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Latin Americans celebrate history during April

During April Ariel will celebrate the fifth anniversary of Latin American Month at Drew.

The Celebration will commence on April 2 at 12:30 p.m. with opening ceremonies at Brothers College Courtyard, and will end on April 30 at 12:30 p.m. with closing ceremonies, also at Brothers College Courtyard.

Other events will include speakers on the topics of: Hispanic women in the U.S., history of Hispanic ritual, Hispanics in the military, human rights for Hispanics as portrayed in the arts, and a dance featuring Hispanic music.

President-elect of Ariel Priscilla Ortiz said celebrations such as this are important because "it's something we carry with us all the time because we're so close to our culture. Many Hispanic Americans are recent immigrants, and that closeness keeps reinforcing itself."

—Jason Kosnoski

Business Office reorganizes

The Business Office has been reorganized upon its move from Carriage House to Gotham City's Module A this past February.

People can now go to a counter near the Business Office for business other than the transaction of money, for which a separate window is available. Assistant Controller of the Business Office Diane Tauber said, who works in the Business Office. Formerly, in Mead Hall, people had to go to a window for both cash transactions and other business.

Tauber also said that there is a significant difference between the offices called "Accounts Receivable" and "Accounts Payable." The first department receives money and checks from all sources, while the other one sends money and checks to "vendors," she said.

—Curtis Renkin

Computer virus infects campus

By Trish Blakovich
Assistant News Editor

AN academic computer aid discovered a potentially dangerous virus known as "1554" on March 31.

According to Academic Computer Center Supervisor Neil Clarke, the virus was discovered while a student attempted to fix a program and noticed that the file size increased, which is a symptom of the virus. "Although we can't be sure, we believe that the virus has been around for about a month," Clarke said.

The virus spreads by storing itself in the memory of a computer and then copying itself onto the next disk used in that terminal. "If one infected disk survives, it could

Latterell and Chambers win

By Dawn Pirozzi
Staff Writer

MATT Latterell and Chris Chambers were elected Student Government Association president and vice president for the 1990-91 school year, winning yesterday with a total of 289 votes. Sodan Selvaretnam and Dan Rose followed closely with 246, and Mark Pingitore and Anton Melchiondo received 133.

In other contests, write-in Nancy Connors was elected to Extra Classroom Activities Board (ECAB) chair; Tom Limoncelli was elected to ECAB vice chair; Mary Allen Edgerton was elected to Student Concerns chair; and Debra Cummings won Social Committee chair.

"I'm really excited," Latterell said. "I'm looking forward to getting past all the difficulties of the campaign and building a good base of support next year."

"I had a lot of problems with how the elections went—with the way some of the candidates maintained themselves as well as the certain confusion on the executive board," Latterell said. "I wish the candidates would have been more informed during the appeal process."

"I was very surprised with the results and am very happy with them," Chambers said.



Acorn Photo/Allison Low

Matt Latterell and Chris Chambers win the presidential, vice-presidential election and intend to lead an "S.G.A. for students."

"It's going to be a very exciting year, and Matt and I are looking forward to making a lot of changes and working hard. I still have a lot of problems about the fairness of the elections because of the problems we had."

Earlier this week, Selvaretnam and Rose were disqualified from elections, then later reinstated as write-ins after winning an

appeal.

Selvaretnam said he felt that the appeal board's decision affected the results of the election. "The disqualification came too late in the election, misleading a lot of people," he said. "Some people today still thought I was disqualified and that if they wrote me in,

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Candidates removed from ballot

By Sam Hijab
News Editor

SODAN Selvaretnam and Dan Rose, candidates for Student Government Association president and vice president, were disqualified from the S.G.A. elections after formal charges of violating the election statutes were presented to Election Chair Vershon McKoy by opposing candidates. After an appeal, they were permitted to run again, although their names were not put on the ballot in yesterday's

election.

According to S.G.A. President Mike Main there were formal charges made on Tuesday by both the Matt Latterell-Chris Chambers and Mark Pingitore-Anton Melchiondo tickets that Selvaretnam and Rose had campaigned prior to March 8, presented a poster in the University Center, and that Selvaretnam had slandered and misrepresented other candidates, all of which are illegal according to the election statutes.

At that point, McKoy investigated the situation and later that evening decided to disqualify Selvaretnam and Rose, Main said. "The reason why nothing had been considered before that point is because no formal charges had been brought forth by the other candidates." He said that Selvaretnam and Rose were notified of their disqualification at approximately 11 p.m. on Tuesday.

"We were given no warnings that we were going to be disqualified," Selvaretnam said. "A note was just slipped under our doors. I tried to get in touch with Vershon, but she did not return my calls."

"Before you take a harsh action like that, you should clarify. I very much believe in innocent until proven guilty, but in this instance we were found guilty, until proven innocent," Selvaretnam said. "Things were handled very unprofessionally. It seemed as if we were singled out."

Main said McKoy was trying to make sure the statutes were upheld, but she had not known about some of the situations prior to Tuesday night. "For instance, the poster which Sodan brought into U.C. 107 during the election forum was not noticed by Vershon until near the end of their speech. At that time, S.G.A. Treasurer Joey Biggio had to take it down because they left it up there," Main said.

Selvaretnam said if there were any doubts about that poster, somebody should have informed him. "The poster just had our names and did not even have the word 'vote' on it. It was only used as a visual aid in front of the students to present my name."

As for the charge of mudslinging and misrepresentation, Selvaretnam said, "sometimes the truth hurts. What we said were facts. Yes, I may have come on strong, but that's the kind of person I am."

Presidential candidate Pingitore said, "Sodan had a slanderous attitude during the election. He took one position agreeing with my Acorn article on theme houses at R.A. meetings, then during the campaign switched his position." In Pingitore's article in the March 2 Acorn, he claimed that theme houses "have entrenched students in island-like social hangouts and living quarters." He called for the facilitation of integration

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Changes planned for Student Activities Office

By Jason Kosnoski
Staff Writer

THE Student Concerns Committee issued a report recommending changes in the Student Activities office administration in response to student concerns addressed in a signed letter which outlined criticisms of that office and called for the resignation of Director of Student Activities Tullio Nieman.

The report began by acknowledging and thanking Nieman for, "the long hours and hard work he has demonstrated in significantly improving the role of student activities," and while not mentioned the letter, recognized the, "Efforts of the students in bringing forth these genuine concerns."

The first concern addressed by the report was the problem with the Student Activities Office itself. Some recommendations were to standardize the process of obtaining funds from the office, to review the job descriptions of the members of the Student Activities office so its responsibilities will be more distributed balanced, and to rework the job description of director.

This reworking of the job description would be done by Dean of Student Life Denise Alleyne, Nieman, and students. The object is to update the actual description to "clearly define and delineate the responsibilities and professional expectations of the director," and to, "objectify those

procedures that do not need to be personally controlled by this office, e.g. DJ booth."

The next concern was the misinformation as to procedures for programming. The Committee recommended that a booklet be produced by Student Activities on all aspects of programming, and that training efforts be expanded for any students or faculty who might be interested in programming.

The report also addressed what it termed as "lack of understanding by the student body as to the resources that they have to turn to in case of a concern." It recommended that the aforementioned handbook contains a listing of sources available to students with concerns, and that a bulletin board in the U.C. should also outline how students can voice any problems they might have.

As for the concerns dealing with the use of the Multicultural Center, the report recommended that it's use be reexamined by Dean's council or Dean Alleyne, "with Attention to student interests, club needs, the center's original purpose, and in light of new efforts being put forth by the faculty."

The last concern the report addressed was the deterioration of faculty/student relations outside the classroom. Recommendations included: having ECAB reconsider the idea of Faculty advisers for clubs, inquiring exactly how faculty wishes to be more in-

involved, and," examining ways to further unite so that accurate and complete information concerning all activities can be found easily."

The report stated, "it was not the finding of this committee that this responsibility [the responsibility for building faculty/student relations outside the classroom] lay in the office of Student Activities, but rather was a much broader concern."

Gina Dolce, member of Student Concerns said that, "The main problem seems to be bad communication. People aren't sure what to do and often assume they can't do something. The largest problem is to make clear the proper channels to go through and to identify who's in control of what."

"I think the general outburst by the students was not the proper way to go," she continued. "Complaints should first go to Dean Alleyne, but people might not have realized that."

Dolce said the reason Student Concerns stepped in was that the situation came to a point that "different channels were needed to address a 'genuine student concern.'"

Dean Alleyne said that the committee addressed as much of the student concerns as they could and that, "It was difficult to separate the emotion and the personal issues from the student sentiment."

She said, "I feel it's my responsibility to report back on the recommendations of the

committee."

Senior Kippy Rudy, one of the students representing the signatories of the letter at the Student Concerns Meeting, said, "It's good to see a group talk out a considerable number of the concerns, and I was very pleased with the diversity and unbiased nature of the body, but I was not as happy with the statement simply because it did not address some concerns such as repercussions, which were very well presented."

"The message this sends out to students who might be considering taking a stand," she continued, "is that the university will not stand behind them."

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Pro-Life activists speak on Operation Rescue

By Jason Kosnoski
Staff Writer

THE Pro-Life club sponsored presentations by Rev. Craig Fasler, Kathy Bates, and Deb Smallldore March 22, which explained the activities and philosophies of Operation Rescue.

Operation Rescue, according to Rev. Fasler, is a "non-violent pro-life movement trying to stop the holocaust of unborn children, by prayerfully and peacefully...rescuing them from execution."

Bates and Smallldore began the talk by asking the audience what came to mind when they mentioned Operation Rescue. Some responses were "harassment of women," and "loud protest."

Bates then said she hoped to dispel some of the rumors concerning Rescue by telling how she became involved in the organization. She said many people's perceptions of Rescue, including the audience's, were founded on rumors started by the "pro-abortion or pro-death movement."

Bates, at first, had been pro-choice but then, "I started to investigate the issue, describing their experiences participating in actual rescues—rescues being their attempts to block entrances to abortion clinics and persuade women entering the clinics to keep their babies."

While describing various rescues they had participated in, Smallldore and Bates emphasized the harsh manner in which they had been treated by both the police and pro-choice advocates. They described incidents of pro-choicers blowing whistles in their ears and wearing red "Satan" outfits to antagonize and intimidate them to leave.

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Acorn Photo/Kat O'Connor

Rescuers explain their convictions for pro-life in a presentation to students.

family planning clinic, you're certainly not going to be told that a fetus is a living thing."

After these comments concerning Rescue's philosophy, both women began describing their experiences participating in actual rescues—rescues being their attempts to block entrances to abortion clinics and persuade women entering the clinics to keep their babies.

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times a pro-life advocate's arm breaking with an audible crack because of police efforts to remove.

They ended their portion of the presentation by saying that Operation Rescue has never bombed an abortion clinic or done any act of violence to any pro-choicers.

Rev. Fasler began his presentation by saying "One and one-half years ago I first went to an abortion mill, and realized how horrible the 7-2 Rowe vs. Wade decision was. The Supreme Court upheld the segregation decision by that same 7-2 margin. Soon there will be forced abortion by the government. It's being lobbied in Washington right now."

He then said that at one abortion clinic he had seen two women kissing. A voice from the crowd questioned how homosexuality related to the abortion issue. Fasler replied that both abortion and homosexuality stemmed from amoral positions and that

supporting abortion contributed to homosexuality.

When Fasler's presentation ended, all speakers entertained questions. Sophomore Tiki Hartshorn inquired about Fasler's comment on how people are more interested in saving whales than babies related to the issue of abortion. Fasler replied that the U.S. media covers the whales movement yet not the pro-life movement and questioned the morality of the media's judgment in coverage.

The question and answer session became very heated, with both the speakers and audience members throwing questions at each other, not waiting for the other's reply and shifting quickly from topic to topic.

Kevin Cioppa, president of Drew Pro-Life, quickly assumed the position of moderator and attempted to return the debate to a more structured format.

One of the last comments was from freshman Heidi Stewart. "I'm not sure whether it's a life or not, and I don't want to make a decision about that, I don't want that responsibility," She said, "You quoted many Bible passages in your speech, and you gave the impression that these were the only ways they could be interpreted. When you look at some of these passages in context there's a lot of debate as to what they exactly mean."

Cioppa later said that his goal in bringing the speakers on campus was to give people at Drew an idea of the activities of Operation Rescue and to show that it was made up of a wide spectrum of people.

"I was happy with the night," Cioppa said. "The question and answer session got a bit out of hand, but after that people got into one on one discussions that were a little more intellectual. We didn't realize Rev. Fasler was going to address all the issues he did...His views on homosexuality and many other things he brought up do not reflect the views of Drew Pro-Life."

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Falk wins award

By Tom Fowler
Staff Writer

SENIOR Mike Falk received the Student Employee Administrators of the North-East Association award for Employee of the Year. Falk earned this distinction for, among other things, his work at the Sports Information Office.

Falk's duties include managing and keeping the stats for the women's basketball, women's soccer, and men's baseball. He also calls in the results of every game to the media and handles many other aspects of the games.

"Michael's attitude toward work is wonderful," said Sports Information Director and Falk's supervisor Anne Bready. "He is all around versatile and has a great sense of humor which helps a lot in his job."

"He goes to all of the practices as if he were a regular player and sometimes even gets to do role-play in their drills as a player from another team. One week he's such and such from Upsala and the next week he's a player from yet another team."

Bready nominated Falk for the award which is administered on Drew's campus by

Director of Student Employment Shirley Cameron.

"Every year I send out a memo with the application pamphlet to student employee supervisors. A committee of four staff members and one student reviews the applications and sends them back to me. I make the final selection based on their suggestions," Cameron said.

Cameron said that the criteria used to judge each applicant included such things as dedication, efficiency, and uniqueness as an employee. "Mike came up very well in all of these areas."

While Falk said he is happy with the award, he said he feels a little odd on being considered "an employee."

"I really don't consider what I do work since I enjoy it so much, but that might be why I put so much time into it. If I could get a job like this outside of Drew that would be great."

After graduating this spring with his degree in math, Falk hopes to continue his career in the sports information field. With help from Brady he has been applying for internships at other schools.

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WINNERS

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I wouldn't be eligible. The informality that we were still eligible as write-in's was not given to students voting at off-campus programs like London and Washington. I congratulate Matt and Chris although I still feel the election was controversial. The results may not have been what everybody expected, and I wish them the best of luck in bringing this campus together."

Pingitore expressed congratulations to Latterell and Chambers and said he thought they will do a fine job.

Official candidates were given the opportunity to present their platforms during the S.G.A. Elections Forum Monday. Common platforms of most candidates including the diversity of Drew in a more productive manner, and improving the communication lines which run from the executive level down.

Cummings ran unopposed for Social Committee chair. Along with improving the relationship between Social Committee and the rest of the campus, she "would like to use the diversity that this campus is so proud of to try to get various groups more involved in social committee." This would include accepting input for new programming ideas and recruiting from areas such as the cultural and sports groups.

Cummings said she would like to utilize the creative edge that comes from the new freshmen. To increase publicity she sug-

gests developing one specific location on campus for advertising events. A final intention is to get more student performers.

Those running for Student Concerns chair were junior Gina Dolce and Edgerton. Gina Dolce ran "to contribute to improving life here at Drew," and said she would like to be available to listen to students. To open lines of communication, she would like to implement surveys as necessary and encourage use of the computer suggestion box. She served on Student Concerns this year and said she felt her experience will be beneficial to the committee.

Edgerton's platform was based on taking monthly surveys to hear the concerns which arise, using network systems more efficiently, and addressing concerns as they come up.

Although Edgerton has not served on this committee before, she said she felt positive that would not limit her ability to do the job effectively. "My most important concern for this committee is that it be an active, strong committee and that people feel comfortable and find it accessible," she said.

ECAB chair did not have any official names on the ballot; however Connors and Greg Badishkian campaigned as write-ins.

Running unopposed for ECAB vice chair, Limoncelli claimed his leadership would prevent misinformation from spreading, along with adding an unbiased vote to the board.

Pingitore and Melchionda, candidates for president and vice-president respectively, campaigned under the platform "Loosen the Drew Screw." They said they felt the 'Drew Screw' needs to be corrected most when it comes to the lack of student life. Among the complaints stated were that diversity on campus needs to be unified, the lack of communication between groups should be remedied, and that S.G.A. should be an advocate of the students, not a liaison to the administrators.

Pingitore and Melchionda proposed such solutions as professors serving as advisors to the meetings rather than Student Activities Director Tullio Nieman; weekly contacts with the student body; a social committee placed under Student Government; and an alleviation of the apathy displayed on

campus.

The other candidates for president and vice-president were Latterell and Chambers. Their position, as stated by Latterell was that their "primary focus is that we're not necessarily going to be an S.G.A. for Drew, but that we're going to be an S.G.A. for the students."

Latterell and Chambers said they would like to see the S.G.A. as more than a tool for the administration. They propose that the S.G.A. meetings be held in the dorms for a greater student turnout. Other points stressed were the need to give leadership training to the senators, placing students and professors on the Board of Trustees, and adding greater student involvement to Drew.

Although Selvaetnam and Rose were later taken off the ballot for violation of an election statute, they did present their platform at the forum. An issue in their campaign was the need to integrate student voices into the system.

"We the students make the school," Selvaetnam added, "not the computers, not the trees, and I'm sorry to disappoint you all, not Tom Kean." Apathy is a major problem, but Selvaetnam and Rose said they saw a lack of communication as the root of the problem.

They said they would not make promises, but instead guarantee their effectiveness if elected. Other issues addressed included their desire to raise cultural awareness, prepare committee reports to S.G.A., and allocate more money to clubs.

President Tom Kean's office hours will be held on Tuesday, April 3, from 1:30 to 2:30. Please call ahead.

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OPINIONS

Editorial

The spirit of the law

WELL, another S.G.A. election has passed and the torch of government has been passed. But not without a disqualification fiasco that seems to be par for the course for S.G.A. in recent memory.

Two years ago, after winning the election for ECAB Vice Chair as a write-in, Diane Andoscia was dismissed for failing to submit a budget detailing her campaign expenses.

Last year, the S.G.A. nailed newly-elected University Senator Ricky Bell for stapling a poster to a tree, disqualifying him from the position.

This fall, Baldwin dorm senator candidate Ellice Oston, in a decision which was ultimately overturned, was disqualified because three of her friends allegedly defaced one of her opponents' campaign posters.

And just this week, a candidate for S.G.A. president, Sodan Selvaretnam, was disqualified for allegedly violating several elections statutes.

Nice track record. For as far as anybody can remember, S.G.A. has been lucky if more than one person "competes" for an elected office. That means a relatively high proportion of students enthusiastic enough to serve in student government have been disqualified.

Is this what the S.G.A. president means when he tells us the student body must be unified in order to achieve any significant gains? Incidents like these do nothing to help S.G.A.'s reputation with both students and administrators.

We fear that the keepers of the law have forgotten their responsibilities to their constituents and the intent of the law. Especially considering the public image problem facing S.G.A., the rash of disqualifications don't make sense.

Admittedly, in each instance the candidate must shoulder a portion of the blame. But so must the S.G.A.

We would like to think that someone had said, "Hey, Ricky, you can't staple your posters to trees." Or when Selvaretnam displayed a poster at the candidates forum, the only charge which was ultimately upheld, someone could have said, "Yo, guys, you can't do that."

No, the S.G.A. shouldn't be a watchdog, but it should leave voting to the voters and not to the statutes. Nor should S.G.A. turn its head and allow rampant violations to go unchecked in the interest of public image.

But disqualification should be a last, last, last resort. The purpose of the statutes should be to encourage participation, not to eliminate candidates.

When a candidate is disqualified, no one benefits—except maybe that candidate's opponent(s). The students are deprived of a chance to vote for the candidates of their choice or to have the candidate they elected serve. And the S.G.A. gets another black mark in the minds of an already disillusioned student body.

The worst part of this situation is that it pits student vs. student, a most unhealthy confrontation.

We understand that the elections statutes are not made to be ignored; however, we would ask that their enforcement be pursued with a greater degree of leniency and common sense. The Acorn has a deadline of Tuesday for letters to the editor, but we won't withhold a letter turned in on Wednesday if we consider it important.

We have the following suggestions for future S.G.A. elections. And yes, it is our business, because we are the students you purport to represent.

•Have the elections statutes distributed along with the petitions. This should prevent candidates from violating rules they are not aware of.

•Rewrite the statutes so they are free of contradictions and are very specific about violations and consequences. Articles 602 and 603 of the current statutes caused much confusion this year and made the right of the elections chair to disqualify Selvaretnam debatable.

•Whenever possible, alert the candidates if they are in violation of statutes and in danger of losing their candidacy before taking any drastic measures. As the statutes stand now, the S.G.A. has to receive a formal protest before taking any action. This rule virtually ensures that potential violations won't be addressed until they've gone too far.

Many people have bemoaned the lack of a "middle ground" between non-enforcement and disqualification. But that's giving in too quickly. This is a case for the creative problem-solvers. A candidate can be punished short of disqualification by having restrictions placed on campaigning—number of posters, etc.

•Let the candidates campaign at the candidates forum. Unpleasant incidents could be avoided if the rules were less restrictive, and the voters would get more out of the forum.

We present these suggestions in the interest of fairness to S.G.A., the candidates, and the voters. If this world were ideal, there would be no need for election statutes. But as long as they're a necessary evil, let's make the statutes practical and effective.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Theme houses, Other End defended

To the Editor:

Mark Pingitore's article (Acorn, March 2) elicited many interesting responses from the people I work closely with. I am currently a housing assistant in the Community House (not the "head H.A.") and the outgoing general manager of The Other End Coffeehouse. After speaking with Mark, I better understand the intention of his article, but I still feel compelled to address some of his points.

The Other End was created by students and faculty members as an alternative to some of the social spaces on campus. We are not intended to replace any institution, but rather to complement the programming endeavors of the campus. Remaining alcohol free is fundamental to our environment and our goals.

If seniors want the Pub to be more like The Other End in spirit and ambiance, then they should work towards this with the pub management (who are very open and receptive to suggestions).

The "theater hangout" label has got to go. One step into the coffeehouse reveals the diverse and energetic clientele that support it so well.

Trust me, the coffeehouse would never survive on the patronage of the students of one department.

The theme houses are very similar. While they may be structured around a common goal, they

are made up of individuals with varied backgrounds and interests. The living arrangement allows them the unique opportunity to learn from each other and understand their differences. They then share these insights with the rest of the campus through their programming.

I agree that it would be nice to have a more diverse population in the dorms, but the answer does not lie in a dozen students being re-routed. To make a change would require efforts in admissions, active recruitment of minority and culturally diverse students, and the maintenance of support structures for these students.

I am asking Mark to act on the underlying goals of his article. Plan an event to motivate your floor to work towards recruitment. Support increased minority scholarships. Attend educational programs in the theme houses or cultural club sponsored events.

It is time that the mainstream populations share the responsibility of spreading diversity. Don't force these groups to come to you; initiate a step towards them. If some students still allow misconceptions or peer pressure to keep them from taking advantage of spaces like The Other End and the theme houses, then I feel sorry for them for what they are missing.

If you are in a leadership position you owe it to your community to begin the process.

Edwina Kippy Rudy

To the Editor:

The existence of misinformation which pervades the Drew Community has simultaneously created a real sense of urgency for obtaining accurate information. Everyone has a right to voice their opinion, but when their opinion lacks a philosophical base, confusion develops. After all:

Your philosophy determines your thought pattern;

Your thought pattern determines your attitude;

Your attitude determines your behavior pattern; and

Your behavior pattern determines your actions.

Mark Pingitore's article "Diversity at Drew: Unrealized Potential" is an example of an opinion that lacks a philosophical base. Mark made a valid statement when he stated, "The aim of diversity on a campus is to open discussion on subjects such as religion and politics."

But, when he made the ludicrous statement, "Drew's various student groups have entrenched themselves into island-like social hangouts and living quarters around campus," Mark illustrated his ignorance regarding the means by which cultural diversity can take place on campus.

Groups like Hyera, Ariel, J.S.O., and I.S.A. have been working earnestly promoting the richness of their history and culture to the Drew Community. Further, the Ujamaa and the International Houses promote diversity by having open houses and speakers, just to name a few

events. In addition, the houses and clubs are a cultural resource center for the entire Drew Community, but if the members of the Drew Community fail to take advantage of the diverse cultures that surround them it is their loss.

Should we remove the houses because members of the Drew Community do not utilize them? It does not surprise me that students like yourself who rarely participate in multicultural activities have a solution to attacking the problem of diversification.

Maybe the University could add another distribution requirement which encourages students to take a course on African History or Puerto Rican History. Further, Drew can implement an African Studies major or a Puerto Rican Studies major and increase the numbers of books that discuss the diverse cultures on campus.

Or maybe Drew students and faculty members can open their eyes and realize that Western Civilization was not the first civilization; therefore, it is not superior.

I would suggest that you attack the problem of alienation that already exists in the activities that you participate in. For example, how can a person who is concerned about diversity at Drew be a part of a basketball team that has only one non-white person and not voice your concerns to the Athletic Department?

Furthermore, you can begin to work and interact with the groups and houses that are promoting their diverse cultures, instead of criticizing them.

Kevon Chisolm

To the Editor:

In regard to Mark Pingitore's article about the unrealized potential of the diversity at Drew, we, the Resident Assistants of the theme houses, would like to clear up the misconceptions and erroneous ideas that were put forth.

This opinion, presented by a fellow member of the Residence Life Staff, is a case in point of the ignorance that is rampant on this campus concerning the theme houses. The article claims that "Drew's various student groups have entrenched themselves into island-like social hangouts and living quarters around campus."

In spite of the fact that the theme houses are an outgrowth of student groups and academic departments, we do not isolate ourselves on the fringes of campus. The truth is that the houses exist because they can do more to reach the Drew community than any of the clubs or departments.

We are here at the University's disposal 24 hours a day during the academic year, while the clubs meet, at most, once a week, and the departments are closed at the end of the working day.

The theme houses add a more permanent and far-reaching cultural diversity than any of the clubs or departments are able to. The theme houses also do more programming for the entire Drew campus than any of the residence halls or the clubs.

For example, there are the open houses that we

have each semester; the foreign language and cultural films of the Spanish, French, German/Russian, and International houses; the speakers in Ujamaa House on African-American issues; the workshops on rape awareness and women's spirituality in Women's Concerns House; and the student art exhibition at Community House.

The problem is not that we isolate ourselves from the rest of the campus, but that the rest of the campus isolates itself from us.

The statement that the theme houses are a "place for people with the same interests to meet and socialize" is true, and is actually one of the underlying reasons for the existence of the houses. Mr. Pingitore is also correct in his claim that "living with other students educates and breaks down stereotypes more effectively than any social awareness class."

However, the article does not take into account the fact that the theme houses educate people more fully and break down more stereotypes than any residence hall. We interact with each other more closely than a hall will because of the smaller size of our group and of our living quarters. The residents of a house become like family after a short period of time, which is something that cannot be accomplished in the residence halls.

Contrary to popular belief, the individual

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rabbi's letter unfair and inaccurate

To the Editor:

I have just finished reading Rabbi Mark R. Newton's response to Mr. Robert P. O'Brien's letter in the February 23 issue of the Acorn. I feel I must respond to Rabbi Newton's letter because of three reasons: 1) I know Mr. O'Brien, 2) I understand the situation regarding the dishonorably discharging of gay men and lesbians from the military, and 3) because I am a gay man myself, I know the widespread discrimination against lesbians and gay men in America.

First of all, I know that Mr. O'Brien does not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation. The situation regarding discrimination against gay men and lesbians in the military is not indicative of Mr. O'Brien's own views. It is indicative of the situation as it is.

Secondly, because Mr. O'Brien perhaps believes that homosexuals should not be allowed to participate in military service for reasons stated in his letter should not be taken as an indicator of an "oppressive" person, but rather as an indicator of an oppressive Department of Defense and President who have set such a policy on the basis of prejudiced public opinion. Mr. O'Brien should not be expected to change this direction by himself because he wouldn't be able to do so.

The presence of a lesbian or gay man in the services may disrupt the order and discipline of the unit not because of the person's sexual orientation per se, but because of the fact that many Americans fanatically believe that gay men and lesbians are inherently threatening to facets of life such as military order, children, health, and morality.

Thirdly, being a gay man, I know what discrimination against myself and my gay and les-

bian brothers and sisters is. We are not accorded full American rights. We are fired from teaching and day care professions because parents fear we may molest their children (which is around 98 percent of the time done by heterosexual men and women). We live in fear of physical, verbal, and legal attack by some Americans.

Gay men continue to die of AIDS-related causes because of government's delayed reaction in the early eighties against a disease that mainly killed us and other minorities at that time period. We have been killed at the hands of people who later get an unusually light prison sentence because we were the victims. And yes, we receive dishonorable discharges from military service.

These are facts. Nothing can change these facts until more Americans care about our plight and realize that it is WRONG that we suffer so because we are the way we are.

I do not believe that all heterosexual Americans hate us, nor am I trying to create a pity party for myself and other gay men and lesbians, and I definitely do not think that it is right that the Department of Defense and the President pursue a policy of discrimination against lesbians and gay men in the military.

Although I greatly dislike it when people discriminate against me, sometimes I resent it more that a person like Mr. O'Brien is called oppressive or bigoted when he or she is not. Conjecture, misinterpretation, and outright falsehoods are not endemic to only one group of people; they sometimes seem to be shared by all of us.

Chris Weisbecker

Rabbi apologizes for tone of letter

To the Editor:

In reference to my letter to the editor in the March 2 issue of the Acorn, I wish to make some clarifications.

The angry manner in which I responded to Mr. Robert O'Brien's letter concerning homosexuals in the military was unfairly defamatory in tone. Mr. O'Brien spoke with me, expressing his concern that my overly emotional rhetoric was unwarranted, that I misrepresented him in certain places, and that the general effect of my letter was damaging to his character and reputation.

After much contemplation, I have concluded that he is correct, and that it is incumbent upon me to make amends by means of correction, clarification and/or retraction.

Please note the following points regarding my references to him:

1. It was unfair of me to accuse him of using "bigoted" arguments. I disagree with his logic and conclusions, but I concede that "bigoted" is a loaded term.

2. Calling him naive because he does not hold my beliefs was inappropriate. I should have challenged the ideas he held, not attacked him personally.

3. It was wrong for me to insinuate that he has "deepest fears of homosexuals." Although most of us cannot help but absorb some degree of the prevalent prejudices of our society, I was unjustified in making this unprofessional statement. He has stated to me that he does not consider himself to be homophobic. I am convinced of his sincerity, and I accept his statement in good faith. I regret any insinuation to the contrary.

4. Although I disagree with his conclusions regarding homosexuals in the military threatening order and discipline, it was inappropriate for me to call his concerns "groundless."

5. He did not, in fact, state that public opinion and the average serviceman or woman could not "tolerate" homosexuals, but rather that they were not as yet comfortable with this notion.

6. My references to his possible Irish ancestry was made only to suggest that any one of us is a potential/actual victim of discrimination. Although my title and my surname may not reflect it, I am myself a citizen of the Republic of Ireland. I most sincerely regret any offense taken!

7. It was wrong of me to question whether he is afraid of unwelcome sexual advances. Although I was referring to any member of the military potentially having such fears, I regret the innuendo.

8. He did not, in fact, suggest that men should not have female superiors and vice versa.

9. He did not suggest that he believes there are

no homosexuals presently in the military.

10. My use of the phrase "Wake up, O'Brien," was unprofessional and unfairly suggests that his ideas are of no consequence. I apologize for my rudeness in a public forum.

11. My letter of March 2 does not in any way represent the position of the Jewish Student Organization, the Religious Life Council, or Drew University as a whole.

In closing, I wish to point out that I still disagree with Mr. O'Brien's position, logic, and conclusions regarding the issue of homosexuals in the military. However, it was wrong of me to attack him personally, in anger, in a public forum, and from my position as a university staff person.

As a rabbi and as a Jew, I am obligated to hasten to speak out against a perceived injustice. But at the same time, my religion forbids me to impugn a person's good name in the process. In doing so, I did a disservice to Mr. O'Brien and, ironically, to the gay and lesbian community as well. My apologies to any and all parties offended.

Rabbi Mark R. Newton

HOUSES

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houses are not made up entirely of international students, African-American students, or Hispanic students. Each house has a diverse population which exposes its residents to more different types of people in a more concentrated way than life in a residence hall would.

As for Mr. Pingitore's proposed solution of opening the houses only to seniors, that is not a solution to the problem but a further worsening of a situation that he already seems appalled by. In fact, there is no solution to be found, because there is no problem that needs to be solved.

The purpose of the theme houses and the goals that they achieve are clear. Simply because many students on this campus do not take advantage of the veritable wealth of cultural diversity that the theme houses and their programming represents is not a reason to accuse us of isolationism, but rather an indictment of many students' ignorance.

Anthony Infanti

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The
President's
Desk

Goodbye and good luck

By
Mike Main
S.G.A.
President

BY the time people read this column, the College of Liberal Arts Student Government Association will have a new president and vice president. They will not take office for a week and a half, but they probably have already begun to plan things for the next year.

No matter how much planning they have done, though, their administration will not be effective unless they represent the entire student body and are supported by the entire student body.

In order to accurately represent the students of the college, Student Government must represent and reach out to all different constituencies to find out their concerns and interests. Obviously, making everyone happy is an impossible task, but the Student Government can at least put forth the various sides of an issue, then work with different groups to reach a reasonable compromise.

S.G.A. also needs to insure all groups the opportunity to voice their opinions. Once again, this situation is a difficult one to handle because one disgruntled voice cannot be allowed to completely dominate the energy of the entire organization, but it is something that must be addressed.

Student Government has to develop a means for problems to be channeled into a smaller committee forum and then into the larger structure again to check on progress. Until that is accomplished, isolated grievances will continue to accumulate into full blown crises.

The other factor that will determine the success of the Student Government for the next year is the amount of support it gets from the students. People must view whoever has won as the Student Government leaders for everyone and use them in that capacity.

Simply because you supported another candidate does not mean that the new president does not represent you, nor does it mean that you should not actively participate in his or her administration.

The fact that not many people have faith in the Student Government as an institution stems largely from the fact that no one wants to give new administrations the chance to prove themselves. Many people do not give their opinions and ideas to the Student Government until after their expectations have not been met, but there is a difficulty with meeting expectations that were never known to exist.

Students have to be willing to pick up the phone and call the president or vice president or one of the dorm senators to find out what is happening or to speak their mind. Expecting one or two people or even 35 to go to every student each week is a little too much to ask. The Student Government needs to make itself available for input, but more people need to take advantage of that fact.

If people continue not to utilize the system of Student Government that exists there can only be two results: Either student issues will continue to go unresolved or we can throw the model out the window. If the former happens, students will live with the "Drew Screw" forever; if the latter happens, the new system will still take years to become institutionalized.

The decision of what to do now rests with the student body and the next administration. All I can really say is good luck, and no matter what you decide it will not be easy.

Kari Little

Hallelujah, Baseball's Back!



Registrar's Office should recycle more

To the Editor:

I am interested in knowing why the registrar always uses colored paper for registration materials. As we know, colored paper is non-recyclable!

This results in an enormous amount of wasted

paper (considering each Drew student alone receives over 20 pieces of colored paper for registration).

I think that white paper could do the job equally as well.

Kari Little

Professor applauds Jamaica coverage

To the Editor:

Thank you for your recent coverage of our field course in marine ecology held in Jamaica over spring break. There are just two points of factual clarification about Jamaica I would like to make to avoid creating any misperceptions. Jamaica is one of the more developed (not less developed) islands of the Caribbean—with an economy including agriculture, resources, and

manufacturing, as well as tourism.

Secondly, Jamaica's north coast is the country's primary tourist area. The point I wanted to make was that the particular village where we stay is (mercifully) "tourist-free," giving us a better opportunity to get a sense of the life of the local Jamaicans.

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Development raises a new vice president

By David Barnes
Staff Writer

RICHARD McKelvey can't seem to get out of college—which suits him just fine. Since his undergraduate study at New Mexico State University, McKelvey has immersed himself in education. From student to spokesman, McKelvey has become an integral promoter of higher learning. Soon he will take his place as one of Drew's most important representatives.

McKelvey doesn't like to move around much, but his acceptance of the position of vice president for Development and University Relations at Drew shows he is open to new challenges.

McKelvey spoke with a soft drawl and a calm, friendly tone.

He didn't seem in any rush to hang up. Instead, he showed interest and asked me questions about Drew and my college career. I told him my story; then he told me his.

Originally from New Mexico, McKelvey received his undergraduate degree in journalism from New Mexico State University. He never really considered working for the active press, he said, but wanted to maximize communication skills. As a junior, he wrote for the university alumni association and was in charge of publishing a whole feature issue, an experience he looks back on with pride.

Writing for the magazine involved McKelvey in alumni relations, still an important part of his work. But first, he went on to obtain his masters in business management and educational administration at New Mexico State. In 1974 McKelvey became associate vice president at New Mexico State, a position he held for 10 years. One of the best experiences during that time was an exchange program trip to India with a group of five alumni workers for two months. He said he not only learned about India, but also learned a lot about himself and came home with a more international outlook, something he believes is important in any university.

Since then, McKelvey has worked as associate vice president for development at Emory University in Atlanta, where he directs all programs designed to advance the university. McKelvey helps plan charitable gifts from alumni, friends of the university, corporations, and foundations who support the university, financially and otherwise. Several years ago, Emory re-

ceived a gift of \$100 million in Coca Cola stock as a gift from the Woodruff Foundation. It was the largest single gift in higher education history.

"Emory is like Drew," he said, "but it is also a major research industry, with a medical center and about 9,000 students." Now McKelvey is in charge of a fund raising campaign aimed at raising \$400 million for Emory. "Working at Emory has been a wonderful experience. They have been growing as I have grown," he said. McKelvey was invited to Drew late in 1989 and accepted.

"I was not ready to leave, but had I values consistent with Drew's," he said. Still, he didn't find it easy to take the new position. "I don't like to move a lot and I believe in commitment to the university. That's why the decision was difficult for me."

McKelvey saw taking the job as a special opportunity in the history of Drew. "I remember being very intrigued with Drew as a liberal arts institution in conjunction with Kean's being president." Commenting on his visit to Drew last November, he said he sensed a lot of energy and was impressed by the social and ethnic diversity of students he met. Tom Kean, as well, compelled him to take the job. He said he also liked the Drew campus and students' attitudes.

Another attraction was Drew's innovation in technology. "It's a creative institution," he said. "There's a latent energy there waiting to be put to work. It helps one to work harder when there is more of a sense of purpose."

McKelvey also liked Drew because, like Emory, it has a strong Methodist tradition. McKelvey and his family are active in the church community at Emory, and he has been a church school superintendent, and they would like to do the same here at Drew.

At Emory, McKelvey said, he and his family find themselves on the campus a lot, and he enjoys the immersion. "It's hard not to fill your whole being with the university," he said.

McKelvey has three daughters and a son. One of his daughters is about to graduate high school and will attend Oxford College of Emory. Another is in college already, and the youngest will be coming with the family to New Jersey. McKelvey said his 10-year-old son's first question was, "What kind of soccer do they play up there?"

McKelvey's family are also musicians, except for him, and he enjoys attending their performances.

The people McKelvey will be working with at Drew are not wholly unfamiliar to him. He knew Executive Vice President Scott McDonald before, because they participated together in a graduate program at Harvard. McKelvey looked back with humor on the past summer when Tom Kean spoke at Harvard and both McKelvey and McDonald were in the audience. Then he had no idea he would be working with the two of them within a year.

McDonald said that the vice president will work very closely with Kean. Kean, he said, identified candidates for the position beginning in February, 1989, who had expe-

rience in gifts and fund raising in general. "We were going for the best," McDonald said. The president's staff chose McKelvey out of a final pool of about 14 candidates, according to McDonald. "He's a calm, confident and exuberant person," McDonald said, "and he and Tom Kean seem to relate well."

McDonald said McKelvey will work with all alumni activities and the University Relations Office as well.

Within the development area he will head annual giving and capital campaigns," McDonald said. He also said that McKelvey will have the opportunity to conduct interviews and hire assistants, as well as appoint new church relations and alumni affairs directors. When asked about getting accustomed to the job, McKelvey said he would just observe and learn. "I listen a lot."

McKelvey said his job at Drew will be to relay the institution's needs and dreams to other people. He said he will work very closely with Kean but will never take his place at events or meetings. "We all have to be prepared to represent Drew," he said.

"An institution can be wonderful, but if people don't perceive it that way it doesn't matter. The perception and the fact must be close."

McKelvey spoke about honesty and integrity in representing Drew. "I am not going to be a dramatic change agent," he said. "I want to convey to those who care that Drew is focused and is invested. I see myself less in a role of convincing people as in engaging people."

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Seniors discuss gift possibilities

By Michelle Gaseau
Staff Writer

RECENTLY, a small group of concerned students met to discuss the fate of the Senior Gift to be given by this year's senior class. In the past students have made a five-year pledge during the spring of their senior year without knowing what their money would support. Traditionally, the decision has been made at the five-year class reunion, where a vote would be taken. As graduation approaches, seniors will be faced with a number of decisions related to Drew. One of these choices involves whether or not to give to the Senior Gift.

But the class of 1990 will be doing things differently. The group consisted of five seniors: Brian Bakerson, Kippy Rudy, Jan-

elle Gianetti, Michele-Lee Berko, and Mike Reilly, who have tried to make the Senior Gift giving process more acceptable to this year's graduates. They decided that those students who wanted to give should have the chance to, even though it seems that response to the Senior Gift will be minimal. The group also concluded that choosing a project while the pledgers are still in school, giving them a chance to funnel the gift back toward the future graduates, might be received more favorably.

An all senior meeting followed February 22, where the small group suggested some of their own ideas for the gift and took others, five of which appear on the ballot that has been sent to all seniors through the campus mail. These include: A gift to the academic divisions of the college, a student scholarship/prize for academic achieve-

ment, a student scholarship/prize for extra-curricular achievement, a campus map or directory, or a gift towards Mead Hall renovation.

"The descriptions of the choices are not set in stone," Michele-Lee Berko said. "They will be finalized once all the ballots are in."

Additional money during the first year of the campaign will come from Chairperson of the Board of Trustees Nancy Schaeen, who matches all the first year money.

The Senior Gift will be the only opportunity for people to have control over a small monetary gift. "The development office [which monitors the pledges for each class] cannot guarantee the allocation of smaller amounts once this five-year period is up," Berko said. "But the committee is not forcing people to give if they don't want to."

The first gift of this kind to be completed was a scholarship endowed by the class of 1983. The 1984 seniors decided to renovate the bells in the clock tower, which will ring on President Kean's inauguration day.

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Due to the computer virus, it will be impossible for the Acorn to publish for at least the next three weeks. We apologize for any inconvenience and hope that students will learn from this and practice safe-autobooting. APRIL FOOLS!!!

Williams speaks for Women's History Month

By Michelle Gaseau
Staff Writer

THEOLOGICAL School professor Delores Williams led one of three "Conversations with Black Women Scholars" March 20 at the Women's Concerns House. Her lecture was part of a series of events that celebrates Women's History Month.

Williams' lecture consisted of her experiences as a woman, a black person, and a scholar and theologian, especially how the women in her family shaped her values and beliefs. Williams was most influenced, she said, by the words of a "wise old Aunt Gertie," who often repeated, "It's a good life—if you don't weaken; it's a good life—if you don't weaken; it's a great life, in fact—if you don't weaken."

Although Williams did not immediately understand these words, three moments in her life helped her realize their worth. When she was 10 years old, growing up in the segregated South, Williams witnessed her grandfather being dragged away in a strait-jacket to a mental institution, introducing her to the "game of survival." Williams illustrated this episode in her poem "Little



Theological School Professor Delores Williams said that women must not weaken if they want to have great lives.

Girl Talk."

Her second awakening concerned male/female sexual games. "It taught me the danger of girls being too vulnerable in their relations with boys," Williams said. "This led me to a denial of the possibility of the

hood, marriage, wifehood. Instead of conforming to the expected standards of these institutions, women should take the time to enjoy life and relationships. "Just enjoy a child as a being, as a little person; we don't often get that chance. We put up these big structures between 'mama' and 'child,'" she said. "Life must have patterns of resistance, or you will weaken and give up."

As a participant in the women's and black revolutions of the sixties, Williams drew on her faith to keep her rebellious and creative energies alive. Now a professor, she struggles against the "intellectual rigor mortis" that often results from the constraints of a college environment. "Excellence from within becomes a standard that doesn't allow you to do shoddy work," she said. "Colleges and universities kill creativity with inflexible values, but the students have the power to move a university to anything."

Williams favors a cross-cultural education that exposes students to non-Western ideas. Only with such an education will students learn to accept the backgrounds and beliefs of others and consequently dispense with the prejudices that breed tension and conflict, she said.

BALLOT

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heatedly addressed at the forum.

"I have all the respect for both Matt and Chris, but I have none for Sodan," Pingatore said. "Sodan set a precedent for negative campaigning. Maybe Chris, Matt, Anton, and I aren't true politicians if that's the true sense of the word."

Pingatore said Selveretnam had some good ideas, but could not understand why he was so aggressive in the forum. "I am all for the truth being stated. It makes you wonder how Sodan would handle himself with the administration if that's the way he dealt with students."

According to Main an appeal by Selveretnam and Rose was brought to S.G.A. Attorney General Deb Meyers on Wednesday morning, in which Meyers upheld the misrepresentation and illegal poster decisions. Meyers said, "In an election you have statutes to follow and everyone interprets them differently. As election chair or attorney general, you see things clear and precise. If you are a candidate, you might try to bend them [the statutes]."

"Things run on a very fine line and you have to use your judgement. Sodan and Dan interpreted the statutes, and had two specific infractions."

Main said that a second appeal was then brought to an appeal board consisting of Dean of the College Paolo Cucchi, Residence Life Director John Ricci, and students Michelle Lee Berko and Michael Reilly, as anon-voting member. The appeal board reviewed the situation and ruled that Selveretnam and Rose were only guilty of one of the three charges brought against them. Since they violated Article 304 of the statutes, having a poster in the U.C., their names were subsequently removed from the official ballot, but could still be written in.

"Overall, I still don't think that the poster incident was that big of a deal," Rose said. "I feel that compared to being disqualified, being a write-in was a much fairer decision. I'm upset that it took them so long to decide because being so close to the election, it took away from all of our campaigning time."

"I thought that the Student Government dealt with it unprofessionally," Rose added, "but that Dean Cucchi and the appeal board should be commended for their fairness and for going away from precedents set in the past."

Selveretnam said the judicial process in-

volving Cucchi and Ricci was fair, although it was still unfair that they were taken off the ballot.

Selveretnam said that Article 603 of the election statutes states that "whenever there appears to be a violation of the statutes, the attorney general must bring these accusations before the Judicial Board. Since that process was never implemented, the chairperson did not have the authority to disqualify us. In fact, the disqualification itself was a much greater violation of the election statutes than any of the charges which were brought against us."

"There is obviously something terribly wrong with the system. There is too much centralization of power in S.G.A., and this is a perfect example. Vershon proved how bad the system needs to be restructured," Selveretnam said.

"I know I am innocent and would like a formal apology from those involved. I am very surprised that things got so far."

"People end up becoming biased on their own opinions in a situation like this. Vershon and I had our opinion and Sodan and Dan had theirs," Meyers said. "The committee served its purpose of being objective and fair."

McKoy declined to comment and said that Main and Meyers speak for S.G.A.

Main said that he ran the elections yesterday because McKoy refused to as an act of protest against the appeal board's decision.

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Go volcano go!

By Georgina Harellick
Staff Writer

JOE *Versus the Volcano* left me in a melodramatic malaise. What exactly was this film trying to be? Was it a comedy? Was it trying to make a statement about human existence? I couldn't quite decide, and I don't think the film could either. Instead of seeing a funny movie starring two hot comedic talents (Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan), all I saw was two hot comedic talents wasted on a movie with a weak plot and weaker dialogue.

Joe Banks (Tom Hanks) hates his life. He has a tedious dead-end job and no girlfriend. Joe feels sickly throughout the first part of the picture, for no discernible reason. He decides to see a doctor (Robert Stack), who tells Joe he has a "brain cloud" and only six months to live.

Joe goes back to work that same day, quits his job, and makes a date with a secretary, the first of three characters portrayed by Meg Ryan. Ryan also plays a pair of half-sisters. Why does Ryan have three completely mediocre parts, instead of one good one?

What about the volcano, you ask? Where does that come into the story?

One day after quitting his job Joe receives a knock on his door. A gentleman (Lloyd Bridges) hopes to entice Joe into sacrificing himself for a volcano god on some remote island, so the man can get a precious mineral from the natives of said island. For his trouble, Joe will live a life of luxury, at least until the sacrifice. I found myself rooting for the volcano towards the end of the movie.

The movie's lack of unity destroyed any chance of success. The settings were too surreal. Joe's office is so dull and dingy that it is outright depressing. The dialogue

seemed to be a mess of funny little phrases woven into not-so-funny little phrases.

The star of the movie turns out to be the expensive luggage that Joe buys with his newly-found wealth. It pops up throughout the film and brings some humor with each trunk every time.

If you really had your heart set on going to see this movie, turn on the television and wait for one of the film's commercials; you have now seen virtually every funny scene in the movie.

If you do decide to throw caution to the wind and see this movie, do not expect much more than to be very confused.

The return to higher education

By Steve Muench
Staff Writer

THERE have not been many questions that elude the creative, broad minds in such a culturally rich facility of higher education as Drew University. But even here, one question has failed to be answered adequately. We know why Mead Hall burned down, we know why Mike Nejat got fired from the Residence Life Staff, and we are close to knowing why we are paying so much tuition. But—does anyone really know why Governor Kean came to Drew?

There are many rumors floating around campus. Many people have claimed that Kean, in his own words, wanted to return to the gratification of higher education. These same people claim that "Kean has always been an education man" and that "he believes in the power of knowledge and feels that his place is in the educational workshop." That is all very noble and beautiful, but those cannot be the only reasons. Perhaps the real reasons can be found in the list

Top 10 List

Top ten things we'd rather do than work:

10. Slander SGA candidates, get disqualified, then reinstated, then disqualified...
9. Listen to tedious messages about the computer virus.
8. Self-inflict paper cuts.
7. Move a car from parking lot to parking lot, trying to stay ahead of construction.
6. Make every day high school Spanish Day.
5. Be a bathroom inspector for the suites.
4. Drive over the speed mountains at 70 m.p.h.
3. Run a lottery on when President Kean's open office hour will be this week.
2. Go to Thailand.
1. Fill out multitudes of Middle States evaluations.

By Tracey, Greg, and Nancy

below:

1. *President Bush is a weenie.* Mr. Kean admitted that he was offered a job in the President's Cabinet as Education chief, but felt that he would be unable to serve the President faithfully and still keep from laughing. He declined the position on the ground that Mr. Bush is too Republican and that it wouldn't be prudent.

2. *Drew's suicide rate is below the national average.* For Kean, this was an important factor in picking Drew over schools such as Cornell and NYU, where suicide is a team sport. He also feels that suicide has a negative impact on morale and enrollment figures.

3. *Shirley MacLaine saw a bright future in the job.* Witty, acute, and sensible to contemporary society, MacLaine has accurately positioned petitioners in appropriate careers from "Dungeons and Dragons" Dungeon Master to Housing Director, just by looking into a crystal ball.

4. *The Oak is his "birth tree."* Disliking both his birth stone and Jean Dixon's astrological forecasts for Aquarius, President

Kean said that with his "birth tree" he feels much more ambitious and self-reliant—important attributes of a university president.

5. *Dan Quayle was not qualified for the job.* Kean humbles himself by admitting openly that he trailed Dan Quayle for the presidency of Drew University, but felt deep inside that Quayle was not properly qualified for the job. Kean was relieved that Bush chose Quayle for the Vice-Presidency instead, where his skills would be more useful.

6. *He wanted that Zenith Computer that everyone gets.* It is well known that the computer that came with the Governorship was not IBM-compatible and that its printer did not feed properly. In addition, there was speculation that his decision to come to Drew is hinged strongly on the fact that "Drewnet" has "Boggle."

7. *"All-you-can-eat" at the Commons.* While he served as Governor, Kean's chef refused to cook pasta or rice five nights a week. Besides, his wife, Debbie, never allowed him to have two hot dogs for dinner and ice cream and cookies for dessert.

8. *Parties at the Governor's Mansion were pretty lame.* Although he regrets the keg ban, he still feels that the party atmosphere at Drew is much better. When he heard about leaps from second-story windows, "shot-put" competitions, and socially-conscious suite parties, he decided that Drew was the place to be.

9. *Those squirrels are so darn cute!* The former Governor freely concedes that he has a deep-seated affection for those small furry creatures. He feels a bit embarrassed, though, because he has named several of them on campus already and he really cannot tell them apart from the others.

It is understandable that Kean came to Drew for reasons that gave him the most gratification. Sure, he came here to assist the younger generation in furthering its education, but he also came because of these lesser known factors.

Now the Drew community can relax and be confident that we got the right man.

Movies

HEADQUARTERS 10 (292-0606)

My Left Foot
Lambada
Coup de Ville
Driving Miss Daisy
Hunt for Red October
Joe vs. the Volcano
Blue Steel
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
Bad Influence
Opportunity Knocks

MADISON TRIPLEX (377-2388)

Opportunity Knocks
Joe vs. the Volcano
Driving Miss Daisy

Weekend Scene

FRIDAY
Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory,
U.C. 107, 6 and 8 p.m.
Anson Olds, The Other End, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY
Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory,
U.C. 107, 6 and 8 p.m.
Women's Concerns Cabaret, The
Other End, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY
Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory,
U.C. 107, 6 and 8 p.m.
Recorded Gospel Music, The Other
End, 8 p.m.

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First set in Bowne Theatre a roaring success



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Tending to Effie's burns... Dr. Ruth Kovacs (Julie Faidley) becomes more than professionally involved with Effie (Mary-Kathryn Harrison) in *Effie's Burning*, the second show at Bowne Theater last week. The show, directed by Barbara Garnish, was a striking focus on a doctor-patient relationship with a surreal edge. The play had a short run in England.

And the tall ships sailed up the Hudson... In *Fireworks Lie Secret Codes* opened the first of shows in Bowne Theater this semester. The show featured S. Jason Smith, John Kriens, and (l.to r.) Melanie Roth, John Meagher, and Erica Pittman. Running approximately 35 minutes, the play, directed by Roxanne D'Attilio, deals with identity, language, and what people call "home."

The continuing saga of Captain Drew...

By John Meagher



Thank the Academy

By Georgia Harellick
Staff Writer

THE 62nd Annual Academy Awards presentation was relatively brief, considering the scope. The long boring production numbers were gone. Instead, Billy Crystal told jokes and sang (yes, sang). Crystal's informality was a welcome change from the usually over-Hollywoodized Oscar program.

Despite the lack of glitzy production numbers, there were still those who felt they had to put on a show. Julia Roberts of *Steel Magnolias* fame looked as if she threw on something that had been on her closet floor and forgot about her hair. Jodie Foster, last year's Best Actress, sported a new, more reserved, dark-haired look. Geena Davis, Best Supporting Actress of last year, wore a simple red dress illustrating the point that less is more.

And now for the winners. *Driving Miss Daisy* received four Oscars: Best Screenplay from Another Medium, Best Makeup,

Best Picture, and Jessica Tandy as Best Actress.

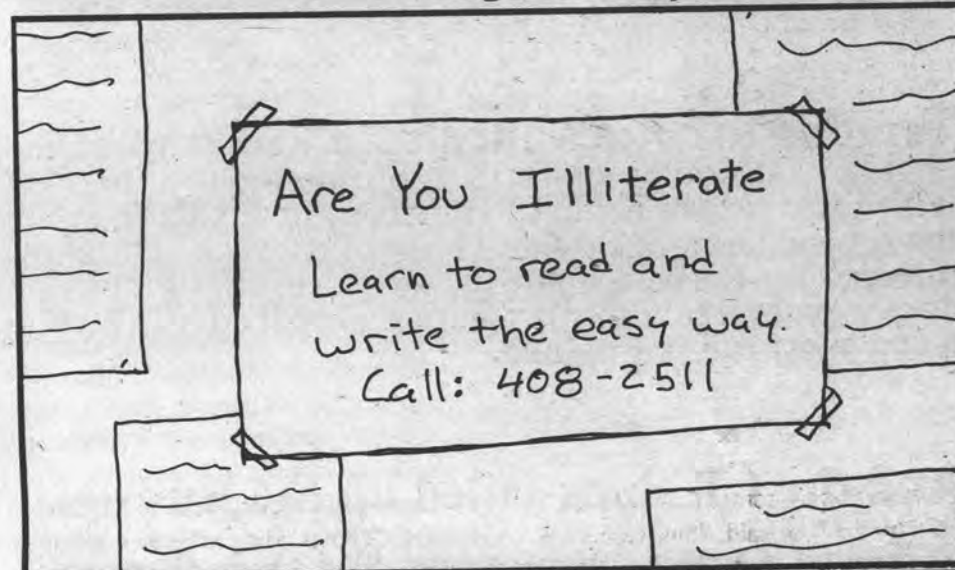
Denzel Washington, for his role in *Glory*, was awarded the Best Supporting Actor Oscar, and Brenda Fricker received the Best Supporting Actress Oscar for her role in *My Left Foot*. *Glory* also won the Achievement in Sound Oscar and the award for cinematography. Best Actor went to Daniel Day Lewis who starred in *My Left Foot*.

Not surprisingly, Oliver Stone (*Born on the Fourth of July*) accepted the Oscar for Best Director. Best Screenplay went to *Dead Poets Society*'s Tom Schulman. The *Little Mermaid* garnered two music Oscars: Best Song, "Under the Sea" (music by Alan Menken, lyrics by Howard Ashman) and Best Original Score by Alan Menken. The *Abyss* won for Best Visual Effects.

In this year's Academy Award ceremonies the audience saw choreography by Paula Abdul and Oscars presented from Moscow and Buenos Aires. The Oscar show itself was very innovative and I was pleased considerably.

Those Vreelandian Days

By James Vreeland



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Animated short film: *Balance*
Film editing: *Born on the Fourth of July*
Sound: *Glory*
Sound effects editing: *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*
Cinematography: *Glory*
Costume design: *Henry V*
Documentary short subject: *The Johnstown Flood*
Documentary feature: *Common Threads: Stories from the Quilt*
Honorary Oscar: Japanese filmmaker Akira Kurosawa
Jean Hersholt Award: Producer Howard W. Koch

By Rich King



Great expectations

By Nancy Volkers
Entertainment Editor

THIS may be less of a humorous piece and more reminiscent of *The Grey Album* than I'd like (no offense to its alumnus author). I've just never thought of the *Acorn* as a forum for my being serious. Sarcastic, yes. Cynical, yes. Funny, hopefully, yes. But serious topics in print, with my name on the byline? It hardly seemed possible—I thought we'd see Tracey draw a cartoon for the section before I wrote anything out of the humorous vein.

Maybe it's the altitude that's got me thinking seriously. We're halfway back to the U.S.; that is, I hope we are. We should be. I've seen the Stewardess Polka already (exists to the front and rear, oxygen masks may appear, the seat belt buckle works just so, swing your partner, do-si-do), and can't see the movie from where I'm sitting. So I'm thinking.

I've never read *Great Expectations*, and must confess that I haven't a clue as to its subject matter, although I'd think it would have something to do with expectations, and perhaps great ones at that. The title, however, has been flashing across my mind frequently as of late.

I suppose this sets up a vision of my subconscious as a sort of movie screen, with my ego and id as the ushers, and my superego selling stale popcorn and watery Coke. "Great Expectations," then, reminds me of the "Shh—please no unnecessary talking" message that runs before each show. What "unnecessary" is supposed to imply I have never known—all of my theater conversation is vitally important.

Maybe the altitude is to blame. Anyway, I've been thinking about expectations, great or otherwise, past and present, personal and collective. And I still haven't come up with a good reason for using them. In fact, I'd like to begin boycotting expectations.

This conclusion has not been reached without a great deal of research. I've come across several important discoveries, the least of which is that airplane chicken tastes like fish. In fact, airplane anything tastes

like fish. (I haven't had the pleasure of eating airplane fish yet, but there's one more meal to come.)

Perhaps it is the fact that I'm up here, at 33,000 feet (according to Captain Colin McSomething, who sounds as if he's drooling into the microphone). Where are we? What time zone am I in? How do the astronauts stand it?

It's difficult to have any expectations in an ambiguous time zone, six miles up. But it'd be easier not to have any, ever. Because, honestly, they don't pay off.

Now I'm hardly saying that nothing good or happy or wonderful has ever happened to me. Only that the good things seem to have somehow avoided expectations; tiptoed softly around them on their way to me, like a quiet Siamese cat through a room of sleeping Dobermans.

Good things can happen without expectations. Bad things, on the other hand, are less considerate. They come trampling through, pounding on walls and windows, irritating the Dobermans to breaking point.

When something bad happens, it's naturally unexpected. No one has expectations of famine, fire or flood.

"Gee Hoss, I really wish the barn would burn down and kill all our livestock, thereby rendering us helpless."

"But wouldn't it be great if the flames spread to the fields, ruining our cash crop and sending a few firemen to the hospital with smoke inhalation?"

No.

We expect to do well on a paper, to not miss the train, to get good restaurant service, to visit our family, have a place to live, someone to love. We don't expect to get a D, arrive at the 10:10 is just departing, visit part of the family to mourn the loss of another, live in a cardboard box in a filthy alleyway, or wind up alone.

Of course, I can't stop expecting; it's human. I expect my next airplane meal will be edible (and taste like fish) and that this plane will land safely—anything else is rather morbid.

I also expected this might become funny, after awhile.

So much for great expectations.

Rugby combines youth with experience

By Rod Shenk
Staff Writer

DREW Rugby is off to a slow but promising start after its first two games this season. On March 3, the team traveled to New York City to take on Hunter College. Despite the cold and windy conditions, both the A and B-sides were itching to play after the winter layoff.

The Drew A-side came away with a disheartening 13-3 loss, while the B's fought for a 4-4 tie.

"I was disappointed in [the A's] performance," backfield captain Frank Moyes said. "We should have won the match. We just weren't up to our normal standards of play."

The B-side, which included several rookies as well as veterans, played aggressively. Drew held the momentum for most of the game, although they only managed to score once, on a try by sophomore Marco Cavallo.

"The B-side game was a good learning experience for new players," junior John Veleber said. "Several of them remarked that the veterans' guidance during the match was very helpful."

This past weekend Drew hosted SUNY-New Paltz on the Mead Hall field.

The A-side showed a marked improvement over their previous game, finishing with a 6-6 tie. They led for most of the game on two penalty kicks by junior fly-half Dan Behar.

But in the final minutes of the match New Paltz was awarded a penalty try to tie the score, and Drew was unable to rally for points in the time remaining.

One possible scoring opportunity for Drew was lost on a breakaway by scrumhalf Moyes. He kicked the ball through the New Paltz line, and while chasing it down toward the try zone he was blindsided by the opposing



AcornPhoto/Charlie Clayton

The Drew Rugby Football Club in action against SUNY-New Paltz this past Saturday in a 6-6 stalemate.

fullback.

"We should have been given a penalty try for that," Moyes said, "or at least [the fullback] should have been thrown out of the match. He made no attempt whatsoever to go for the ball."

The Drew B's did not fare as well as their A-side counterparts. They were dominated by a much larger and more experienced

New Paltz team, losing 14-0.

Club president John Passaro is optimistic about the rest of the season. "Quite a few new players came out this semester, and things look promising," he said.

Moyes is a little more cautious, but he agrees. "I am a bit concerned that we haven't scored a try yet," he said, "but we played well against a much bigger team last week."

And it is just the beginning of the season."

The Drew Rugby Club is planning a lot of activities this spring. In addition to a tournament here at Drew on April 14, they will be attending ones at Rutgers and Providence college.

Senior co-captain Greg Vitarbo summed it up best: "This is going to be an exciting spring for Drew Rugby."

TENNIS

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tally ending 6-3 in favor of the visitors. One bright spot was freshman Will Mallory, who pulled out a win at sixth singles. Another was the second doubles tandem of Tanney and Tom Fahs as well as Buck Zeman and Rick Allen at third doubles, both of whom pulled out victories. However, it was again, too little, too late. "Once again, the match was close," Rush said. "We could have pulled it out. It was just a matter of not coming away with the win in matches that could have gone either way."

"Although this is a young team, we are more mature this year. We are improving our quality of play, and the best way to do that is against the good team," Mummert said.

Perhaps even more important to remember is the fact that the Rangers have yet to play a MAC opponent; therefore, their divisional record is untarnished. The Rangers are on the verge of raising their play to a higher plateau. To attain this, they need simply to pull out the close matches they have been losing up to this point. With the meat of their divisional schedule on the near horizon, the time is right for them to make their move to that higher plateau.



Acorn Photo/Drew Weaver

The Drew University Bear was introduced courtesy of the Alumni Relations Office this past winter and has become a fan favorite at sporting events.

RUSH

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Nevertheless, the team again won the Northern Division championship, and Rush, teaming with his brother Steve, advanced to the semifinals of the doubles tournament.

"Playing doubles with Steve worked out real well. You do not want to screw up when you are playing with your brother; there is no remorse between brothers," Rush said. "We live with each other, help each other out, and he has established himself as a good player."

Every bit as much as Rush enjoys playing the game, he enjoys teaching it. Teaching tennis has played a great part in Rush's life since the age of 14 when he began teaching at camps. Today he is the head pro at the tennis club in Glenbrook, CT. His duties there include instructing and organizing 175-200 young people into appropriate levels of play for 10 weeks over the summer, being in charge of court maintenance, giving adult lessons to about 30 adults, and coaching a junior tennis team.

"Sometimes I think I am a better teacher than a player," Rush said. "I do not have as much talent as a lot of players, but I know how things are done and how to teach them to someone who may have a lot of talent."

Rush currently works with a 12-year old, who is ranked sixtieth in the nation, and he would like to continue working with top young players, taking them to tournaments, and being their primary coach.

Tennis is his life, and the idea of playing for his whole life is attractive to him. It is not like other sports where one is not able to compete after a certain age.

"I am obsessed with the game," Rush said. "I get all the magazines, go to a lot of matches, and I love to play. I have a lot of

friends playing, and I enjoy teaching. I would like to stick with it all my life."

On the court Rush is an aggressive serve and volley type of player, who loves to control the rhythm of the point.

"Mark has an attacking style," former teammate and friend Chip Miller said. "He has a go-get-him, lay-it-on-the-line attitude that some may call cocky."

"If someone is not as good as me, I am going to win," Rush said. "If my opponent is a little better, I am still going to win, and if he is a lot better, it is going to be a good match."

As the days wind down toward the end of Mark Rush's senior year, he is looking to attend law school, and continue to teach and play on the men's tournament circuit in New England.

He is also reflective on the past. "I hope that I have given something to Drew, as I have gotten a lot out of it," Rush said. "I am proud to represent the school. Being a college athlete is something you remember your whole life. I hope I have helped the program to grow and made tennis a more visible sport here."

DAGHLIAN

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Doggie Bag. Mixed Bag. Fleabag.

Hopefully, the success and personality will continue next year, when Daghlain hopes to take his psychology major/business management minor into a career in insurance or banking.

Or he could just go into film. Daghlain on the Oscars: *Field of Dreams* should have won. It's the best movie I've ever seen."

Then again, it's about baseball.

SPORTS

Women's tennis wins first versus Wagner

By Phil Morin
Staff Writer

RELYING on strong singles performances, the women's tennis team dispatched Wagner College 6-3 yesterday. The victory follows losses to Ursinus and Bryn Mawr and brings the Rangers' record to 1-2.

First singles player sophomore Deborah Butts lost her match, but Beth Spanier, Laurel Lotuff, Michelle Moylan, Lori Shilkret, and Carolyn Wise, filling in for injured captain Sara McQuillan, all were winners for the Rangers.

In doubles play, Wise and Moylan lost in straight sets. Spanier and Lotuff, however, beat their opponents, while Hannah Williams and Anne Lampe dropped their match in three sets.

"Wagner is about in the middle, but a team that we should beat," Vail said. "Their team is not as strong as ours all the way through the lineup."



Acorn Photo/Chris Nealon
Sophomore Deborah Butts in action.

Even with Butts' loss, Coach Betsy Vail had many good things to say about her number one player.

"Deb won her first match here against Ursinus, 6-1, 6-1, against a good player... She played well in the Bryn Mawr match and today, but played two very good singles plays," she said. "She's playing with much more confidence than she had last year and she's worked really hard; her stroke looks good. I think she's going to have a pretty good season."

Spanier, a junior, has been solid in the second singles position, compiling a 2-1 record. Her consistent improvement was exemplified by her victory over her Wagner opponent who beat Spanier her freshman season.

Vail also had high praise for senior singles player Shilkret.

"Lori is very, very strong, mentally—a very consistent player. I expect her to have a really good year. So far, she's lived up to that—she's 3-0. She might not have the best strokes on the team, but when we get into a match situation, I have confidence that Lori will win."

When discussing the losses to Ursinus and Bryn Mawr, both 6-3 defeats, Vail said that both were beatable teams.

"I had hoped that we'd win our first three matches, but we weren't really prepared to play close matches like those [first two]."

Despite the Rangers' slow start this year, Vail felt that spring break went well. "The weather wasn't too great [high-50's to mid-60's], but we practiced a lot," she said. "We played three scrimmages, one against Grand



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Senior Laurel Lotuff stretches out to attempt a backhand return against Bryn Mawr.

Canyon University, a nationally-ranked team. We didn't win but it was good experience. Hopefully, down the line it will pay off when we play Vassar, who is also nationally ranked. They will have been in that situation before and will not be intimidated by it."

The team is looking forward to the latter half of its schedule, when they will take on Kings, FDU, Moravian, and Muhlenberg for an opportunity to win the Northeast section of the MAC and host the MAC playoffs.

The Muhlenberg game on April 19th will

probably be the biggest one of the season, but their first MAC sectional game will be next Saturday at home versus Kings College.

Another more personal concern of the team is with McQuillan. She suffers from a painful back problem and is scheduled to undergo testing next week.

Today, the Rangers have a match scheduled against a strong Haverford team, but they seem confident.

"We have a much better, more improved team this year," Butts said. "From what I see, we have the talent to play anybody."

Softball aims for varsity status

By Shawn Sullivan
Staff Writer

IF the first day of practice on its new field was a prelude to this season, the Drew softball team could be in for an uphill climb. Not only did they have to fight the rustiness that settles in after being away from the game for a year, but they also had to combat the snow that was falling.

"A little snow isn't going to stop them," Coach Tullio Nieman said. "These girls are very dedicated and have an extremely positive attitude. I'm very impressed."

Maybe the biggest climb this team faces is their attempt to obtain varsity status, as softball is presently a club sport. With varsity status, the team would receive varsity level coaching, varsity practice time, and the ability to recruit players. For the past few years, the team has tried desperately to reach that position, yet has always ended up facing some obstacle in the end.

One of the biggest obstacles may have been eliminated this year with the creation of a softball field. Since the lacrosse teams are now able to practice on the turf field, a softball field has been added to the grass where the lacrosse squads previously played. "The new field is one step in the right direction," junior Jeanine Porro said. "Maybe now with four home games being played here, the team will gain more exposure. That could lead to varsity status."

The players are all confident that they can finally be considered a varsity team after this season. The general feeling is that if they continue to play well and win games, varsity status is within reach.

"As a senior, I'm very disappointed that the team didn't obtain varsity status while I was here," Cathy Devlin said. "But they can do it in the next year or two if they work hard enough."

With a key group of returning players, things could be looking up for this year's team. They hope to improve on last year's 5-2 record. If not for a few key circum-

stances, they could have gone undefeated. The surprising fact about their record is that all seven games were against varsity teams.

"Our record was impressive because we play against varsity teams that play just to win," Nieman said. "As a club sport, we play to win, but we also play to let everybody have a chance to play."

The nucleus of last year's team is returning. The only major losses were due to Donna Ruli's graduation and Barbara Meeche's transfer. Key returnees include pitcher Porro and second baseman Devlin. This year's team is counting on strong performances from them after their impressive showings last year.

Porro is returning after a sophomore season in which she pitched every inning of every game, as the team's fortune often hinged on her performance. Having a strong arm and a good selection of pitches, another strong season is expected from her this year. Assisting her with the pitching duties will be freshman Jennifer Edwards.

While Porro tries to limit the opponent's offense, Devlin will lead Drew's batting order. Devlin is showing good power in practice, and it looks likely to carry over into the season. Defensively, she has good range and a strong arm at second. For that reason, she plays a key role defensively on balls up the middle and in double plays.

Another key player could be freshman Danielle Baraty. She is faced with the tough task of playing shortstop in place of Melissa Morgan, who is still recovering from a basketball injury. Last year, Morgan usually batted third or fourth providing power and speed in the middle of the batting order. This year she may be relegated to pinch-hitting duty. "We're really going to miss Melissa, not just because of her ability, but because of her enthusiasm," Nieman said. "But I'm very impressed with Dani. She should handle Melissa's absence well."

Baraty is hitting the ball hard and has displayed a great arm from shortstop.

With this solid double play combination,

Drew is very strong up the middle.

Further strength is added by catcher Jocelyn Johnson, a senior veteran behind the plate who provides leadership.

Johnson will be catching for Porro and Edwards. So far, everybody seems very impressed with the freshman pitcher's arm.

"Jen's definitely capable of performing," Porro said. "She takes off some of the pressure for me to always perform well. The competition also makes me work harder."

Nancy Volkens will play first, with third base still a question mark. Infielder Barbara Gamish is a likely candidate, but whoever ends up handling the hot corner faces the tough task of replacing the talented Meeche.

The outfield is very consistent, led by junior Dana Tamuccio and sophomore Kara Schermerhorn. They are both good hitters, and Tamuccio adds some power to the lineup. The final outfield spot is uncertain at this juncture.

A definite strength of this team is depth. On average, 15 or 16 players show up to practice regularly as compared to about 11 last year, which means that the team is now able to field at least two good players for each position.

The depth starts with returnee Val Gale, who brings experience and enthusiasm to the team. Freshman Linda Herbert is a nice addition, has opened some eyes with her hitting, and should also see playing time at third base.

Other impressive first-year players include seniors Kristen Rice and Mary Allen Edgerton, as well as freshman Zach Kaiafas. Look for Rice to be batting in games using the designated hitter rule.

The season begins tomorrow at 1 p.m. as the Rangers take on Caldwell in the home opener.

Nieman is very confident that the Rangers will have a winning season and finally achieve varsity status.

"With our depth, positive attitude, and leadership from our returning players, we should go a long way."

SPORTS

Women's lax edges Glassboro in opener

By Chris Pupke
Staff Writer

THE first game of the any team's season is often surrounded by questions. Such questions include whether or not all the facets of the team are prepared to embark on the long season and whether or not these facets can pull together and play in games successfully.

The women's lacrosse team faced this challenge Tuesday evening and produced an inspirational victory over Glassboro State.

The Profs of Glassboro created a fierce contest that was never securely in the Rangers' hands. Drew got off to a fast start producing 2-0 and 5-2 leads early in the game. The Profs forged back each time, tying the game on three separate occasions.

Drew went to halftime clinging to a 5-4 lead, as senior Kathy Cottingham registered two tallies, with Donna Sassaman, Brooke DeAngelis, and Susan McNulty each contributing a goal.

The Rangers extended their lead to two goals five minutes into the second half on McNulty's second goal. Preventing Drew from scoring another goal for over 11 minutes, Glassboro battled back to tie the game at six goals apiece.

After the teams exchanged goals leading to a 7-7 deadlock, Sassaman received the ball after a face-off and streaked down the field to score what proved to be the winning goal with six minutes remaining in the game.

Jessica Platt added a crucial insurance goal three minutes later, giving the Rangers a 9-7 advantage.

The game was far from over, as the Profs got a goal with 50 seconds remaining and had three eight-meter shots in the final minute of the game, all of which were thwarted by Drew's solid defense and goal-tender Jen Gruber.

"The offense did really well with all the extra pressure," Coach Denise Wescott



Acorn Photo/Lorraine Maloney

Senior defender Allison Veleber carries the ball up the field against Glassboro State on Wednesday night.

The entire team contributed to the hotly contested victory. The offense fought off a tenacious Glassboro defense, which concentrated on pressuring the ball at key points on Drew's offense.

Glassboro also attempted to frustrate the All-American Cottingham by maintaining a constant double team on her.

The co-captain did not seem to be bothered by the added pressure, producing two first-half goals.

"The offense did really well with all the extra pressure," Coach Denise Wescott

said. "They had three people on the ball whenever it was around the net and put a lot of pressure on the ball when it was in the midfield."

The defense also provided excellent play to contribute to the victory, with the goalies in particular playing extremely well. Tanya Meck started the game and had some outstanding saves. She gave way to fellow freshman Gruber in the final 10 minutes of the game, who responded by making several spectacular saves in the final minutes to protect the Drew lead.

"The goalies had some key saves," Wescott said. "Both played well. There were some key saves at the end of the game."

Winning close games requires a complete team effort, and the Rangers produced such an effort on Tuesday, giving their new coach her first victory as head coach at Drew. However, Wescott remained cautiously optimistic.

"It was nice. I'm pleased with our improvement over spring break," she said. "But there are still things we can work on. In the future we can get better."

Intramural Bowling

By Nick DiGiovanni
Staff Writer

THE Intramural Bowling League is off to a great start again this semester, as an all-time record of 12 teams and 39 bowlers are vying for the coveted championship T-shirt. For the first time ever, the league split into three divisions, with the three division winners and a wild-card making the playoffs.

Running away with the Bread Basket Division is the Virgin Lovers, last semester's overall runner-ups. The Virgin Lovers have a 10-2 record, and have won total pins four times (10-2-4) for 24 points.

Newcomer Brian Krick by far has the league's highest average, a whopping 194, while Rob Wicke is third in the league's average race with a 156 average.

Not Herbert is second at 7-5-2, but is leading the wild-card chase with 16 points. Mark Munley leads the way with a 128 average, including a 456 series last week.

The Riker Strikers and Hezbollah, both of whom just missed out on the playoffs last semester, have struggled so far in this campaign, but are primed for late-season charges. Hezbollah is led by Brent Miller and Alex Barakat, who sport 140 and 131 averages respectively.

Sitting atop the Turkey Division is Figgy's Follies, with a 6-5-5-2 record for 15 points. Peg Sanders leads the way with a 144 average, while Bill Campbell is having a solid season, sporting a 127 average.

Right behind them is the Steve Freeman led White Trash, with a 6-6-2 record and 14 points. Freeman has the second best average in the league, a 161 clip. The Zen Tricksters linger in third with a 5-7-2 record and 12

points, while Rude, Crude, and Lewd brings up the rear. Rude, Crude, and Lewd could finish strong, because of a relatively easy schedule the rest of the way.

The wildest division this year has clearly been the Head Pin Division. Three different teams have held the lead this season, and the fourth team is the defending champions.

Right now the lead is shared by the Lynn Anne Christie led Eleventh Pin and the surprising Gutter Wenches. Christie is fourth in the league in average with a 149, and her squad, at 6-5-5-2 and 15 points, has had the lead most of the season.

But the Gutter Wenches, who finished 9th out of 10 teams last semester, have held the glass slipper thus far, with 15 points on a 6-3-3 record. Perfect Split is in third with a 6-9-2 record and 14 points. Andrew Dodge has been among the league's average leaders most of the season.

The defending champion Sexpins, despite having the second highest pin total in the league, bring up the rear with a 5-7-1 record and 11 points, although still within reasonable striking distance. Joe Krutick and Nancy Volkens are both among the league average leaders with a 148 and 128, respectively.

But most importantly, look for all the teams to have a lot of fun bowling every week the remainder of the season. And with two-thirds of the league being non-seniors, there should be a lot of fun bowling for years to come.

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Pitching springs baseball to a fast start

By Joel Krantz
Staff Writer

AFTER many seasons of high hopes and only average results, the baseball team seems eager to surpass everyone's expectations. Already this season, the Rangers have amassed a record of 4-1. Along the way they have shown ability in all key aspects of the game, culminating in a 24-0 win at Manhattanville this past Wednesday.

The season began in Florida, where the Rangers recorded a 1-1 mark. Their first contest of the year was against Jersey City State on March 11, where Drew combined strong pitching from senior Raffy Daghljan with some timely hitting to produce a 6-1 victory.

Daghljan threw a complete game, allowing four hits, four walks, and six strikeouts in notching the team's first win.

Catcher Brian Levine, also a senior, led the offensive attack with two RBI's. Glenn Dryer, Jay Golub, and Marc Inger each went one-for-four and contributed one RBI.

Their next game, also in Florida, was against a more potent Trenton State team. Although they had several good chances to win this game, they let it slip away. Trenton State dealt them an 8-7 loss in 10 innings.

With the game tied in the eighth inning, the Rangers managed to load the bases with only a single out. But they failed to capitalize, stranding all three baserunners.

They eventually were defeated in the tenth inning by a home run yielded by Daghljan. Overall, he gave up nine hits and four walks while striking out three in his 10 innings of work.

At the plate, freshman shortstop Ron Denkin knocked in three runs on three hits. Senior outfielder Kevin Diverio added three RBI's of his own on two hits.



Freshman shortstop Rob Denkin takes a lead off first base against Moravian last Thursday.

Despite the loss, coach Vince Masco was not too disappointed with the result.

"I think we played pretty well all-around," he said. "Obviously, that's a game we would've liked to have won. They're a pretty good team. It's not a bad loss."

Their next game was their home opener on March 22 against the Moravian Greyhounds. Even though the bats were almost as cold as the chilly wind which blew across Sherman Plato Young Field, they squeaked past with a 3-2 victory.

Once again, the game was decided on the mound. After being knocked for a double and a triple in the first inning, Daghljan settled down and pitched five quality innings.

The turning point in the game came in the bottom of the eighth inning when the Rang-

ers ended up with two men on base after both were hit by Moravian's pitcher. After a long single by senior outfielder Ed Leskaskas that landed just out of reach of the centerfielder's glove, they had the bases loaded with one out. One out later, the Rangers managed to push three runs across the plate with a couple of marginal hits and an error.

The keys to this game were pitching and defense. Sophomore Dennis Glowacki entered the game in relief in the seventh inning and gave up a single hit. In addition, he walked two and struck out two while garnering the win.

"That one was a real battle," Masco said. "There was a little pressure on everyone out there, especially Dennis. He did a fine job."

The Rangers returned to the field this past

Tuesday after their scheduled doubleheader against Washington College this weekend was postponed. This time they played Muhlenberg, coming away with a 9-2 win.

The team did not repeat its mediocre batting performance this time out, jumping ahead in the third and never looking back.

On the mound, Ted Otten hurled seven shutout innings on his way to the victory. Dreyer came on in the eighth to finish off the game.

Diverio had another good day with the bat, knocking two more runs in. Doug Carrara, Billy Connors, and Daghljan each added one RBI to the effort.

Their efforts finally culminated in the 24-0 thrashing of Manhattanville. Diverio once again led the way, going four-for-six with five runs scored and two doubles. Jay Golub compiled three hits in five trips to the plate, with four runs scored, two doubles, and three RBI's. Connors and Mark Goggin each drove three runs apiece.

To top off an incredible day, Raffy Daghljan threw five innings of six-hit ball, racking up seven strikeouts, and walking no one. Glowacki hurled the last two innings [the game was called due to curfew], striking out five of the seven batters he faced.

Overall, things are shaping up pretty well for the team this season. "Everything's coming together," Daghljan said. "The key is pitching and defense. We have a young infield, but our double-play combination is probably the best I've seen in my four years here."

The Rangers are at home again this Saturday for a doubleheader against Delaware Valley. Although they are on a streak, Daghljan prefers to take one game at a time.

"We can win. We just have to go out there and play the best baseball we can," he added.

"If we play like we have been, nobody can beat us."

Daghljan has brilliant career in the "bag"

By Bryon Backenson
Staff Writer

THE Bag Man.

Raffy Daghljan, senior, Hoyt RA, and number one starter on the baseball team, is certainly one of the most visible faces on campus. But his trip to Drew and at Drew has been one with many unique stories.

Flight Bag. Baggage Checkout Counter. Sleeping Bag.

Daghljan was born to Armenian parents in Lebanon, and lived there for the first eight years of his life. The present warring in Lebanon started when he was seven, and its close proximity—only about twenty minutes away—led the Daghljan family to the United States, where North Jersey would be their new home.

Daghljan found himself in a new culture, and not knowing how to communicate in it. He did not know English. To meet new friends, keep ward off boredom, and help his English, Daghljan started playing Little League baseball. Like the English language, this baseball thing was new to him. He had exposure to soccer in Lebanon, but no baseball.

Ball Bag. Athletic Bag. Icebag.

Daghljan quickly caught on to the fundamentals of baseball and also picked up the American love for the game. He pitched and played first base in high school, and played soccer and basketball. His heritage showed, as he excelled in soccer, making second-team all state as a senior.

It was soccer that brought Daghljan to Drew—barely. Drew soccer coach Vern Mummert had heavily recruited Daghljan, as did baseball coach Vince Masco, but St.

John's was also interested. And a Division I school looked good. But when housing could not be offered to him, Daghljan chose Drew. *Book Bag. Carpet Bag. Laundry Bag.*

Daghljan was now away from the nest for the first time, knowing his life would undoubtedly change. Armenian is still the primary language in the Daghljan household, and this would be the first time he would be speaking English for an extended period of time. Add to that the rigors of adjusting to college life and playing collegiate soccer, and one could get very troubled.

But Daghljan, with the help of some friends and a colorful personality, adjusted without a hitch. In fact, it is that personality that makes Daghljan, but we'll get back to that.

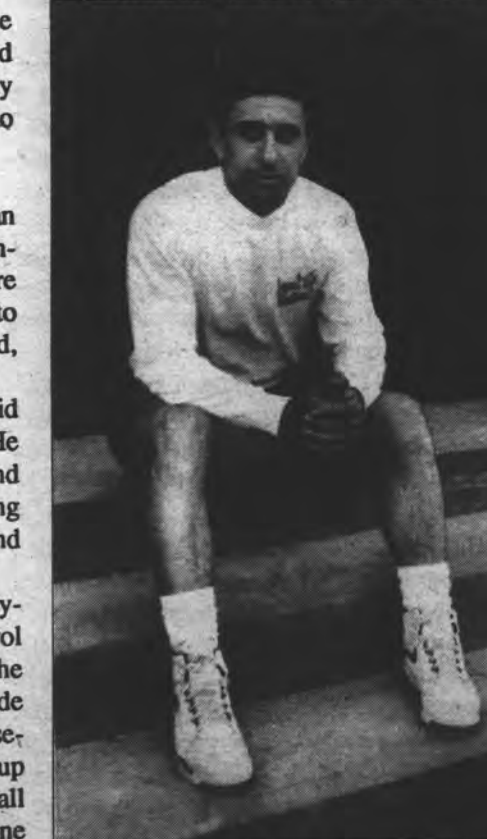
Punching Bag. Speedbag. Teabag.

The soccer season went well, and Daghljan saw much action. But his mind often wandered over to the baseball diamond, where fall baseball was taking place. "I wanted to play both sports that fall," Daghljan said, "but I was unable to."

In the spring, baseball started, and so did Daghljan—on the mound for Drew. He started five or six games that year, and showed flashes of brilliance—two-hitting nationally ranked Upsala—but control and nervousness often held him back.

Sophomore year was the same way, playing two sports, with his pitching control getting a little better. But by the end of the baseball season, the decision had been made to concentrate on the sport he loved, baseball. "I do miss soccer and the close group of friends I had on the team. But playing fall baseball helped me immensely. It led to one of my best years ever."

Tote Bag. Catheter Bag. Vacuum Bag.



Senior Raffy Daghljan

high expectations for this team, buoyed by a 6-2 fall season, and a 3-1 record so far this spring. Daghljan has pitched 30 of the 44 innings the team has played, compiling two wins and one loss.

"This team has good potential," said Daghljan. "We have versatility and depth, and we proved we can win in the fall. This is the best team we've had in my four years here. One of our goals is to win 20 games. And we're mostly seniors—we want to go out with a bang."

Garbage Bag. Handbag. Airline Sickness Bag.

But perhaps the most amazing thing about Daghljan is that he can throw so many innings. He is a classic junkballer—relying on trick pitches rather than the traditional fastball. He has a good curve and a rather unconventional split-finger pitch that floats like a fast knuckleball, with very little spin. He walked around with a grapefruit stuck between his fingers trying to develop the pitch. He has a rubber arm, relying on "ultrasound, ice, and Advil."

And as you may have noticed, he has a sense of humor. That often goes unnoticed, but is of great benefit to a team, where tension can be the difference between winning and losing. The humor also spreads into his social life, where Daghljan is well liked and respected as the Hoyt first RA. Many speak well of him as a person:

"Raffy has had a meaningful impact on my four years at Drew," senior teammate and friend Marc Inger said.

Former roommate Doug Carrara says, "Raffy's ugly in the morning, better in the afternoon, and ugly at night, but I roomed with him for three years."

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Men's lax starts off with impressive wins

By Greg Gordon
Assistant Sports Editor

MEN'S Lacrosse is off and running on what may be its best season ever. The Rangers came out of the blocks to rack up four straight victories against the University of Arizona, Colorado College, Bowdoin, and Manhattanville, with the streak ending in a disappointing loss to Colby College.

"It was a great feeling to go 4-0, considering the team has never done it before," tri-captain Andy Thatcher said. "Before the Colby game we were ranked seventeenth in the nation."

Despite this setback, the Rangers traveled to Widener on Wednesday and rebounded. "They had a limited squad, and we just outplayed them," tri-captain Harry Ko said. "We went out and scored in the first minute of the game, and by the half we had 15 goals."

Drew had no trouble holding onto their lead and won by a 25-11 margin.

This victory is made all the more impressive by the fact that four of Drew's more experienced players, defensemen Max Rockwell, John Legge, and Keith Mantel, along with midfielder Phil Franz, were benched for disciplinary violations.

"I think this was necessary to set a precedent for the rest of the season," Ko said. "Something of this nature was going to surface eventually. We were lucky that it happened before the Widener game because they have never been a strong opponent. All of the players signed a contract at the beginning of the season, and we all have to live by those rules."

The Colby match painted a more somber picture, where Drew fell by a score of 14-7. "It was a very tough loss for us," Thatcher said. "We were favored to win and didn't go out on the field in the right frame of mind. In Division III lacrosse there is a lot of parity."

"On any given day any team can beat any other, and they just out-hustled us. Little things make a big difference."

On March 21, Drew faced Manhattanville College in what proved to be an unusually tough but victorious match, ending in a 12-11 win for Drew.

"Usually they are not a very competitive team," Thatcher said. "We went in very lackluster and suffered a little because we were not used to playing on a grass field. We didn't play up to our potential, but we were still able to defeat them without too much trouble."



Junior middle Dave Zazzaro against a Colby defender.

"Traditionally our team experiences a lull after spring break," he said. "This game was the beginning of that valley for us. Unfortunately it ended with a loss four days later to Colby."

Prior to the Manhattanville game, Drew hosted a four team invitational tournament out on the turf. The Rangers defeated Colorado College 13-8 in the first round. Bowdoin defeated their opponent, Ithaca, to face Drew in the championship.

In what could be considered the biggest win of this young season, Drew knocked off Bowdoin 16-12 to capture the tournament championship.

"That was a really big game for us," Ko said. "At that time, Bowdoin was ranked seventeenth in the nation. It was definitely the best game I have played in since I joined Drew Lacrosse."

"The key to winning against a team like Bowdoin is winning the ground balls, and we dominated in that respect," he said. "The team that can keep consistent possession of the ball will win the game."

The Laxmen began their season with a spring break "vacation," in Arizona, where they faced off against the University of Arizona. It was a high octane match-up in which Drew emerged the victor by a score of 18-16.

"We had a really successful trip, and had a very competitive match against Arizona," Ko said. "They were a 'run and gun' team, and cleared the ball upfield really quickly. We went goal for goal with them until the third quarter. Then we rallied with five or six in a row to clinch the match."

"I think the most important thing about that trip was that it brought the team together before the season started."

"One of our big strengths is team unity," Thatcher said. "We have a lot of young guys, with 14 rookies this year. However, everyone is taking a leading role and really striving to motivate the team."

"The only real weakness we have to work on is coordinating the defensive players and the middies. The new rules make the game much quicker, and we need our midfielders to adjust and play both offense and defense."

Junior Matt Cooper leads the team in goals with 21. Thatcher and Ko are tied for second with 14. Tri-captain Mark Agostinelli leads in assists with 11, while Ko and Cooper are tied for second with eight each. The team's excellent start has not gone unrecognized. Cooper was honored as the Daily Record Athlete of the Week, and Ko



Senior middle Phil Franz cradles while a Colby player pursues.

is currently the New Jersey Nine lacrosse player of the week.

The Rangers will play Swarthmore College tomorrow and then go on to play Princeton April 3. If they can continue the excellent play of the past few games, the men's lacrosse team should be looking forward to a record-breaking season.

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Tough break puts men's tennis in a hole

By Brian Duff
Staff Writer

THINGS are not always what they seem; this cliché applies to the men's tennis team. One might look at their present 3-7 record and write them off for the season. However, this is not the case with the Ranger netters.

During their spring break trip, they not only encountered some stiff competition, including a nationally ranked team in University of California-San Diego, but some unseasonably chilly weather as well. In addition, they were without the services of Tyler Gibson, who plays number three singles and number one doubles.

While their record did not reflect a successful road trip performance, many intangible successes were accomplished.

"The tough schedule helps strengthen and prepare us for our conference play later in the season," Coach Vern Mummert said.

The first team the Rangers faced was Occidental College. After dropping a close 5-4 match to them last year, the Drew netters were looking for revenge. However, it was not to be, as they were trailing 4-2 going into doubles play and eventually lost 6-3.

Their next opponent was a Division II Azusa Pacific squad. Once again, the Rangers dug a hole for themselves early, as both first singles Mark Rush and third singles Rick Allen dropped their matches. Sophomore Frank Tanney earned a win at second singles to prevent a sweep of the first three matches. The final result was pretty much the same, with a 6-3 final.

"At this point things were pretty frustrating," Rush said. "In both matches, we had guys playing well, we just couldn't seem to all play well at the same time."

The next day the Rangers faced the number five team in the nation, U.C.-San Diego, with the result being a 9-0 drubbing in favor of Drew's powerful opponents. Tanney turned in a valiant performance at second singles, but it was a losing effort.

"It was a good experience to play a team of that caliber," Mummert said.

The following day, Drew played perennial power Connecticut College. The losing skid continued, with the Rangers only pulling out one match of the nine.

At this point, one might have written off the trip as a complete loss, but Drew fought back. Playing Whittier College the next day, the Rangers unleashed all of their frustrations in a 8-1 whitewash.

Drew rounded out the California trip with a continued vengeance against the University of Laverne.

All players turned in strong performances in the 7-2 victory. With their home match against Ramapo College rained out, the Rangers were faced with a week layoff before their next match.

"During that week, in practice everyone was playing well and hitting the ball hard," Rush said. "We started to build up some confidence."

On Saturday, the Rangers played at Division I Lehigh University. Due to inclement weather, the match was moved inside. The fast indoor surface gave the Lehigh Engineers a distinct advantage. "We never played



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Sophomore Tyler Gibson is rebounding from early injury problems.

on a court that fast," Mummert said. The results displayed this fact, as the Rangers dropped the match 8-1.

Wednesday night, the Rangers had their

first match on the friendly confines of the Drew tennis facility. However, visiting FDU-Teaneck was not as friendly, with the final

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Rush starts tradition of tennis excellence

By Larry Grady
Staff Writer

THERE have been two new additions to the Drew tennis program in the past few years that have helped to elevate its status.

One of the additions lies in the corner of campus—it is the new tennis facility. Now, the Rangers can bring their traditionally strong tennis exploits to on-campus home courts and use it to attract good players.

The second and even more important aspect walks around campus. He is the first top recruit through which the program has grown and will continue to grow. He is Mark Rush.

"Mark was the beginning of getting some good players into the program," Coach Vernon Mummert said. "He was the first one and has been the foundation of the tennis team's success over the last three years."

Rush grew up playing a wide variety of sports: hockey, baseball, soccer, along with tennis, which he took up at the age of eight after his parents began taking lessons.

As years passed, he came to realize that tennis was his game, although he continued to play soccer through high school. Tennis was best suited to his tall, lean build, and it was always tennis that he enjoyed the most and excelled at.

"My parents always influenced me," Rush said. "I owe just about everything to them. They always took me to lessons, matches, and were always there to support me."



Acorn Photo/ Lynn Anne Christie

Senior Mark Rush has established a precedent for tennis excellence at Drew.

Coming out of Loomis-Chaffee High School's well-respected tennis program, Rush was looking to play college tennis and had partial tennis scholarship opportunities at the University of Connecticut and the University of Hartford. Rush credits Mummert as one of his main reasons for

choosing Drew.

"Coach Mummert showed me he was interested, that I could play right away, and that he was enthusiastic about the upcoming season," Rush said.

"It was important to get a player of Mark's type out of a school with a good tennis

tradition to boost our program," Mummert explained.

Rush came in and immediately stepped into the number one slot. He did not disappoint anyone, making his presence known in the MAC as he advanced to the semifinals of the MAC individual tournament, ending his freshman season with a 17-7 record. For the first time ever, the Rangers won the MAC Northeast crown.

"It really boosted my confidence to come in and play number one right away," Rush said. "People knew who I was, and I met a lot of people."

His sophomore campaign was nearly identical, ending with a 24-8 mark, again playing at number one. Once again, he made it to the semifinals of the MAC individual tournament, leading the Rangers to their second consecutive MAC Northeast section championship, and their first ever MAC Northern Division crown.

"Being a part of a team that accomplished something never done before was probably the most memorable moment in my career," Rush said.

Rough times fell on Rush his junior year. Away in London his first semester without playing much tennis, Rush came back in the spring out of shape and overtaken at the number one slot by freshman Tyler Gibson.

"I was trying to win my matches, regain the number one position, help the team win, and keep the team together as its captain, which had a lot of stress in it," Rush said. "It was a hard year."

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