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DREW UNIVERISTY **ACRON**

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"All the news we can find...
and then some."



Unidentified flying object lands at Drew; Kean set to call in National Guard

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MODERN HISTORY AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT HAS LANDED INTACT ON EARTH'S SURFACE, AND IT HAS REMAINED STATIONARY AT THE CENTER OF CAMPUS EVER SINCE.

According to Dennis Ohring, Chairman of the Face Saving Committee at NASA, "The object is a genuine U.F.O. and should be treated with caution. And no, we don't think it will explode."

The flat, shapeless structure sits slightly east of Great Hall, in between Hoyt and Haselton dorms. It has remained there since it first appeared, and student reaction to it has varied. "It's hideous!" shrieked freshman Ima Ditts. "Couldn't it have landed at F.D.U. or something?"

Sophomore Bud Imbiber agrees: "Surrounded by neoclassical and Gothic architecture, it sticks out like a dead cat in a rose garden."

According to University Presi-



The U.F.O., exclusively photographed by the Acron's private helicopter under extreme duress. We hope you appreciate the pilot's bravery and self-sacrifice.

dent Thomas Kean, the craft sits on the site of the new university center, which is still in the planning stages. The center cannot be built until the craft either moves itself or is towed away by security.

"I was going to call out the National Guard," said Kean, "but then I remembered...I can't do that anymore."

Security has assured Kean that the craft can be destroyed with a few

quick K-turns by its trained drivers, but since next year's budget has already been finalized there is no spare money to purchase a new fleet of squad cars.

Instead, the administration has been negotiating with the craft's lone inhabitant, a large humanoid nicknamed "Tullio" by a group of students who find it cute.

When asked if progress has been made, a trustee replied, "We're not sure if our languages are compatible yet. It keeps asking us to use the proper channels, whatever that means."

Acorn Photo/Gina Dolce

COMING ATTRACTIONS...

THE TROJAN CONDOM COMPANY WILL BE INSTALLING VENDING MACHINES IN MOST DORMS NEXT WEEK FOR ITS NEW PRODUCT, MAGNUM CONDOMS.

According to its promotional literature, Magnums are designed "for men who find regular condoms un-

comfortable."

When a company spokesperson was asked about the vagueness of this phrase, she replied: "If you have to ask, don't worry about it."

The spokesperson said the machines were being installed at the request of Drew's S.G.A., and should be in working order on Mon-

day.

S.G.A. Attorney General Deb Meyers verified this, saying "We hoped it would prove that despite rumors to the contrary, S.G.A. has been working on some big problems."

Meyers explained that the machines wouldn't be installed in dorms with a large freshman population, since these will receive the new MicroMan brand the following week.

**THE ACRON HAS A
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We hope you like it!

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THREE YEARS, THE ACRON HAS CHANGED AN AWARD-WINNING TRADITION BY ALTERING ITS IMAGE.

After taking a week off to create a new look, we've added larger headlines and a bolder style that reflects our new ideology and journalistic approach.

According to Editor in Chief Barry Kazan, "Truth is boring. We got tired of headlines like 'Infirmary Hours Reduced,' so we thought we'd spice things up a little."

New features will eventually include an obituary page, an Administration Scapegoat of the Week, and a suite party gossip column.

Also, a new weekly column by Sports Editor Jeff Blumenthal will chronicle developments in the Business Office. The tentative title will be "Bloopers, Blunders, and Practical Jokes."

Critics have accused the Acron of resorting to tabloid journalism, but Entertainment Editor Nancy Volkers says the new format is a sign of changing tastes in readership. "The average student wants to know about who hooked up with who at Hurst, not about the lecture on the current state of Samoan shepherds."

Opinions Editor Mike Falk agrees. "It's not yellow journalism: It's slightly off-white."

OPINIONS

Editorial

The art of badly writing

AS Nigel Tufnel says in *This is Spinal Tap*, "There's a very fine line between clever and stupid." Nobody ever called Nigel a tower of wit, but he wasn't a liar either.

And in no case is his quote more true than the art of writing, because only the best writers can mask utter incompetence with a thin veneer of pure genius.

Ask any of the Micronesian kelp farmers who have been winning the Nobel Prize for Literature for the past decade. Or Stephen King, for that matter.

But to really grasp this truth, think of the last time you started a five-page paper at 2 a.m. on the night before it was due. Remember that? Sure you do—the noise from my stereo was probably keeping you up.

If you squeaked out a B or higher, that paper's a masterpiece. The geeks who spent a comfortable week on it and got an A+ don't even compare—you worked harder, and got more out of less. That's efficiency.

And if you drank while doing it, more power to you. After downing a couple of Budweisers, most of us can't write the equivalent of "Old MacDonald Had a Farm," let alone an opus magnum.

For another example, think of the essay you wrote for your college entrance application. Chances are it went something like this: "If you were to be stranded on a desert island for life, what three things would you bring and why?"

Of course, we won't wonder what illegal substances the admissions officers were taking when they cooked this one up (But if they can draw a salary for fantasizing all day, they deserve the respect they get).

Now, the average freshman wanna-be will write something like: "I would bring a kite, my guitar, and a copy of the Bible." He does this because he expects the admissions officer to say, "Goodness, what a noble character!"

Wrong.

The poor slob reading this will pop another Alka-Seltzer and moan, "Another Bible essay. I should've been an accountant." Writers like this give bad writing a bad...uh, worse name.

The correct response would be: "I'd take a foosball table, a multi-colored tropical drink, and a party boat (in which you would find several intoxicated guests, a Denon sound system and an Irish Setter wearing sunglasses).

This answer tells the officer you possess the independence and originality to break conventional standards and set your own. If Drew wanted to teach Shakespeare to sheep, they'd hire a bunch of shepherds.

Kind of makes you wonder, doesn't it?

The reader will also see that you know how to kick back and party. In a dog-eat-dog, rat race world of stupid animal analogies, this is imperative.

Drew's full-time writing department (both of you) should consider a course entitled "On Writing Badly Well," for your minors can never excel until they move easy within the harnesses of their own incompetence.

ACRON

Rich Christiano
Editor in Brief

Revived in 1990

A yearly newspaper of the Drew Community by a disgruntled ex-editor who found the Acron office door unlocked yesterday.

The Acron welcomes letters from our readers which are reasonably well-written, if not intelligent. Letters should be sent to The Acron via campus mail box L-321. Deadline for publication in next issue is March 30, 1991. All letters must be signed, addressed, typed, notarized, sealed, and double-spaced. Names will be withheld if we find them amusing. Letters should not exceed two type-written pages in length...we're really not that interested in your opinion.
All letters become the property of the Acron and may be made into paper planes at our discretion.
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What goes around comes around...

To the Editor:
In response to last week's letter which is a response to the previous week's letter which was an outraged reply to an insensitive put-down of a letter which nobody remembers anymore, I'd just like to say that I disagree.

I.M. Uptight

Finally, the last word on censorship

To the Editor:
Is it against your journalistic principals [sic.] to print the word [expletive deleted]?

Joe Falmouth

Danny wants a job...pretty please?

To the Editor:
I'd like to take the time to write this letter as an open letter, because I have some time open anyway. I'll be looking for a job in five years, and I think there isn't a nicer place in the whole world to be a vice president than good old Drew University in Morristown, New Jersey.

I appeal to President Kean and the wise students of Drew College to consider me as a perspective vice president if the current vice president doesn't want to be vice president anymore. I think we can accomplish a lot if we work together to make sure America's future is very accomplished in light of education.

I hope you will consider me in 1995, and I wish you the best of luck with that new football field.

J. Danforth Quayle,
Vice President of the United States of America

ON THE MUDDY TRAIL

by "Barry Kazan"

Everything's coming up roses

LAST night, after three hours of filling up glasses with water and saying to myself, "Full...no, it's empty...no, wait..." it happened. Maybe it was inevitable.

The room was a bit stuffy, and in order to relieve the overbearing "essence of Drew" I opened a window and took a breath.

And I became an optimist.

Just like that.

Suddenly it was all so clear...I've been happy with this university's sense of community all along.

The glass was always half full...it just took a while for the milk of human kindness to drip into my soul.

It's so exhilarating to emerge from three years of sensory deprivation...so fulfilling to look each and every club member in the eye and say "Hi, neighbor!"

It's so nice to see from the pile of editorial applications for next year that someone will be running this paper besides me. (Despite my miraculous change of heart, I'm still

burned out.)

Why, even when we only took second place in the N.J.P.A. college journalism contest, I felt like calling them up and thanking the nice judges for their generosity.

Really.

My opinion of S.G.A. has entirely reversed: in this newfound sense of amity I've come to learn that they try hard. After all, isn't that enough?

And I really didn't mean to say that their meetings are funnier than a Rich Christiano humor piece.

That wasn't fair to Rich.

So here I am, a newborn optimist at my window. I have only one question to pose to my sunny group of peers.

If I left this window open, and I froze to death in this winter of optimism...

I'm just curious—

Would anyone notice?

Or better yet, would anyone do anything about it?

President Kean's office hours will be from 3 to 5 p.m.

If he is unavailable, Vice President McDonald will hold the same office hours.

If he is unavailable, Dean Cucchi will hold office hours between 3 and 4 (he eats an early dinner).

If he is unavailable, find George Eberhardt. He's the one who really runs the show anyway.

Madame Roxana's astral survival guide
DAILY HORRORSCOPE

Trust her... she knows everything.

ARIES - You'll hear from a long-forgotten relative today, and he or she will probably ask for money.

CANCER - Stay in bed. None of your classes today are worth it.

SAGITTARIUS - You are destined for greatness...better start dieting.

VIRGO - Your English prof will misplace your midterm exam. Don't bother studying.

CAPRICORN - Your chances of being struck on the head by a "passenger comfort bag" dropped from a Boeing 747 are fairly slim at best.

GEMINI - Call your Aunt Gladys. She just fell down, and you're not in her will yet.

LEO - A surprising romantic devel-

opment lies in your near future, but since it involves a nasty disease you're better off studying this week-end.

TAURUS - A computer virus at Visa will give you an infinite credit rating. Buy that Porsche.

PISCES - Watch out for falling acorns. Journalism ain't what it used to be.

SCORPIO - You have a killer disposition. Watch those stinging rebukes (sorry).

AQUARIUS - Leave the driving to someone else today. There's a maniac in a driver's ed car whose front bumper has your car's name on it.

LIBRA - What kind of zodiacal sign is "scales," anyway?



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PERSONAL ADS



Guy, 20, Chem major, kinda shy, looking for that missing element in my periodic table. I smell bad most of the time, but have an explosive personality under the right conditions. Call Iggy at 7545.

Gal, 18, Math major, very conservative, always in bed by 9:30, G.P.A. a steady four-point-one. Searching for someone who's not afraid of leather and a little discipline. Call Martha at 7231.

Guy, 21, Theatre major, likes torn clothing, unkempt but vaguely artistic-looking appearance, looking for...anybody. Call Duncan at 7614.

Gal, 19, English major, great storyteller, knows lots of Milton jokes, a lost and forlorn noun in search of the ultimate verb. Call Rhoda at 7910.

Guy, 19, undeclared major, Southern-type good-ole boy, lookin' for a hog wrestlin', square dancin', varmint shootin', 4-wheel-drivin', gospel singin', bull chip throwin' good-ole-gal. Call Gary at 7271.

Gal, 20, undeclared major, really into cosmic consciousness, devout believer in crystal power, big Shirley MacLaine fan, dynamic life philosophy. Call me anything you like at 7055.



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DREW UNIVERISTY ACRON Gossip

FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 1990

GOSSIPLINE

A QUICK READ ON WHO DUMPED WHO AND WHO THREW UP IN THE HOYT FIRST BATHROOM

VIRUS MOVING FAST: Students are urged to use protection when using their computers, since a virulent and rather embarrassing social disease has been discovered in one of the Academic Computer Center's terminals. In a never-ending voice mail announcement, virus expert Mick Betwailer said, "A pair of gloves should be a safe enough precaution. We've placed the promiscuous terminal under quarantine, and will program the others for safe input early next week." He declined to speculate on the origin of the virus, hinting only that some Computer Science majors may have taken the term "user friendly" a bit too liberally.

SPRING CONCERT: The Acron has learned from a very reliable source that New Kids on the Block will be the featured attraction in the upcoming spring concert. As the most talented and innovative musical act since Mozart, the Kids are expected to be a big draw. Said our informant, "Bubble gum and a very personal, romantic note from one of the Kids will be given to the first 100 ticketholders." When asked about the possibility of male fans attending, the source replied: "Huh?"

DREW FORCE ONE? Our informants in the Plant office tell us that a new ultramodern golf cart has been ordered by "someone in the administration." They can't be more specific, but were able to tell us that the cart will have genuine leather seats, cruise control, Old English-style monograms on the hood and trunk, and extended-life backup batteries. It will also be equipped with such defensive mechanisms as a student whining shield, an anti-Democrat death ray and a squirrel tracking mechanism equal in sophistication to the U.S. Navy's "Aegis" system.

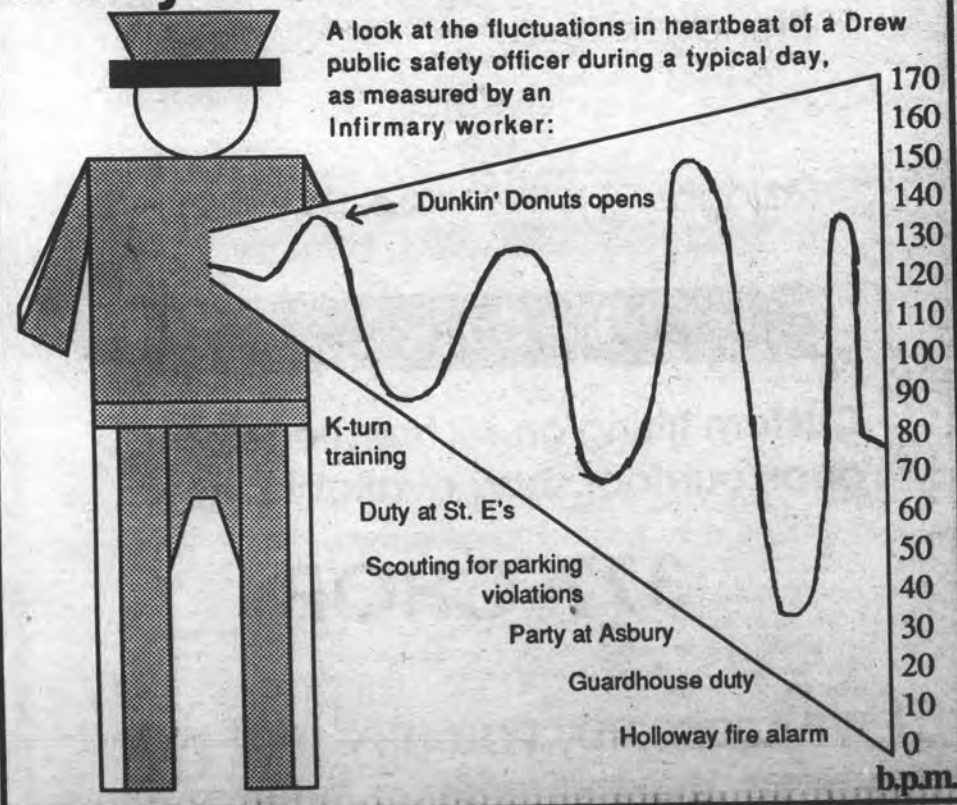
DIG A DITCH FOR DREW: In a massive campus de-beautification scandal, the culprit behind the unsightly trenches and dirt piles was revealed today. After a three-day manhunt involving the entire campus security force, Madison Police (alias "Mustang Busters"), private detectives and a S.W.A.T. team imported from New York, the entity responsible for the damage turned out to be...a gopher.

BEER FOR F.A.P.: In a press statement released today, the U.C. Board announced that beer will be served at F.A.P. To be served, however, everyone must bring three forms of identification, a note from one or both parents, a character reference written by a non-relative, and a completed doctor's approval form. Coupons will be sold in \$5 amounts, with each 75 cent coupon redeemable for one serving of beer (5 fluid ounces).

ACRON SNAPSHOTS®

A look at statistics that shape the Drew world

A day in the life...



DREW HIRES NEW VICE PRESIDENT

A STRONG SENSE OF OPTIMISM IS IN THE AIR AS PRESIDENT KEAN GETS SET TO WORK WITH NEW VICE PRESIDENT I. RIEK. "HE KNOWS HIS WAY AROUND CAMPUS," SAID KEAN. "HE ALSO HAS A GOOD NOSE FOR DETAIL AND A PUNGENT SENSE OF HUMOR." RIEK'S RANK AS A COLLEGE ADMINISTRATOR IS WELL KNOWN. DETAILS, PAGE 2P.U.

BACK PAGE STORY

Graduation plans set; Mead Hall to be used after all

Astroturf will be used
to cover gravel

By Ugotta B. Kidden
DREW UNIVERISTY ACRON

Scoreboard, siren
among new features

Kean to "hand off" diplomas

That's about all the article has to say,
but you can read it anyway

Despite fears to the contrary, this year's graduation ceremonies will take place behind Mead Hall according to tradition.

Since the fire of last August made it necessary to cover the Mead lawn with gravel in order to accommodate heavy construction equipment, a layer of Astroturf will cover the gravel to make the surface more pleasant.

According to Dean of Student Life Denise Alleyne, other sites were considered. "The tennis court lot and the Tolley circle were options, but the Astroturf was the best

solution."

Alleyne explained that some of the more athletic seniors wanted to dive for their diploma, and the Astroturf would prevent them from injury.

President Kean has agreed to forgo the usual handshake and "hand off" diplomas to any seniors who request it. "It's a cute idea, actually. I'm always willing to help out our football team."

An electronic scoreboard will be installed above the Mead porch, and it will flash the major and G.P.A. of each senior as he receives his diploma.

Other new additions include a siren that will sound for all Phi Beta Kappa members, a liquid crystal display screen that will show slow-motion replays of everyone who trips up the porch stairs, and several faculty members who will instigate "the wave" in the crowd of onlookers.

Cucchi joins celebs

By Rollie Poley
DREW UNIVERISTY ACRON

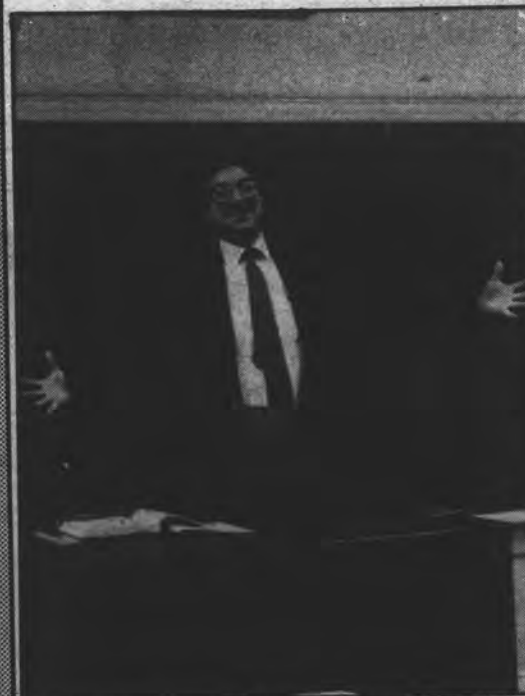
Dean Paolo Cucchi's smiling face will soon be seen on billboards all along the highways of America promoting the Ultra Slim-Fast diet program.

Cucchi will join the likes of celebrities Tommy LaSorda and Ed Koch in the massive advertising campaign.

Said Cucchi, "I think it's important for a college dean to have a wide variety of activities and not devote the bulk of his attention to the Snack Bar."

Cucchi reportedly lost 350 pounds using Ultra Slim-Fast.

However, he admitted that he would probably put the weight back on after the campaign. "I just can't resist a good plate of pasta," he said.



"I USED TO WEIGH THI-I-S MUCH."