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Black History Month

BLACK History month, celebrated in February to recognize the history and culture of black people in the United States, commenced with a flag-raising ceremony at Mead Hall last Wednesday, February 1.

"Achieving Through Unity" is the theme of the month at Drew, according to Hyera President Kevon Chisolm. "We can all achieve through unity, but in order for the groups to communicate, they have to understand each other," said Chisolm.

"Black History Month provides the opportunity for the larger Drew community to gain understanding and insight into all peoples of African descent," added Chisolm.

Plans for this month's events include 10 speakers. Among them, Dr. Kwame Ture (Stokely Carmichael) is scheduled to speak on conditions in contemporary Africa. Rev. Calvin O. Butts is planned to address "The Power of Black Religion and Spiritual Action". Educator Dr. Leon Bass' discussion is titled "Racism and the Holocaust" and Eddie Carthan's "Tchula Seven" is expected to deal with his experience as the first black mayor elected in Mississippi.

Other speakers featured are radio personality Bob Law, Danisa Boloyi of the South African Azanian Student Movement, historian Dr. Ivan Van Sertima, photographer Anthony Barboza, Drew graduates Yolonda Lake and Allison Blount, and actress Ruby Dee.

In addition, a bazaar of Afro-American crafts, films, reggae dance, and a Hyera party are scheduled.

According to Chisolm, all these events will celebrate the "great people from our past, and those that are making history today." Chisolm added, "It is time set aside for Black Americans to take more pride in the richness of our heritage and for those individuals who have limited knowledge

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Fuchs is out; Vela is in

By David Gosse
 Managing Editor

FORMER Student Government Association President Marek Fuchs was placed on a required leave of absence last week by the Committee on Academic Standing, according to Dean of Student Life Denise Alleyne.

"The purpose of the leave is to allow the student to step back and see what is going on, to give them a chance to reflect on themselves and their academic careers," said Alleyne. "Marek will be able to return to Drew as a student in good standing after this semester."

"I tried to appeal the committee's decision already," said Fuchs. "But they turned it down. For me it probably means I'm not coming back."

"He had taken on a lot of work, both academically and with the S.G.A., as well as the basketball team," Alleyne said. "That's a lot for anyone to handle."

Alleyne said the committee which deals with over one hundred students a year based its decision specifically on academic performance. She said no decision is based solely on one specific semester.

The committee's decisions, according to Alleyne, include warnings, probation, advised academic leaves and required academic leaves.

Fuchs said his future plans may include starting his own business.

Due to Fuchs' leave of absence, S.G.A. Vice President Tony Vela assumed the office of S.G.A. President.

Vela was Fuchs' running mate in the 1988 S.G.A. elections and served last semester as the S.G.A. Vice President under Fuchs.

"This will not be a lame duck cabinet," Vela said. "Students can look forward to a continuance of the S.G.A.'s attention to the issues we've been working on. These include security or academics, for example. Town meetings will also continue."

"We haven't determined what we're going

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Marek Fuchs

Jan Term incidents at all-time low

By Barry Kazan
 Assistant News Editor

THERE were several security incidents occurring during Jan Term ranging from obscene phone calls to breaking and entering, according to Chief of Security Manfred Ayers.

During the first week of Jan Term two females in Hoyt Bowne received threatening phone calls. However, Ayers said the communications center was notified and took care of the problem. The phone calls ceased without the caller being apprehended.

A second incident occurring during Jan Term was the clearing up of several computer thefts that had occurred last semester. The computer equipment was stolen from

the Hall of Sciences, Mead Hall, Great Hall and Plant Office staff's rooms.

According to Ayers, Drew security officers used an outside informant to arrange a buy back of the stolen computer equipment. "The person responsible has been identified," said Ayers, "the suspect has 'contacts' at Drew." However, Ayers added that the theft and sale of the stolen equipment has been referred to other authorities pending further investigation.

"It was a lucky break for us in more ways than one," said Ayers, "The informant did a good job for us."

Another incident occurred on January 17 at 3:28 P.M. According to the incident report filed by Patrolmen Garlick and Cooper, the

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Drew to pay \$1M in fees to Madison

By Joey Biggio
 Editor-in-chief

AS the result of a state mandate ordering the borough of Madison to upgrade its sewerage treatment facilities, Drew will pay approximately one million dollars to Madison over the next five years, according to Assistant Treasurer Ellen Falduto.

Falduto explained that the money is not a tax but an assessment based on the amount of water which passes through the sewerage system. According to past usage records she said this should amount to approximately

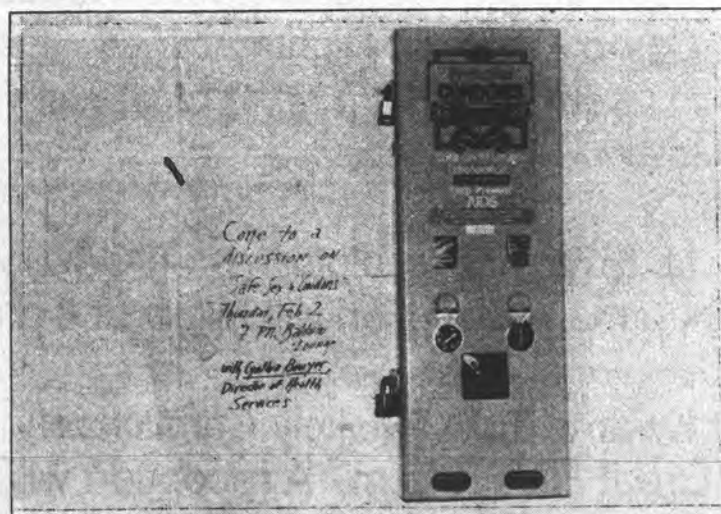
\$193,000 a year, and at this point the town is saying the assessment will only be in place for five years.

Since the University is a non-profit institution, it is tax-exempt, said Falduto. "We pay no taxes to support the schools that a lot of our Graduate and Theological school kids go to...without this plan we will not be able to build the sorts and rec center, and we will not be able to do any renovations which add bathrooms."

She added that all tax exempt properties in the borough, such as churches and other

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Condom machines installed in dorms

By Barry Kazan
Assistant News Editor

IN an effort to educate students about AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) prevention, Drew Health Services arranged for the installation of 10 condom dispensers and scheduled dorm talks on the subject of safe sex, according to Director of Health Services Cynthia Bowyer.

Although no cases of AIDS have been reported at Drew, "statistically, everybody today has to assume that everybody could be a potential carrier," said Bowyer.

According to *Newsweek* (November 14, 1988), "...the centers for Disease Control preliminary results of a study of college students seeking medical attention showed that roughly one in 300 were infected with

the AIDS virus." However, it continued, "Dr. Robert E. Windome, Assistant Secretary for Health at the Department of Health and Human Services cautioned that the campus statistics are 'very preliminary'. Only one quarter of the results are in. The study will not be complete until the spring."

Programs informing students about aids and the proper use of condoms were sponsored this week in various dorms by Health Services and the Residential Life Staff. These programs featured a film about AIDS, a lecture by Bowyer concerning her personal experience in dealing with AIDS patients as well as a hands on demonstration using condoms and assorted vegetables and fruits. "If we would have just put the machines in and said 'there they are', it would have sent a totally different message," said Bowyer.

According to Bowyer, the effort to place condom machines on campus was initiated by a previous health director. However, according to Dean of Student Life Denise Alleyne, when Bowyer approached her they decided to pursue it.

"It's been my experience that college students don't realize it [AIDS] can kill them," said Alleyne, "Students are still casual about sex. We felt that if we could in anyway encourage people to engage in safe sex and provide education as well as protection then we needed to do that."

According to Alleyne, the proposal was approved by the cabinet and the student services committee and permission was given to Health Services to contract with the vending machine company.

Following contract approval, the dispens-

ers were installed on January 18. According to Bowyer, the company will be taking full responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the dispensers. In addition, Health Services will receive 25 percent of the gross realized from the sales of condoms. According to Bowyer, the funds generated will be used for health education.

"I think the installation of new condom machines is a needed improvement," said sophomore Andy Jaques, "I think it's a lot better than having people go to the infirmary because it is more convenient."

"I think it's great. It promotes safe sex," said sophomore Beth Boppert. "If it's promoting safe sex then I'm in favor of it."

The infirmary is now staffed 24 hours a day during the week.

as we had last year," she stated.

Alleyne said she insisted, "The momentum we gained last fall when we opened the residence halls [with all the renovations] should not be lost...It [the assessment] unfortunately does not allow us to move ahead but it allows us to stay where we are."

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schools will be paying the same type of assessment but in a lesser amount since they utilize the system less.

Because the fee is not a tax, the University is not fighting the town on this issue, according to Falduto. If the money were a tax, Falduto said, "It would set a precedent of giving up the tax exempt status," which could lead to more taxes in the future.

Director of Facilities Resource Management Jim Maloney said Madison and Chatham have had a problem with their joint sewerage plant for some time. As a result, the state told the towns to upgrade their system or face stiff penalties if they were not in compliance by July of 1992. Maloney said, "Nobody likes it [the assessment], but it's there and we have to handle it." He said he feels it is only fair that we pay for this service we receive.

He stated there is a ban on all building in the Madison area which would add more water usage to the system; the only building is that of single family residences because the town cannot handle any more until the plant is finished in 1992.

Maloney said, "We have an engineering firm that will be filing for a sewer ban waiver [in order to build the sports center]. We are anticipating that we will be successful because we are not changing anything [with regard to water consumption]." He explained that in calculating consumption for the waiver it is done according to the number of people using the institution so therefore the University will experience no net change.

Borough Administrator James Allison said the new plant will cost approximately \$19 million, 63 percent of which, or approximately \$11.9 million, Madison is paying. He said tax-exempt properties account for 9.35 percent of the property in Madison, so these properties will pay 9.35 percent of the cost to Madison.

To cover the cost Allison said tax-exempt properties will be billed at the rate of \$4.33 per 100 cubic feet of water which passes through the system. He stated that homeowners and other property holders in Madison will pay for the plant through increases in their property taxes.

Allison could not confirm that the assessment will end in five years, as was earlier stated by the town.

Falduto said the University has chosen a strategy "which will have the least negative impact on our operations. We are taking it [the assessment] for five years and spreading it over 10 in terms of how we pay for it." She explained the cost could be covered either by an increase in tuition or room and board. "In the full impact [considered only over five years] it would have boosted room and board rates by well over 10 percent," without allowing for any new renovations or programming, said Falduto.

The current proposal, subject to approval by the Board of Trustees, calls for an 8.6 percent increase in room and board and an 8.5 percent increase in tuition for next year while spreading the fee over 10 years. With this plan, "We were able to keep renovations at the same level and maintain Residence Life and Student Activities programming," added Falduto.

Maloney stated he has a few conservation projects in mind, but is unsure whether they will save the University money in the long run because the net payment will still have to be the same. He explained that if we can cut water consumption then we can spread the payments over a longer period of time and this is a benefit to the University.

Dean of Student Life Denise Alleyne said she does not think that student life and programming will be adversely affected by this fee. "We will probably have the funding for renovations and programs at the same level

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to be enlightened." "The goal is to get strength through identity and to expose the truth of overwhelming accomplishments which have been covered up," said Junior Lisa Bush. "These events will provide information that you wouldn't get in a normal history class," added Bush.

According to Chisolm, the Black History Month committee is also comprised of Lisa Bush, Lynette Johnson, Angel Oglesby, Lisa Stallworth, Valerie Gosine, James Jones, Tisha McKenzie and Douglas Hayes of the Theological School.

"The wealth of these events was only possible because of the generous contributions of the Drew community; the administration, departments, clubs, and student groups," said Director of the Multi-Cultural Center Pat Peck.

By Betty Alexander

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Competence?

It would appear that the College of Liberal Arts is preparing to bid *adieu* to the Student Government President, Marek Fuchs. Marek—pardon the informality, but “Mr. Fuchs” makes us think of Marek’s father, and “President Fuchs,” well, c’mon, this is college—is taking a leave of absence due to a problem with his G.P.A.

There are those who say that Marek’s administration has been marked by a decided lack of organization, disinterest in the rules of parliamentary procedure, and a certain absence of collegiality amongst class senators.

There are those who complain bitterly about the lack of a “99 nights” for this year’s graduating class, a snafu that has been handled at the eleventh hour, resulting in a “84 nights” instead. These same critics bemoan the fact that it would appear that there will be no junior/senior semi-formal this year.

What do these two events (or should we say, non-events) have in common? It was the responsibility of the S.G.A. to see that they were planned and executed in a timely fashion. And let’s be perfectly honest: Marek and Tony didn’t campaign on the “competence” platform.

The same students who last year said, “Yeah, I’m voting for Marek, ‘cause he’s really gonna screw the Administration,” can now be heard complaining, “No 99 nights? What a dick!”

How terribly surprising.

Of course, Marek does have his good points. His relationship with the Acorn was far better than the one we enjoyed with his predecessor, Twila Driggins. Marek was always easy to deal with, polite, cooperative, and, every editors’ dream, he usually made his deadline for his column.

We hope that Tony Vela, Marek’s V.P., will be up to the demands of the position. We also sincerely hope that this isn’t an omen (read: President Quayle).

On a lighter note, in case you haven’t noticed, the snackbar has been renovated. Gee, isn’t that lattice work behind the counter just nifty? How ‘bout the way the yogurt is in a new tub of ice?

Let’s turn on the T.V.

“Well, gee whiz, Wally, how do ya figure they’re gonna pay for all this stuff?”

“Beaver, you’re a real knucklehead sometimes. They’ll just raise the price of the food, you know, 75 cents for a can of pop.”

“Well, are they gonna give the kids more money for food on their cards?”

“No way, Beav. Did I ever tell ya’ about the ‘Drew screw...?’”

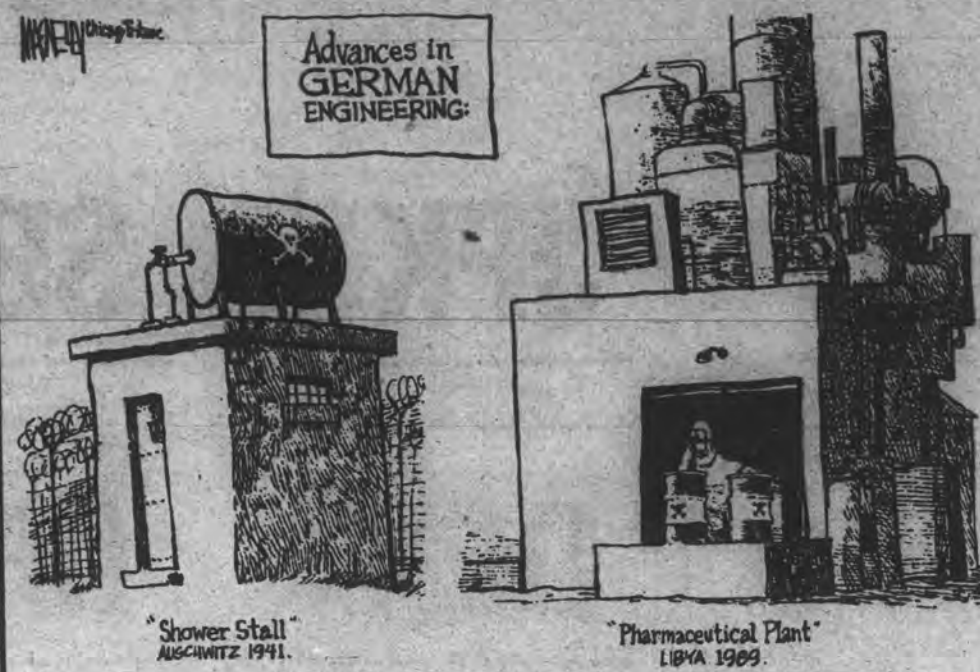
What gives? The snackbar raises the amount of money we’re credited on our Validines, and then turns around and raises the prices of the food? Pardon us for saying so, but that, much like Seilers’ incredible Salisbury steaks (Is it meat? Is it a potato? Only the chef knows, and he ain’t talking!) really sucks.

In case anybody in the administration should happen to give a damn, we pay \$1,855 each year for board. When we go to the snackbar and get a sandwich with one wafer thin slice of turkey on it, and we meekly ask, “Please sir, may I have some more?” is it asking too much for them not to bellow “double meat!” and charge us an arm and a leg?

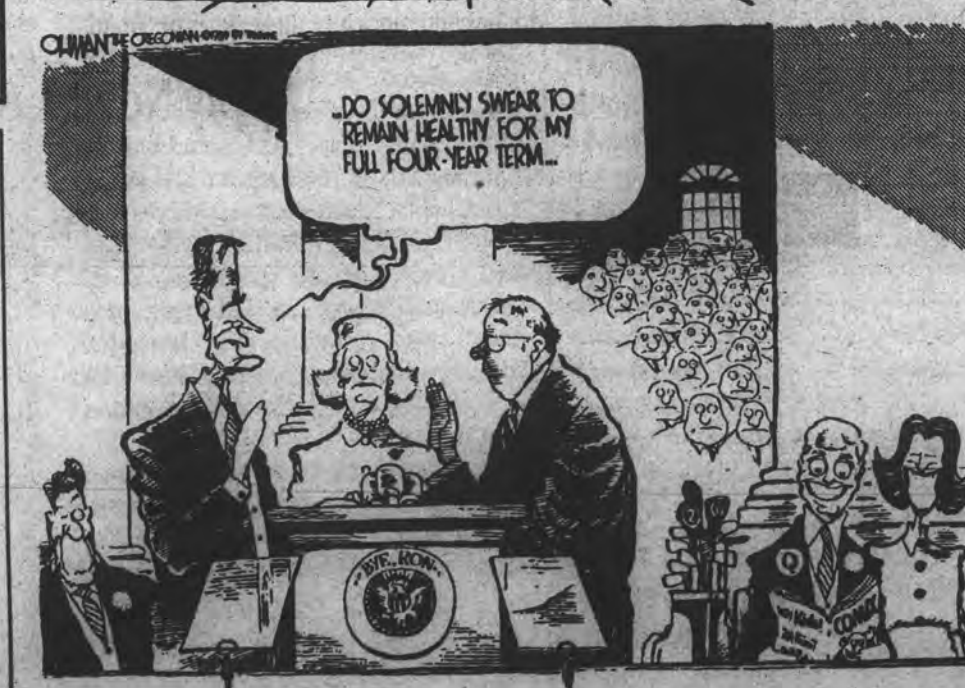
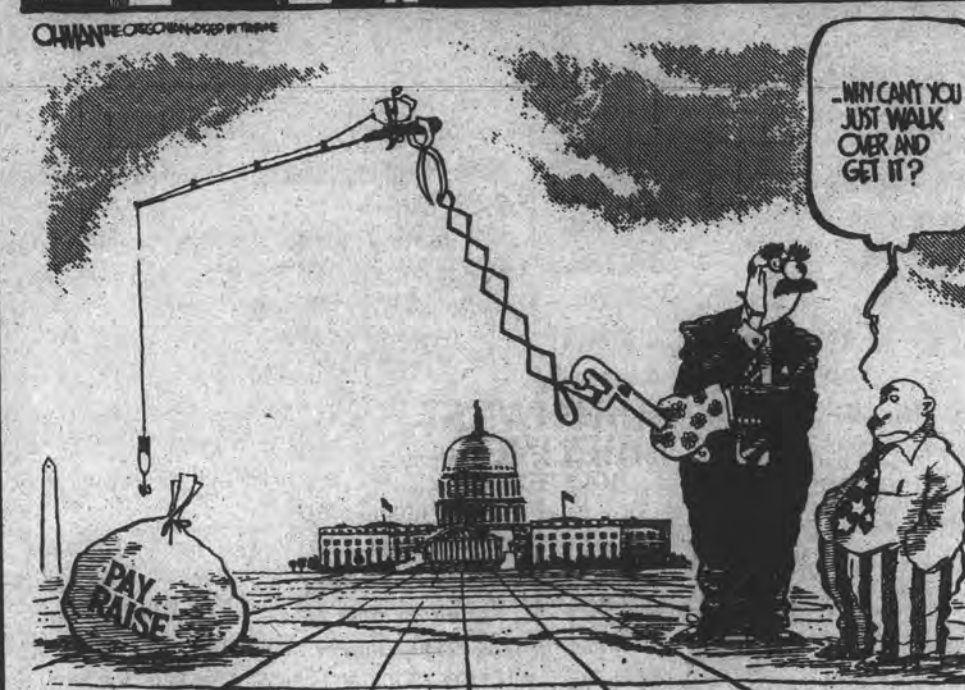
Is there any reason why students who want to get a meat at the snackbar must dig into their pockets and add a couple of bucks to their meager Validine allotment to get a by-no-means lavish lunch?

We don’t think so. Once again, Drew students are getting less than the best value for their dollars. Drew’s administrators like to remind themselves to think of “students as consumers.”

Unfortunately, unlike consumers, we don’t have freedom of choice when it comes to meals; last we heard, they don’t accept Validines at McDonalds.



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OPINIONS

Black History Month and Reagan's legacy

By Matthew Hutcherson
Guest Columnist

PRESIDENT Ronald Reagan's farewell address to the nation caused many Americans to feel sadness. Had Soren Kierkegaard and Jean Paul Sartre been alive to witness the occasion, they would have been profoundly pleased with the President's message. They would say that the eight years of President Reagan's tenure expressed the best in the tradition of the philosophy of existentialism.

I would agree.

Eight years ago when Mr. Reagan assumed office, black leaders from all walks of life were certain that the Reagan Administration's policies would have adverse effects on black existence. Yes, even black philosophers expected the same.

Blacks believed that the Reagan Administration would act irresponsibly. In this expectation, black leaders reacted negatively to President Reagan's ideologies even before he reached the White House.

Blacks were not prepared to give the new President a fair chance. Blacks called him a "hatemonger," a "warmonger," "anti-black," and of course a "mad man."

In the eyes of this particular philosopher who—happens to appreciate existentialism—blacks' blaming of President Reagan meant that the President was not a responsible human being.

It meant that President Reagan was not concerned with the existential condition in which black and other peoples made their choices and pursued their destinies.

It meant that he hated that which he did not understand, went to war with that which he could not subdue, and isolated himself from black life period. It meant that the President was "inhuman."

But in all fairness, was this the case with the Reagan years? Can it be said honestly by blacks and others that President Reagan was any of the negative things black people and others thought he would be?

Let's take a look and see.

In the international arena, President Reagan did not do too badly. Acting as a responsible human being, it would appear that he was open to invent new experiences with foreign foes.

Actually, President Reagan continued what had been established by one of his predecessors, Richard Nixon, another President who has withstood his share of criticisms from blacks and others.

In Mr. Nixon's meetings with Soviet Premier Leonid Brezhnev and Kosygin, and with China's Mao Tse Tung and Chou En-Lai, they paved the way for the great Reagan-Gorbachev summits. All of these meetings will go down in history as landmarks for peace and global survival.

Such efforts in the international arena have had effects elsewhere. As President Reagan pointed out during his farewell address, the Soviets are pulling out of Afghanistan, in addition to reducing their stockpiles of nuclear weapons. Moreover, Vietnam is moving out of Cambodia, Cuba out of Angola, and the Persian Gulf is no longer a war zone.

Perhaps, the most significant gain in international politics for the President was the establishment of free markets in other countries. This allows America to develop better relations with foreign powers and also to increase import/export exchange.

In the eyes of the President, accomplishments in the international arena meant positive gains toward international peace, free-

dom of trade and better relations. In the eyes of this particular black existentialist thinker, it meant that President Reagan chose to invent new experiences from among the possibilities that were open to him.

Contrary to the expectations of blacks, President Reagan did not do too badly in the domestic arena either. Blacks who suspected that the President would maintain an irresponsible relationship to blacks, were made

equal protection under the law was not designed to do.

Furthermore, the Reagan Administration targeted anti-black hate groups, as part of his way of saying that he would not tolerate negative actions against blacks.

In the September 1988 issue of *Newsweek Magazine*, writers Eloise Salholz and Mark Miller made the story clear as they pointed out the President's attack on the Ku Klux

conditions of all Americans, especially America's poor blacks.

But blacks should never forget this one thing about the Reagan Administration, even if we forget everything else. Blacks should always remember that it was the Reagan Administration that signed into law our Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

The fact of the matter is that President Reagan was not obligated to do this. No outside forces demanded it. No set of moral principles or standards forced him to do so. President Reagan chose to sign the holiday into law. It is my understanding that he even lobbied for the holiday himself.

Can it be said, then, on the basis of his record, that President Reagan was unconcerned with black people? Can it be said that he deserved the negative connotations that blacks and others had come to associate with his ideas? I think not.

President Reagan proved that he was neither a "hatemonger," a "warmonger," nor "anti-black." He proved that he was a responsible human being who was concerned with the destinies of all Americans.

Perhaps, one reason why blacks refused to see the vision of a great American and did not give him a fair chance is that we are too blinded by our own mental baggage.

Perhaps, so many of us, myself included, are so much in support of a Democratic ticket, and even a black Democratic ticket, that we ignored any other choices.

Yes, I agree that America is ready for a change. But in all fairness, can it be said that President Bush will do any worse than President Reagan? President Bush has pledged to continue and to improve upon what President Reagan began to do.

As President Reagan put it in his farewell address, "Reagan's regiments will become Bush brigades." Considering President Reagan's record, what's wrong with that?

Also, can it be said that a needed change has to necessarily involve a Democratic ticket, and even a black ticket? I should say not.

America has made great strides toward becoming a better America. I tend to believe that black Americans stand in the ranks of America's concern too, if for no other reason than on the basis of America's record toward black people.

It is a better America for us all. Blacks have fared well under the Reagan Administration.

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to rethink their suspicions on the basis of his outstanding record of achievements toward black causes.

Again, the President candidly mentioned a few of these accomplishments.

In the area of employment, 19 million new jobs were established. Evening news headlines that nagged everyone about unemployment (especially about unemployed blacks) when Mr. Reagan assumed office, were erased from our memory by his achievements in creating jobs for those who had none.

It should be remembered by blacks that the majority of the jobs in 1980 were black people. Family income increased, allowing more Americans, blacks included, to enjoy and to be creative with their existence.

Although the President did not mention his achievements in the area of affirmative action during his farewell address, the Reagan Administration placed primary emphasis on affirmative action programs. These programs made it possible for blacks and others to become newly established entrepreneurs, something that

Klan, Bruder Strike Force II, and Skinhead Groups.

Ronald Reagan did not do too badly in the areas of care for the homeless, welfare for the needy, health care for the sick, and education for the ignorant. One-third of America's homeless received enough Federal aid to allow them to move off the streets, if they chose to do so.

Traditional welfare recipients continued to receive their monthly welfare check. Specially designated Federally funded health care centers were erected to care for the ill. And those who desired a good education, found enough Federal assistance to matriculate.

Although it could be argued that the Reagan Administration implemented the method of Reagan's "Great Re-Discovery" programs of spending—programs involving wise spending—blacks and others benefited from all of the programs mentioned above.

It was as if the Reagan Administration promoted thoroughly humane-centered measures that addressed the existential con-

Drew neglects student artists

By George Furman
Staff Writer

THE people who decorate Drew have no shame. It seems to give them great pleasure to display the most pathetic works of art they can buy and then make the members of the Drew community stare at it. It's a cruel and obnoxious thing to do.

The most distasteful art on campus is in the Commons. Drew is proud to display on the east wall of the dining hall the largest collection of K-Mart art in New Jersey. It's a collection even Andy Warhol couldn't—or wouldn't—enhance.

The pride of the Commons collection is an air brushed unicorn done in bright pinks and blues. The decorators must have been ecstatic when they acquired the print, since rumor has it that the print had formerly been available exclusively on the note books of 13 year old girls.

The Commons' unicorn is complimented by other fine pieces of K-Mart art, prints like the *French Cherries* and *A Vase of Flowers*. Each print balances the other with its novel mixture of pre-and-post-digestive colors.

To add to the pleasant and memorable art on campus, some one slapped down a square piece of cement next to the library and called it a memorial. Students who didn't know better thought the slab was going to be the base of a statue, but they were wrong.

The slab is the statue.

Everyone tries to define/explain the great white slab. Some people think it's a bench, some believe it's a stage, and others believe it's a huge bar of Ivory soap. But deep in their hearts students know what it really is, an ugly slab of cement which probably cost about \$3000.

Finding real art on campus is difficult. The Drew decorators, who must hate art, work hard to hide it.

Many students can't even find Drew's

only real statue, the circuit rider Francis Asbury. The Drew decorators felt Francis was unbecoming, so they deceitfully misdirected him and his horse into a thicket of bushes, where the two of them remain today.

Next to purchasing pink unicorn prints, hiding art is the favorite past time of Drew decorators. They enjoy finding obscure places to conceal student work.

Places like the basement of Brothers College and dimly lit corners in the Commons concourse are notorious hiding places of student art.

Apparently, the only public place on campus where quality art is displayed regularly is the Other End. Predictably, the Other End is the only gathering place at Drew maintained and managed by students.

Student art needs to be displayed in public places on campus, by the simple virtue that student art is better than pink unicorns and white slabs. Wouldn't it be nice if someone besides the students felt this way?

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stration. This being true, what can be said from the lips of an existentialist thinker that could help blacks to overcome our complacency and our blaming of our nation?

Existentialist thought teaches several things in regard to black complacency and the way blacks blame the American nation. One thing that existentialist thought teaches is the notion of responsibility.

Both Kierkegaard and Sartre taught that it is the responsibility of each individual to be responsible for his or her own fate.

Here then, even if President Reagan had made the choice to not be concerned about blacks, it is the responsibility of each individual black to be responsible for his or her own individual self. There is no room in the existentialist tradition for a person who sits and waits on someone else to assume responsibility for their destiny.

In that any one person assumes the responsibility for another person, this person goes beyond what is expected in the existentialist tradition to something even more novel and perhaps more humane.

Certainly, a "hate monger," and a "war-monger" would not attempt to establish relations with other powers and other people. Such a person would be too busy seeing others as things, inhuman, and different.

In some real way, I would like to believe that it was President Reagan's sense of the notion of responsibility that caused him to act responsibly in decisive times. A "mad man" would have done what blacks and others said he would do—blow up the world. He would have ignored blacks—period. Did President Reagan do this?

Existentialist thought also teaches the idea of choice. This simply means that what a person becomes has little to do with chance,

but instead depends entirely on what the individual decides to become; hence inventing himself. The responsibility for this act of creation falls entirely on the creator, the individual himself, and no one else.

This process can be said to be the way a person grows and becomes conscious of what friends he wants to choose.

During President Reagan's eight years in office, his administration chose to become a certain kind of organization. In this process, it had the choice of selecting what issues it would and would not address.

The Reagan Administration could have ignored the possibility of choosing black existence as an issue and as a friend. It did not have an obligation to deal with black issues at all. But, President Reagan said it best in his farewell address when he said that the three main words of the Constitution "We the People" would not permit his administration to overlook any American.

"We the People," said the President, "demanded that all the American people be in the driver's seat." "The government," the President said, "is the car to be driven."

Black people could have been left out of the driver's seat. We did not have to be chosen as parts of the American vehicle at all. So, as the Reagan Administration became what it was, blacks should remember that black life and black survival were the possibilities it chose as friends and as parts to be recognized in the existential scheme of things. Blacks are a part of America's becoming. President Reagan applauded the responsibility of choosing to recognize blacks as integral parts of the process.

As our nation embarks upon a new and critical beginning and as black Americans celebrate their heritage during black history month, there are some important reminders that I should leave with America's black people.

Number one, any world vision that under-

stands the world in terms of freedom, is bound to initiate creative and responsible action. We must learn to see that in the universe, all individuals are free, free to become whatever they so choose.

Blacks are too quick to stand apart from, and against, the American nation. This leads to blaming others and to finger-pointing.

All America knows about the unfortunate lot blacks suffered in the past. Most Americans have sense enough to know that the past affects the present and the future. Thus, most Americans are committed to rectifying the lives of black people.

However, in all that America does to help blacks, blacks also must remember to think in terms of a world in which we are free. We must not depend on white people and the American nation to assume responsibility for our destinies. But, we must not be so narrow-minded as to believe that the road to black success involves self-dependency.

We must not believe that we are better than any other American simply because of our slave heritage. Blacks must learn to choose from positive moments of our past as we attempt to become what we are in the present and future.

We must learn to appreciate what America has tried to do and what America is doing. In these times, we cannot be too careful about our attitudes toward one another and toward our nation. We must learn to participate with America as she moves toward the goal of true peace.

The critical challenge that black people face in these times is to be able to fashion objectivity into our present understandings of negative attitudes toward us. We must learn the art of sharing one another's experiences and being open to one another. We must learn to be responsible for ourselves.

If blacks or whites fail to live in these ways, it could result in absolute existential denial for us all.

And finally, blacks must come off welfare and off the street corners. We must learn to maximize novel possibilities before us. We must learn to be creative with our existence and invent the kind of life we so choose to invent.

Despite all what has been said about the Reagan Administration and the way blacks denigrated his programs, it cannot be disputed that he was concerned with the plight of all Americans. He chose to be our friend.

Why not let us choose to be his? If Kierkegaard and Sartre were around to offer their critical analysis of the Reagan years, they would have said to President Reagan, "a job well done. You have fulfilled the best in the tradition of the philosophy of existentialism."

In other words, job well done Mr. President.

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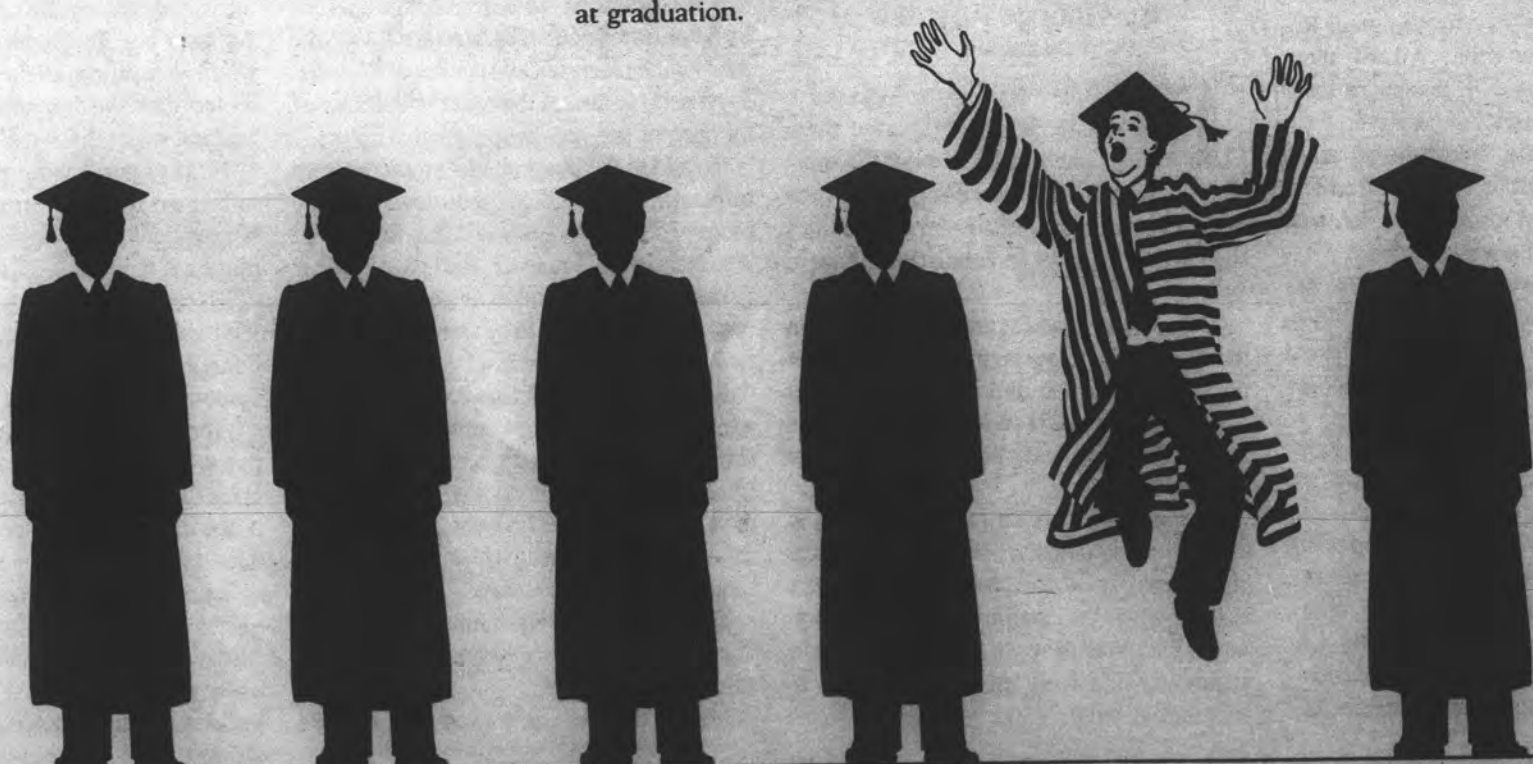
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Speidel continues bookstore renovations

By Peter Turecek
Staff Writer

THE Bookstore has undergone renovations before opening up for the Spring semester, according to Bookstore Director David Speidel.

Speidel said the new book system includes having students get the books themselves and a decreased availability of used books.

"It's still not quite self-help yet but the system is good," said Jennifer Werns, a student employee.

"For the students that like to wait to buy books, we're shipping them all back after two weeks, so they better get them early," added Werns.

"For the way students will get their books, we've changed the floor plan and added new lighting. We have a new card line, Shoebox Greeting and Garfield, coming in next week

and we now accept American Express credit cards," said Speidel.

Over January, the entire filing system and computer system were also reworked, according to Werns. "Dave did a great job fixing the filing system up. We easily lost thousands of dollars in credit because we simply lost the credit slips," Werns said.

Concerning the shortage of used books, Speidel explained there just was not enough time to get them, and that he wanted to filter out the demand for them. "Drew is different from other schools in that the professors don't like to use a lot of standard texts. They like to use many different prescribed paperbacks. We had twelve hundred titles for five hundred publishers and sent out three hundred purchase orders in only three or four weeks," said Speidel.

"We had a lot of intro course texts go into new editions this year, unfortunately. And

we just didn't have enough time to work with the wholesalers for used books," Textbook Manager Richard Cardinale explained.

Cardinale considered all the changes positive. "Instead of being here as a student service, it was the students who were doing us a favor. Finally it's starting to turn the other way but the attitudes will take a long time to change," said Cardinale.

Cardinale stated that storage is a big problem for the whole university and that the Bookstore really needs to expand at least their office area.

"The student body and the faculty have been very supportive; it's been a campus effort at improvement. And the student help has been most important in such a short amount of time," added Cardinale.

Speidel asked Drew Public Safety to provide an officer as "An active presence to discourage shoplifting," said Public Safety

Officer Mike Murray.

"It's only for a few days," said Speidel, "but stores commonly lose six percent of their profits to shoplifting."

Students are also expected to enter the Bookstore through the rear entrance for several days, according to Speidel. "This is so confusing—to go in through the back door for a pack of gum," said Junior Helene Carpentier.

FUCHS

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to do for a Vice President as of yet," Vela said. "The post has to be filled according to the S.G.A. regulations and is a process in itself."

"We'd like Tony's transition to be as smooth as possible," Alleyne said, "I'm looking forward to a good semester working with him. I'm confident Tony can handle the Presidential responsibility during this period."

"As a student leader, Marek was a tough kid," Vela said, "I think he dealt with problems in what he saw was the right way. He had a unique ethic and I don't think you'll find many others like him. I think Marek made a lot of good, positive moves. He tried, and I hope people can respect him for that."

SECURITY

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maintenance staff observed an individual in the snack bar. The two officers responded to the scene and with the help of the maintenance staff apprehended the burglar.

The burglar, a 20 year old student, was apprehended in the snack bar area holding stolen packs of potato chips. Ayers said he felt that the student was probably the suspect in an earlier snack bar break during January but had gotten away. The student was referred to Dean of Student Life Denise Alleyne. According to Alleyne, the student pleaded guilty to breaking into the snack bar once and chose to take a one semester leave of absence as opposed to facing possible charges before the Judicial Board in the spring. Alleyne accepted this as retribution for the crime. Neither Alleyne nor Ayers would release the identity of the student.

Ayers stated that had the student been formally charged with the Madison Police Department and found guilty, the student would have received a minimum of two years in prison for breaking and entering, and larceny.

In addition, Ayers said there were minor instances of car damage due to icy conditions, and that other incidents involved students staying in the dorm without authorization.

"On whole," said Ayers, "it was pretty quiet. We received a lot of calls about suspicious people but when checked out they turned out alright."

"Students locked their rooms and locked their windows," continued Ayers, "and that was a big help because last year they had problems with floor windows being unlocked."

"This was the quietest Jan Term we've had in my 9 years here," concluded Ayers. Furthermore, the Department of Safety went through minor changes during January. According to Officer Michael Murray, every security officer has been re-certified in C.P.R. (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) procedure.

In addition, Murray plans to conduct a self defense course primarily intended for women on the Drew Campus during February along with former Drew Security officer Jerry Shortall.

Spring Semester Group Offerings Counseling and Psychological Services

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In addition, the Counseling Center sponsors **Adult Children of Alcoholics** (contact: Jack Kurzawski).

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FEATURES

Arthur-Ashe course served students well

Jan Term students impressed with visiting British scholar's expertise

By Tracey Everson
Staff Writer

MOST people know the story of King Arthur either from *Monty Python* and the *Holy Grail* or Walt Disney's *The Sword in the Stone*. Yet few people know more about King Arthur than Geoffrey Ashe.

Ashe has written several books on the subject, including *The Quest for King Arthur*, *The Discovery of King Arthur* and *A Guidebook to Arthurian Britain*. Drew University was fortunate enough to have the British scholar on campus this January Term teaching Advanced Literary Studies: The World of King Arthur.

Apparently, interest in King Arthur at Drew is not waning. The World of King Arthur was so popular that a second afternoon session was opened up. A total of thirty students took the class. These two sections were Ashe's first traditional classes, for in the past he had only given lectures to large groups.

Unlike most professors, Ashe appeared to be well versed in all aspects of his field, the Arthurian legend. Junior Mike Kelly said "it was a great opportunity to have someone who had done so much in the field, rather than someone who talked about the people who had done the work." Senior Debbie Boyken also said she was "impressed by the quantity of his knowledge."

Ashe not only knew the evidence for an historical King Arthur and the history of the literature, but also many of the scholars, authors and others who had done work in the field. The first day of class the students learned that Ashe knew and advised Persia Woolley, author of *Child of the Northern Spring*, one of the books from the reading list.

Later, they discovered that Ashe had also been in contact with authors Mary Stewart, Marion Zimmer Bradley and John Steinbeck, and the director of the film *Excalibur*, concerning their work with the Arthurian legend. In addition he worked with C.A. Raleigh Radford on the excavation of the Cadbury-Camelot site.

The class lectures covered both the chronology of Arthurian literature and some historical background. The books included the historical works of Gildas Nennius and the Venerable Bede, Geoffrey of Monmouth's *History of the Kings of Britain*, Chretien de Troyes Arthurian romances, Malory's *Morte d'Arthur*, and Tennyson's *Idylls of the King*.

Boyken said she was not expecting so much history but was glad it was covered. She found it very interesting. Kelly was also pleased to have the history and the opportunity to "learn everything in the field."

The history covered the early manuscripts and origins of the tale. Historians now have circumstantial evidence supporting a historical King Arthur. However, if Arthur did exist he was much different from the character known today in Arthurian tales. Over the years many feats have been attributed to him which a historical Arthur could never have done.

One of the more interesting assignments for the class was an oral report focusing on non-Arthurian legends. Students were to take these legends and draw parallels with the Arthurian myth.

Subjects ranged widely. One student's topic was the *Star Wars* saga, comparing Luke Skywalker to Arthur, Han Solo to Lancelot, and Obi Wan Kenobi to Merlin. Another report covered Paul Bunyan, who oddly enough arose from an advertising scheme. Other heroes discussed, such as Robin Hood, were more closely allied to King Arthur.

Despite Ashe's impressive credentials, he related well to his students. Kelly described him as being open and easy to talk to. He also provided some surprising answers. When asked by a student which film he thought was truest to the Arthurian legend, he answered without hesitation, *Monty Python's Holy Grail*.

Python's *Holy Grail*.

Overall, most students seemed very pleased about the course and Ashe. The students concluded that they learned a great deal, and as junior Mike Main said, "it was great to have Ashe for a professor, especially since he was such an expert."



New students learn about "Close Pack"

By Anne Weber
Assistant Features Editor

THERE'S something to be said for being stuck in an elevator. For one thing, it's a great way to meet people. Just ask one of the new Drew students who participated in the January Orientation program and, during the group trip to New York City, made an unscheduled stop for twenty minutes between floors B1 and B2 of Port Authority.

Several of them admitted that "getting stuck" was their favorite part of orientation, and even the committee leaders appreciated the value of the mishap. "It's the ideal thing when you want people to get to know each other," said Co-Chair Mike Main.

Despite the positive effects of the experience, Orientation Chairs Main and Kristen Rice generally opted for less confining activities when planning their two-day session designed to acclimate the 16 transfers, three freshmen, and four New York Arts Semester students to life at Drew.

And what could be more spacious than the Meadowlands? From the uppermost rows of the arena, the Drew cheering section saw the Hartford Whalers beat the Devils 8-6 in what Rice called "a good hockey game, with lots of scoring and a couple of good fights."

All of the non-social events, including advisor meetings and computer pick-up, were taken care of soon after the student's arrival on Friday, January 27. All that is, except for Saturday morning phone training.

Some of the new students, like freshman Todd Gareiss, said the sessions seemed unnecessary. "You don't have to be a brain surgeon to figure out the phone," he joked. However, Deb Seager, an Arts Semester student from Simon's Rock in Massachusetts, said she was glad to learn about voice messaging and computer mail.

Drew's communication network was one of few unfamiliar aspects of college life that the students encountered. Since most of the new Drews were transfers, January orientation "deemphasized getting used to the college experience and emphasized getting used to Drew," explained Main.

"The questions they asked weren't 'freshman' type questions," said committee member Ray Green. "They were more concerned with particulars, like what kind of campus job is best for work study."

Parents had a chance to ask questions of their own at a discussion session with Director of Student Activities Tullio Nieman and two of last year's Orientation Committee Chairs—junior Rumi Moinuddin and senior Val Panizzut. Administrators and parents also mingled during a family dinner held on Friday night in the Pub.

"In general, I think the parents felt more at ease," said committee member Sandy McCullagh.

With such a small number of students to orient, the seven-member committee could relax more as well. Junior Morgan Daybell and Green were perhaps a bit more laid back than the rest; in the Port Authority elevator, they found a pack of cards and enough room among the nineteen trapped people to start a game of War.

With the influx of returning Drews last Sunday, January term Orientation came to an abrupt end. Undoubtedly, however, the events of those first few days will lead the 23 new students through a successful spring semester.

At the very least, the freshly-oriented group enjoyed some hockey, were introduced to Aspen, and got an informal lesson on driving in New York City, since on the return trip from New York, one of the Drew vans was scraped by a truck bearing the lettering, "Pace Elevator Repair."

FEATURES

Peace and quiet for Jan Term residents

By Mike Falk
Features Editor

IF your roommate who stayed at Drew for Jan Term 1989 didn't seem all that happy to see you again, don't worry—it's nothing personal. Probably. It's just that the four weeks of January gave 200 or so students a chance to sink into a world of their own—a world of peace, relaxation, and privacy. And most didn't appreciate the January 29 invasion of that privacy.

"I woke up Sunday morning, saw cars in the parking lot and people running around, and thought, 'They're back, and I don't want them back!'" said junior Heather Bennett.

"It's very depressing to have all the people come back," said junior Dave Papalia.

"It's like—get off my campus!" remarked one senior.

What happened over January to make Drews so indifferent, almost hostile, to their returning schoolmates? Nothing major—certainly a lot less than happens during the regular term.

Among the important differences between January and the rest of the school year were the campus population and course schedule.

With fewer than 10 people living on most floors, students enjoyed some rare pleasures, such as not having to wait in line to take a wake-up shower.

Also relatively wait-free was the Commons, even with only one line serving, and the quiet of the dining area more than made up for Ashok's absence. Some students even noted a significant increase in food quality from Jan Term '88.

The majority of courses met in the morning, in most cases three or four days a week, and only a handful met on Fridays. "It was a lot easier concentrating on just one class," said senior Christina Grimaldi. "And the three-day weekends were always something to look forward to."

Another attractive feature of January, according to Bennett, was that "you only had to suffer through four weeks of classes, instead of 13." Even the length of the sessions—two and a half to four hours—was agreeable to most students.

Many of the January courses afforded students the opportunity to explore subjects more interesting than those available in the regular semester's load. Courses falling into this category included History of American Youth, 1920-present, in which contempo-

rary movies and music were consistently on the agenda; Creative Photography, which had students "pulling all-nighters" in the darkroom; and Doug Simon's ever-popular Vietnam Experience.

Not all Jan Term residents took classes. Aside from the basketball players, there were many students employed by the university and a few working on independent study projects or honors theses.

Jon Spanier, a resident assistant in Riker, said that the atmosphere was "very quiet and conducive to work," particularly on his musical composition independent study project.

"It's the chance to be here in a less structured environment and just enjoy Drew that makes Jan Term so attractive," he added.

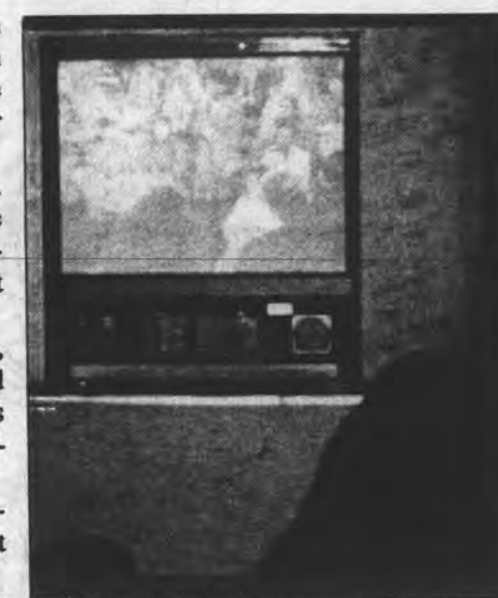
Even the weather cooperated (if you like warm winters) with only one snowfall which was a mere memory within days and temperatures consistently in the 40's.

There is, of course, an inherent problem in having much free time and few people on campus. Social life did not vanish, however, even in the absence of campus-wide social events.

The gym was a popular hangout. Crowds for basketball games were larger than for many regular term games. Nearly 50 students participated in the one-night intramural volleyball tournament.

For those who didn't feel like going out, rented movies and Nintendo games provided satisfactory entertainment. Because friends stayed in small groups, they "got to know each other a little better," according to Papalia.

Some students made new friends. "You met people you wouldn't normally meet when everybody is around," said Grimaldi. "People seemed much friendlier and less pressured by work."



...and a new television.

Things did get a little boring at times, especially on weekends when some students went home and the University Center was closed. But those remaining on campus occupied themselves by watching the football playoffs, checking out the new condom machines, or even doing some school work.

All good things must end, however, and as Jan Termers grudgingly observed the hustle-bustle of the impending semester, they recalled Jan Term as they would a vacation.

"It was great, much better than I expected," said senior Ilana Bassman.

"I'm sorry I never took Jan Term before," said Grimaldi.

"It was a little expensive," said Papalia, "but definitely worth it."

So when you make your travel plans for next January, don't forget to consider an idyllic forest community in Central New Jersey. See your local registrar for details.



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Over January the University Center got a new name tag...

Holiday message makes national news

Drew News Service

DO you remember the "phone message from hell"—that 15-minute long holiday greeting that plagued the voice message system at the end of last semester? It seems that Drews weren't the only people to listen up and take notice. In the January 11 issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, Judith Axler Turner spread the message farther than even Aspen's voice was capable. The following is an excerpt from her piece titled "Drew U's 'Voice-Mail' Network Proves a Bit Too Popular."

Drew University, which first gave all freshmen their own computers in 1984, recently unveiled a voice- and data-communications network designed to change the way students, faculty members, and staff members teach, work, learn, communicate, and even socialize.

One of the first things that happened, however, was that a holiday greeting sent over "voice mail" became an "incredibly long snake that wrapped all around the system, and brought it to its knees," says Rich-

ard A. Detweiler, Drew's vice-president.

Voice-mail systems typically allow users to leave messages, which are recorded digitally and delivered when the recipient—who is alerted to their presence by a blinking light—presses the right sequence of telephone buttons to receive them. The Drew system "gets an incredible level of usage," Mr. Detweiler says. "People use it to arrange dates, of course, but faculty also get timely information out on what may be a late-breaking special on TV, or updates to assignments, or replies to inquiries about assignments."

The system limits individual messages to two minutes, but does not limit the number of forwarded messages that can be attached to an individual's message. So when students started building message chains, each adding his or her own holiday wishes to those received, and sending them on, the system's computer became overloaded, and slowed nearly to a halt.

Mr. Detweiler says he is not upset about the snake. "That really is part of learning all about the system," he says. Now he hopes faculty members and students will explore voice mail's use in academe.

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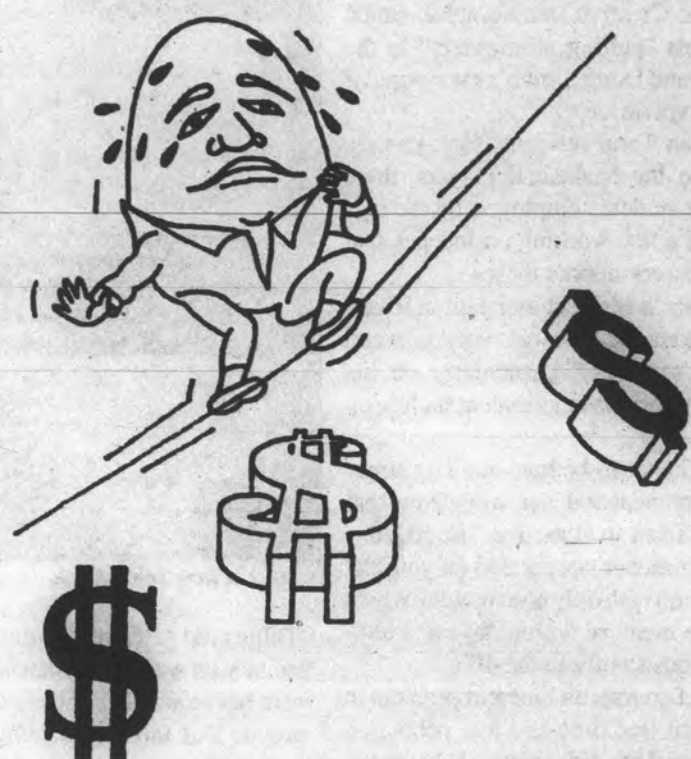
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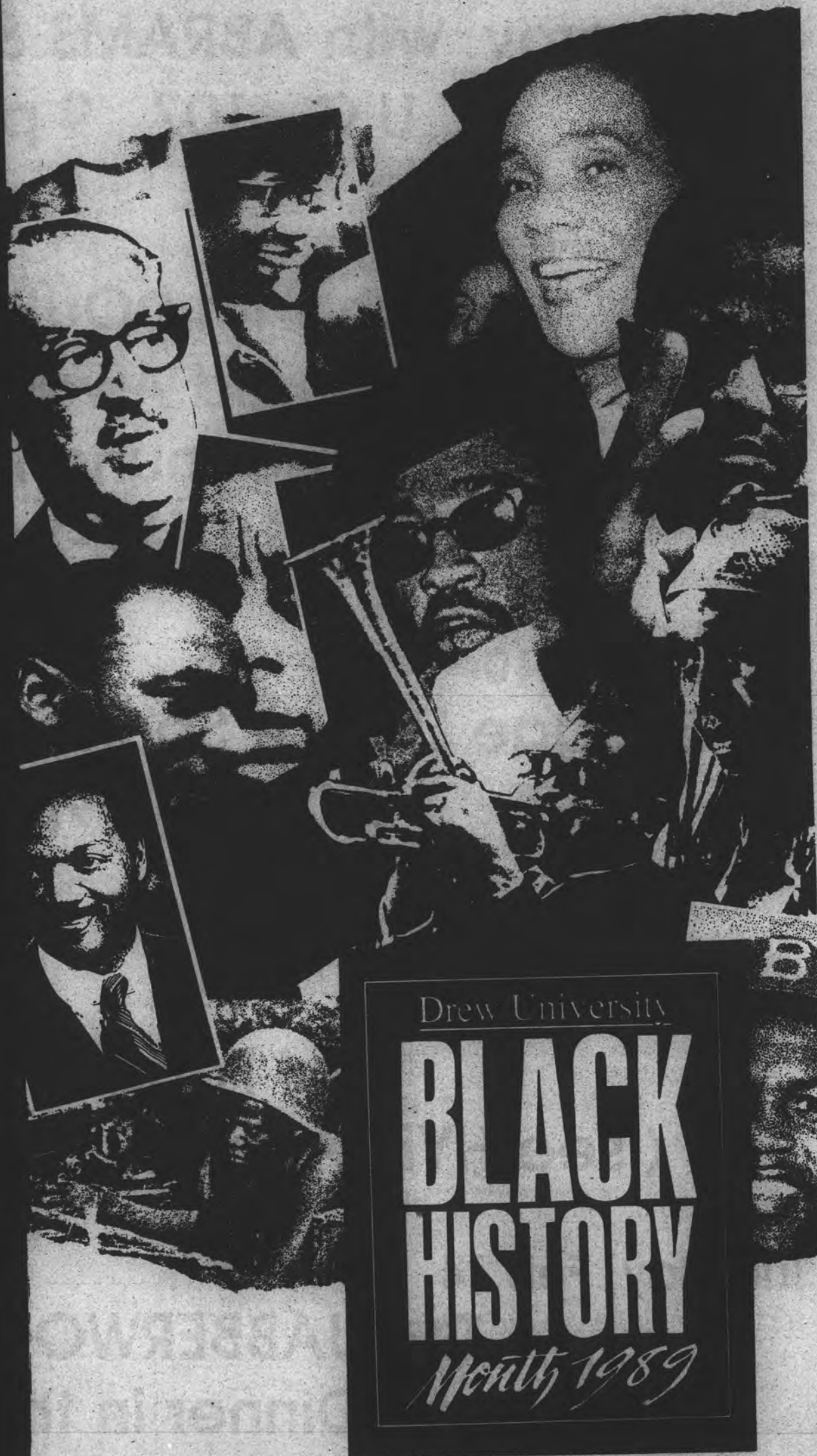
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Return to the House of Pain

By Rich Christiano
Assistant Entertainment Editor

I had to be done. After spending an entire semester indulging my decadent urges for sleep, alcohol, and... well, other things, it was time for a change. After all, you can only watch so many "Hee Haw" reruns over Jan Term without waking up in the dead of night screaming Satanic slogans in a Kentucky drawl.

Before the Jan Term doldrums could strike, however, I called up Fred, my good friend. Fred and I bought memberships at a local gym last year, and he was on Christmas break too. The conversation went something like this:

"Hey, Fred! Howzit goin'!"
(Long pause) "Umph?"
"Listen, I got a great idea. Uh, did I wake you?"

"Mmmf."
"Oh. Sorry. Hey, since we both have a free month, what do you say we go to the Torture Palace and hurt ourselves?"

After slowly and laboriously translating this into a suggestion that we work out at the gym, Fred gave me what sounded like an affirmative reply. He also expressed, in colorful language, what he'd do to me the next time I called at nine a.m. on a Saturday.

In any case, we made it to the gym. The holiday spirit had struck here with a vengeance...red and white poinsettias grew from every horizontal surface. It was a nice touch, but the average gym rat has as much appreciation for floral beauty as Morton Downey has for tact.

It was nice to see that most of the Barbie dolls and Ken action figures were still working there. This place has yet to hire anyone who doesn't look fit enough to run a triathlon.

"Excuse me," I said to one of the Kens, "can I renew my membership for just one month?"

The manikin flashed a friendly grin at me,

scratched his head in intense concentration, and grinned some more.

"Uh, I dunno. Let me check."

My God, I'm dealing with a mental furlball.

After ten minutes of wrangling with Einstein and his manager, I paid my money and walked with Fred to the locker rooms. On the way we passed the aerobics gym, full of minimally dressed women and a wide variety of flopping body parts.

"Nice to see some things never change," I said.



Sorry, this is not Rich.

Fred didn't hear me.

Just before the locker rooms there was a new addition...a large metal desk covered with A.L. Williams Insurance paraphernalia. This seemed like a sensible idea—if I tripped over a dumbbell and impaled myself on a weight rack, I'd have nothing to worry about. I wondered if they'd sell liability insurance to a walking liability.

After donning our athletic gear, we hit the weight room. Our first destination was the military press—a medieval torture device designed to measure intelligence. A weightlifter's I.Q. is inversely proportional to the amount of iron he chooses to hold suspended above his head.

It had been six months since either of us had worked out, so we'd lost a considerable amount of power. Both of us, however, forgot to take this into account when we put the big plates on the bar and began our sets.

This is a common gym malady called Ma-

cho Oversight—a weightlifter thinks of how impressive he'll look lifting a quarter-ton of iron before he considers his physical ability to lift it.

Fred stood behind me, ready to help lift the bar off its frame on the count of three.

"Okay, here goes. One...two...uh, two and three-eighths..."

"Today, please?"

"Three!"

When I was in shape over the summer, this exercise was only mildly dangerous. I struggled, but I never really worried about dropping the bar and turning my body into a free-form flesh sculpture. Now, however, things were horribly different.

The upshot of this was a lot of heaving, gasping, and sweating. From behind gritted teeth came words not heard since the Stone Age. Angels wept.

But the bar had ideas of its own, and after a few reps I abandoned my efforts. A large half-primate standing by the cable row uttered a few throaty sounds of amusement, but we meekly ignored this.

While we shuffled around from machine to machine, I noticed another new aspect of the gym...a member whose build was roughly similar to Pee Wee Herman's. There aren't many skinny people at this gym, let alone those who appear to be assembled from pipe cleaners.

So, to compensate for the humiliation of being out of shape, I did my best to perform my exercises as close to this man as possible. I felt pretty silly following this guy around the gym like a lost puppy, but I must have looked great.

How I felt, however, was another matter entirely. The rest of the workout was a shambles, and when we left the House of Pain I couldn't help making this known.

"Fred?"

"Hm?"

"How did I let you talk me into this?"

Movies

Headquarters 10 Theatre

Physical Evidence

Working Girl

Rain Man

Mississippi Burning

Naked Gun

Beaches

Twins

The Accidental Tourist

Her Alibi

Who's Harry Crumb?

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Physical Evidence is another pathetically bad film starring Burt Reynolds, who thankfully has refocused his lack of energy into the medium of television. Reynolds plays a cop who has been suspended from the force essentially because, as always, he was too good for his peers. This is known as the "Dirty Harry Syndrome" and it is 18 years old and getting a bit weary. Reynolds is accused of murder, and the usually fascinating Theresa Russell has been cast as his young public defender in a dull courtroom drama that turns into an even duller thriller and, yes, love story. Russell has never appeared in a less interesting movie; Reynolds has. R

The Accidental Tourist. William Hurt turns in another superior performance in this adaptation of Anne Tyler's best seller about an uptight travel writer whose marriage (to Kathleen Turner) is falling apart after the death of their son. The film is a sophisticated mix of comedy and broken hearts, with Geena Davis playing the key role of a wiggy dog trainer who takes on Hurt as a human client, helping to breathe some life into his sagging spirit. Director Lawrence Kasdan gives us an insightful portrayal of how so many sad people protect themselves with ritualistic behavior. PG

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Not always a sunny day at the beach

By Nancy Connors
Entertainment Editor

BEACHES, the new film labeled as the *Terms of Endearment* of 1989, displays the extraordinary talent of Bette Midler and casts Barbara Hershey in a challenging role.

The drama/comedy mixture of *Beaches* is only one of the reasons for its comparison to *Terms*; although, in general, *Terms* was a more captivating film especially because of the greater number of memorable performances. There are holes in the script of the film, characters disappear, relationships end, although it does not harm the film greatly.

Beaches is the story of two women with very different backgrounds who meet under a boardwalk in Atlantic City. In the 30 years that follow, they become pen pals and best friends.

C. C. Bloom (Midler) is the street smart promising singer from the Bronx who craves success and fame. Hillary Whitney (Hershey) is a rich, reserved law student strongly influenced by her father. It is this diversity between the characters which gives this film its essence.

The relationship between C. C. and Hillary expands when Hillary moves to New York City to assert her independence from her father. Both fight for their careers, C. C. fights Broadway and Hillary joins the A.C.L.U. to fight in the 1960's.

The first half of the film is filled with laughter and excitement, but when Hillary is called home to aid her dying father, each woman must strike out on her own. Hillary reacts to the change by becoming a reserved housewife to her lawyer husband but C. C. achieves the fame and fortune she always dreamed of.

When these very different women meet

again, the clash makes each of them question their lives and direction. The breakup of Hillary's marriage and the birth of her child draws them together again. The paramount question of the film becomes obvious with Hillary's illness: who is stronger? It is this question which creates the bond between the two which weathered through the marriages and careers.

Both characters are well written and performed brilliantly although *Beaches* is often



a showplace for the singing talent of Midler who is a very powerful pop singer. It has been suggested that Midler deserves the Oscar for her performance and upon seeing the film, it is obvious why.

Hershey was occasionally overshadowed by Midler's acting but she asserts herself very powerfully in the end of the film.

One flaw of *Beaches* which becomes apparent as the film progresses is the obvious planning and plotting for tears and laughter. Although I was moved by several of the latter tearjerker scenes, the most comical occur in the earlier scenes which star the child Midler and Hershey.

Beaches is a good film, although it falls short of *Terms of Endearment*, but its humor and tears are sure to make it a memorable film.

Introspective



"Tonkie Smith," 1980, Anthony Barboza

This and other images are part of an art exhibition by photographer Anthony Barboza, appearing February 6 through February 24 in the photo gallery. A slide-talk on Barboza's work, entitled "My Body, My Mind, and My Life," is scheduled for February 6 in U.C. 107, at 7:30 p.m. The show is open for viewing Monday through Friday, 12:30-2 p.m. and 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Formerly of New York and now based in Los Angeles, Barboza has had collections shown in New York's Museum of Modern Art. His work has also been published in *Black Photographer's Annual* and *Time-Life Photography Annual*. The exhibition is part of the celebration of Black History month and is sponsored by Hyera.

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SPORTS

Disappointing season continues for men's basketball team

By Kevin Cioppa
Staff Writer

THE scoreboard was quite clear and showed no surprises. Drew had just fallen to nationally-ranked New Jersey Tech 88-73 to put another notch in what is shaping up to be a rather disappointing season for the Rangers.

But lurking in the morass of this defeat was something more, a glimpse of what might have been. Drew finally started hitting its shots with regularity, something that head coach Vince Masco has been waiting for all season. Larry Hannon poured in four three-pointers in key situations and compiled 21 points on the night. John Milano was hot from the field and he finished with a team-high 24 points, including nine field goals. Kevin Diverio also contributed to the offensive resurgence, connecting on two three-pointers and finishing with 12 points.

At first glance, however, this game did not look like it was going to be an offensive bonanza for the underdog Rangers. The Highlanders dominated from the outset, forcing two straight turnovers on the Rangers' first two possessions. The Tech defense was stifling, cutting off all offensive opportunities. Every pass was a struggle and finding an open lane was an impossibility. Drew was held scoreless for the first six minutes, at which time the team already faced a 10-0 deficit.

Then something happened. That clicking which has been so elusive for Drew this year suddenly took place. Instead of just folding, the Rangers rallied for six straight points and managed to stay close for the rest of the half, trailing only 38-29 at halftime.

The problems that had plagued Drew all year seemed to be rectifying themselves, as if a top-notch opponent was suddenly bringing out the best in the Rangers. "Our shooting percentage has been poor and our foul

shooting percentage has been horrible," said Masco. But for one night, at least, that description was proving to be inadequate.

The second half proved to be more of the same, but with an ironic twist. The Highlanders started out once again with a vengeance, as if they were determined to blow away their pesky opponent. Drew's ability to box out Tech and grab a significant amount of defensive rebounds, which had kept them in the game in the first half, proved immaterial as Tech nailed everything it put up, mounting a seemingly insurmountable 64-41 lead with about nine minutes left.

But the Rangers refused to die. They battled back under the fiery shooting of Hannon, Diverio, Milano and Mike Wall, who sank six foul shots in the second half. Freshman Bill Connors provided the leadership on the floor, given the chance by Masco of playing for most of the second half.

Suddenly Drew, on a Milano jump shot, had cut the lead to 77-69 with two minutes remaining. Only desperation fouling by Drew as the game drew to a close was able to push the final margin of victory back up to 15 points. The loss dropped the team's record to 5-13.

Adding to the impressive nature of the comeback was the elite nature of Tech. "[They] are an excellent team," observed Masco, noting that the Highlanders are nationally ranked at 16-2, lead the nation in three-point percentage, and are in the top ten in points per game, scoring margin, and field goal percentage.

"We have had a difficult schedule," said Masco of the season to date. "We have played some top teams. Five of our games (in January) were on the road and it is very difficult to win conference games on the road. Two key wins for Drew were at home against Moravian, who is 9-3 and one of the leaders in the MASCAC Southern Division, and at FDU-Madison 52-48.



Acorn Photo/Sarah Hilop

Larry Hannon scored 21 points in Wednesday's 88-73 loss to NJ Tech.

"One of the biggest things we have to do," Masco continued, "is foul much less. We have key players picking up two to three fouls in the early going...I don't know what our [overall] situation is. Our only true loss was to Wilkes."

The rest of the games have been contests that Masco felt could have been won. "We started out like gangbusters in the Rose City Classic and then ran into a cold spell. We are playing young kids and trying to get them some experience." Connors and fellow freshman Ardie Allen both saw extensive action in the Tech game.

"We were hoping that this week would be better," Masco added, "but we should be able to handle every team on our schedule from now on." Drew will be home for a contest against Manhattanville tomorrow at 7:30 before heading to the road for a rematch against Wilkes on Monday. The team returns home on Wednesday to tackle MASCAC Northern Divisional foe Elizabethtown.

Basketball roundup

Men's basketball

Monday, January 30

Drew (65)

Milano 4-2-13, Diverio 3-3-9, Novak 4-0-8, Henkel 1-1-3, Wall 4-0-8, Hannon 4-0-7, Pingitore 1-0-3, Holland 0-0-0, Connors 0-0-0, Bernardo 0-2-2, Allen 3-1-7, Moody 1-0-2, Morrison 1-0-3, Glowacki 0-0-0. Totals 25-9-65.

Drew

Wilkes

3-point goals: Milano 3, Hannon 1, Pingitore 1, Morrison 1.

Wednesday, February 1

Drew (73)

Milano 9-6-24, Diverio 3-4-12, Novak 2-0-4, Henkel 0-0-0, Wall 1-6-8, Holland 0-0-0, Hannon 7-3-21, Connors 1-1-3, Allen 0-1-1. Totals 23-21-73.

Drew

NJ Tech

3-point goals: Diverio 2, Hannon 4.

Looking ahead...

Men's basketball

Saturday 2/4 vs. Manhattanville 7:30

Monday 2/6 at Wilkes 7:30

Wednesday 2/8 vs. Elizabethtown 7:30

Women's basketball

Saturday 2/4 at Moravian 7:00

Monday 2/6 at FDU-Madison 7:30

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SPORTS

Dramatic turnaround for women's hoops

By Ken Harner

Sports Editor

IT'S been a season of streaks for the women's basketball team. After charging out of the starting gate with a 6-2 record and a victory in the Rose City Classic, the Lady Rangers dropped six games in a row in January and saw their goal of achieving a winning record going up in smoke.

But head coach Jeff Brown and his troops have turned things around in the last couple weeks, putting together a four-game winning streak which raised the team's record to 10-8, including a forfeit win against New Jersey Tech. Last year's record of 3-17 is now only a distant memory.

According to Brown, the team has already accomplished many of its goals this season: to win the Rose City Classic, win some games on the road and in the MAC, beat FDU-Madison and Upsala, and to achieve double figures in victories. Finishing with a winning record is definitely within the team's reach.

"I'm asking more of the girls this year," said Brown, noting that his players lift weights three times a week, "and they've responded."

Wednesday's game was a rematch against Upsala, a team which defeated Drew 71-60 back on January 21. On their home court, the Lady Rangers held off the Lady Vikings to escape with a 52-51 victory. It was a game marred at times by numerous turnovers and missed shots, but one thing it certainly didn't lack was drama.

After building a 28-24 halftime lead, the Drew shooters couldn't buy a basket in the early moments of the second half. Luckily for the Lady Rangers, Upsala wasn't hitting too many shots either, but the Lady Vikings converted enough hoops to take a slim lead down the stretch run.

With everyone ice-cold from the field and leading scorer Dana Tamuccio on the bench with foul troubles, Drew needed someone to step forward and get the team back into the game. Enter point-guard Donna Rulli, whose court leadership and long-range jumpers put the Lady Rangers back in contention and helped them regain the lead. Eventually, the game came down to a battle of foul shooting; Drew made its foul shots, Upsala didn't.

Stephanie Gill and Rulli, with 14 and 13 points respectively, led the the scoring for Drew. 11 of Gill's points came in the first half. Melissa Morgan contributed six points and Kim Bayha added five. Included in Bayha's five points were three clutch free throws down the stretch. Morgan played an important role off the bench in Drew's pressure defense and she had seven steals, several of which led to layups. Cheryl Stone grabbed 11 rebounds to lead the team in that area and Gill added 10.

Despite the victory, there are several areas that the Lady Rangers must improve to continue their winning ways. The first is turnovers. This problem has plagued the team since last season and in the Upsala game it almost cost Drew the victory. The team was able to compensate for its 25 turnovers by causing Upsala to commit 29 of its own. Coming into this game, Drew was averaging around 25 turnovers per game.

Rebounding was another sore spot for the Lady Rangers against Upsala as they were outrebounded by a 64-44 margin. More specifically, Drew often failed to box out the Lady Vikings on the defensive boards, al-



Stephanie Gill led the women's basketball team with 14 points in Wednesday's 52-51 victory over Upsala. Cheryl Stone (right) added five points and a team-high 11 rebounds.

lowing them to get second and third shots on each trip down the floor. The fact that Upsala failed to convert on these scoring opportunities cost it the game.

Brown acknowledged that these are two problem areas for his team. "We give up a lot of offensive rebounds," he said. "Everyone has to assume every shot will miss and block out on every play." Concerning the turnovers, Brown said that as the players get more experience, there will be fewer turnovers. "Donna understands the system better and her decision-making is improving," he added, "and Melissa, who sometimes plays out of control, also made some good decisions in the Upsala game."

Nonetheless, the team has shown a remarkable improvement from last year when it won only three games. This year's team features an offensive attack characterized by balanced scoring. Before the loss of starting forward Sue Proulx, the Lady Rangers had four players averaging over eight points a game. Morgan, Bayha and Chris Williams have made key contributions off the bench all season. In the Upsala game, Williams replaced Proulx in the starting lineup, but only time will tell how her loss will affect the team.

"Everyone has to pick up the slack [left by Proulx's departure]," Brown said. "Proulx was our most consistent outside shooter and this will hurt us because teams play a lot of zone against us. We're not as deep a team now and the bench players will have to play a more active role." Brown noted that the team will also miss Proulx's rebounding. He added that Bayha's contributions in the Upsala game were a key to the victory.

Another strong suit of this year's squad is defense. Drew's aggressive trapping defense caused numerous disruptions in Upsala's game plan and led to some easy fast break baskets. "Defense is always there," explained Brown. "It can compensate for poor shooting. We feel that if we play with greater intensity on defense than the other team, we



Dana Tamuccio takes a shot in the Upsala game. Tamuccio was hampered by foul troubles throughout the game and scored only six points.

have a good chance to win."

Upcoming games include rematches against FDU-Madison and King's (PA). Drew beat FDU by one point on January 7 and lost 61-42 to King's on January 10. Tomorrow the Lady Rangers travel to Moravian. The final regular season game will be at home on February 18 against St. Elizabeth, a team which features the leading rebounder in the nation.

Wednesday, February 1

Drew (52)

Stone 2-1-5, Williams 0-0-0, Tamuccio 2-2-6, Gill 6-2-14, Rulli 5-3-13, Bayha 1-3-5, Morgan 3-0-6, Tomaszewski 1-1-3. Totals 20-12-52

Drew

28 24 - 52

Upsala

24 27 - 51

3-point goals: None.

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