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DREW SCENE

ASPEN lady sick

The chain messages students have been circulating on the ASPEN system have decreased the efficiency of the system, according to Director of Support Services Jean Ruch.

"At one point we were down to 13 percent capacity," she said. "When people send messages, especially group distribution messages, some people never get them. Every time a message is saved or not heard, it stays in the system."

She said the only action taken to stop chain messages was to reduce the amount of time a message can be saved in the archives from 21 to seven days.

Possible actions will be discussed with a technician before further decisions are reached, Ruch said.

"We don't want to make it more difficult [to use the system]," she said. "We will rely on . . . everyone using [good] judgment."

—Sarah Hilton

WMNJ thefts

A Tolley room was searched for WMNJ property, according to Chief of Public Safety Manny Ayers.

"We went there based on a warrant issued by Dean of Student Life Denise Alleyne," Ayers said. He said that 11 records and three compact discs belonging to WMNJ were found in the room. The male student, a freshman, was referred to the dean.

Prior to the search, WMNJ had an "amnesty week," according to General Manager Bill Mozak. "We had a mandatory meeting and told all DJ's to return any records or CD's immediately and no questions would be asked."

The student was a DJ, and was responsible for anything discussed at the meeting

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Students voice concerns

By Sarah Hilton
Assistant News Editor

STUDENTS got a chance to question administrators about issues such as parking, a proposal for an African-American studies minor, and Tom Kean's inauguration at a town meeting held Tuesday in U.C. 107.

Administrators in attendance included Chief of Public Safety Manny Ayers, Director of Facilities Management Jim Maloney, Dean of Student Life Denise Alleyne, Dean of the College Paolo Cucchi, Director of Student Activities Tullio Nieman, Treasurer Ray Hahn, Head of the Business Office Diane Tauber, and University Vice President Rick Detweiler.

Student Government Association President Mike Main, who moderated the meeting, asked Tauber what has been done to implement the \$10 fine for misuse of Vali-Dine cards which was proposed two weeks ago.

"Currently there have not been charges against any student for misuse of Vali-Dine [cards]," she said. When the Vali-Dine system first began working this year, the machines recorded how many times each card was used per week, Tauber said.



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Administrators respond to student questions at a town meeting last year. The same type of forum was used Tuesday to address current issues.

Because some students were taking advantage of the system by getting extra meals, Tauber said, "To curtail this abuse [the business office] was going to implement the \$10 fee for meals above and beyond 20 per week."

The current system indicates whether or not a card has been used for a particular meal, instead of totalling the number of

times it is used.

Hahn added that the validine problems began with the Mead Hall fire, which left the machines inoperable.

When Main opened the floor to other topics, Hoyt fourth R.A. Suzi Dorsey said three of the rooms on her floor have had water damage since September from leaks

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Capital Campaign goal raised

By Michelle Gaseau
Staff Writer

RECENTLY, Drew University trustees decided to raise the goal of the Capital Campaign from \$41 million to \$45 million, according to Director of Development Jeff Fuller.

The University chose to re-assess the campaign after the Mead Hall fire, since currently there is no fixed estimate for the damage and no estimate on the insurance claims for the building at this time.

The Capital Campaign is a fund raising venture by the University to raise money in certain priority areas. These areas are chosen through a process that considers the opinions of consultants, a university committee for the campaign, and contributors.

The two highest desired and most needed additions to the University were a sports/recreation facility and an arts complex, Fuller said. "A single campaign couldn't support both of those," he said. "The decision on which would take precedence was not easy."

Fuller said the sports facility was chosen to be a major part of the Capital Campaign based on: the concerns of the students, aid it could give to recruitment, and an over-all need. The arts facility needed to be looked into in more depth, he said. "It's still on the drawing board for the next one [campaign]."

The sports facility is only one of four areas in which the contributions will be spent, according to Fuller. The renovation project, already under way for Great Hall and Mead Hall, will utilize funds for structural and surface restoration of certain buildings on campus, he said.

Endowment development will also receive money from the campaign to add to: scholarships, fellowships for graduate study, and endowed professorships that will bring special scholars to the campus, among others. The conclusion of the Knowledge Initiative, inclusive of the library automation, was also figured into the total goal. The

annual funds solicited through phone campaigns are included also.

The campaign is expected to be concluded in June 1992, Fuller said. The total funds raised will be broken down in the following manner: sports facility (\$14.5 million), renovation project (\$10.4 million), endowment (\$11.5 million), Knowledge Initiative (\$900,000), and annual funds (\$7.7 million).

"The solicitation process is related to the evaluation of donor potential," Fuller said. He said there are two simple rules: go from the top down, which solicits from the biggest donors to the smallest, and go inside out, which starts with donors within Drew—like trustees—and moves away.

As for which area receives money first, "The chips sort of fall where they may," Fuller said. However, when contracts are signed by the University for renovation projects, the contracts require more priority, according to Fuller. "The University is bound to seek money to fulfill them first."

During such campaigns, progress is usually announced publicly when the donations reach 40-50 percent of the final goal. Drew is more conservative with the Capital Campaign, however, and will not announce its progress until 60 percent is reached and until the arrival of Drew's new president, Governor Tom Kean, Fuller said. "We want to be very sure we can build these buildings. We can always raise the goal."

Dorm vending and change machines coming soon

By Laurie McGee
Staff Writer

VENDING machines will be placed in dorms this week, according to Director of Student Activities Tullio Nieman.

In a Student Government Association meeting last week, students expressed the need for vending machines that would be easily accessible to all students, Nieman said. Presently, the only vending machines on campus are located in the University Center, Brothers College, and Seminary Hall.

Nieman, who monitors the contract with

the American Vending Company, said a vending machine will be placed in every dormitory except for Haselton, due to lack of space, and Asbury, which did not want one. Tolley and Brown will share one machine in the connecting lounge, as will Foster and Hurst.

"The dorms used to have snacks [vending machines], but the machines were damaged," Nieman said. "If the machines are damaged again, they will not be restocked and will be pulled next semester on a dorm by dorm basis."

Eight soda machines in the past five

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NEWS

Washington: a look at reality and politics

By Trish Blakovich
Assistant News Editor

THE Washington Semester is no Mickey Mouse operation. The program promises a heightened awareness of the wheeling and dealing inside the Beltway, a taste of the Capitol Community, and speakers found only in D.C. Unlike the campaign pledges of politicians, this off-campus semester delivers.

The program provides quality shmoozing time with lobbyists, senators and representatives, and interest groups. While students take two academic courses taught by assistant professor Phil Mundo, the program's director at the School for Advanced International Studies (SAIS), they must also delve into the advanced realms of U.S. public policy through a research project of their choice.

Participants gain "real world" experience through six credits of fieldwork. Some students intern at congressional offices, such as the Senate Foreign Relations Committee or at non-government organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce. Other students choose to volunteer for interest groups such as the Arms Control Association or the Women's Campaign Fund.

While fieldwork is more glamorous for some students than others, all participants



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The Washington semester provides a capitol experience.

agree that Washington provides valuable experience for the future and looks great on the proverbial resume.

Leaders from various areas of the Washington community devote one to two hours a week to enlighten program participants on a particular issue or concern. Mundo searches out interesting speakers with a broad selection of topics. Embassies, interest groups, foundations, and organizations from both sides of the ideological fence try to persuade students to see their points of view. All talks are followed by a question and answer period in which disagreeing students try to trap

speakers or sympathetic listeners try to extract more information.

Do students go to Washington solely for academic and intellectual opportunities? Of course not.

The Drewids turned Washingtonians live in an apartment complex in Falls Church, Virginia, which is about a 15 minute commute into the city by metro. Living arrangements include a two bedroom-bathroom apartment with a living room, kitchen, dining area, balcony, and a substantial food and expense allowance. The complex often houses students participating in Washing-

ton semesters of other schools, providing an opportunity to meet students from areas across the country.

Also included in this contract of study is the night life at Georgetown and the culture of Kennedy Center. Adams Morgan and Dupont Circle often provide many "happy hours" for participants. Influenced by the current political economics, Mundo usually stretches the program budget to provide occasional dinners at exotic restaurants or tickets for hot plays in town. The semester wraps up socially with a barbecue back at the apartment complex, in which students relax after finals.

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College Republicans rally

By Kevin Cloppa
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APPROXIMATELY 30 people journeyed with Drew's College Republicans last Friday as they travelled to a Republican rally at the Municipal Hall building in Bloomfield, New Jersey. The cast of speakers included Governor Tom Kean, Congressman Jim Courter, and President George Bush.

"The trip was an appreciation of sorts from the Chuck Hardwick and Ron Frigerio state assembly campaign," College Republican President Jeff Senkeleski said. "We had been working for Rick England [Hardwick's and Frigerio's campaign manager], and he gave us the tickets."

After an assortment of local political figures took the microphone, Kean spoke. He urged the crowd not to forget the days of the late 1970's, when the Democrats were in control, and the state was in a "shambles." He traced how New Jersey has come a long way since then.

Courter, who was desperately trying to salvage a campaign that was heading for a resounding defeat, spoke next. "We can't go back to the days of years ago. We have a solid foundation on which to build."

Finally, Bush took the platform. "If the voters of New Jersey want to gamble, they go to Atlantic City," Bush said. "But they know better than to risk their economy on the Democrats' big-spending and high-taxing policies. We cannot go back. We must not go back. And we have got to keep New Jersey proud and keep New Jersey Republican."

Unfortunately for the Republicans, Cour-



Photo courtesy of the New Jersey Republican State Committee

ter lost by a large margin in the gubernatorial race on Tuesday.

Despite the lack of success in the polls, the College Republicans did not seem unhappy with the visit and were especially pleased with the chance to see the President of the United States. "You don't see him as much as this 'god'," College Republican Vice-President Scott Stefanski said. "It adds a sense of human quality to him rather than seeing a television image."

Treasurer Peter Frey agreed. "It sort of takes away all of the insult surrounding him. Seeing the president in person makes you see him for what he is—a very competent person."

The thrill of seeing the president was not

lost on the few Young Democrats who attended. "He is one of the most important men in the world," sophomore Erica Runyon said. "It is a part of history to see him in the flesh."

"In a way, the trip unified our group," Senkeleski said. "It made the club stronger as a whole. It was great to see the amount of people that came out."

Gabrielle Charette, a member of College Republicans who worked for the Courter campaign, was very pleased with the trip. "I think that is what a political group has to do. You have to go out and see the candidates. It makes you see that what you are working for is tangible."

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JanTerm course registration continues

By Chris Chambers
Staff Writer

REGISTRATION for this year's JanTerm began on Thursday, October 12, according to Marianne Windsor, Director of Special Programs.

"There seemed to be some confusion this year," Windsor said. "For the first three days, we only open the program to Drew students, then after that, we begin accepting applications from non-Drew students as well. Some students thought that they could only register those three days. We will try to state it more clearly for the future."

Students will be allowed to register for courses "up until classes begin or until the class closes," Windsor explained. "Usually

we get about 335-350 students involved in JanTerm. The response this year to JanTerm has been up over last year." According to Windsor, within the first week of registration PSci 147J - The Vietnam Experience had closed. Since then, Rel 127J - Business Ethics and the Changing Society, Soc 65J - Television: A Sociological Analysis of Entertainment and News, and Hist 140J - Woman and Witchcraft have come close to closing.

Professor Doug Simon will be teaching PSci 147J. "This course has been offered for JanTerm for about seven or eight years now, and it has been filled every time," Simon said. "I am very enthusiastic about teaching the course this year." Simon noted that much of this enthusiasm stems from the fact that he is one of the only Vietnam vets on the college faculty.

"Once I returned home, I became involved in the anti-war movement, so I feel that I have experienced the issue from both sides," Simon said. "The students who take this class are always very enthusiastic. I think that there is a real curiosity among students about the American experience in Vietnam. It is the only war the U.S. lost."

This year, the JanTerm program will run from January 2 to January 25. There will be 20 courses offered on campus. Those courses being offered for the first time this semester are: Politics and the Arts, Cinema, Mythology, and Your Life Story; South African Literature in English; and American Inheritors of Ralph Waldo Emerson.

The cost for this year's program will be \$858 per course, with an additional \$300

housing fee for students wishing to live on campus. "The cost comes to about half the tuition fee of a course during the regular fall or spring semester," stated Windsor. "The cost has gone up from last year," Windsor explained. "The cost goes up about \$80 each year."

ing their four years here. We have decided that we want to keep JanTerm even though many schools have done away with it."

"We have found that the response to our JanTerm has been a positive one," Windsor said. "For those students that do not decide to take a class, it offers an opportunity to



Acorn Photo/Lynn Ann Christie

Students may register for JanTerm up until the day classes begin according to Director of Special Programs Marianne Windsor.

There has been an evaluation of JanTerm sponsored by the Dean's Council and the Student Government Association according to Windsor. "The evaluation will focus on ways to enhance JanTerm. We want the student body to be involved so that their input can make changes in course offerings, the number of courses offered, and whether or not the cost of JanTerm should be included in the fall semester tuition, making JanTerm mandatory. We also want to know how many students participate in JanTerm regularly and how many times they do dur-

work for a month, or just a time to relax before coming back to school. Those students that do take classes during JanTerm find that since the classes are much smaller than the semester courses, the courses are more personal and the atmosphere on campus is much different."

Senior Martin Foys, who has participated in several JanTerms, said, "JanTerm is the best thing that Drew has to offer. You're offered innovative, specified courses that are interesting and can help complete distribution or major requirements."

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months have been damaged, Nieman said. "People have poured acid into the money changer and coin changers. If this continues, the Coke machines will be pulled too," he said.

The selection will not be as diverse as in the U.C.; the dorm machines will hold approximately five to six selections.

Profits will go into programming through the office of the Dean of Student Life, Nieman said.

In addition to vending machines, administrators feel that more change machines are also needed, according to Nieman. The only two change machines on campus now are located in the game room in the U.C. and in the library.

"The U.C. machine produces \$2300 in change weekly, but only \$1200 of it is being spent weekly on the games," Nieman said. He said many students are using the change machine to get exact change for the laundry machines. "If students are using the change machine for laundry, we want the laundry company to provide the change machines," Nieman said.

The University has requested three machines for different areas on campus, Nieman said. "If the present laundry company cannot provide the change machines, then we can either look into other laundry companies or buy the machines ourselves."

CORRECTION

In last week's Acorn there was a mistake made in the article about Nejat's replacement. In the article Sodan Selvaretnam's name was misspelled. We apologize to Mr. Selvaretnam for any inconvenience we put him through.

—Tom Fowler

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Drew's fire sale

AT Tuesday's Town Meeting, Interim President Scott McDonald thanked students for their patience in delays caused by the Mead Hall fire. The fact of the matter is, most students are totally fed up with hearing "oh, we had a fire" as an excuse for lateness.

Yeah, we know we had a fire. We smelled the smoke, saw the guys in funny hats running around with big hoses—that basically clues us in that we had a fire.

We even remember thinking to ourselves, "Gee, this kind of sucks. I guess this is going to slow things down a little. But if we just put up with the delays, things should be back to normal soon."

That was 78 days ago. Now we realize that Mead Hall was a pretty important building and that valuable documents, equipment, and space were lost in the fire. But should it really take more than two-and-a-half months to recover?

Remember the recent earthquake in California? Hundreds of buildings destroyed—a disaster of nearly unprecedented magnitude. And yet they were able to play a World Series game only 10 days later.

So you may be saying, "Yeah, but that was the World Series." Well, we seem to remember hearing the University's insurance company promising unlimited funding to get the school back to normal. The difference seems to be not in the resources available, but the desire of the people in charge to utilize those resources.

Still don't think it's a good analogy? Consider the fact that San Francisco had to prepare a ballpark for 68,000 people and an untold number of viewers around the world, and pulled it off with scarcely a glitch. In 10 days.

Here at Drew, where one building burned down almost 80 days ago, we still can't have smooth operations for, well, an untold number of students. See, one of the most startling absurdities (and there are many) on this campus is that nobody really knows for sure how many students attend Drew. The most reliable records come from freshman orientation registration.

Why doesn't anybody know for sure? Oh, we had a fire. That's a humorous example of what these overlong delays have meant. Most of the others are not nearly so funny.

Like this semester's final exam schedule. What exam schedule do you say? Exactly! The latest dirt is that the schedule will be out after Thanksgiving. Let's see, we get back from Thanksgiving break November 27. A student's last final could be anywhere between December 13 and December 19. Plenty of time.

To study, yes. But just a few of the students here have to do little things like make arrangements to get picked up, or make plane reservations. (We don't all live in trailers, you know.)

There's that incredibly annoying sign we used to see in Mead Hall before the fire (there was a fire there, you know): "Poor Planning on Your Part Does Not Constitute an Emergency on Mine." Unfortunately, in this case it does.

Why wasn't the exam schedule out earlier, giving students ample time to plan for intercession? Oh, we had a fire.

Then there's the on-again, off-again Vali-Dine system. First we had a machine which made nice beeping sounds but didn't record anything. Then machines which beeped and recorded numbers, but weren't hooked up to anything.

Now the Vali-Dine system finally works. But why did it take more than two months to set up? Oh, we had a fire.

How about the parking situation? Oh, there was a fire, and we had to bring in these really big trailers which took up so much room—it just made an awful mess of parking and gave us a terrific headache.

All right, take a Tylenol, and your headache should go away, certainly in less than 78 days. It would be safe to assume that those trailers will probably be there for a little while, so why not enforce the temporary parking policy consistently?

Maybe our beloved interim president thought students were being so patient because no one had called him complaining about the delays. That's easy enough to explain—this year's faculty directories haven't been distributed yet.

Forget about the student directories; even though we were asked to fill out new information forms a few days after the fire, we're not holding our breaths waiting for the student directory. Why not? Take a guess.

It's been said that tragedy brings out the best in people. At Drew, that extra effort was very short-lived. Remember all those brutally-long memos from McDonald in the days after the fire? They were good. But what's happened since then?

There's been a serious lack of communication between the administration and the students (sound familiar?). Maybe if we had been told officially about the exam schedule delay, or the Vali-Dine problems, we would be less upset. We do have a pretty high-tech way of distributing information—e-mail—as well as the low-tech campus mail.

But instead, we keep getting the same pre-made, one size fits all, silver-lined excuse: "We had a fire."

That's just unacceptable. We deserve better than that, not just as students at an "up-and-coming" school, but as human beings. We demand it.

On behalf of the entire student body, the Acorn would like to leave the executive office with a simple message: GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER!!!

Now, does that sound like patience?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Meal card whining is childish

To the Editor:

Re: Vali-Dine cards. Much talk has arisen out of the fine for using the Vali-Dine cards for a meal at the Commons and Snack Bar for the same meal. An article about it was in the Acorn last week and it was brought up in the Student Government as a recent e-mail message told us.

I agree with the use of the fine without informing the student body as they did for say closing gates (which fewer of us care about) over the phone. A similar campus-wide message is unfair—I didn't even know you couldn't use both at the same time until recently. However, I am amazed at the controversy of having a fine over the cost of a meal. The purpose of a fine is punishment and deterrence. When you shoplift (as this can be compared to) the punishment is not the cost of the item (as most would want it to be). No, this wouldn't be much of a deterrent (well, let's try, the most that can happen is that I have to pay for it).

Ten dollars isn't excessive when stealing less in a store will get you much more. But even five is better than \$2.80—which isn't a punishment at all. And is ten that bad that it will break any of us? It is a punishment; it's supposed to be a bit unpleasant.

Re: Joseph Nye article in November 3 issue. If not already noted, please note the mistake in labeling Mancur Olson as the author of *The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers*. The author is Paul Kennedy as probably the people who have the book as a text to their class know.

Joseph Cocurullo

Journalistic merits of Acorn questioned

To the Editor:

I find it very disturbing that during a time of crisis, such as the earthquake, the Acorn wrote a commentary of which news stations reported the situation better.

The person who wrote the piece, Greg Stanko, obviously watched the news, so instead of writing about Tom Brokaw, what about some real facts? The readers of the Acorn have been hearing about the renovation of Mead Hall, Great Hall, the food in the cafeteria, and Mike Nejat's firing; how about some real news for a change? What exactly happened to I-880? How many people were injured? How much damage was done to the city? What about the dear 80-year-old lady who was stuck on the 25th floor of her apartment building for three days with no electricity?

Notice the same thing happened with the hurricane that hit earlier this year. What about a story covering the relief efforts in Charleston S.C.?

In neither one of the situations did any "reporter" mention the facts of the catastrophe. In a place where many of the students cannot watch the news everyday or get a paper, I feel it is the responsibility of the Acorn to deliver the news to the Drew community. Exactly what type of journalism is this paper dishing out???

You really ought to be ashamed calling this thing you print every week a newspaper.

Arielle Lawson
Editor's Note: Since the Acorn is the one and only paper of Drew University, our first responsibility is to cover the news of Drew University, which will not be covered anywhere else.

We lack both the space and the resources to report national and international news. Any coverage of "real news" would consist of copying news summaries from newspapers designed for those areas. That is not journalism; it is copying.

The New Jersey Press Association is not ashamed to call this "thing" a newspaper—we have been named the top college newspaper in the state the past two years, an accomplishment which gives us much pride.

I must admit, I was a bit surprised. In my three years at Drew, I have seen several semesters in which none-too-much love has been shared between the "Pool Rats" and Tullio. Obviously, he would like this to change.

I, for one, appreciate the effort. Thanks, Tullio.

Dan Murphy

Health and Safety Committee report

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the editorial "Insecurity" in last week's Acorn. As a member of the Health and Safety Committee, I would like to elaborate on some of the things said and remind you all that we are here for you, so please bring us your concerns.

In reference to the guardhouse, I would just like to add that if you should pass through the gate between 8 p.m. and 3 a.m. and you are not stopped by the guard, please take note of the time and report it to the Public Safety Office the next day. If possible, report it, or any incident, to the committee so we can follow up on it.

Chief Ayers has told us that these reports will not be ignored and the responsible party will be reprimanded.

Secondly, when you are stopped at the gate, please do not hassle the guard, who is often a fellow student. Remember, he is only trying to do his job.

Seniors, you have every right to complain that underclassmen are parking in your spaces. For now the only advice I can give you is to call security and complain whenever you notice this. If enough people keep bothering them about it, they will have to start doing something. We on the committee will also discuss this with Chief Ayers and will continue to follow up on it.

In reference to the public safety officers themselves, it was stated in the editorial perfectly, "By virtue of their jobs, they're not bound to be among the most popular of campus figures."

Granted, their positions as safety officers do not give them license to treat students, or anyone on campus, in a disrespectful manner. If they catch someone violating campus or civil regulations, it is their responsibility to correct the matter and refer it to the proper authorities.

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We would again like to commend them for taping their posters on the asphalt paths, allowing us to perfectly express our opinion of their logic with our muddled shoes.

Valery Brackenridge
Daniela Giernoth

Placement of posters appropriate

The lack of intellect in the Anti-Choice group's dogmatic stance.

The
President's
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Planning
for Drew's
future

By
Mike Main
S.G.A.
President

WHERE is this school going to be in ten years? What kind of programs does it want to offer? How many new facilities does it want to have? Will there be any trees left standing? When will we get a new University Center?

All of those questions are typically asked at colleges and universities around the country. They are asked at Drew all the time; the difference, though, is that at Drew you can get well over 2000 various answers, while at other schools the future plans are solidified and well known.

The reason for this dilemma stems from Drew's lack of long range planning in the past, but it goes much deeper than that.

Drew University lacks a purpose; we have no common goals. We have no reason to function together as a community. If someone was to come to Drew to discover what the future plans and aspirations of the University as a whole were, that person would probably get a different answer from each individual asked.

Each of those individuals probably had legitimate plans for Drew, but there is no existing bond between any of them. Because of this problem, people at Drew often feel slighted and cheated when the plans they had in mind do not come to pass.

This feeling is not exclusive to student government or the student body or even the faculty, but pervades almost every level of this University. The feeling is a result of an attitude that everyone has to ask for everything they want in order to just get a little bit; it also reinforces thinking only about the needs of one's own group.

This grasping attempt by everyone for money results in a hodgepodge budget each year with almost no areas making significant gains. Such a budget re-emphasizes the crisis-management style Drew already uses—address a problem only when it becomes a problem and then only slowly.

Running Drew University in this style must end!

At every level of the University, we must begin to re-evaluate our needs and desires, from the student body to the board of trustees. After that step is completed, the University must formulate a comprehensive plan addressing the development of this institution, planning where we need to be in one year, five years, ten years. The plan must also be approved by all of the constituencies concerned.

Having such a plan would not be an attempt to make everyone conform or to represent only the majority; instead it would be a proposal to achieve a majority of the goals that members of Drew University have.

Such a policy would also keep us from embarking on whims at the spur-of-the-moment, as Drew has been prone to do.

Things that will be outlined in such a document will not be written in blood; in fact the document should be flexible to enable Drew to change as its population changes. With the comprehensive plan, though, we would at least have a point to be flexible from.

More important than drafting this proposal will be making it public knowledge. Once Drew knows where it is going, every single person who comes in contact with

the school should know it as well.

People will be able to evaluate their position in reference to the document, creative ideas will be able to spring from it, and most importantly the students and the faculty will have touchstones to measure the administration's success.

All too often, Student Government committees representing the faculty, and student life administrators have felt that they are beating their heads against the brick wall of the high level administration at Drew. With a comprehensive plan generated by the whole University, we can make sure they are servicing our needs.

The final place that this proposal would have impact would be with the trustees. For far too long Drew has only had one mouthpiece to the trustees and that is through the president. A plan that everyone had input into would give the trustees guidance in terms of their procedures.

With this, we must also have student and faculty representation added to the board, allowing them to here multiple perspectives on issues. These two factors coupled together will insure that the trustees will have a better idea of what Drew is and where it is going.

The time for this change is now. In February we will get our new president. We are also in the process of compiling an institution study of all aspects of Drew University for Middle States accreditation.

Drew University lacks a purpose; we have no common goals. We have no reason to function together as a community.

The pieces are in place; we simply need to utilize the avenues that already exist for our input.

For students this means Student Government. We all need to talk to our senators and use the existing channels to begin drafting what we think needs to be done. If we do not all participate in this process then we are back to the beginning again and will continue to flounder.

Drew stands at a crossroads right now. With the arrival of Kean we can either sit back, hope he works a few miracles in his few years here, and fall flat on our faces when he goes. Or we can challenge him and ourselves to start putting together proposals that will make Drew into the fine institution that it can be.

If we do not take action now and use our Student Government for what it can be, when will we? We need to stop complaining about some of the things that we can have no control over because it has been caused by the past and turn towards the future ready to take action.

The future of Drew lies in our hands. We can either fight to improve the future or continue to whine because our asparagus is soggy.

OPINIONS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SECURITY

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I cannot comment on the events of the evening when the beer ball was confiscated in the Baldwin-Hasselton courtyard since I was not there, however I agree that officers should not add fuel to the fire by adding comments which may provoke arguments. The same should also be said for the students who are caught breaking rules.

Discipline in the form of comments is not the safety officer's duty, but that of Dean Alleyne. My recommendation, therefore, is to please report any discourteous behavior to Chief Ayers and to the committee, noting the officer's name, circumstances, and nature of the incident.

By the same token keep in mind that the safety officers of Drew are trained professionals and are here for our protection and service. They deserve our respect. For a university of our size, we are very fortunate to have our own Public Safety

Department.

In closing, I would just like to do a little advertising for the Health and Safety Committee. You will soon be receiving a newsletter and questionnaire from us. Do yourself a favor and take 15 minutes to read it on the path to class.

Respond to the questionnaire—we can't help you if you don't tell us your concerns. We are aware that there are many concerns and are doing our best to rectify them through close contact with Sharon Farrell and Chief Ayers.

Theresa Camathan
Kristen Rice
Jeff Stewart
Vanessa Van Brunt
Robert Frank
Nick Messare
Adrienne Congedo
Dave Daniels
Reed Talada
Jann Lacoss

Mailroom hiring dispute continues

To the Editor:

About three weeks ago, I revealed to the Drew community my concerns for fair hiring in the post office at Drew. I made it crystal clear why I believed that Mr. Greg Pogue, director of human resources at Drew, has been unfair in his hiring of a new postal manager.

To date, I still believe that Mr. Pogue has been unfair in overlooking Amy Norman for the position of postal manager. The matter is still under investigation. This letter is an update of what has transpired so far.

I have met with Mr. Pogue to discuss our concerns. A meeting with Nadine Mertz, Mr. Pogue's assistant, has been scheduled.

What we have discovered from our meeting with Mr. Pogue is his belief that neither he nor any members of his office staff have been unfair in overlooking Amy. He informed us that among "several other points," Amy is not qualified for the job in question.

I sincerely doubt the accuracy of Mr. Pogue's report. Moreover, Mr. Pogue insists that of all the candidates applying for the job of postmaster (about 100), Amy was so much unqualified that she did not deserve due consideration. He made me feel that of all the 100 applicants, Amy was the least qualified.

Moreover, Mr. Pogue told me that on the basis of her own negligence of procedure, Amy disqualified herself. Here, Mr. Pogue told me that Amy demonstrated no interest in the new job. When asked if he remembered the letters that both the chaplain and I sent to him regarding Amy's interest, Mr. Pogue simply stated: "Oh yes, I made those letters a part of her employment folder." He went on to say: "Amy can review these letters at any time."

I have also met with Amy. Her recalling of

events in this matter are so antithetical to Mr. Pogue's account that I don't know where to begin pointing out the dissimilarities.

For starters, Amy does not believe that of all the 100 or so candidates applying for the job, she was not at least considered. Remember, she did not merit even an interview from Mr. Pogue.

Also, Amy believes that if she is not qualified for the job, at least she could have been informed up front. Remember, the matter of Amy's qualification surfaced only after the new postal manager had been hired.

Moreover, Amy flat out tells me that she personally made Mr. Pogue aware of her concern for the new job. Well, the point here is that even if Amy did not inform Mr. Pogue of her intention, the chaplain and I certainly did write to him and told him. Remember, Mr. Pogue promptly escorted my and the chaplain's letters to Amy's employment folder. He seems to think that the proper place for a job interview is in the file folder.

Apparently, Mr. Pogue seems to think that the proper place for a job interview is in the file folder. He also seems to believe that the maltreatment in the Drew community will go unchallenged. Not so!

Well, I am not finished with Mr. Pogue yet. To say the least, he has failed to provide a reasonable explanation of why our letters to him were overlooked. And, he needs to explain just what actually disqualifies Amy for the job.

I will continue this search for the truth until either Amy is satisfied with Mr. Pogue's explanation or until Mr. Pogue understands that the file folder is not the proper place for a job interview. I will fight along with Amy until justice is won.

Matthew Hutcherson

R.A. firing dispute also continues

To the Editor:

This letter is a response to the Acorn's editorial dated Friday, October 27, 1989. After reading this editorial, I got the feeling that it doesn't take much to be an editor on the Acorn. In this article, there are many incoherent, inaccurate, and idiotic statements written.

For example, you state that a R.A. is there to discipline his constituents. Obviously, you do not know what you are talking about.

In the student handbook it states, "Resident Assistants are student-peer counselors who can help with problems that may arise. They are also responsible for community development through social, cultural and educational programming."

If the administration wanted a disciplinarian they would have hired a security guard, gym teacher or policeman to patrol the floors, not a student.

You also state that a good R.A. is "someone who lets the students party as much as they want," and "that the worst R.A.s are the ones with the best evaluations at the end of the year." I won't even respond to the first statement because it is completely moronic.

But according to your second statement, the best R.A.s are the one with the worst evaluations. This means that since we don't like the Commons food, it's probably excellent, and that we all think that the \$10 fine for the overuse of the meal card is really fair. This also means that the opinions editor is probably a genius.

In the next paragraph, you state that being fifteen minutes late for duty could enough time for a "life threatening" incident to occur. Did you know that on last Friday night, Nov. 3, four out of ten dorms did not have their doors locked at 9:10. In fact, the doors in my own dorm, Brown, were not locked until 9:45.

How come none of these people were fired? I am merely trying to make the point that being late for duty for 15 minutes is definitely not grounds for firing, even if one is on probation.

Incidentally, I was on probation for lack of programming. I was not put on probation for disciplinary problems. Therefore these two circumstances do not have anything to do with one another.

Finally, you state "The Acorn agrees with the firing and applauds the Directors of Residence Life." You then state that you don't know why I was fired.

I know that being an editor on the Acorn can be very stressful and demanding, but I don't know that it also makes you brain dead. How can somebody form an opinion, and then publish it without getting the facts straight first.

All I can say is that you are definitely a poor excuse for an educated college student, as well as an editor of a newspaper.

Next time, I recommend that you get the facts straight before you write something, or better yet don't write anything at all.

Michael Nejat

NEWS

TOWN

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in the wall and window.

Maloney said he was only familiar with damage in two rooms, both of which he inspected on Monday. Two contracts are out on the job and he is waiting for estimates, he said.

"Hopefully we will have information [on what needs to be done] within a couple of days, then we can do the job," he said.

Other students mentioned chronic leaks in a Holloway quad. Maloney said a roofing company was at Holloway on Monday and will replace the drain below the roof and recent the roof as soon as the weather breaks.

Main then asked McDonald about the "Gotham City" project to relocate offices.

By Christmas, McDonald said, 16 connecting temporary structures will be placed in the parking lot area [where the trailers are now located] to provide office space until permanent arrangements can be made.

"We will be able to cluster the offices [students] do most of their business with [Housing, Business, Financial Aid, Registrar] right together," McDonald said.

Senior Kristen Rice, chair of the S.G.A. Health and Safety Committee, asked if "Gotham City" would reduce the number of parking spaces.

According to McDonald, there will be more space once the trailers are replaced by

the temporary units. Also, once the Tilghman lot is finished, there will be a net gain of 100 spaces, he said.

Asked if the section of road behind the gym will be open during construction of the sports center complex, McDonald said traffic will no longer be able to circle the campus once construction starts, except for emergency vehicles.

Senior Matthew Latterell asked whether the lights in the new parking lot would be working soon. Maloney said the lights are on order and should be installed within a week after they arrive on campus.

A student asked about fire code violations in Bowne Theater.

Ayers said, "Ordinary cleanup... and no smoking signs... are all that are needed.... There was nothing serious as far as code violations."

Main asked Alleyne about the search for a director of residence life.

The committee decided to open the search again because no outstanding candidate was found the first time, she said.

"I don't want to go into the spring semester without a director of residence life in place, but I am committed to finding a good candidate," she said.

In response to a question about the final exam schedule, Cucchi said it would be posted after Thanksgiving. According to the registrar, he said, students who must make travel plans in advance should plan to leave the day after the last scheduled exam.

Cucchi alluded to problems with access

to computers early in the year, presumably due to the Mead Hall fire.

A student asked if progress has been made on improving TV and radio reception in the dorms.

According to Detweiler, the problem is being taken seriously although almost nothing has been done. By the end of the month, he said, the current "tenuous negotiating phase with Bell Atlantic [will reach] some kind of resolution."

A student asked Cucchi about the possibility of an African-American Studies minor being established at Drew.

Cucchi said the Dean's Council will review a proposal to fund additional African-American Studies courses along with proposals for additional faculty in other areas.

The first priority for allocating resources is maintaining the strength of current offerings, he said.

"What we need is several full-time faculty members to teach in these multi-cultural areas," he said, but added that budget constraints make that situation impossible to achieve immediately.

Main asked McDonald to talk about Tom Kean's arrival on campus in February.

Kean will take office on February 9, McDonald said.

"He is bringing a team [including a speechwriter and chief of staff] along to help him be very effective in raising funds and dealing with issues," he said.

Asked about the source of funds for the inauguration, McDonald said the cost will

be covered by gifts and will not impact the budget this year.

In the future, he said, Drew will "spend some money to try to create some money... [We can] expect future impact to be on both sides of the ledger."

A student asked whether money allocated to Kean will be added to the budget or taken from other areas within the budget.

According to McDonald, "The expectation clearly is that we would have outside revenues."

During the trade-offs of the budget-making process, McDonald said, the building of the president's staff will be considered along with everything else.

The effect on tuition will depend on how income, endowments, gifts and expenses balance out, he said.

Asked about his own plans, McDonald said, "I look forward to serving the new president, at least for a time."

At the close of the meeting, McDonald commended the students for the patience they have shown in the aftermath of the Mead Hall fire.

"The administrative offices that were disrupted by the fire have worked very hard to take care of things," he said. "You [students] have done an incredible job of being understanding and the staff has really appreciated that."

According to Main, except for those who needed to talk about specifics [such as the Hoyt leaks], students got their questions answered.

Campus burglaries top Public Safety's concerns

By Tara Kirkendall
Staff Writer

AFTER two incidents this past weekend, the Public Safety Department may have uncovered a new lead in the Riker larceny cases, according to Chief of Public Safety Manny Ayers.

On November 2, the Pub office in the University Center reported the theft of \$98 to \$100. The Pub managers had last seen the money Nov. 1 at 2 p.m. and when they checked it again the next day, the cash was missing, Ayers said.

The money is kept in the pub office under padlock. "Both the door to the office and the padlock were unlocked," Ayers said.

On November 5, at 6:36 a.m. the burglar

alarm at the bookstore sounded. Public Safety reported to the scene and found the door of the U.C. unlocked and open, according to Ayers. Sergeant Harry Garlick, the officer that responded, said that the door had been unlocked with a key.

"The would-be burglar attempted to push in the doors where the old game room used to be, but was unaware that as soon as force was applied, a motion detector would sound the alarm," said Ayers.

Ayers concluded that these two incidents were definitely related. He went farther to say that there was an item found at the scene of the attempted burglary "which could very well tie the person" to the Riker larceny cases. He could not release any other information but confirmed that all leads were being pursued at this time.

Riker First Floor Resident Assistant Janette Giannetti said the key that was allegedly used to enter rooms last week was found.

She noted that all Riker rooms will be receiving new locks in the next week. "The new locks are to serve as an extra safety measure," she said.

At the request of the Registrar's Office, Public Safety has been securing the Com-

mons area during the week-and-a-half registration period. They were afraid that students might tamper with the computers and slow up the registration process, Ayers said.

In other events on campus this weekend, an individual who was attempting to scale the wall in front of Tolley fell and seriously injured his back. According to Ayers, the incident was not alcohol related.

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ENTERTAINMENT

IMPROVability: funnier than a pelican

By Nancy Volkers
Entertainment Editor

IMAGINE skipping through Texas with Leedom Lefferts; playing Twister with Joan Steiner; buying condoms at Shop-Rite with Princess Di—with a coupon; playing Pin the Tail on the Donkey with John Warner in a bathtub.

No, this isn't a bad dream, nor is it a bizarre fantasy. It's IMPROVability.

This improvisational comedy group has been on campus for three semesters as IMPROVability; a previous group, Improv Inc., was founded in 1987 by Rachel Morris.

After Morris transferred, Deb Golder and Barbara Garnish continued the concept as IMPROVability. This year, Golder and Nate Weiss, both juniors, are coordinating the fifteen-member group.

The group auditions for members each semester, to bring in "new blood" and also to keep the group going. Weiss explains, "it's not just a group of friends that got together to do improv comedy." He wants IMPROVability to carry on long after he and Golder have graduated.

Its members are a curious mix of majors, backgrounds, and personalities, which diversifies the humor. "You'd think an improv comedy group would be a bunch of theatre majors—we're not," explains Golder. Biology, English, philosophy, Russian area studies, psychology, and music are just some of the majors included in the group.

"We touch a lot of different bases on campus," says Nat Louis, a junior philosophy

major and first-year member.

Each member's sense of humor is also different, adding to the diversity. Golder explains that sometimes the best skits come from pairing two different humorous personalities onstage. "Everyone's not necessarily the type that was the class clown in high school," she says.

Improvisational comedy is, well, improvisational. There is no time to prepare, no dialogue to memorize. "At any moment, if you screw up, the audience will know," says Joe Sponholz, a freshman biology major. "It's dangerous... you have to rely on yourself to be funny."

The group does rehearse, though, usually every Tuesday night. Here, they practice skits, timing, focus, and get to know each other better. Rehearsals are one of Christophe Bramfitt's favorite parts about IMPROVability. "I like watching people do skits and just hanging around with fun people," he says. "Rehearsals can be just as much fun as performances."

Performances for IMPROVability are held in The Other End. Each performance consists of twelve to fifteen skits, which may involve guessing a phrase or personality, performing in a certain emotion or style, or spoofing television or movies. Every skit takes quick thinking and cooperation.

Sometimes all the quick thinking in the world doesn't help. Bramfitt was involved in a two-person skit called "Who's Coming to Dinner," in which each person to guess the name of a popular personality that the other

has invited over for dinner. Bramfitt's "mystery guest" was Martin Short; not a difficult personality, except Bramfitt had no idea who Short was. "She was giving me all these clues... and I just couldn't get it, because I didn't know who he was. So, it was a nightmare."

Why do the members do it? Some, like Sponholz, thrive on the danger involved.



Others, like junior Ray Green, enjoy the performing aspect. Louis says IMPROVability has allowed her "to experience teamwork and team spirit in a different realm." Every member, in some capacity, wants to make people laugh.

Golder says, "What's fun is doing what the audience doesn't expect." At the group's last performance, Bramfitt and Louis were involved in "Emotion Freeze," in which a

skit is performed using a number of different emotions or states of being. At one point, the emcee shouted out "prepared!" Instead of reaching for his wallet, Bramfitt turned to Louis and said, "Did you study for that test?" "The audience loved it," Golder says.

Forsophomore Jason Stover, IMPROVability changed his thoughts on himself. "[The group] got me to get onstage and do anything, without caring about what people thought of me... it helped me to come out of my shell." He adds, "it's something I wouldn't have done two years ago."

Dave Lightfoot, a senior theatre major, is a second-semester member. He is writing his Honors thesis on vaudeville, and the interplay between the audience and the performers. He finds the improv comedy experience extremely fulfilling: "It's incredible, knowing that... my adrenaline and imagination [the audience's] willingness have made a whole room of people share an experience, and laugh."

When asked what he liked best about being in IMPROVability, junior Ned Higgins may have summed it up best by saying, "The feeling of immortality... Jason sneezing everywhere... and all the babes, and nachos."

Lightfoot cut in with, "It's hard to tell whether we get more babes, or more nachos."

IMPROVability will be performing tonight in The Other End at 10 p.m.

Eighties' worst flicks

By Greg Stanko
Assistant Opinions Editor

THE Eighties have had their fair share of top-notch films and more than their fair share of dogs. While this list is by no means complete, here are my ten least favorite films of the decade.

The Coca-Cola Kid (1985) - A very unfunny adult comedy featuring Eric Roberts, sporting a lousy blond dye job, as a southern Coca-Cola salesman who goes to Australia to improve Coke sales. Greta Scacchi is his female interest. Not memorable.

Dirty Dancing (1987) - If the decline of the American teenager could be documented through any film, this is it. Combine a run-of-the-mill plot, grade Z overacting, and an overrated soundtrack, and you have a poor excuse for a hit. I am sure this film, and not heavy screwdrivers, was responsible for the only time I ever got sick while imbibing.

Films of Robert Downey Jr. He may be a good actor, but his films, including *The Pick-Up Artist* (inane), *Johnny Be Good* (mindless) and *Less Than Zero* (a bad adaptation of a bad book) didn't show any of the talent which was apparent in *Back to School*.

Eddie Murphy Raw (1987) - I am not an Eddie Murphy fan. My sister is. Neither of us enjoyed this film. There is little humor in this film and some of his stuff is just outright offensive. It is definitely a few dozen notches below Murphy's best work.

Legend of the Lone Ranger (1981) - A film that should have never been made. The plot is completely unbelievable, the acting of the leads is weak and the lines are corny. The action scenes have been done better elsewhere. The film's only redeeming quality is Christopher Lloyd's performance as the villain.

Making Mr. Right (1987) - Another humorless comedy, this time starring John

Malkovich and Ann Magnuson. Magnuson plays a public relations agent trying to improve the image of a robot (Malkovich) who is going on a deep space voyage. She must deal with the robot's inventor (also Malkovich) who is more concerned with the scientific aspects of the robot. I dare anyone to get more than halfway through this film.

Platoon (1986) - Yeah, I know it won the Academy Award for best picture, but I was laughing fifteen minutes into it. I found the plot predictable, and the acting, especially Charlie Sheen's, horrific. The good sergeant, bad sergeant routine was predictable and melodramatic. If you want to see the real Viet Nam war, try the PBS video series *Viet Nam: The 10,000 Day War* or *Full Metal Jacket*.

Rhinstone (1984) - Everyone knows that Sylvester Stallone really can't act. *Rhinstone* proves that he can't do comedy or sing either. Dolly Parton is fine, but the rest of the film is bad version of *Hee-Haw*. The plot is unbelievable and the whole movie just leaves a bad taste in your mouth.

Prizzi's Honor (1985) - This movie is just too black for my taste. Jack Nicholson and Kathleen Turner play mob assassins who happen to fall in love. If you like black comedy, then this film is for you. If not, pass up this Academy Award-winner.

Teen Coming of Age Films - Except for *Risky Business*, I can't think of a good film in this genre. Examples include *Fraternity Vacation*, *Malibu Express*, *Pink Motel*, *Lovelines*, and *One Night Only*. All of these films are just a waste of time and money. Most are boring and some are downright offensive.

Runners-up - Crimes of the Heart (they squeak!!!), *Hope and Glory* (too English), *Scandal* (great poster, lousy movie), *Skin Deep* (the condom scene was overrated), and *Sid and Nancy* (unbelievably slow).

Top 10 List

Top ten classes not included in the spring registration material:

10. PE 105: Advanced underwater basketweaving
9. Math 331: Proving why anything to the power of 0 equals 1
8. Hist 493: Advanced Studies: Dictators—where did they buy their shoes?
7. Fren 738: Advanced conversation: How exactly do you say "croissant"?
6. Rel 309: Procrastinationism: A creed to live by
5. Soc 507: Deviant Behavior: How to do it and get away with it
4. WmSt 329: Understanding the female psyche: Why must they always go to the bathroom in groups?
3. PSci 247: Mudslinging: How to do it without getting your suit dirty
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By Nancy Volkers and Tracey Everson

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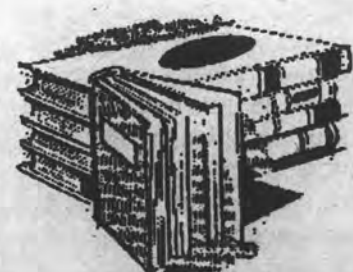
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Kill-Em-All bug spray survey

By Rich Christiano
Staff Writer

ALL jobs have their pros and cons. Doctors, for example, may make

heaps of cash, but most would prefer a spinal tap to a malpractice suit. I'm not sure what the positive side of telephone surveys is, but the negative is very clear: After a single hour's work, I found that doing telephone surveys is about as interesting as watching golf (without the benefit of such sparkling T.V. commentary as "That was a long drive by Watson, eh Bob?" "Yep, it was very, very long.")

Anyway, my boss was The Dragon Woman—a slouching, growling beast whose fiery eyes watched over every interviewer, waiting for someone to take an illegal break so she could pounce and drag their carcass down to her "office," a bleak gray hell-hole that smelled like cigar smoke.

She partially compensated for the job's boredom—at least she kept us alert. But even the prospect of being burned alive and eaten wasn't enough to make this job even remotely interesting.

Then one day, amidst the usual clouds of sulphur smoke and despair, it happened. I did a survey about insect spray with Mr. Cletus Dawkins of Rainsville, Kentucky.

"Hello, my name is Rich. I represent Falcon Research, and we're doing a survey in your area about the use of Kill-Em-All Bug Spray. May I ask you some questions?"

"Why, shore."

"Great. First, have you ever used Kill-Em-All bug spray?"

"Uh, yes. Not recently, though."

"Great," I said. Now came the tough part—I had to determine the specific reasons why the respondent used the product. If the Dragon Woman didn't see specifics and details on the completed survey, she hissed steam in your face and made you call the person back.

"Sir, what do you like about Kill-Em-All Bug Spray?"

"Wayle," he drawled, "it's a good bug spray, I guess."

"Could you elaborate, please?"

"What?"

"Uh," I said, downshifting the vocabulary level, "Why exactly do you like our product? Is it the appearance, for example, or—"

"—It does come in a nice green can, come to think of it."

"I see. So you like the can because it's your favorite color?"

"No. My fav'rite color's red. What's that got to do with anything?"

"We're just trying to understand why you like it, sir."

"Oh." (Long pause) "Okay. I like it 'cause it works."

"It kills bugs," I said aloud while writing the response. "Great. What kind of bugs do you use it for, sir?"

"Not bugs. I use it on those little brown devils that come through the fence around my chicken pen."

"You mean termites?"

"Of course I don't mean termites! I got those in my house. I'm talkin' 'bout rabbits."

"Excuse me?"

"Cert'nly. You burp?"

"No. Wait a minute," I said, shooting a glance at the Dragon Woman. All three eyes were on me. "You use Kill-Em-All bug spray on rabbits?"

"Course not! I usually use that Raid squirt-spray. The one that squirts twenty feet! That stuff's watered-down nerve gas, from what I heard. My wife won't let me shoot the damned things. When I do run out of Raid, though, the Kill-Em-All works about as good."

"Oh," I said, making a new rabbits' column on my stat sheet and drawing a single tally mark within it. Good ol' Medusa was going to love this. "Just out of curiosity, sir, what do you use on the termites?"

"Nothin'." I called the 'terminator last week. My brother-in-law."

"I see. You only use the bug spray for killing rabbits, then?"

"I don't kill 'em, I just chase 'em away from the chickens with it. They eat the feed."

"Very good, sir," I said. "But you never actually kill bugs with it?"

"I used to. But I don't anymore."

I marked the 'discontinued use' column, hesitated, and then decided to ask the follow-up question anyway. Hell, this was the most interesting talk I'd had all day. "Oh really? And why is that, sir?"

"I don't want to tell you that. It's kinda weird."

I turned around and scanned the room. The Dragon Woman was hunched over something on her desk—probably the carcass of someone on the payroll. One or two chuckles probably wouldn't distract her.

"I can handle it, sir," I lied. "I'm a professional."

"Wayle," he said with a trace of suspicion. "All right. See, we had this wasp nest

on our back porch a couple years back. So me and my wife each took a can and attacked it from two different sides, you know? So none of 'em could get away?"

"Yes?"

"And, well, we squirted each other. When I tried to duck, I squirted the cat too. And it hasn't—well, you know, it hasn't been the same since then."

A laugh tried to escape, and I nearly stopped it. But it forced itself into my sinus cavity and came out as a series of sharp, hissing snorts.

The Dragon Woman heard this, dropped her snack, and shambled towards my desk. Laughing at the respondent is a serious crime, and if she could confirm her suspicion I'd be ripped apart.

"Sir," I began in that flat, phony voice that only a repressed laughter can produce, "are you really answering this truthfully?"

"Yes," he said, but his voice broke ever so slightly. The Dragon Woman cleared her throat behind me. With him on the verge of giggling and her on the verge of growling, laughing was only moments away.

"Okay, sir," I said, using my last reserves of restraint. "Is there anything else you'd like to say about the product?"

"It tastes horrible." Now he was laughing. That was it.

Dropping the receiver, I convulsed with laughter. The Dragon Woman extended a tentacle and tapped my shoulder hard. I waved a hand in response, knowing it wouldn't placate her for long.

"Okay, just one last thing, sir. To verify that I called the correct number on my list, is this your number?" I read him the number.

"I don't know."

"You don't know your phone number?"

"No, I don't live here. This is my friend Jim's phone."

"Oh," I said, quickly regaining control. Every ounce of my being wanted to ask him why he'd taken the survey, but to waste any more time on this would bring down the wrath of you-know-who.

"Well, thanks for cooperating anyway, sir. Bye-bye." I hung up the receiver, turned to face the Gorgon, and tore the survey sheet in half with a grin that would melt a glacier.

"It's invalid," I said.

With that, she stomped off to replay the tape of my conversation on the bugging device. But she got nothing, because I'd done everything by the book. And, as the Honda commercial says, you just can't make this stuff up.

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Mitchum and Cranston: a short story, part one

By Dan Murphy
Staff Writer

LIFE had never been quite this sweet for Chester Cranston.

It seemed he had spent his entire life catching up with Buddy Mitchum—trying to at least. "Buddy this; Buddy that" had been the chorus to the song of Cranston's soul from crib to college. No matter how he tried to step into the light, Buddy's shadow was in the way.

Buddy Mitchum had learned to read before Chester did. Buddy Mitchum was Hall Monitor for three years running at Asher Willoby's Primary Academy for Boys, while Chester held the record for the most hall-pass violations. Buddy had made the second string tennis team his freshman year at Forster Prep. Chester spent four years warming the bench. Even Chester's first date was Mitchum-tainted.

Chester had been told Emily Harkens was a "sure thing." She was a buxom blonde with a restroom reputation, from Forster's sister-school, St. Virginia's High. As a high school junior who had never experienced more than a firm handshake, he hoped the bathroom wall was right. When she agreed to go to see *Smoky and the Bandit*, at a drive-in, he was certain.

Chester had the evening all planned out. He wore Buddy's best tie and borrowed Thor Grimly's custom-made "Love-Van," with its rich, Corinthian leather seats. This was going to be The Night.

Since Chester had already seen the film twice, he decided to synchronize his "move" with the *Bandit*'s. He had just put down the popcorn, and was about to execute the classic "stretch-and-grope," when Emily turned

to him with something on her mind.

"You're pretty good friends with Buddy Mitchum, aren't you Chester?" she said.

He was stunned. "Yeah..." he said cautiously.

"Do you think you could maybe introduce me?"

Mitchum and Cranston, Mitchum and Cranston, thought Chester, side by side but never out of order.

He took a sip of his frosted rum martini and leered at the couple through the cafe's smoked windows. Yes, he thought, a bit of payback has definitely been in order for a long time.

There had been plenty of warnings during their formative years that Mitchum and Cranston would never be compatible. Buddy came home all too often with a fat lip, or simply crying because of a squabble. But neighborhood politics of exclusive Long Island suburbs dictated that it is only fitting for your children to get along with the Crumpets or the Snoodles.

Thus the signs went unheeded.

Besides, by the time anyone realized that Buddy and Chester weren't exactly twins, it was too late. For eight years they had been encouraged to work and play together—to live and die "among their own kind." They had already become an unwilling duo by way of negative attraction; an odd couple with nothing in common but history.

Even now the disparity between them was apparent to anyone who might see them together on the street. Neither was especially gorgeous, but whereas Buddy was of a rather generic physiotype—5'7", short-cropped brown hair, wire-rimmed glasses and an affinity for dark gray suits with light gray ties; the type who always says the right

thing at the right time, and only gets noticed when it's appropriate—Chester was more of an unfortunate eyecatcher.

His suicoats, no matter the color, were invariably small; which became all too evident when his shirts were untucked. The shirts would hang below his jacket hem, grinning like the crescent on an outhouse door.

He also sported a shock of red hair that had never decided which direction to grow. Chester's hair was complemented by his complexion, which was also red. His skin did not bear that healthy ruddy complexion from exposure to weather or physical strain, but rather the summation of scars from a series of battles with acne. Reparations had never been claimed.

Chester looked down the front of his shirt, at the Computer Design Analysts' logo on his pocket protector. You and me are going to be very good friends, he thought.

He summoned the waitress and ordered another frosted rum, this time with a strawberry. He didn't like olives because they made the rum bitter; and a strawberry tended to soak up the alcohol better, giving the drink one last kick at the end. He only ordered a strawberry when he felt particularly good. This was definitely a cause for celebration.

If Chester were asked to pinpoint the moment when he first noticed that he hated Buddy Mitchum, he would probably mention a high-school Algebra I mid-term, taught by the original Mr. Willoby himself. The two boys had spent the entire night before in a last-ditch tutorial session; there were a few mathematical relationships that young Cranston could not master, although he refused to admit it.

The test was hellish. All the x's and y's looked like letters to Chester, and they weren't spelling out any answers. He had thought ahead, however. He made certain to sit directly behind Buddy, in case of just such an emergency. That way, if he got stuck, all he had to do was lean forward and ask. Old Man Willoby was as deaf as a herring.

It was Chester's hair that did him in. Willoby might have been deaf, but he wasn't blind; he caught the bright motion out of the corner of his eye, and nailed the "little scheme" then and there. The next Saturday found Chester at school with an alternate exam, twice as long as the first one.

Buddy, on the other hand, had been instantly exonerated as a passive participant in the entire ploy, far too innocent to be anything but a pawn. What had made it even more humiliating for Chester was that Buddy had insisted on helping him study for his punishment test.

That's what got to Chester: Buddy's damned integrity. Everyone always assumed that Mitchum was so much better than Cranston, just because he was the "nice guy."

But where did the Frat Boys turn when they needed a contact for a term paper? Who did anyone ask, when they needed a deal? Cranston, that's where. Yet no one seemed to realize that Smarts outweighed Honor in the long run.

Especially now, he thought, sucking on his strawberry. Your time has come, Cranston my boy.

This story will be continued in next week's Acorn.

Spinal Rap: new music for new minds

EGGPLANT. Eggplant. Eggplant. If one repeats the name often enough, one can actually convince oneself that it is a worthy name for a band.

A name especially worthy of four slightly insane, slightly insightful youths/men whose music teeters on the precarious sound between child's play and throttled, guitar-infested garage noise.

Eggplant. If the Velvet Underground and They Might Be Giants met in a second-hand music shop late on a tequila-soaked April evening, and Lou Reed had

anyway.) Eggplant.

What fuses this seemingly adolescent effort into unpolished art is the effectiveness of Eggplant's performance. Their direction is so straightforward and honest that one cannot deny them merit on the raw optimism that they impart to every song. The simplicity of the guitar lines and lyrics give them a versatility unfounded in any of the tight glossed studio perfectionations that are sadly still the norm for new bands (Winter Hours, See No Evil, Lenny Kravitz, etc...). Consider the following snippet of lyrics



the foresight to bring a Sony recorder, the Portable Thoreau, and an anthology of poetry ranging from Wordsworth to Cummings, Eggplant would be achieved at around four in the morning.

Monkey Bars (what else would their first release be called?), on Dream Records, is a motley collection of beautiful but simplistic images trapped inside a musical playpen—residing deep in the heart of a Midwestern garage. The music grinds its way through a mishmash of prehistoric-sounding guitars that make no effort whatsoever to blend with whoever happens to be singing lead. (All four members take turns as the front man, but it doesn't really matter; one can't really tell the difference

from the second song on *Monkey Bars*, "Going to Maine": "Lots of writers come from there/It must be kinda pretty/Lots of writers come from Maine/And that's all right with me./Do you know what it is like to/Miss a place you've never been/And wanting it is almost like a pain/So you're gonna buy a ticket/Cross the United States/And that is why I'm goin' to Maine."

Eggplant. Eggplant. Nothing matters in the world of Eggplant—not rhyme, not musical prowess, and certainly not pretentious insight. Only a simple, almost child-like approach to life wins out over Eggplant's quirk-laden San Francisco roughness. Eggplant. Eggplant. Eggplant. By Martin Foy



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An old *Girl* becomes Young on Broadway

By Nancy Volkens
Entertainment Editor

WATCHING *Me and My Girl* somewhat parallels watching a standard-plot musical starring Chevy Chase. This is not necessarily negative; after all, Chevy Chase gets laughs. So does this show.

The storyline is easy to follow; Bill Snibson (James Brennan) discovers that he is the long-lost heir to the Hareford throne, and thus the Hareford fortune. The catch: Bill is from Lambeth, the veritable English "other side of the tracks." The moment he struts onstage, derby askew and cigarette dangling, the show begins.

The conflict in this play is twofold. First, the Harefords must "mould" (as the English spell it) Bill into a proper earl. Second, they and Bill must deal with Sally Smith (Judy Blazer), Bill's streetwise Cockney girlfriend.

Sally eventually decides, partway through the show, that Bill will be better off without her, and eventually leaves the castle (where Bill's influence only has allowed her to stay) and disappears, much to Bill's dismay.

Through a *My Fair Lady*-like twist, referred to cleverly in the play by Sir John Tremayne (Jay Garner), Sally is transformed into a proper woman, and half the cast gets married to one another at the end. The storyline gives no surprises; the characters do.

James Young portrayed Bill the day I saw the show; he has appeared in several Broadway and off-Broadway musicals, as well as the movie *Annie*. Young is Brennan's understudy; if Brennan can do better, I would be surprised. Young's Bill

made the stage come alive, not with his lines, but with his physical presence.

Young fell off couches, tangled himself in his earl's robe, flipped cigarettes up into his mouth, and manipulated his hat as if it were part of his body. He pickpocketed Sir John's watch at least six times; I never saw it. Bill is supposed to be the star (after all, the title is from his point of view); Young makes Bill live up to the reputation.

The other characters, save Sir John, are less memorable. Sally whines that Bill should forget her and live his new life. Lady Jacqueline (Lauren Mitchell) chases Bill around, telling him he should forget Sally. The Honorable Gerald Bolingbroke (Nick Ullett) chases Jacqueline around, telling her she should forget Bill. Maria, Duchess of Dene (Sylvia O'Brien) tells Bill he must carry on the family tradition and forget Sally.

Herbert Parchester (John Jellison), the family solicitor, has a great number in the first act, but fades from the scene after that.

I don't even remember the other characters' names—except for Mrs. Worthington-Worthington, but it's hard to forget a name like that. All these characters are necessary, however; without them, Bill would have no one to bother.

This play is about love, or at least it's supposed to be. But I just couldn't see what Bill loved so much about Sally. Personally I would have let her take off to Siberia without a second glance. What good is a love story if the audience doesn't understand why the characters love each other?

The sets were well-made and realistic, and some held surprises; after the first 20 minutes of the show, the suit of armor in the Hareford mansion's entryway fell down

and walked away. The library also held plenty of surprises; the library scene, where the Duchess and Bill relive the Hareford history, was one of my favorites.

The dialogue fit with the time, place, and storyline; some of the jokes were ancient, some bad. It was difficult to hear some of the dialogue; granted, I sat three rows from the ceiling, but why put seats there if the sound won't reach?

I wasn't enraptured by *Me and My Girl*, although it was entertaining. I didn't find myself "getting into" the play until halfway through the second scene; after that, I relied on Bill and Sir John to keep me going.

The dance routines were crisp; the songs were good, but nothing I found myself humming for days afterward.

The faulty sound was part of the problem; other things kept me from enjoying the musical. The show didn't flow, it was repetitive, and I noticed many clichés. But it's been on Broadway forever, and has won three Tonys and a handful of Drama Desk Awards.

Me and My Girl is presently onstage at New York's Marquis Theatre, located on the third floor of the Marriott Hotel on Broadway at 46th Street.



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One more great Celtic-Laker showdown?

By Ken Harner
Staff Writer

WILL Larry Bird's return from injury woes signal Boston's reemergence as an NBA power? Chances are that it will. But can the Celtics supplant the Pistons as the cream of the Eastern conference crop? That remains to be seen, but I'll go out on a limb and predict another championship appearance for Bird and his Celtics. And who will they meet for the NBA crown? Who else, but the Kareem-less Lakers.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

1. **Boston**—The return of Bird means the return of the Celtics to the top of their division. Bird, Robert Parish, Kevin McHale and Dennis Johnson aren't getting any younger, so if the Celtics are going to make another run at the NBA title, they had better do it soon.

Joe Kleine, Ed Pinckney and top draft choice Michael Smith will provide depth in the frontcourt, but the guard position could be this team's downfall. The Celtics should be able to score at will, with Bird and Reggie Lewis throwing up bombs from the outside and McHale and Parish pounding inside, making up for any weakness in the backcourt.

2. **New York**—The Knicks are a team in transition. After emerging as a title contender last season, coach Rick Pitino bolted to Kentucky and left the team in confusion. How the Knicks respond to new coach Stu Jackson will determine if they can challenge Boston for the division crown. But with Patrick Ewing in the pivot and guard Mark Jackson weaving his way through the opposition's defense, Knicks' fans shouldn't worry much. And if Kiki Vandeweghe can stay healthy, watch out Celtics.

3. **Philadelphia**—The Sixers come into the season with Charles Barkley and a lot of question marks. A young backcourt, led by newcomer Johnny Dawkins and Hersey Hawkins, will be a telling factor. Rick Mahorn will give Philly another intimidating force in the paint and, along with Barkley, will undoubtedly send numerous opponents crashing to the floor this season.

4. **Washington**—The Bullets' main goal this season probably will be to beat out New Jersey for the fourth spot, because they won't make the playoffs. The Bullets have some scorers (Bernard King and Jeff Malone), but who's going to play center? Is Dave Feidt still available?

5. **New Jersey**—The Nets' biggest offseason move was to get rid of their best player, Buck Williams, for a center, Sam Bowie, who seems to break a leg every year. The wins won't come in bunches at the Meadowlands this season.

6. **Miami**—Welcome to the Glen Rice Show. As Rice goes, so will the Heat this year, unless center Rony Seikley emerges as a superstar. What are the odds of that happening?

Central Division

1. **Detroit**—The Pistons might have underestimated the worth of Rick Mahorn. True, his stats might not impress, but he was a force on the court and in the locker room. His departure might disrupt the Pistons' chemistry just enough so that they won't repeat as NBA champs. But Isiah Thomas, Joe Dumars and company aren't going to give up their crown without a fight. Boston, are you listening?

2. **Chicago**—The Bulls are at least a year away from challenging for the NBA title, but as they showed last year in the playoffs, they are a force to be reckoned with. The nucleus of this team (a.k.a. Michael Jordan, with help from Scottie Pippen and Horace Grant) is spectacular. Rookies Stacey King, B.J. Armstrong and Jeff Sanders will need time to adjust to the rigors of the NBA, but when they do, watch out. Opposing teams will find that it's not just Jordan who is beating them anymore.

3. **Cleveland**—Another team of the future, the Cavaliers are ready to continue their climb to league prominence that was abruptly halted by the Bulls in the playoffs last season. The backcourt, with Mark Price and Ron Harper, is one of the best in the business and center Brad Daugherty is beginning to make his mark. One minus for the Cavs is all-star forward Larry Nance's ankle surgery, which will keep him out of action until December.

4. **Atlanta**—The Hawks seem to be the Toronto Blue Jays of the NBA, a perennial underachiever that can't quite live up to its press clippings.

Maybe, like the Blue Jays, this will be the year for the Hawks, but they will have a tough time making a dent in this outstanding division. Nonetheless, any team with Dominique Wilkins and Moses Malone is dangerous.

5. **Milwaukee**—The Bucks, the surprise team of the division last season with 49 wins, will find it harder to sneak up on opponents this year. The trade of top-scorer Terry Cummings will leave a void in the frontcourt that newcomer Greg Anderson will have to fill. Alvin Robertson joins Paul Pressey to give the Bucks an explosive backcourt duo.

6. **Indiana**—The Pacers, a team thought to be on the rise, floundered to 28 wins last season. Indiana will put its hopes on the shoulders of Chuck Person and hope that he can carry them to a successful campaign.

7. **Orlando**—The expansion Magic will take their lumps this season, but spectators can amuse themselves by counting how many

times Reggie Theus shoots every game.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Western Division

1. **Utah**—After cruising into the playoffs last year with an impressive 51 wins, the Jazz were brought back to earth after being swept by Golden State in the first round. The Jazz will rebound, behind the scoring and strength of the "Mailman," Karl Malone. John Stockton has emerged as one of the top three point guards in the league and Mark Eaton is still a force in the middle—at 7'4" and 290 lbs., how could he not be a force?

2. **Dallas**—The Mavericks could challenge the Jazz for the division title: if Roy Tarpley makes the successful transition from drug rehab, if Adrian Dantley can regain his past glory and if rookie Randy White does indeed turn out to be another Karl Malone. If not, the Mavs will be hearing footsteps from the rest of the division.

3. **Houston**—Any team with Akeem Olajuwon manning the pivot is going to be trouble for the opposition. The Rockets need Sleepy Floyd to shoot less and feed the ball to Olajuwon more.

4. **San Antonio**—Definitely the team of the future in the Western conference. The Spurs, with touted center David Robinson finally relieved from Navy duty, are ready to make their move. Enter rookie Sean Elliot, whom many have compared to Michael Jordan, and former all-stars Terry Cummings and Maurice Cheeks and you have the ingredients for a winning team.

5. **Denver**—Alex English can still score a slew of points and Fat Lever is one of the most versatile players in the NBA, but it won't be enough to get the Nuggets into the playoffs.

6. **Charlotte**—The Hornets picked forward J.R. Reid in the draft to provide muscle in the paint to go with guard Rex Chapman's outside shooting. And the Hornets can content themselves with the fact that they won't come in last place again this year.

7. **Minnesota**—Good move, Timberwolves: trade your top pick in the expansion draft (Rick Mahorn). With more quality management decisions like that, you might make it out of the cellar by the 21st century.

Pacific Division

1. **Los Angeles**—The Lakers without Kareem, say it ain't so...but don't despair,

Lakers' fans. Magic Johnson and James Worthy will lead your team to yet another championship series appearance. The team of the 1980's will try to prove they're not down-and-out going into the 1990's, despite being swept by the Pistons in the finals last year. Mychal Thompson will do fine as a replacement for Kareem at center, although the sky hook will be missed. Vlade Divac, a seven-footer from Yugoslavia, will also see some time.

An amazing stat: the Lakers' lowest regular season victory total in the 1980's is 54.

2. **Phoenix**—The Suns went from 28 wins in 1987-88 to 55 last year, an amazing turnaround. Some high-scoring performances from Tom Chambers and the Johnsons, Eddie and Kevin, will keep the Suns nipping at the heels of the Lakers this year.

3. **Portland**—The Trail Blazers will be a team to watch this season, led by a deep corps of guards (Clyde Drexler, Terry Porter, Yugoslav import Drazen Petrovic) and emerging center Kevin Duckworth. The frontcourt will be bolstered by the addition of rebounder extraordinaire Buck Williams.

4. **Seattle**—The SuperSonics will score points in bunches this season. Dale Ellis will continue his devastating outside attack and Xavier McDaniel has emerged as a force under the hoop. Olden Polynice has been handed the center job and if he's up to the task, the Sonics could be a spoiler in the playoffs.

5. **Golden State**—With Manute Bol hurling three-pointers at will, how can the Warriors lose? Chris Mullin and last year's rookie of the year Mitch Richmond lead Golden State's attack.

6. **Sacramento**—The race between the Kings and the Clippers for the Pacific dungeon should prove to be one worthy of attention. If Ralph Sampson can live up to just a fraction of his college clippings, the Kings should stay out of the cellar. Top draft pick Pervis Ellison starts the season on the injured list.

7. **Los Angeles**—For a team whose top draft pick from this year (Danny Ferry) is in Italy and whose top pick from last year (Danny Manning) won't play until at least December, the Clippers aren't that bad. Maybe they should avoid drafting anymore players with Danny for a first name.

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*GIANTS(8-1) at L.A. RAMS(5-4) (4p.m., Ch. 2, WNEW 1130) The Giants visit Anaheim this Sunday after practicing for a week in Arizona. QB Phil Simms is 100 percent for this game as is TE Mark Bavaro.

Look for the Giants to throw a lot of play action after rolling off 210 yards rushing last week. Defensively, Lawrence Taylor has returned to his dominating self after recording three sacks last week, while the team has allowed the least points in the league.

The Rams, losers of four straight, must win this game to turn their season back around. QB Jim Everett has an array of weapons, including RB Greg Bell and WR Henry Ellard. Their past defense is ranked dead last and the last thing they need to face is a rested Simms.

FINAL: GIANTS 27-14.

*INDIANAPOLIS(4-5) at BUFFALO(6-3) (1 p.m., no local coverage) The Colts crushed Buffalo in their first meeting but this game should be different.

Last week was a strange one for Buffalo. Jim Kelly was back at QB after three weeks and the Bills were upset by the Falcons. While their offense is ranked first in yards and points, it is their defense that

must not let the Colts against the Colts.

When Eric Dickerson (595 yds., 4.3 avg.) is playing well, opposing offenses never reach the field. He must carry the load while QB Jack Travenca cannot afford to make any mistakes. On defense, they must shut down Kelly and RB Thurman Thomas—this week they won't.

FINAL: BILLS 34-24.

*CINCINNATI(5-4) at HOUSTON(5-4) (Mon. 9 p.m., Ch. 7, WFAW 660) This game could be a great one, provided Boomer Esiason and James Brooks play for the Bengals. Esiason is the third rated passer in the AFC while Brooks is averaging 5.8 yards/rush. On the defensive side of the ball, Cincinnati is suspect at best, allowing nearly 20 points a game.

Houston is led by Warren Moon (2nd in the AFC). With WR's like Drew Hill and Ernest Givins he has many receivers to choose from. Their running game is balanced, with backs Mike Rozier and Allen Pinkett providing most of the yards. Their defense has allowed a lot of points but is 2nd in the NFL against the run.

If Esiason and Brooks are available it's anyone's game...it still won't be enough.

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By Phil Morin

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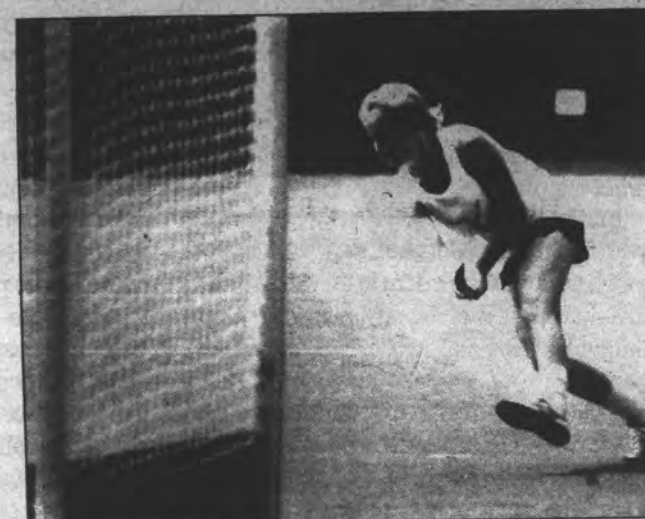
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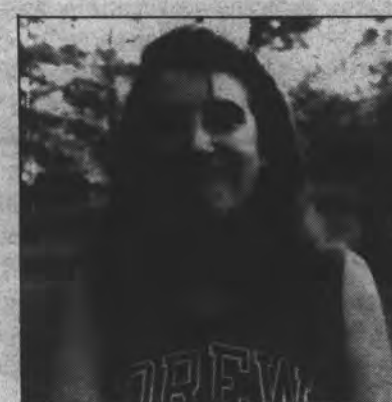
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Ruggers finish fall with winning record

By Greg Gordon
Assistant Sports Editor

THE "Green Death" Rugby Football Club ended its Fall Met-Union season on October 29 with a 40-4 victory against St. John's. This victory gave the team an overall 3-2 record, its first winning season in at least five years.

"We dropped our first two games to Vassar and Kings Point, which I think really helped motivate us and get our heads into the rest of the season," president John Passaro said. "Injuries hurt us as well, but by mid-season we found our potential and were able to sweep our final three matches. We have a really strong future, but losing our senior players will leave a lot of slots unfilled for next fall," he said.

Five of "Green Death's" finest will be leaving in the spring. Forward Captain Greg Vitarbo, Brewmeisters Dan Bork and Ed Ables, Match Secretary Ben Malin, and Joel Faxon will all be moving on to bigger and better things. Vitarbo is a sensational flanker who is a driving force on and off the field.

Malin's intensity at the lock position, with his strength in scrumdowns and line-outs, will be sorely missed, while Bork's knowledge and skill made him a role model for fledgling forwards. Faxon, a steady and



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A Kings Point rugger kicks under the pressure of Dan Behar.

reliable backfielder, spent his final season at fullback, and Ables played prop until an unfortunate leg injury ended his season early. All of these graduating ruggers will be missed, but there is still an abundance of talent left in the club.

"We are still a very young team," Vitarbo said. "We had a great year in recruiting forwards, and the new players put in a lot of effort in practice and the games. Unfortu-

center Paul Skilton, both sophomores, deserve an extra bit of credit. Moyes' cool attitude and skill on the field are a constant asset to the team. His ability to find and exploit the opposition's weaknesses has made the difference in many close matches. Moyes, in tandem with Skilton's lightning-like breakaway speed and tremendous kicking skill, made the Drew backfield a menacing offensive weapon.

Skilton is the team's leading scorer, but he puts a good perspective on his accomplishments. "This is probably the best team rugby has fielded in a long time, and mostly all of my points have been the result of a team effort," Skilton said.

"Practices were really well organized, and the captains motivated the team much better than in years past," senior Jay Golub said.

The whole club is taking the sport very seriously, and they don't intend to be satisfied with what they have achieved so far, according to Vitarbo.

"We can only get better," he said. "If we improve in a couple of areas we will be a very dangerous team."

Although the official season is over, "Green Death" will play Hunter college tomorrow and has other post-season matches in the works.

nately, we lack depth in the backfield due to injuries."

Freshman Doug Mosle and junior Rich Sdao are two newcomers who earned A-side slots this season. Freshman John Tateousan also strut his stuff with the A's and has a bright future due to his prior experience.

All of the returning underclassmen players made their mark on the season, but back captain/flyhalf Frank Moyes and outside

Cork receives rave reviews as new trainer

By Mike Falk
Opinions Editor

AS Drew prepares for the beginning of the winter season next week, it's time to run through the credits for another successful fall season. Roll 'em.

Here come the cast (the players), the producers (coaches), directors (assistant coaches), and all the behind-the-scenes people. As the credits roll, you will notice that somewhere between the stunt coordinator and the gaffer come the trainers.

Unfortunately, most people only acknowledge the performers. But when you consider that it is nearly impossible to play an entire season without suffering an ailment, it is clear that the trainers are vital to the success of the performance.

And that's where Renee Cork comes in. Cork is Kirsten Child's new companion in the training room as of, literally, this fall.

When one of last year's trainers, Jim Kantor, decided to return to his alma mater, Denison University, just before the beginning of school, Drew was left with a void in its training department.

That prompted Athletic Director Dick Szlasa to look for a replacement. He got Cork's name from Ithaca College, where she had applied for a similar job.

Cork, who lives near Chicago, majored in athletic training at Iowa State University where she served as a student trainer. She worked as a graduate assistant and got her master's degree from Southwest Texas State University.

"I got the call on a Thursday," she recalled. "Sunday, I was here for the start of

the soccer season.

"It seemed like the right thing for me," she said. "I wanted to work on a small, Division III campus. I had heard nice things about Drew from other people."

And were those nice things true? They must be. Cork says she plans to stay here for awhile, which should make the athletic department smile—she is the sixth trainer at Drew in the last four years.

Cork worked mostly with the men's soccer team this fall. In the winter, she'll travel with the women's basketball team.

Drew keeps her plenty busy, especially compared to the Division I schools she came from, where the training staffs were larger.

But still she says, "It's been a lot easier than I expected. The athletes here are easier to deal with than at other places. They're not really cocky like Division I athletes. I don't have to fight with them."

Cork said that at Southwest Texas it took her almost a year to get the full respect of the athletes. Clearly, that is not going to be the



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New trainer Renee Cork.

case at Drew.

Junior soccer player Dan Stewart, who has been undergoing ankle rehabilitation, described Cork as trustworthy. "She really seems to know what she's doing."

Sounds like rave reviews for the newest addition to the Drew athletic troupe, Renee Cork.

German scrimmage

Acorn Sports Service

ON Wednesday, November 15 at 8 p.m. the men's basketball team will tip off in a scrimmage against a touring German team, T.V. Langen, a professional club from Frankfurt representing West Germany on a tour of the United States.

T.V. Langen is a level one professional team and is touring with nine players, a head coach, manager, and two officials. Two of the team's members, 6'7" Joe Whitney and 6'8" Kelvy Stukke, are both from the United

States.

"We are going to use this match to iron out the strategy we will be using for the Rose City Classic," head coach Vince Masco said. "This is the third time we will be playing in a four-day period, so I'm going to substitute freely throughout the game."

"I want to keep my players from getting hurt or burned out before the big game Saturday."

The Rangers will scrimmage Ramapo College at 7:30 p.m. tonight and are getting set to take on Haverford in the opening round of the Rose City Classic on November 17.

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Cross-country prepares for NCAA's

By Larry Grady
Staff Writer

AFTER weeks of running and training, the cross-country season comes to a close this Saturday at the NCAA championships.

The Running Rangers are coming off the competitive MAC championships in which they were plagued by illness, injuries, and performances below expectation.

As a result, the men's team finished 19th out of 22 teams, while the women placed 16th out of 18.

"We should have done better," junior co-captain Mike Lawless said. "Injuries affected us, and a few runners were below where they should have been."

One runner who did run up to expectation was junior Brian Krick, who finished in 45th place with a time of 28:13, less than two minutes behind the winning runner.

"It was the first time all year I was really well-rested, and I just had a good day," Krick said.

Krick was followed by Lawless, who finished in 89th place with a time of 29:26, and freshman Paul Fritz with a 116th place finish. Also running for the men were juniors Jeff Miller and LeRoy Deiner, sophomore Tom Morgan, and freshman John Bleakney.

"It was a hilly course, tougher than it looked," Lawless said. "It was tough for



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The Running Rangers will continue with their tough competition in the NCAA's.

times, which made Brian's time that much more phenomenal."

Haverford College won the men's race, Moravian College finished second, and Ursinus came in at third.

The women were once again led by junior Sherry McBride, who came in at 48th place with a time of 20:39. Sana Abassi finished in 85th place at 22:41, and junior Betsy Braun with 91st place and

22:57. Senior Nicole Palmieri and freshman Jennifer Scarpitti rounded the race for the women, who only ran five runners.

Heidi Norton and Kendra Westberg missed the race due to illnesses, and Edie Tobio was injured with a pulled leg muscle.

"We ran good races and were hurt not having everyone out there," McBride said. Swarthmore College won the women's race followed by Messiah and Gettysburg

College.

On Saturday, the team travels to Allentown, Pennsylvania, for their most competitive meet of the year, the NCAA championships. There will be 30 top teams there.

"Most of the teams that we have beaten or who are in our caliber do not run in these races, but we have decided to run," assistant coach Les Longden said. "It is good experience for us."

"Our goal is to run better than last week," Krick said. "It is a tough course with a lot of difficult turns and curves."

Norton and Westberg are both scheduled to return on Saturday adding depth to the women's roster, while freshman Damon DiMarco will return for the men in place of Bleakney.

"We're looking to run a little stronger as a team," Lawless said. "A good race will help us to look forward to next year."

"This was a rebuilding season, yet we finished the same in the MAC's as last year with the sickness and disappointment."

In her first year as coach, Sue Bessin has greatly helped the team maintain a solid level. According to Longden, "Sue has been an inspiration, being a competitive runner herself, and she offers good leadership."

"We have improved a lot this year and will lose no one to graduation. We are really looking forward to a good year next year."

Men's soccer falls to Kean in ECAC's, 2-0

By Joel Krantz
Staff Writer

LAST Friday, the men's soccer team took on Kean in the opening round of the East Coast Atlantic Conference postseason tournament. Like Messiah, the Ranger's last opponent, Kean was ranked in the top 20. They also just missed a berth in the more prestigious NCAA Tournament.

This time, however, the results for Drew were not the same. After beating Messiah, a team ranked number one for seven out of 10 straight weeks, Drew could not put together a winning performance against Kean.

The final score of 2-0 gave the Rangers their sixth loss, bringing their final season record to 10-6-2.

Coach Vern Mummert and his team knew they'd have to play one of their best games to win its first game in the ECAC tournament.

Kean struck first, capitalizing on a corner kick midway through the first half.

Hoping to turn things around before the final buzzer, the Rangers came out in the second half with intensity. The defense played well all day against formidable competition. Unfortunately for Drew, Kean was able to record an insurance goal with 22:02 left to play in the game.

The second goal was scored after freshman goalie Bill Geyer blocked an initial shot. He ranged far to his left to make the save, but in doing so the ball travelled 10 yards in front of the goal. Kean once again

capitalized by sailing the ball into the right corner of the net.

"It was muddy, and I slipped," Geyer said. "But I wouldn't say that the weather conditions were responsible for our losing because both teams had to play in it." In the game, he had 16 saves on 23 shots and allowed both goals.

"I wasn't disappointed with the performance," Mummert remarked. "We played a good game, and Kean should've been in the NCAA's. So we looked upon this one as an NCAA game."

"We did a pretty good job," senior Joe Beneducci said. "After all, we were matched against a pretty good team. No one gave up, and that's important. We just didn't get enough quality shots."

Senior Steve Every agreed. "We just didn't put everything together," he said. "It wasn't our best performance of the season, but we played a good game."

This was not the Rangers' first experience with formidable competition. Of their six losses, five were against teams ranked in the top 20: Ithaca, Muhlenberg, Scranton, Trenton, and finally Kean. Figuring in their victory against Messiah, they were 1-5 against these teams.

"We're in the top echelon of Division III play," Mummert remarked. "Each year we play better, and we also have a progressively tougher schedule. We would've been in a lot better shape for postseason play if we would have won three or four of those games. Beating teams like that breeds confidence."

Mummert said he was impressed with the team's performance this season. "I was very

proud of them. No one gave up, and we saw a lot of younger guys filling in and become quality starters themselves. We learned our strong points, and we also have a better view of what we have to improve upon to become a better team."

Even with the rough schedule, Drew outscored their opponents. Out of 332 shots, the Rangers posted 29 goals. The competition, however, managed just 13 goals on 182 shots. "When you hold the other team to an average of less than one point per game, that's got to be impressive," Mummert said.

During the season, the goalies contributed a lot to the team. Geyer started 10 games out of the 15 he played in and allowed only 10 goals and made 79 saves. Mark Wright, the team's other goalie, started eight out of his 13 games and recorded 40 saves while giving up three goals. Both goalies earned four shutouts.

The team's top scorer this season was senior Chris Newcomb, who notched a total of eight goals and one assist. Junior Chris McNamara finished second with five goals and no assists, while junior Matt Mathias and Beneducci both tallied three goals.

The players voiced strong support of their performance throughout the season. "The chemistry was there," Beneducci said. "The team handled the tough schedule well. Sometimes it's really hard to stay mentally high when you keep playing quality teams week after week."

"This is definitely the strongest team I've played on since I've been at Drew," Every commented. "We came up short a couple times, but we also had some sweet victories,

like Messiah.

"We had our ups and downs," Geyer added. "But it was exciting to be a part of what we did this year."

This season also marks the departure of six seniors from the squad. In addition to Beneducci, Every, and Newcomb, also graduating are Ed Leskausas, Ted McLaughlin, and Dave Solan.

Mummert had nothing but praise for his graduating seniors. "They certainly had great careers here at Drew," he said. "They were at the ECAC's each year."

Geyer also appreciated his experience. "It was rewarding," he said. "I learned a lot from them. Not just about playing good soccer, but also how to handle yourself when you win or lose."

The general consensus among coach and team was that although the six will be missed, the team should be just as good or even better next season.

"Next year they should be more used to the new field," Beneducci said. "We just got on it this season, and there was a little bit of transition time to get accustomed to it."

Both Beneducci and Mummert expressed the view that the new field will also be useful in recruiting new talent.

All in all, there seems to be a general optimism among the team for the next time around. "We got a lot accomplished this year," Beneducci said. "But next year they can do even better. The chemistry should be terrific, and as long as they keep their attitudes straight, they should be more successful than we were."

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