of students' departure from Drew for the Thanksgiving break, however it was quickly changed to the traditional name.

"Drew needs a tradition," commented Blakovich. "We have had so much taken away, that we need to put something back into campus life."

Nominations for the most school-spirited people from each class were collected in the University Center this past week. The nominations will be tallied over the weekend, a final ballot composed, and the ballot handed out at dinner on Tuesday.

The candidates are expected to be presented at that time, and the final votes cast. The winners are scheduled to be announced at approximately 6:00 p.m., each receiving a crown with the queen receiving roses purchased by the Student Activities Office.

Other activities planned for the dinner include a pilgrim band and the distribution of carnations to all females who attend the meal.

The duties of the newly-crowned king and queen are scheduled to begin

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Hardin responds to racial attack

By Stephanie DeVance
 Staff Writer

IT makes my blood boil to think that members of the Drew community would make explicitly racist telephone calls to our new housing director, Ron Campbell," said University President Paul Hardin in his address to 20 students on Monday afternoon during the Lunch With The University Brunch Series sponsored by the Multi-Cultural Center.

According to a letter released by Hardin to the entire Drew community, the calls were directed to Campbell's campus apartment one night last week. In the same letter, Hardin described the calls as "ugly" and "hateful," asserting that "anyone found guilty will be separated from the university by suspension or expulsion."

Chief of Security Manfred Ayers reported that steps are being taken to discover the origin of the racist remarks. "If we can determine who made the calls, he or she will be prosecuted either here at Drew or off campus," said Ayers, adding that "when racial remarks are involved, they are no longer just crank calls."



"Happily, such incidents are rare at Drew. But I will not be content until we are completely free of them. Until then, each one must be confronted with our scorn. And each victim must be supported and embraced."

University President Paul Hardin
 November 5, 1987 memorandum

Apoligizing for the subtle racism minority students encounter daily, Hardin said he hopes that his recent letter addressing the Campbell issue will help to stamp out such explicit instances of racism on campus.

Hardin pointed out that the age group of current college students may contribute

to the recent upsurges of racism. He noted that students born in the mid-sixties did not live through the suffering of the civil-rights struggle. "Many students have just heard their parents complaining at home about affirmative action programs," he explained.

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New pledge record set by Phonathon

By Betty Alexander
 Staff Writer

DREW'S annual fall Phonathon concluded November 4 with a total of \$200,000 pledged, exceeding the earned dollar amount of any preceding phonathons.

The generosity of college alumni and parents who acted as donors for this fund-raising effort helped surpass last year's \$185,000 pledge total and set new standards for Drew's Phonathon financial goals.

The money raised was directed towards Drew's unrestricted annual fund. "The unrestricted fund is utilized as a resource for whatever the university needs, such as books, salaries, and scholarships," explained Kim Rippard, assistant director of annual giving.

Fifteen to twenty Drew students worked as callers on each of the three Phonathon nights—October 27, November 2 and 4—from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Although some of the students were members of the work-study program, others participated out of pure interest in the activity. In return for their dedication to the project, each student was paid \$3.70 per hour. The callers were trained by Rippard and Dale Peck, the student captain of the phonathon, before proceeding with their task.

A few campus organizations contributed to the Phonathon. The men's lacrosse team and the Student Alumni Board rendered their voluntary services, thus lessening the work-load for the other participating students.

According to Rippard, the Phonathon evenings were not only filled with hard work and determination but also with

hours of enjoyment and socializing with the donors.

"There was a party atmosphere," said Rippard. "We gave out small prizes throughout the evening." Incentives for each night's caller with the highest pledge total included a gift certificate for Scott's Record Store and free pizza. The person who accumulated the highest amount throughout the three-day period received a cash award of \$30.

"The Phonathon was more than a lesson on how to encourage people to donate money," remarked Anita Velachaga, a student who participated in the event. "It was an experience through which I met personable and creative people and through which I had the chance to contribute to a motivating Drew cause."

Drew scholars' concerns addressed at meeting

By Nancy Volkers
 Staff Writer

A group of Drew scholars met last Thursday evening in Hall of Sciences 202 to discuss issues such as the allocation of scholarship funds, the application of tax laws to scholarship earnings, the need for counseling and contacts, and the unification of the scholars on campus.

"We've been called an apathetic bunch. I don't think we are; I think we're all very busy," said Martin Nowak, organizer of the meeting.

Inez Nelbach, director of the Drew Scholars Program, opened the discussion session with a brief history of the program itself. It began in 1978 as the Trustees Scholar Program. It was granted a four-year test period, and in 1981

the actual Drew Scholars Program began, funded by a yearly \$100,000 grant from Mrs. Winifred Baldwin, who wanted to create a true merit scholarship.

The program is composed of automatic eligibility criteria, which is one reason the university accepts so many scholars, explained Fran Andrea, director of financial aid. The requirements for admission to the program are based on SAT scores and high school class rank, the numbers varying slightly for each of the three possible scholarship categories. Students eligible for categories two and three may also have to write an essay to supplement their academic standing.

The current scholar breakdown consists of 26 seniors, 58 juniors, 74 sophomores, and 73 freshmen. The monetary awards themselves consist of yearly

grants of \$12,000, \$8,000, and \$4,000 to students in categories one, two, and three, respectively.

The present senior class is the only one on the old scholarship system, with awards of \$9,000, \$6,000, and \$3,000. This altering of funds was questioned by senior Paul Oberman, who asked if it had ever been suggested to award the scholarships as a percentage of total tuition fees.

"One year later tuition goes up (and the scholarship award increases), making you say 'I wish I'd been born a year later,'" quipped Oberman. Nelbach replied that she had never heard of that suggestion.

Another issue raised at the meeting was the university's methods of curbing scholar enrollment. With the increasing amount of scholars, very little money is left to run the academic program,

according to Nelbach.

Nowak stated that a beginning step has been taken: the admission dates for prospective scholars have been set for earlier in the year and will be strictly enforced.

She continued that a basic reason for the scholars meeting has been to discuss the criterion for maintaining scholarships during their years at Drew. She became actively involved in this issue when a few of her scholar friends were removed from the program because of the G.P.A. requirement when it was too late to apply to other schools.

The tenure of a scholar is followed by the Scholar Advisory Board. A rough draft of the next scholars handbook, which will be distributed to all

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News

Leaky roofs replaced

By Nicole Palmieri
Staff Writer

REPAIRS on the Baldwin and Commons roofs were begun during the last week in October.

According to Physical Plant administrator Marijane Geiger, the roof of the Commons is being replaced completely. This vast and expensive project, conducted by the Fania construction company, is expected to take about a month.

Leaks have been a problem in the Commons, mainly in the cafeteria, for the past few months. Leaks had occurred in the serving area, as well as in the kitchen, causing one line to be shut down.

The Baldwin roofing project, performed by the Watts construction company, was completed Saturday, November 7. This roof, like that of the Commons, will be completely replaced.

Throughout the fall, Baldwin experienced many problems. Constant dripping occurred in the stairwells, and a few rooms on the third floor reported leaks in the closets. Room 302 was condemned and evacuated due to severe leakage.

According to Geiger, solar panels which had been installed in the roof collapsed, thus damaging the insulation. Also, heat expanded the roof, causing cracks. The roof itself has not been replaced in twenty years.

Early morning construction on Baldwin's roof inconvenienced many residents. Geiger explained, however, that it was not possible to make the repairs during the summer. The solar panels had to be removed before any construction could take place. Legal problems had to be cleared up with the owners of the solar panels who were supposed to remove the panels but had filed for bankruptcy. Bidding for the best company with the



Acorn Photo/Dave Gosse

Workers repair Baldwin roof.

best price was still going on during the summer.

Although construction on the roof has been completed, several internal repairs still have to be performed, including the repainting and cleaning of damaged surfaces. Room 302 is expected to be refurbished and made available, once again, for residential purposes.

Baldwin Resident Director Kristine Aurbakken and some Baldwin residents said they are very pleased that the repairs have finally been performed. Aurbakken added that she is "delighted" to have retrieved her parking space, which had been taken over by the company's dumpsters.

Racism acts attacked

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Cynthia Salter, president of Hyera, supported Hardin's stand, stating that "the letter is at least a step in the right direction."

According to Maurice Washington, director of the Multi-Cultural Center, Salter's comment sums up the predominant attitude of minority students. He added, however, that the university, rather than just "reprimanding racist acts," must take stricter action by "creating a climate in which racial attitudes are more effectively controlled."

During the luncheon, graduate student Sam Alfa suggested ways to help international students adjust to Drew, such as the establishment of a permanent advisor who could serve the special needs of the diverse mixture of international students on campus. Alfa also proposed that the

salary of campus jobs be raised so that international students would not have to spend excessive time working and could thus become more involved on campus.

Other students commended the addition of such minority administrators as Equal Opportunity Scholars Director Anthony Tillman, Director of Human Resources Greg Pogue, Professor LaFrancis Rodgers-Rose, and Campbell. "I think it was worthwhile to have had Tillman, Pogue, Rodgers-Rose, Campbell, as well as Dean Courtney and Tullio Nieman present as guests to hear the commendations and concerns of students," commented Washington on the luncheon meeting. "Many of these issues would normally come up in an atmosphere lacking representation from the groups affected by administrative policies."

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members, states that students must maintain a 3.2 G.P.A. during their first two semesters at Drew, and a 3.4 for all remaining semesters.

If scholars drop below this level, they are placed on a warning list and must show substantial improvement or face expulsion from the program. Scholars dropped from the program may reapply as soon as their G.P.A.'s reach the required 3.4.

The question of taxable earnings and scholarships was another issue raised at the meeting. Nowak asked if scholarships themselves were taxable. Andrea explained that according to the current tax laws, if a student received (and still has a copy of) a scholarship award letter from Drew dated before August 16, 1987, then the scholarship is not taxable.

"The tax law is very vague," said Andrea, adding that scholars should save all receipts for books and supplies until the entire proposal is made clear. She stated that the tax proposal, when clarified, will affect graduate and theological students more than CLA students.

Sophomore scholar Ken Rosen brought

International Forum

By Dave Terdiman
Staff Writer

KENNETH W. Thompson, professor of government and foreign affairs at the University of Virginia, spoke at the third annual International Affairs Forum last Thursday night in Great Hall.

Addressing approximately one hundred and fifty people, Thompson discussed the issue of what he termed "true believers and constitutionalism."

Thompson spoke of selfish and dangerous people, true believers who set their sights on a calling, disregarding any obstacles which may hinder their success, such as the Constitution, which was devised to protect the rights of Americans.

He contrasted these people with "believers," such as our founding fathers, who are characterized by a concern for the rights and protection of others.

Citing the example of President Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative, commonly referred to as "Star Wars," Thompson said he felt that true believers, like the president, are concerned solely with achieving their own goals, ignoring the questions of cost, feasibility, and effects on others.

Using the Soviet Union as an example, Thompson went on to analyze the importance of ideologies and accomplishments. Accomplishments, he stated, must not be superseded by ideologies either by believers or true believers. He asserted that Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, in his attempts to enhance the life of the average Soviet citizen, has realized that accomplishments mean more than the constant hammering of ideas and theories on the populace.

In contrast, Thompson pointed out that societies completely devoid of beliefs, such as the Ottoman Empire, threaten the political well-being of nations and create "political vacuums." A balance between the two is considered advantageous, he added.

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on Thursday, November 19 at 9:00 p.m. as they lead a pep rally to mark the beginning of the basketball season and the Rose City Classic.

Because of their responsibilities, the king and queen must be "Drew-oriented, not just popular figureheads," explained Blakovich. "They should reflect something positive about the university."

As the year progresses, the homecoming royalty may be called upon to show their school spirit at other events, but the extent of their responsibilities is yet to be determined.

By Joey Biggio

up the issue of the A+ grade at Drew. He said that from his experience, many professors refuse to give out the A+ grade, even when a student achieves 100 percent or better (through extra credit), while other faculty members give out the A+ to students who don't deserve the grade. All administrators present urged those who have the same concern to write Dean Cuccchi about the possible discrepancies in grading.

A discussion on the need for advice and personal contacts was another major facet of the meeting. Most scholars felt they were simply given money and then left alone. "When I came to Drew, I wasn't even acknowledged [as a scholar]," explained freshman Gina Dolce.

Nelbach and the other administrators present agreed that the best people to contact were Nelbach herself and the members of the advisory board. These members include professors Sara Webb, David Kohn, Lois Beckey, Dean Lawler of academic advising, and Johanna Glazewski, associate dean of the college.

Nelbach explained that she is producing a new handbook for scholars which will contain all relevant information about the program and feature biographies of alumni scholars.

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News

Snack Bar understaffed

By Liz Bloetjes
Staff Writer

THE Snack Bar is understaffed, inconveniencing employees currently working there and students seeking an alternative to Commons food. According to Bill Ruys, manager of the Snack Bar, more students are needed to run the food service area smoothly and efficiently.

Approximately 18 students work in the Snack Bar now, participating in activities ranging from food preparation to running the cash register; however, Ruys stated that at least four or five more employees are needed, especially during the morning, lunch, and late evening hours.

In addition to hiring students, Ruys said he would like to find at least three more full-time workers to ease the workload and time commitment of student employees.

The service in the Snack Bar has been affected by the shortage of workers in terms of quickness and politeness. One student complained of having to place her order several times before anyone began to prepare it. Another student asserted that a worker commented, "I don't want to work here. May I help you?"

Ruys attributed the understaffing problem to the salary of Snack Bar employees, noticeably low at \$3.50 an hour. He said he believes that Drew is "lagging behind the salaries" of off-campus employment opportunities.

The problem, Ruys said, will hopefully be alleviated through a combination of more full-time employees and increased student participation. He encourages students who are interested in working to see Shirley Cameron in the Student Employment Office.



Acorn Photo/Josh Marcy

Service with a smile? not at the Snack Bar where quick service and courtesy have been compromised due to understaffing and low wages.

Nicaraguan crisis

By Barry Kazan
Staff Writer

PROFESSOR David Ruccio of the University of Notre Dame spoke on the economic crisis in Nicaragua during his lecture in Learning Center 28 on Thursday, November 5.

Ruccio expressed his concern for discussing more than just the war in Nicaragua. "We don't talk about the economic problems that outlay the situation [in Nicaragua]," he explained, "but they're going to have to be dealt with."

Having returned from Nicaragua three weeks ago, Ruccio provided the audience with a current perspective on the economic chaos in the conflict-torn nation. "The economic situation is out of control," said Ruccio.

The audience received lists of facts and figures about the production, economics, and costs of the war including both social and economic expenditures. Ruccio cited 1000 percent inflation rates, 25 percent unemployment figures, and a \$6 billion external debt. "It's worse than you can imagine," he said.

Ruccio discussed the Samozza regime, overthrown by the Sandinistas in 1979, in context to the present situation. He stated that some of the economic problems in Nicaragua are due to the fact that Samozza "had created a set of obstacles that the Sandinistas are trying to overcome." He cited many examples, including corruption and Samozza's failure to rebuild after the 1972 earthquake.

According to Ruccio, the Nicaraguan people concerned that Samozza should be expelled, "but they were not in agreement about what should come after."

Ruccio then outlined the Sandinistas' attempts to rectify the battered economy. Following the overthrow, the Sandinistas first confiscated all of Samozza's wealth; however, since much of the money fell into the hands of businessmen fleeing the country, the amount gathered was not as

high as expected.

Second, said Ruccio, the Sandinistas nationalized the banks. As a result, credit was extended to anyone who requested it, accompanied by bad record keeping which led to a higher national debt.

Third, the Sandinistas organized a reinvestment program, planning many projects that were intended to help rebuild the land, but many of these plans were never fully enacted.

The Sandinistas also wished to diversify trade, according to Ruccio, having previously relied heavily on trade with the U.S. He added, however, that "there was a variety of different pressures from the United States and elsewhere unofficially until 1985," when America established an official boycott.

As a final attempt at economic renovation, the Sandinistas began a program of agrarian transformation which resulted in the allocation of large plots of government land.

These decisions, explained Ruccio, led to a mixed economy, conflicts between government ministries, and the non-alignment of foreign policy. "Nicaragua is caught between balance and transformation," he stated.

At the conclusion of Ruccio's presentation, members of the audience raised topics ranging from the role of women in the economy to the national debt.

When asked for his opinion on how to alleviate the present situation, Ruccio responded, "The peace accord is the crucial thing right now," referring to the Central American Peace Accord that went into effect last week. "They can't do anything until peace is declared. There is no way to stabilize the economy until they [the Sandinistas] can demobilize the military."

The lecture was co-sponsored by the departments of economics, anthropology, religion, philosophy, and sociology, as well as Drew Peacemakers and the Theological School.

Snow...already?



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Winter took Drew students by surprise on Wednesday when the first snowstorm of the season blanketed the campus with several inches of snow. Students took advantage of mother nature's gift by frolicking through the snow to register at Mead Hall. Many students, frustrated by the list of closed courses, released tension by engaging in snowball fights later in the evening.

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THE Acorn stands accused of having failed to meet its obligations to the Drew community. Last week a closed forum was sponsored by the University Staff and Administration (U.S.A.), ostensibly to promote student-administration communication and to formulate a list of topics to be discussed at the November 25 USA meeting.

Present at this meeting were representatives from the Student Government Association (S.G.A.), the University Center (U.C.) Board, the Social Committee, the Extra Curricular Activities Board (ECAB), the Acorn, the Graduate and Theological schools, and various administrators.

This sounded like a terrific opportunity to hash out some of the problems that students have had in their dealings with the administration. Indeed, two hours is hardly time enough to detail the horror stories that students have endured at the hands of administrators who regard efficiency with the fear and loathing a vampire normally reserves for sunlight and crucifixes.

With such a veritable smorgasbord of tempting administration targets available, it came as a shock to find that the primary target of complaint was the Acorn. Some students cited factual mistakes and, say it ain't so, harsh editorials as having created or worsened problems.

Harsh? Mistakes? The Acorn makes mistakes, as does any newspaper; we try to find them before we go to press—if we can't, we issue a correction, same as the New York Times.

Let's talk about harsh editorials. One student at the meeting stated that the Acorn creates "more tensions than already exist." Really.

Some misguided students seem to feel that it is the role of the student newspaper to act as a peacemaker, to smooth the waters, as it were. Some misguided individuals would like nothing better than to have the Acorn's nose planted firmly between the buttocks of the administration.

A brief lesson on the role of a newspaper.

The Acorn exists to serve as a vehicle for the students, a place where the students may read articles written by students, about students, about subjects that are relevant to students. Its news articles should be informative, its opinion pieces opinionated.

What the Acorn is *not* is a message board for administrators to hang their memos on. One administrator complained that the Acorn ought to publish press releases from her office, as a service to the students.

Wrong. She can either use her office to prepare a mailing to the students, or take out ad space in the paper. If we published every press release the administration throws our way, we'd have no room to publish anything else. We'd be nothing more than a NYNEX-sized addendum to the catalog. The Acorn is not the administration's tool; like it or not, we're a student run organization, and as such we will decide what is published, not the administration. You have the A.C.L.U.'s word on that.

As to the charges that we have been offensive, harsh, and sometimes crass, we proudly plead guilty. But don't leave out "honest, fair, and willing to spare no one."

You see, one reason that the Acorn is valuable to the students has to do with the First Amendment. We call 'em as we see 'em, and if the administration, or any one else for that matter, doesn't like it, they can write a letter to the editor. If they'll sign it, we'll publish it.

Sometimes we have a dry spell when it comes to hard news. On the other hand, when Jane Newman packed her bags, you read it here first. If at times we miss out on a story, we regroup and try again. Like our readers, we're all students, overworked, underpaid (not at all), and chronically understaffed. We do this because we love journalism, and we feel that the students ought to have as good a paper as we can give them.

This year the Acorn has a more pugnacious tone than in recent history. With every graduating class, the makeup of the paper changes; editors come and go. This year's staff is comprised of individuals who want their readers to know that, if nothing else, in the pages of the Acorn they are assured that what they read is the plain, unvarnished truth. That's all a paper can aspire to.

If we provoke controversy, inspire discussion, get people to write to us, that's all to the good. The Acorn is a means of communication, two way communication. In the finest tradition of newspaper publishing, we intend to continue being the voice, albeit an angry one, of the students.

Clifton Daniel, a past managing editor of the New York Times said, "Information is essential to people who propose to govern themselves. It is the responsibility of serious journalists to supply that information." The Acorn intends to do all that it can to fulfill that responsibility.

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Letters to the Editor

Three pigs in a poke

To the Editor:

Who holds the power positions within the administration of this university? Paul Hardin, Scott McDonald, and Bill Craven are the men who have the power to change university policy and affairs on command.

These are the men we must ultimately look to as having the final word in any matter. These are the men behind the scenes who do not get any of the flak they deserve.

My concern is that these administrators are far out of touch with the student body. The tension level on this campus is at the breaking point, yet they can't feel it or, more importantly, they are unwilling to respond.

So many aspects of this university are run poorly and inefficiently. How can they be so uncaring as to let everything slide by?

Why isn't Paul Hardin providing the leadership this campus needs? He was familiar enough with the functioning of SMU (Southern Methodist University) to see a problem with the football team and solve it. But why can't he do the same here?

I would like to see these administrators prove that they are willing and caring to take charge and kick some butt if necessary.

The lines of communication to and from these administrators (are) sadly lacking any

real consistency or reality. Students, faculty, and the rest of the administration are left running around in circles accomplishing nothing because of this lack of leadership and communication.

The situation which tipped the scales for me and riled me further was that my parents were called by the Dean of Students and asked to participate in a tour of the dormitories on campus. Dean Courtney wants to show them the sorry shape they are in, in the hope that the parents will put pressure on the administration to improve this inefficiency and ineffectiveness on the part of the physical plant.

Why does this have to happen? I wish I knew. But I believe that if this administration wants to prove to this campus that they care about our needs they must make some major changes.

First, the lines of communication must be improved to the point that they are an effective means for dialogue and action.

Second, the leaders of this university must come out of isolation and become active in student affairs.

And finally, they must somehow help rebuild the sense of community that has been lost because of their ineffectiveness.

David Steffano

Same story, new faces

To the Editor:

After last year's SGA election, I told myself that I would wait. No sour grapes. No harsh words. No call for re-election based on the ludicrous way the entire fiasco was handled by last year's SGA hierarchy and certain candidates involved. Besides, there was no sense in debating the facts. We had our new SGA, complete with a president and vice president who had won by a convincing margin. We elected to represent us a president and vice president who promised, proposed, and predicted with great eloquence and fine wardrobe, a brighter future for Drew students.

But now, after months of waiting and following Ms. Driggins and her regime of automatons spew forth truly brilliant realizations about our "stoicism," our lack of communication, articles on squirrels, and sometimes nothing at all—I am fed up. An old proverb appropriately states: "He who puts up with insult invites injury." And I think that by now we are all ready for a few weeks in intensive care. Last week's forum, however, was the clincher.

The closed "forum" was not only an exercise in administrative masturbation, but an outrageous insult to our intelligence. I can not believe that for two hours these "representatives" met behind closed doors and did nothing but jerk each other around and decide upon topics for further discussion at later meetings.

I must give credit where credit is due, however; everyone who attended seemed very adept at blaming everyone from the professors to the federal government! The forum ac-

complished much, ranging from neat suggestions for campus-wide comment boxes, to establishing that the Acorn is fearful of becoming a "mouthpiece" and is more like a housefly or gadfly or whatever. Perhaps a better name for the forum would be "More Snappy Answers to Stupid Questions."

The entire debacle concluded with yet another very typical non-committal, meaningless statement from our president about how everyone at the forum seemed really interested in what students had to say. What students, Ms. Driggins? If you would all crawl out from under your rocks, computers, paper, piles, or whatever else you are living under and take a look around, maybe you would begin to get the point.

Just cut the bullshit, cut the ass-kissing, cut the endless finger-pointing debates, and DO something about all the things which you have made us so painfully aware. A keg here, an extra video game there, or maybe a urinal in the other Hoyt 1st bathroom might do wonders for morale, for starters. Hey, but then again, who am I but one of the everyday people in Drew's minority of people who don't hold SGA office. What do I know?

I know Ms. Driggins and Mr. Sweeney, and all of you who are involved, that your respective student offices will be safely plastered on your resumes. It's only a shame that what you didn't do won't be on them as well. I know that when the heat becomes too much, you should get out of the kitchen. Maybe this is an option to consider in an effort to spare us more insult, added to our injury.

Michael Massotto

Pollock is not the Grinch

To the Editor:

We are entering a momentous period in Drew's history. Following the apparently irresistible lead of the rest of New Jersey, this institution is making a series of irreversible decisions to "cash" in much of the forest "reserve" of our campus for development.

Within the next ten years, the "University in the Forest" will have a dramatically different look. Staff-faculty housing and low-income units for the town will replace the northwest corner of our woods and fields along Loantaka Way.

Expanding athletic facilities have reduced the forest preserve nearest the present gym by an area needed for eight tennis courts, and the remainder of this next southerly quarter of presently forested land will be eliminated for a new baseball field and its seating.

Plans to rearrange roadways and to construct a new physical plant building in the third quarter of the forest behind the dorms are apparently under enthusiastic discussion.

We are told that the final quarter of the forest, between the Glenwild gate and Green Village Road, is already earmarked for future expansion into new academic areas. This will leave unbuildable terrain such as punchbowl and whatever portions of the Zuck Arboretum that can be salvaged and protected as remnants of Drew's woods.

Facing these losses, concerned individuals

have worked hard to define the Arboretum and to defend its educational and aesthetic values as a nature preserve. Much of the wildlife and habitat found in the Arboretum can be found nowhere else in Madison.

Given projected development in the rest of the forest at Drew, the protection of this small piece of the campus takes on still greater significance.

For the past ten years, field courses and student and faculty research in ecology have been focused in the Zuck Arboretum because of its terrain, its ponds and its comparative isolation. Its proximity as part of the campus, gives us invaluable ease and safety of access. Students can make field observations there any time of day or night. We can leave expensive instruments unattended there for long-term, on-site monitoring. To us, it is as valuable a laboratory as those in the Hall of Sciences.

Second only to outright destruction by development is the problem of thoughtless vandalism—uncommon but unfortunately known here.

Last year a student's Honors thesis and several months of work were effectively ruined by recurrent destruction of his experimental equipment by vandals. Since I do not believe that Drew students are capable of such juvenile,

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Asian languages key to success

By George Fuman
Staff Writer

DREW University can be better than other liberal arts schools. All we have to do is expand our scholastic consciousness. Our academic institutions over-emphasize European studies and ignore the Far-East at our own peril.

An unfortunate prejudice held by liberal arts schools around the country is that Europe is somehow superior to Asia; their curriculum is testimony to this.

Universities are blinded by their love for romantic languages. Every school has an excess of French, Spanish, and Italian courses. Why? Because scholastic planners believe that all great literature, poetry, and thought was conceived in Europe. They are wrong.

The most ancient and socially advanced cultures are in Asia. When we look at world history, we see the Asian cultures flourishing while the Europeans were still

throwing rocks at each other. Things have not changed to this day. While the Asians are flourishing socially and technologically, the Europeans are threatening to hurl rock-ets at each other.

Now let's not be naive. Most undergraduates and college administrators are not interested in the history of culture and rock throwing. They really don't care about the philosophy of Confucius, or Plato for that matter. What they desire is money.

Asia has the money. High tech products are coming from Japan faster than a chicken with Colonel Sanders after him. The Koreans and the Taiwanese haven't been sleeping either; they are pumping out portable radios and underwear at a break-neck pace. And of course we can't forget the Oriental home of capitalism, Hong Kong.

America isn't dead, it's wounded. American corporations are clinging to world markets like a Drew administrator to his pennies. Unfortunately, the United

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thoughtless behavior. I assume that younger children—high school or even junior high ages—are the more likely perpetrators.

This then is the context for our policies to protect this area primarily for education, research and nature appreciation.

As one instance of potential clash, we requested last year and again this year that the Haunted Woods event be relocated to another part of campus.

Historically, included within its sizable clientele are children of precisely the age range we fear might misinterpret this area as a playground. Surrounded by ghoul arising from freshly dug graves, creeping through the underbrush or gathering around open fires, this is not difficult to imagine.

I approve of Circle K. I approve of charity events. I approve of this particular event. I simply disapprove of its location in our nature preserve.

In a letter to the Acorn Editor (Nov. 6, 1987), Mike Kelly makes it clear that the difficulties experienced by the Haunted Woods this year were the result of inadequate time ("mere hours") to prepare for an alternative site. Perhaps a review of chronology would be useful here.

In 1986, on the day before the event, I became aware that the Haunted Woods was scheduled for the Arboretum. I simultaneously sent (not "supposedly sent," Mr. Kelly) memos to the current president of Circle K and to the member running the Haunted Woods.

I acknowledged that it was too late to reschedule the event, but asked for several modifications for that year (no open fires, no graves dug along the trails, etc.), along with a request that the event be relocated thereafter.

While for unknown reasons, the president apparently never saw his copy, the director of the activity did. We spoke amicably at some length, I believe with some understanding of the issues involved and with an agreement to relocate it thereafter.

I assumed that speaking to the director of the event in that way was official communication with Circle K on this issue. The Dean of Students' office was also notified of this request. Thus, the group had one year in which to locate an alternative site.

When local newspaper ads suggested that the Arboretum would once again be its location this year, I sent the current president, Mr. Kelly, a memo indicating that I assumed the papers were in error, but if not, would he contact me immediately. He reports that this memo was in his hands October 23 (the event was October 30).

Assuming that they knew nothing of the previous year's discussions, this still gave the group seven days to contact me and relocate the event. Mr. Kelly indicates that he attempted to contact me a number of times, eventually having to turn to Tullio Nieman for assistance...the day before the event.

The apparently more resourceful Mr. Nieman found a way to reach me...he used the telephone and left a message on my answering machine. His call was returned within the morning (other students have managed to contact me through campus mail, or by leaving a note on my door).

I do not know what transpired during the remaining 24 hours before the event which left the group with so "few hours" that they could not prepare, but I calculate that they had 8,760 hours by last year's contact, or 168 hours by this year's.

The primary point I wish to make is that as a nature preserve, the Zuck Arboretum is a small but we feel exceptionally valuable corner of the Drew campus. Recent and future plans will place it under enormous pressure, which we intend to resist.

The relocation of an event like the Haunted Woods is meant to be a positive statement for preservation, and in no way a negative statement about the event and its sponsors. I see my role as the Lorax, not the Grinch. There is no reason to believe that the event is inexorably tied to the Arboretum. Any woods at night is scary.

The Circle K group that originated the Haunted Woods conceived the idea, arranged for the costumes, created its layout and generated the local market for it. Surely the current Circle K members can simply adjust its location without trauma.

Leland W. Pollock
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Biology Department

Cheech and Chong



UP IN SMOKE

States is losing ground quickly.

One of the reasons corporations are losing the battle is due to American arrogance. Too often we have said "let them speak English." We have closed our minds and opened our wallets.

American corporations are trying to remain competitive, but they have a problem. There aren't enough Americans who speak Oriental languages. As a result, a college graduate with a BA and six credits in Japanese is an asset to any company.

The demand for students with basic Far Eastern language abilities is greater than the supply. The cause of the imbalance is a result of stagnant thinking. Most collegiate institutions are afraid to change, they want their curriculums to be stable, but that is an impossibility; no condition is permanent.

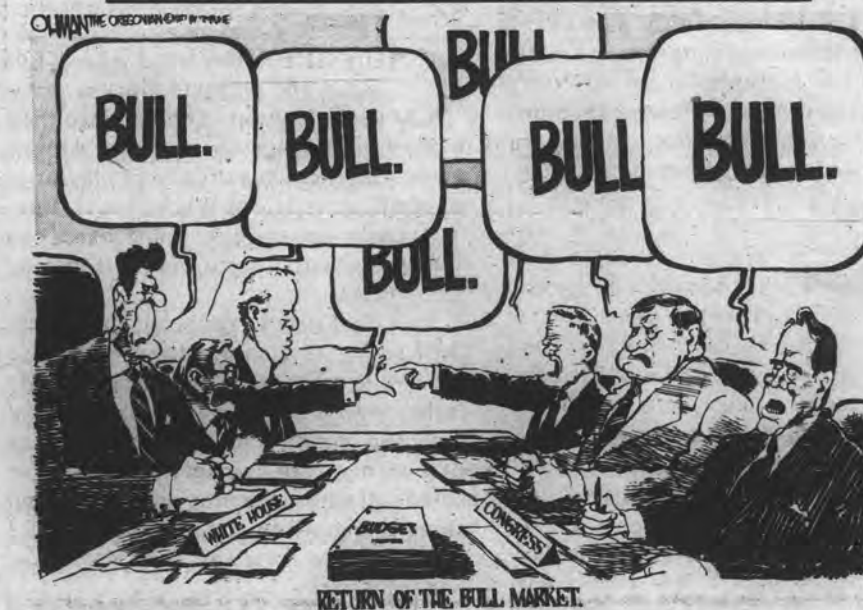
The nation's great universities have set an example: both Harvard and Stanford offer courses in Japanese on a regular basis, while Cornell offers courses in

Asian languages on a rotating basis.

There is no good reason not to offer courses in Oriental languages; the traditional excuse has been that "a language like Japanese is too hard to learn because they use a different alphabet." Big deal, Russian uses a different alphabet, and there are plenty of Russian language majors.

Japanese, or any other Oriental language, is not difficult to learn. Professors are sensitive to the abilities of their students. When a language uses a different alphabet, the class moves at a slower pace until the students are comfortable using it. It's that simple.

It's time to upgrade Drew University by offering instruction in Oriental languages, especially Japanese. If America is to meet the economic challenge of the Orient, it's going to have to produce college graduates who are equipped to deal with the Japanese. Drew University should seize this opportunity.



RD lauds Hardin's letter on racism

To the Editor:

In recent weeks I have been on the front lines in opposition to President Hardin (i.e., my letter in the Acorn titled, "Freedom not without limits") as regards the controversy surrounding the production of "Sister Mary..."

In my challenges of President Hardin's handling of the incident, I intimated that he had taken a somewhat inconsistent position with regards to the potential painful results of the production on the Catholic community. Further, I argued that the situation needed to be handled in a proactive way—more care in selection of productions, rather than a reactive way—censorship. It is on the heels of this difference of opinion that I received the President's most recent letter regarding the racist attacks on Ron Campbell.

The situation that President Hardin described was articulated to me by Ron shortly after the first incident had occurred, and I was equally dismayed by the vile attacks on him. After continued dialogue with Ron, I am convinced that his strength of character will allow him to weather the storm of public criticism and attack which he is now subject to. However, when criticisms and attacks reach the safety of one's own home, the heart of the family itself is threatened.

Therefore, I also wrote this letter to the President in gratitude and respect for his straightforward confrontation of this most serious issue. Individuals who wantonly attack the peace of mind and dignity of another, are neither wanted nor needed in the University community.

In the short time that Ron has been a member of our community, I have found him to be a man of the greatest character and integrity. He has conducted himself with the utmost of professional behavior, and has afforded the Drew community the pleasure of a professionalism and sincere dedication heretofore unseen in the area of student relations. Further it has been my personal pleasure to serve him in my position as Resident Director and to come to know him as a true friend.

Though, I continue to disagree with the President as regards the issue of Academic Freedom, I applaud his commitment and dedication to the eradication from the University community of those racist individuals who fail to respect the rights and dignities of others. And I particularly thank President Hardin for his stringent support of my colleague and friend, Ron Campbell.

Wm Lee Kinney, RD



Entertainment

A lesson from childhood

By Clare T. Bosco
Staff Writer

FRANCIE Locke always wanted to play with Jacque and me, and it annoyed us more than anything. Jacque was my best friend. We did all kinds of gross things together. Jacque used to spit on worms, roll them in mud, then we'd throw them at people. Francie became her favorite target.

We were mean-spirited children. Jacque made mud potions and Francie drank them. When Jacque's dad came back from fishing we took the poor creatures and dissected them mercilessly with hatchets, pocket knives, and anything save chisels and chainsaws.

Francie was so much a part of our friendship that I don't think we could have hated her as much as we thought we did. We'd hear her coming down the street on her Big Wheel. "RUN," I'd shout. And we'd hide from her. Jacque was relentless as she called out "Francie," from behind the trees on the side of my house. Francie would simply park her Big Wheel at the entrance to my driveway and wait. She knew that we would eventually tire of our hiding place and find the prospect of playing with her more appealing than a day in the shrubbery.

Our mothers would arrange for us to play together, not realizing three children together must always become two against one. The one was always Francie.

Francie was a sissy, but was it her fault? She wore dresses and ribbons in her hair. And she never, never left her house without her white, lace-trimmed bobby-socks. If only we had understood that it wasn't her fault she wasn't muddy and barefoot like us.

When I finally realized what Francie's life was really like, I was filled with

incredible guilt. I felt how desperate she was, how alone, and how much Jacque and I must have hurt her.

The revelation was caused by one day, but didn't occur until years later. Jacque and I were playing at Francie's house. We were having fun even though she played with dolls instead of worms.

Everything happened quickly from that moment on.

The house filled with shouting—Her bedroom door burst open—Her father towered over us in a rage (at what I don't know, but it didn't seem to matter)—He hurled abuse at her until she cried—We were stunned and frozen in terror—Mr. Locke yelled, "Get the fuck out of my house! Get out! Get out!" holding Francie by her hair and yanking her head back.

Even Babe Ruth never faced Bigfoot

By Richard Christiano
Staff Writer

CONSIDER the word *glory*. For some, the ultimate glory is presidential power. Others place their highest goal on a Pulitzer Prize. Almost every American boy dreams of playing in baseball's prestigious World Series. Having grown up, though, some of us can safely say (with a sight of relief) that we know better.

Back in Little League, baseball made little sense. My team manager was also my father, two very different people. My father always stressed the importance of logic and common sense. Then, at the age of nine, my team manager ordered me to stand still while someone reared back and slung a big white rock at me. When I politely asked for a suit of armor, I was handed a stick.

her face in agony.

As Jacque and I ran for the stairs, he kicked me in the back. We tumbled down the stairs and hit the ground running. This was our ultimate cruelty; we abandoned Francie then and forever.

Everything happened quickly from that moment on.

The Lockes moved away, Jacque moved to St. Louis, and twelve years passed.

Jacque and I were reunited last summer. We reminisced and were reminded of Francie and the day we abandoned her. We regretted mistreating Francie, but rationalized that kids are naturally mean and that we didn't know what we know now.

I don't know that it would have changed anything had we known that the Lockes

weren't Francie's real parents; she was their foster child. They were parents who fostered nothing but discontent.

Whatever abuses Francie had escaped from were multiplied and returned to her in the forms of Mr. Locke, his two sons, and the woman who dressed Francie in ribbons and lace, then closed her eyes to what was happening in her home.

I wish now that Jacque and I could have been the best friends Francie had ever known. The tragedy is that we probably were. Even with all our tricks, we were the closest thing to friendship or love she knew. That is why she drank our mud potions, let our spit-worms bounce off her dresses, and waited, and waited for us to roll out of the garden and invite her in.



Ricky Christiano, right field. Ht: 4'6" Wt: 75 lbs. Bats: right Throws: poorly. G AB R H 2B 3B HR AVG ERRS 20 56 0 1 1 0 0 .002 44 The role of Ricky Christiano is played by Joseph A. Gullbeau IV.

Still, I persevered. Scampering madly after flying balls with my right arm outstretched, I created the illusion that I wanted to catch the ball. You're not supposed to extend the arm, though, until the ball comes down. So every time I botched the play, someone's dad (always the same guy) would yell, "Hey Rich! The Statue of Liberty play needs a little work."

The sponsors of the team were much more supportive. The kids playing for Steve's Pizza were promised a pizza party if they took first place. Engine Company #1 would give their team a ride on the firetruck. I played for Rooney Appliances, but I don't remember what our incentive was. Probably a good deal on a Veg-o-Matic.

On the day of the town world series, my teammates and I proudly took our positions. Where you played was a fairly reliable indicator of your athletic ability. A Little League pitcher is destined for a sports career. A shortstop has a fair chance too. I played right field, which meant that my prospects for going pro were equal to those of a Sno-Cone in hell.

My greatest fear, though, was the opposing team's pitcher. All town leagues have a handful of ten year olds who are unnaturally tall, but this kid was immense. The raging hormones of his puberty had broken their floodgates early. There was even a nasty rumor that he shaved. Bob was his name, but our team secretly referred to him as Sasquatch.

The other team dominated us from the start. Sasquatch hurled a five-inning reign of terror, at the end of which we were losing 2-0. As we headed back to the dugout for our last at-bat, I prayed silently. I was due up second.

As I cowered in the on-deck circle, I watched Billy, the leadoff batter. I watched in horror as Sasquatch beamed him with a

fastball. Bill said he was OK, and we would have believed him if he didn't start walking towards third base instead of first. He works full time in a car wash today.

Did I say this was glory? As the coaches helped Billy find first base, I desperately searched for a strategy. Getting a hit off Testosterone Bob was out of the question. I quickly decided that since I couldn't outplay him, I'd out-macho him.

Stomping up to the plate, I scowled and rubbed an imaginary beard. The catcher stared incredulously while I pretended to adjust elephantine genitalia. When I looked up at the mound, though, Sasquatch was glaring back at me. Settling into stance, I cursed myself for being stupid enough to challenge a primate's territorial dominance.

He suddenly hauled off and fired. Within microseconds my mind was flashing two very important facts: 1) I had an open batting stance, and 2) the ball was streaking inside. Needless to say, I introduced my backside to the dirt. On the way down my conception of glory became not a home run, but a plane ticket to Utah.

Sitting on the hard ground, I watched Sasquatch as he shambled back to the mound. From my viewpoint, he seemed to be doing an asthmatic simian impression of laughter. His amusement at my frenzied acrobatics roused my anger. With new resolve I gruffly took my place in the batter's box...six inches farther away from the plate.

Bigfoot's pitch looked good, from what I saw of it. The umpire agreed, calling the first strike. The next pitch was outside, but I realized this halfway through my swing. Strike two.

I decided I'd swing at the next pitch, regardless of what my eyes told me. When it came, I brought the bat around and imagined that the ball was Sasquatch's head.

Crack! I froze.

My first instinct was to turn and apologize to the catcher for hitting his head with the bat. But there was the ball, sailing over the first baseman in a beautiful line drive. As I dashed towards first, it occurred to me that somewhere on earth a camel was now passing through the eye of a needle.

Since their right fielder was as good as I, my single turned into a stand-up double. Triumphant straddling second base, I crossed my arms and stared with bravado at the pitcher. And then, like a light from heaven, I realized that I was beholding glory itself. There, in the vengeful grimace of a preadolescent bigfoot, was embodied every dream and fantasy my mortal soul ever desired.

I have seen the face of glory, and once is enough.

A stomach's guide to the city Eats in the Big Apple

By Cary Hardwick
Staff Writer

SO where does the poor college student eat on a visit to the Big Apple, besides McDonald's or Pizza Hut? Well, of course this will depend on mood, money, and location, but here are some of my favorites that can narrow your search:

If cheap and quick is the desire, go to Moomon's on McDougal near West 3rd Street, just a block and a half below Washington Square Park. Go on a warm day when you can eat in the park because seating inside is practically non-existent. However, this little hole-in-the-wall is the best place in the Village for such Middle Eastern specialties as falafel, shish-kabob, and baklava.

Chinese food is best found by exploring Chinatown on your own. However, in the Village, Empire Szechuan Greenwich on Greenwich Avenue between 6th and 7th Avenues, and uptown, Empire Szechuan Columbia on 193 Columbus Avenue around 65th Street are both good choices. They have a more pleasant atmosphere than most places in Chinatown, and better food quality than Madison's Empire Szechuan and Four Seas.

Want to see a celebrity? If you're in the West Village and enjoy Italian food, go to Grandpa's on Bleeker Street between 6th and 7th Avenues. For Italian, the prices are below average. But who's the funny old man smoking a stogie on the front step, you ask? Grandpa! Even without his makeup he looks like a Munster!

One of the more popular places in the East Village is Dojo on St. Mark's between 2nd and 3rd Avenues. On Friday and Saturday nights there tends to be about a 20 minute wait but it's always worth it. The cuisine is a mix of Japanese and other Eastern cultures, and includes such specialties as miso soup, humus and pita, and Kyo-maki. Prices are reasonable and the food is always delicious.

If you're uptown and want an inexpensive but aesthetically appealing place

to take your date, try Sawadee on Columbus Avenue in the low 70's—about four blocks from Lincoln Center. This Thai eatery provides delicious cuisine in an especially pleasant atmosphere. If you're there on a week night try to go before 6:30 and catch the "Early Bird," a special that consists of the salad, soup, and appetizer of the day, and your choice of entree for only \$6.59.

In SoHo try—what else?—Food! This popular sandwich shop located at the corner of Wooster and Prince Streets is the perfect place for thick, juicy sandwiches on homemade bread, with home-

made pies and cakes for desert. Everyone that frequents the place and even those who make the sandwiches are interesting and "different"—what you'd call the Greenwich Village artsy types. It's as much fun to take a seat by the window and watch the people as it is to eat the good food.

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authentic, and attractive. Try mushroom or coconut soup, any appetizer, and Jalfrezi or Popiaza—actually, any choice is a good choice. Before you go, be sure to buy wine at Astor Place Spirits on Astor Place and Broadway, since alcoholic drinks are not on the menu and they don't mind if you bring your own.

If time is a factor, there are always the Korean grocery stores, which have wonderful salad, soup, and hot food bars. My favorite is the one on Sullivan and West 3rd, a block south of Washington Square. Again, warm weather and a picnicking spirit are a must.



Photo/Thomas Victor Omar Rivabella, Argentinian author and human rights activist, will deliver a lecture/discussion on the issues of human rights, especially women's rights, on Wed., Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. in the Spanish House. The presentation will be in English.

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Entertainment

I can see clearly now *The fuzziness has gone away*By Nancy Volkens
Staff Writer

WHICH is clearer, one or two?" he intones.
"Two," I respectfully reply.
"Three or four?" he continues.
"Three," I answer.
"Five or six?" he sighs, sounding bored.
"Five," I lie, to see if he notices.
He does. He stops and makes a notation in my file.

I am unimpressed. Since coming to the optometrist (or, as I call it, "the eye doctor") for the first time at the age of five, I am no longer fazed by notations in my file, questions about my health, or in-depth examinations of my cornea. I have seen it all, though it has all been rather fuzzy. I am extremely nearsighted.

My glasses had become so thick it was difficult to walk upright. Today, however, I am going to be fitted for contacts, those wonderful little pieces of plastic that a growing number of myopic people stick into their eyes to avoid the awkwardness of glasses. At least this was my excuse. The universal reason is vanity, but few people admit this publicly.

"One or two?" he begins again, with a different row of letters. We never get past the number six. Sometimes I wondered at his ability to count.

"One," I announce, as the afternoon wears on.

It actually became possible for me, to tell which hazy letter was supposed to be the clearer one by watching, out of the corner of my eye, which direction he was turning the lens. This became useful when we would have one of our little discussions:

"Three or four?"

A pause while I think.

"They both look the same to me."

"Three or four?" he repeats, showing me again, as if I were blind, which I am without my glasses.

"Still look the same." I enjoy annoying professionals on the rare occasions when I can get away with it.

"Pick one," he finally decides, so I casually pick the correct one, having watched the lens turn the other twenty-seven times he has shown the pictures to me. This was indeed cheating, but at some point in my adolescence I found this



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preferable to being addressed as if I were some species of ground mole.

Then he rolls out the rows of letters, and asks me to read a line that looks to me like a series of dead bugs.

"A, P, uh, R, Z, Q, H," I say, as if they were crystal clear. Actually, I'm not even sure if there are six on the line—they all sort of blend together.

Then he rearranges the lenses, making me feel like the biggest fool in the known universe.

"Oh, I see. R, B, A, S, O, H," I say very

quickly, as if this will prove my eyes are perfect.

Then he puts on this mask (which to me would look more appropriate in an asbestos factory than in a doctor's office) and shines an incredibly bright light in my eye while advising me to look at another bright light across the room while he breathes in my face. I was never quite sure what this did, and it really didn't seem to be very healthy. Most of the time I just concentrated on the lights while experiencing the wonderful sensation of my corneas drying out and burning into ashes, and trying not to sneeze into his ear.

Every once in a while he says, "Open your eyes just a little wider," so by the time he's finished torturing me I feel like my eyeballs have become permanently protruded from my head. No one has ever opened their eyes that wide, except for maybe Marty Feldman.

After all of these exercises, he always pulls the machine away from my face and says the same thing.

"You're eyes are still changing, so I'm writing you out a new prescription...."

No wonder this guy drives a Saab. He probably paid for it with my bills.

So now, at last, it is time to try the contact lenses, the great invention of a society obsessed with appearance. I have already come to the realization that glasses make women intelligent and asexual and make men intelligent and sexy. Does this mean that all stupid women are sexy? Are all stupid men asexual? Why is Woody Allen such a sex symbol, but Clark Kent such a wimp? Is this why Elizabeth Taylor keeps marrying people? How will I ever cope?

While I have been shattering my illusions of life, my doctor has taken action. With one hand poised threateningly near my eye, he instructs me to stare at the ceiling and not to blink, which immediately causes my eyelids to flutter like psychotic hummingbirds.

"Just hold still now," he soothes, prying my eye open with one hand and trying to poke the contact in said eye with the other. My involuntary nervous system

closes the eye lightning fast and I jerk my head away, allowing him to position the lens on my right ear.

He tries, again, using the same soothing approach, to no avail. "I'm sorry," I say. "My eye won't let you near it."

He then tries a more authoritarian strategy.

"Look up there. Don't blink. I am putting this on your eye now."

It works. I'm frozen by the professional attitude, even though I easily outweigh him by at least twenty pounds.

Now my eye burns, and if this isn't bad enough, while I am forcing myself not to gouge out my left eye, he sticks another piece of plastic into the right one. I try to relax and not move my eyes. The only thing that helps is to cease breathing, which I cannot do for very long.

"OK, open your eyes," he says.

Incredible! I feel for the heavy burden of my glasses—it's not there! Yet I can still see! I'm enraptured! I love the world! I want to kiss my optometrist!

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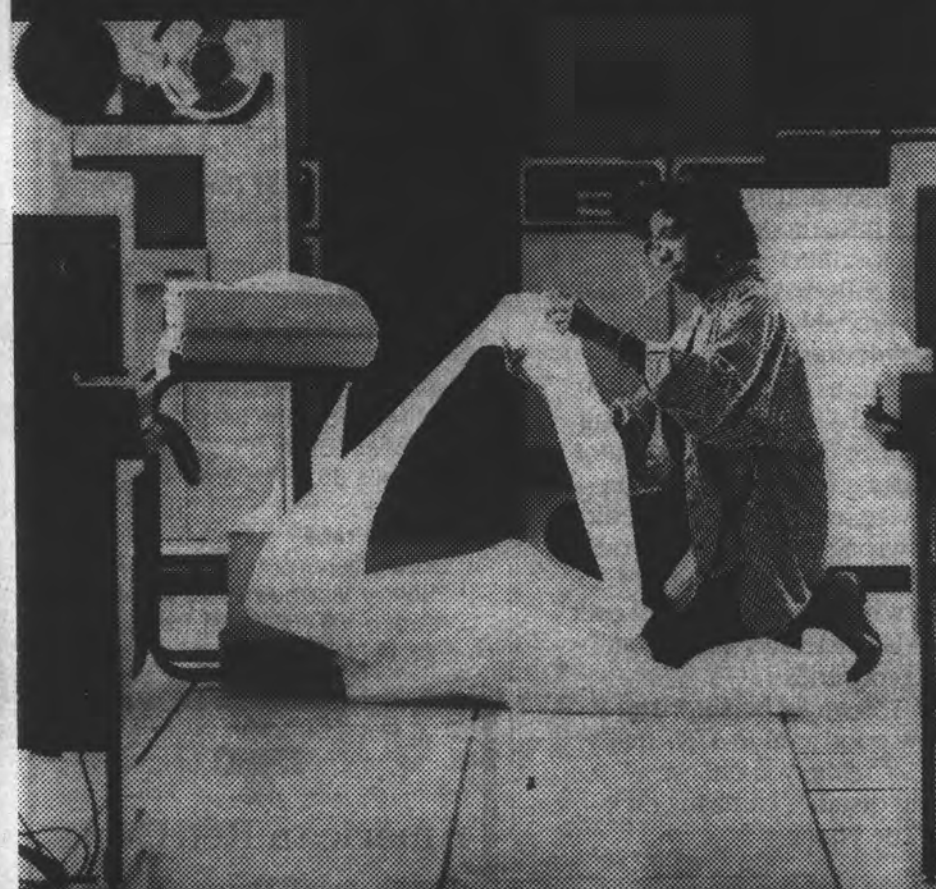
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Six weeks ago, the Alcohol Policy Task Force was formed in response to the Administration's decision to change the alcohol policy without student input. In addition to the six CLA students selected to sit on the committee, the Dean of Student Life Charles Courtney, the Director of Residence Life Ron Campbell, and the Director of Student Activities Tullio Nieman all served in their official capacities. A representative from the Graduate and Theological school also participated, as well as a representative from the Resident Director program, selected by Ron Campbell and Charles Courtney.

The purpose of this committee was not simply to "get our kegs back," but rather to take a comprehensive look at the policy as it stood, and to come up with a workable, flexible policy that both abided by the N.J. state law and allowed Drew students to interact with one another. A formidable task, given the strict restrictions of the N.J. law.

What emerged from marathon, six hour meetings was the realization that the problems with the social life (or lack thereof) that were supposedly a direct result of the keg ban were much more complex than originally thought. What struck the administrators as simple law abiding procedures (keeping alcohol out of the hall ways, for example) was a death knell to hall parties in Hoyt-Bowne which heretofore were a major part of the Drew social life. If not in the hallway, where else? The lounges? Tolley-Brown has been designated as a dry lounge, as well as Welch-Holladay. It is a well known fact that space is not at a premium.

And what of the administrators that participated? What was their collective position? Accepting that compliance with N.J. state law is a given, their overwhelming concern was that Drew administrators educate its students about responsible drinking. Their perception was that this policy would be the first step to the "resocializing" of the Drew students. Great idea, but where does that leave the "alcohol ignorant" students today? This abrupt change in policy might be in the students best interest in the long run, but as the old saying goes, you can't change Rome in a day.

So now what? Two different perceptions as to how a Drew party should run. Committee stalemated. Solution? Why not let the Administration show us how they'd like a party to run. Not a party dress, ice cream float party, but a rowdy, over-the-age-of-consent, keg party. What do we have to do to make sure that everything is legal? Don't tell us, show us. If students and administrators plan it, then both sides can get a better feel for the other's concerns, as we work our way to an acceptable conclusion.

What was the reaction to this solution? On Friday, 14 November, the Alcohol Policy Task Force will launch the great experiment—they will host a Mardi Gras keg party in U.C. 107, with the cooperation of the Student Activities office. This party, open to the entire campus, will give the students an idea of what types of things are possible given the constraints of the policy, as well as giving Administrators a first hand look at a student party, with kegs, that can stay within the policy.

Obviously, this is not the final solution. The Task Force still has a few more issues to address, and we still need a workable policy that will function in everyday situations, not just on special occasions. However, this party is a major breakthrough, and the committee is to be commended for its perseverance. Guided by the superior leadership skills of chairperson Julie O'Rourke, this committee will continue to work towards an equitable solution.

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Sports

Rangers Roundup

Men's Soccer

12-3-4		
9/05	at Vassar	W8-0
9/09	at Wm. Paterson	W2-0
9/12	Trenton State	T1-1
9/13	Gettysburg	T0-0
9/15	at DELAWARE VALLEY	W5-1
9/19	at Glassboro State	L1-2
9/23	UPSALA	W3-0
9/26	URSINUS	W1-0
9/30	FDU-MADISON	W3-0
10/03	at SCRANTON	ZOT L1-2
10/07	New Jersey Tech	W5-1
10/10	at KING'S (PA)	W1-0
10/17	MORAVIAN	W1-0
10/21	at Merchant Marine	T0-0
10/24	at SWARTHMORE	L0-2
10/28	Stevens Tech	W1-0
10/31	at MESSIAH	T2-2
11/06	Stevens Tech	W4-2
11/07	SUNY-New Paltz	W2-0

ECAC Tournament
CAPS denote MAC games

November 6, 1987 (Fri.)

Stevens Tech	0 2--2
Drew	4 0--4

Scoring summary
First half: D-Own goal, 5:32. D-Cleanthes (Gunster), 18:54. D-Cleanthes (Steinke), 20:37. D-Gunster (Cleanthes), 24:27.
Second half: S-Vogel (unassisted), 5:18. S-Kokotsis (penalty kick), 41:15.

Shots on goal: Stevens Tech 9, Drew 20.
Saves: Stevens Tech-Margiotta 5, Drew-Diamond 6.



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November 7, 1987 (Sat.)

SUNY-New Paltz	0 0--0
Drew	0 2--2

Scoring summary
First half: None
Second half: D-Grzenda (unassisted), 18:18. D-Solan (penalty kick), 23:53.

Shots on goal: New Paltz 14, Drew 18.
Saves: New Paltz-Zawalich 1, Drew-Diamond 7.



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Field Hockey

13-8		
9/09	Kutztown	L2-3
9/12	Western Conn.	W3-0
9/12	Swarthmore	*W2-1
9/15	at Glassboro State	W6-0
9/17	Trenton State	L1-3
9/19	at Vassar	W5-0
9/22	MUHLBERG	W5-0
9/26	vs. Wm. Smith	L2-3
9/26	vs. St. Lawrence	L1-4
9/27	at Bloomsburg	L0-2
10/01	at Kean	W3-0
10/03	at SCRANTON	ZOT L2-3
10/08	at Montclair State	W1-0
10/10	DELAWARE VALLEY	W7-1
10/13	at MORAVIAN	W4-0
10/15	William Paterson	W2-1
10/17	FDU-MADISON	W3-1
10/24	Fairfield	W2-0
10/26	JOHNS HOPKINS	ZOT W3-2
10/28	ELIZABETHTOWN	L0-1
11/06	at Lebanon Valley	L0-1

*won on penalty strokes
†at Bloomsburg Invitational
‡MAC Playoffs
§ECAC Tournament
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End of season

Cross Country

Men 3-5		
9/19	vs. W. Maryland	W25-31
9/19	vs. Dickinson	L41-19
10/03	Moravian	L50-15
10/03	Scranton	L48-15
10/09	Washington	W15-48
10/09	Widener	L40-18
10/24	Mercy College	W25-33
10/24	Allentown	L48-15
†at Carlisle		
Women 1-5		
9/19	vs. Dickinson	L45-18
9/19	vs. Catholic	L44-19
10/03	Moravian	L40-21
10/03	Scranton	L36-25
10/24	Mercy College	W3-7
10/24	Allentown	L30-25

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November 7, 1987 (Sat.)
MAC Championships

Men's race

Drew finishers:
Brian Krick 30:44 (87th), Mike Lawless 30:47 (89th), Earle Capel 31:23 (101st), Marcello Scippa 32:09 (114th), Stephen Kou 33:02 (126th), Dinesh Bhat 33:33 (129th), Curt Combs 35:08 (136th).

Women's race

Drew finishers:
Sherry McBride 19:13 (33rd), Nicole Greco 19:16 (36th), Ingrid Deklau 22:42 (103rd).



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Sports

It's over Field hockey season ends with loss in ECAC

By Bryon Backenson
Staff Writer

A season that was marked by top-caliber competition and showed great promise for the future ended last Friday when the field hockey team lost in the first round of ECAC Mid-Atlantic Tournament.

The season started out with five wins in the first seven games, but things didn't look well after the "lost weekend" at Bloomsburg, where the team lost three games to highly ranked teams.

But the Lady Rangers bounced back with seven straight wins to coast into the MAC playoffs. In the second round, Drew lost to Elizabethtown, and hopes went toward an ECAC bid. They got that bid, and traveled to Lebanon Valley on

Friday.

What happened against Lebanon Valley? "We couldn't get the ball in," said Coach Maureen Horan-Pease. Lebanon Valley could, and that was enough for a 1-0 win.

The game was marked by midfield play—there were only 11 shots in the game, with Lebanon Valley holding a 7-4 advantage. According to Horan-Pease, Lebanon Valley did to Drew what Drew had been trying to do all year. That was overplaying well, keeping the ball on the strong side, containing the Drew offense, and stifling the overall Drew game plan.

The first half ended with no score. But midway through the second half, Lebanon Valley scored the only goal it would need.

In a last-ditch effort to tie the game, Horan-Pease pulled goalie Ann Gunster

in favor of another attacker. That strategy almost worked, as Drew was able to keep the ball in the offensive zone. But, as Horan-Pease said, "We couldn't get the ball in."

Lebanon Valley didn't have the same luck Saturday, as the top seed lost to second-seeded Millersville in the final, 2-1.

Horan-Pease was quick to point out that the team members had no reason to hang their heads. Losing 1-0 to a team that was ranked in the top 20 all year after sitting in a van for three and a half hours

is no disgrace, she said.

The experience could turn out to be a great asset come next year, as the Lady Rangers look to bigger and better things. The team graduates only three seniors, captains Gunster, Bonnie Ethridge, and Sally Gormley. The nucleus of the team is comprised mainly of freshmen and sophomores.

So the book closes on the 1987 Drew field hockey season. Ethridge, Gunster, and Lorraine Maloney all set school records, and the team made it two tournaments. It was a successful season indeed.

Lakers have magic touch

By Paul Oberman
Staff Writer

GOING into the fifth week of intramural bowling, the mood was tense. The first place Bosco Lakers, led by Mike Thumm's 144 average, faced off against the second place Alley Rats, only one point behind.

The first game made it look as though the Lakers would be dunked all night. Josh Abrams, second in the league with a 148 average, fired a 176, and teammate Pete Kraljevic bowled 32 above his average for a 149. The net result was a 93-pin victory for the underdogs.

In the second game, however, the Lakers stormed back behind Tom Maxwell's 163 to win by 69 pins. The third game was a struggle, coming down to the last bowler. Despite Abrams' 172, the Lakers eked out an 8-pin win.

Since the Lakers lost total pins, they won four points to the Rats' three and increased their slight lead in the standings.

Since there are only five teams in the league, each week one team is given the opportunity to compete against their own "blind scores"—ten pins below their individual averages. The Schnapps, finally getting the opportunity to compete against themselves, took full advantage of the opportunity, nabbing all seven points to vault into second place. Diane McLaugh-

lin maintained her league-leading average with games of 158, 163, and 126.

The third game matched the third place Speed Metal against the fifth place Clap. The Clap, bolstered by a full four-man squad and the brilliant play of Rich Veit (157), grabbed the first game by 40 pins in a match in which Speed Metal could do no right.

Veit (171) and Marc DiNick then teamed up to defeat the sleepwalking Metal in game two. Finally coming to life in game three, Metal's Chris Festa bowled a week-high 181 to erase good games by Clap's DiNick (147) and Brent Miller (143). The Clap gained five of seven points, banishing Speed Metal to the cellar and putting themselves within five points of the leaders.

In this week's action, the Clap gets its chance to contaminate the first place Lakers, Schnapps and Alley Rats battle for second, and Speed Metal gets a good chance to leap out of the doldrums.

Only two more weeks of play remain before the finals, so this week should see some heated bowling by all teams.

In other intramural news, conflicts caused the flag football championship game to be rescheduled for this afternoon. The undefeated Zeros, led by league MVP Mark Agostinelli, are four-point favorites to beat the 3-1-2 P-Heads.

Harriers sputter in MAC's

By Hardy Fischer
Staff Writer

THIS year's MAC cross country playoff meet was held at the nationally famous Belmont Plateau in Philadelphia. The course is hilly and the terrain rough, a set of circumstances which proved to be the undoing of the Drew harriers.

The Rangers' performance was mediocre at best. According to captain Marcello Scippa, the meet was a disappointment in light of the fact that it marked the zenith of a long and sometimes frustrating season.

Out of 24 teams, Drew's participants placed 18th, while Haverford, a perennial cross country powerhouse, took both the varsity and junior varsity competitions.

On the individual side, a trio of freshman wunderkinds, Brian Krick, Mike Lawless, and Earle Capel, finished 89th, 91st, and 101st, respectively. Scippa came in 114th, one and a half minutes behind Krick's time of 30:44.

"It was a very tough course," lamented Scippa, "and our times were quite poor."

However the winning time [27:11] was also slow, which I guess proves what a difficult course it was.

"It wasn't like anything we had experienced during the regular season. It was hell out there."

In the women's race, Sherry McBride and Nicole Greco continued their strong seasons, finishing in the top 40. McBride's time of 19:13 was good for 33rd, and Greco was three places behind at 19:16.

The meet brought to a close the team's competitive season; a season which, after last year's exodus of seniors, was supposed to have been a year of rebuilding. With the influx of a crop of promising freshmen, however, the harriers' results surpassed their expectations by far.

"We got a great crop of freshmen with minimal recruiting," said Coach Dick Capron. "If we could just get one or two runners of Brian's caliber, we'll be right up there next year."

Following next week's exhibition race at the NCAA Tournament, the runners will have a month's respite before indoor competition begins.

Ultimate frisbee stuffs Snuff

Drew News Service

THE cow skull smiled approvingly Sunday as the ultimate frisbee club trounced Team Snuff from Summit with a 17-1 victory.

The win was the fourth in the last five games for the Air Rangers, wrapping up their fall season with a 4-5 record.

Drew jumped out to a 2-0 lead on goals by Evin Lederman and Ray Green. Summit answered with two quick goals, but Drew blazed ahead to a 9-4 halftime lead and never looked back.

Green led the most balanced attack to date with five goals on the day. Other scorers included: Olivia Carls, Mike Carri, Morgan Daybell, and Mike Main with two apiece, and Marc Chamberlain, Barry Kazan, and Val Panizut, each with a goal.

Drew's usually stalwart defense showed signs of rustiness after a two-week layoff, but by halftime everything was running true to form. Summit was forced into committing numerous turnovers, which were capitalized on by the midfielders, working up to the forwards, who showed no signs of being out of shape.

Only half of the regular squad showed up for the game, giving everyone sufficient playing time to get into the flow of the game. Basic skills showed no signs of deterioration from the layoff.

"The cow skull was a real inspiration," noted Rob Geist. "I was worried when it didn't show up on time."

In the spirit of the game, Drew players stuck around after the match to play a friendly pick-up game with Summit. The teams were mixed to allow Summit players a chance to play with and learn from the

more experienced Air Rangers.

Although no score was kept, players went all out, getting horizontal for that end zone catch if necessary. Even the fans were allowed to play in the pick-up game, something the Air Rangers are considering making a tradition.

Assessing the now-completed fall season, field captain Mike Main said, "It's four more wins than ultimate's had any

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The Air Rangers are trying to schedule a game for early next month at the Rutgers dome.

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Sports

No tomorrow for Steinke and Porraro

By Paul Cunningham
Staff Writer

AFTER losing ten seniors from last year's squad, men's soccer Coach Vernon Mummert was left with a young team and only two seniors to provide leadership for a group that consisted of mostly freshmen and sophomores.

Those two seniors, Peter Porraro and Jon Steinke, will try to close out their successful careers with an ECAC Championship this weekend.

"Porraro and Steinke are very different players," said Mummert. "They come from different circumstances."

Porraro came to Drew from Mahwah and was a sub-varsity player his freshman year. During his sophomore year, said Porraro, "I had a few lucky breaks and was given a chance to start on defense." He has been there ever since.

It was during that sophomore season that the Drew defense tied the school record for shutouts and made it to the NCAA Tournament as one of the top Division III soccer teams in the country.

The following year, Porraro was once again a strong starting defender but was forced out of several games

with a stress fracture in his leg.

Playing on such a young team this year, Porraro said, "I had a lot of fun. I really respect these guys and they respect me." Porraro also noted that in spite of the team's youth, Drew faced one of its toughest schedules ever and still managed to get the top ranking in the ECAC Tournament.

The team also set a new school record for shutouts, which speaks highly of a defense anchored by Porraro.

Looking back at his four years, Porraro feels content to move on.



Acorn Photos/Sarah Hilton
Jon Steinke (above) and Peter Porraro.

saying "I've conquered all that I've set out to do: I made it to the NCAA Tournament, we're the top-ranked team in the ECAC Tournament, and I was elected to be the team captain for this year."

The other fourth-year player on the soccer team is the guy with the blond mop who often runs around the field entertaining the spectators, Jon Steinke.

"Steinke is a prime example of what the liberal arts experience is all about," said Mummert, citing Steinke's individuality on the field of play and off it.



Steinke spent his freshman and sophomore years as a player for Concordia College (NY), where he had been the recipient of a soccer scholarship. Upon transferring to Drew he was immediately inserted as a starting attackman.

As a junior, the 6'3" Steinke scored four goals and had two assists while starting 12 games. He bettered that this year, with five goals and four assists going into this weekend's competition.

According to Mummert, Steinke is "very individualistic and has to play his own game to be effective." Some characteristics of Steinke's game include talking with the fans, needling opponents and referees, and encouraging his teammates with often comical remarks.

In a game against Gettysburg earlier this year, a Drew attack had been turned away. "Come on, blue," yelled Steinke. "Let's get back on defense." Then he looked at the color of his shirt and corrected himself: "I mean white."

Drew went on to tie that game and compile a season record of 12-3-4. "Without either player our team would not have done nearly as well," said Mummert of Porraro and Steinke. "Both guys will be missed."

Men's soccer: one championship down, one to go

By Ken Harner
Staff Writer

AS the top seed in the ECAC Metro Tournament and holder of the home-field advantage, the men's soccer team was the favorite to win the title. And win they did, totally dominating the competition.

The championship allowed the Rangers to advance to the ECAC Final Four this weekend, which is scheduled to be hosted by Drew.

Friday's semifinal game was a rematch against a Stevens Tech team that Drew had beaten, 1-0, two weeks earlier. This time the Rangers stunned the Ducks with four first-half goals and cruised to a 4-2 win.

In the opening half, Drew was playing into the wind, giving Stevens an apparent advantage. But the Rangers fought off the bitter winter breeze and put the game away early. The Drew players consistently beat Stevens to the ball and the defense made quick clears.

The first score came off a corner kick six minutes into the game. Joe Nazzari blasted the ball into a mass of players in front of the goal. The ball bounced off a Stevens defender and went in the net.

Later in the half, Drew scored three more quick goals in a span of six minutes. First, Jeff Cleanthes took a Gerry Gunster pass and rifled past the Stevens Tech goalie to give Drew a 2-0 advantage. Then Jon Steinke took an indirect kick and passed to a wide-open Cleanthes, who converted his second goal.

Finally, Cleanthes assisted as Gunster lofted the ball over the Stevens goalie for a goal off the post. The four-goal half was Drew's most productive 45 minutes since the season's opening game.

The second half saw the momentum change over to the Tech side and the Ducks broke the shutout early in the half. Two Stevens players broke free near the Drew goal and after the first shot failed, the rebound was converted to make the score 4-1.

The Ducks had numerous other scoring chances, but the Drew defense and goalie Mike Diamond rose to the occasion and weathered the storm.

Tech did score one additional goal, on a John Koktsis penalty kick in the final four minutes. But the outcome was never in doubt, and the Rangers ran out the clock to preserve the victory.

DREW
Metro NY-NJ Champion
Saturday, 11/14
1:30pm
Moravian
Southern Champion



Alfred
Upstate NY Champion
Saturday, 11/14
10:30am
Williams
New England Champion

In the finals, the Rangers controlled the action for most of the game and the defense stifled the SUNY-New Paltz attack. The 2-0 final was Drew's 11th shutout of the season, a school record.

At the start, it looked as if the Hawks were thinking upset and put the pressure on early. New Paltz got several shots on goal in the opening minutes, but the Drew defense adjusted and kept the Hawks without a serious threat for the remainder of the game.

After the initial scare, the Drew attack got rolling and greeted the New Paltz goalie with a barrage of shots. Crisp passing kept the New Paltz players off-balance and allowed Drew to control the tempo of the game.

The Rangers couldn't connect, though, and the game was still scoreless at halftime.

As the second half unfolded, the Rangers kept the momentum but couldn't get on the scoreboard. It was beginning to look like neither team would score.

Finally, defenseman Andy Grzenda broke the logjam when he scored on a direct kick from about 25 yards out with 26:42 left in the game.

According to senior defenseman Peter Porraro, he was going to take the kick but then Grzenda "said that he was taking the shot so I let him. After the goal, I said to him 'I'm glad you took it.' It was a shot we've been working on in practice and it

that was headed for the open goal, the Rangers were awarded a penalty kick.

Dave Solan converted the shot to give Drew a 2-0 lead. After that, it was simply a matter of keeping the ball away from New Paltz. When the buzzer sounded, the Rangers were champions.

"It was a tremendous victory," said Porraro, "especially since we lost in the tournament last year. To come back and win it this year is great."

Coach Vern Mummert had nothing but praise for the entire team. "It was a great team victory," he said. "The defense was excellent in both games."

Drew will be in action tomorrow at 1:30 in the ECAC Final Four against Moravian, a team that Drew defeated 1-0 in October in a tight, physical battle. Mummert said that he was expecting an "evenly-matched and tactical game" from Moravian. Leading scorer Dave Hevey, who has missed several games with a knee injury, is expected to play.

The winner of the Drew-Moravian game will play the either Alfred or Williams on Sunday at 1:00 for the ECAC Championship.

Both semifinal matches and the title game are scheduled to be played at Drew, but if the bad weather persists and the field is in poor shape, the games may be switched to either Trenton State or Montclair State.

Coming up: roses



Acorn Photo/Sarah Hilton

The women's basketball team prepares for the Rose City Classic, which will kick off the season next weekend. Tonight at 6:00, the Lady Rangers will scrimmage Union County College at home. See next week's Acorn for a complete Rose City preview.

Weather: Clear and cold tonight, lows in the 40s. Sunny near 60 on Saturday. Make this Friday 13th memorable; don't wait for the Vail-dine beep at dinner.

Drew Stock
Loses \$12 Million
Next Week

New London
Semester
Next Week