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## DREW SCENE

### Gotham City break-in

Wednesday night between 1 and 3 a.m., an unknown intruder unlawfully entered the Modular Office Complex, Director of Public Safety Tom Evans said.

"An alarm was tripped in Gotham City so we sent someone over to check it out," Evans said. "When the officer arrived he found evidence of a break-in, but no one was in the building. He must have slipped out a window when he heard the officer coming."

Evans said the intruder was most likely looking for cash because valuable items such as computers were left undisturbed.

Using fingerprints found at the scene of the crime, Drew Public Safety and Madison Township Police have determined the suspect to be a local criminal, he said.

—Jason Kosnoski

### Election results

In the Student Government Association elections held Wednesday, freshman Gabriel O'Hare and sophomore David Daniels were elected University Senators over junior Greg Badishkanian, receiving 303, 200, and 195 votes respectively.

Curtis Combs and Jennifer Daskoch received 69 and 72 votes respectively, defeating Mike Nejat and Rick Kahaner for the senior class senator positions.

Write-ins Lori Ferraro and Linda Martin received 36 and 28 votes respectively, gaining the junior class senator positions.

From an original field of eight candidates, which was narrowed to six by a primary election Tuesday, Desha Jackson and Damon DiMarco were elected sophomore class senators over Michael Kiferly, Geoffrey Gerhardt, Andrew Cutting, and Alexander Yaggy.

The incoming freshman class will elect their senators in the fall.

—Drew News Service

## Student arrested for mail theft

By Jason Kosnoski  
News Editor

**S**OPHOMORE Ricky Bell was arrested Monday for various counts all relating to the alleged thefts of alleged thefts of checks and credit cards from the University mail room, Chief Donald Capen of the Madison Township Police said.

Bell was charged with fraud in relation to the use of stolen credit cards to purchase goods valued in excess of \$3,000. He was also charged with theft in relation to thefts of checks from the mail room and attempts to deposit these into the Chatham Trust Company, Capen said.

Dean of Student Life Denise Alleyne said that Bell has admitted to being guilty of all the charges.

"Whatever I did I'm responsible for, but there are a lot of things that happened that are still being pursued," Bell said. "The investigation is ongoing."

Bell posted the \$1,000 bond on the day of his arrest and is now waiting for his arraignment in New Jersey Superior Court.

In all, Bell has been charged with four counts of check fraud and two counts of theft, all third and fourth degree offenses under New Jersey law, Capen said.

"The sentences that these charges carry are all discretionary to the judge," he said. "I

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—Director of Public Safety  
Thomas Evans



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could say the maximum penalties, and it would sound ridiculous; he won't get that much."

Alleyne said that in serious cases such as this the student can either voluntarily withdraw from school, choose to face an informal appeal board made up of herself and other administrators, or choose to face the University Judicial Board.

Bell said he has chosen to withdraw from the University.

The arrest was made after a cooperative investigation between the Madison Township Police, the U.S. Postal Service, and Drew Public Safety.

The investigation was originally initiated by Evans.

"As soon as I got here we commenced the investigation. When we identified the subject we turned his name into the Madison police," Evans said. "Right now, security is out of it."

Evans said that the exact time of the thefts is not known as of yet but that he believes they might have begun as early as February. Charges are being pressed against Bell by both the Madison police and the Summit Bank Corporation.

"I feel sorry for him," Evans said, "but I feel more sorry for the victims of the crime."

## New area studies proposed

By Jason Kosnoski  
News Editor

**T**HE faculty of the College of Liberal Arts introduced a proposal to the Board of Trustees which would create an area studies program in the curriculum by, among other actions, hiring new faculty, establishing new courses, and assisting students who wish to travel abroad.

The proposal was developed by the Dean's Advisory Council and has been approved by the faculty, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts Paulo Cucchi said.

The University plans to institute the program over four years, beginning as soon as the trustees give their approval, which is expected this summer, Cucchi said.

Cucchi said funding for the proposal will come from either the Drew Plan or from the regular University budget. The total estimated cost of the proposal is \$580,000-630,000.

The proposal is divided into four major parts: Hiring new faculty, expanding the Multicultural Center, supporting area development programming, and funding for students' organized travel abroad.

The program will focus on four non-Western areas: African and African-American, Asian, Near Eastern, and Russian studies.

The proposal calls for one faculty member to be hired for each of the targeted areas. The search process will begin as soon as the trustees approve the plan in hopes of instituting these new positions by the 1991-92 academic year, Cucchi said.

Professor of Economics Fred Curtis said the search committee for these new faculty

members will be made up of both faculty and students.

After hiring these new faculty members, one or two additional faculty positions will be created, one in African and African-American studies, the other in an area yet to be determined.

According to the proposal, these new faculty members will be hosted by existing departments and will divide their time between that department, teaching new area studies courses, and attempting to enrich the multicultural diversity of the community.

The new area studies courses will be lower and interdisciplinary-level. The proposal does not call for a major or minor in any of these areas. "We want to explore every study," Cucchi said. "Over time some of the areas might be strengthened into majors or minors."

Curtis sees the courses as not only helping to promote greater understanding on campus, but also causing some controversy. "Often times the study of diversity causes misunderstandings with students," he said.

"To truly study these subjects one must look at all sides of the issue. To understand bigotry and exactly what African-Americans encounter when they face bigotry, stu-

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## Divestment talks begin

By Tom Fowler  
Assistant News Editor

**C**AMPUS organizations and the Board of Trustees recently began discussions concerning the issue of the University's investments in South Africa, Economics Department Chair Fred Curtis said.

Along with University President Tom Kean, Curtis met with representatives from the Drew Anti-Apartheid Movement, the University Senate's Committee on Social Responsibility, and the Board of Trustees' Committee on Social Responsibility in a special meeting Wednesday night.

Although no official statement could be

made about the results of the discussions, Kean expressed satisfaction with the meeting and with the dialogue that was opened between the groups.

"I was quite impressed with the meeting in terms of the issues of morality and consciousness that were discussed," he said. "I am encouraged by the goodwill that all sides showed and am optimistic that there is a genuine desire for a meeting of minds."

DAAM Co-Chair Amy Penkin attended the meeting and said she was also pleased with the discussions that occurred.

"I am pleased that DAAM and the trustees have met on a non-confrontational

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# Construction of athletic facility to begin

By Sam Hijab  
Staff Writer

DREW will begin construction on a \$14.5 million sports and recreation center this summer and expects its completion sometime in 1992, according to Director of Facilities Resource Management Jim Maloney.

"There will really be four buildings tied together in this project. You will have the old Baldwin Gym being connected to three new buildings: The new pool, the forum, and the inter-connect," Project Manager Steve Wiser said.

"The new pool will be designed for recreation as well as competition," Maloney said. The 25-meter pool will have six lanes and will range in depth from four and a half feet at the shallow end to 12 feet at the deep end. "For recreational purposes as well as scuba classes, you would want it that deep," he said.

The forum, the largest of the buildings, will contain four new full-size basketball courts which can also be used for tennis,

volleyball, and more, Wiser said. "The forum will be 25 percent larger than the inaugural tent," he said. Only the court used for official varsity games would provide seating for up to 1,000 people, he said.

According to Maloney, a 200-meter running track with six lanes will surround the four courts. "Although Drew doesn't currently have a track program, this will provide the opportunity for one in the future. It will also be a pleasant indoor place for people to walk and run," Maloney said.

The inter-connect building will create additional office space and provide mechanical space.

In addition to the three new buildings, the current athletic facility will be restructured, Maloney said.

"The old pool will come out, and two doubles-sized racquetball courts and three squash courts will go in there. There will be a second level observation area where spectators can look down on the racquetball courts as well as the pool."

Wiser said the facility will have two weight rooms, one with free weights and one with

Nautilus-type equipment.

In addition, the locker rooms will be upgraded. "There will be separate locker rooms for visiting teams, coaches and referees, and staff and faculty," Maloney said.

The new athletic facility will also have a combative sport area, a seminar room, an aerobics dance room, a central control desk, a hall of fame room, a student lounge, a concession area, a training room, an indoor batting cage, and general and recreation office areas, according to Wiser.

Maloney said the only two locations which will remain usable throughout the next two years will be the Baldwin Gym and the offices on the second floor. "The old gym will remain the same, bringing the new facility to a total of five courts."

"As a result of the construction, we won't have access to various areas throughout the next year," Maloney said. "We won't have locker room and showering facilities for at least a month. For a few months, there will be no pool."

There will also be traffic and parking problems. "The campus loop will be closed

for almost a year," Wiser said, "and there will be many heavy construction vehicles on campus."

The new facility will eliminate the tennis court parking lot, intensifying the already critical parking shortage.

"The parking issue is being addressed, we just have not found a solution as of yet. We already have a parking deficiency, and it is going to be increased," Maloney said.

According to Maloney, a new road will be constructed behind the old tennis courts and in front of the baseball field, and one-way access will eventually be provided.

To minimize disruption during the project, "A lot of the work will be sequenced when the campus is not that active: During the summer, JanTerm, and spring break," Maloney said. "The only risk is the weather."

"I can't wait to get started on the project," Wiser said. "All I know is that it's going to burn out a lot of people after the next two months and that it's going to be great."

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## Romney to speak at commencement

George Romney, former Michigan governor and founder of Volunteer—The National Center, will address the graduates at the Spring Commencement ceremonies May 19.

Romney has distinguished himself in both the public and private sectors of society. His business career includes serving as chairman and chief executive officer of American Motors in the late 1950's, at which time he was voted the Associated Press Businessman of the Year for four consecutive years.

Elected governor of Michigan in 1962, Romney completed three terms before running for president in 1968. Under President Nixon he served as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and most recently helped initiate President Bush's "Thousand Points of Light" program.

Romney's work in the civic sector includes acting as managing director of the Automotive Council for War Production during World War II, a cooperative volunteer effort of the automotive industry which produced 25 percent of all metal products needed by the American forces. In 1948 he created the nation's first United Way in Detroit and in 1974 founded Volunteer—The National Center to encourage and promote volunteerism.

"As a result of my experiences, I've concluded that the most important thing I can do is to strengthen the whole volunteer aspect of American life," Romney said.

He has made it his goal to create a Volunteer Center in every community that has a United Way, and so far more than 300 have been established.

—Kathy Kuehn

## Phone collection information

All students must return their telephone equipment to Telecommunications in the Commons Lobby May 10-19, even if planning to return for the summer session. Telecommunications Supervisor Lea Malmquist said.

Collection times will be 1-6 p.m. on those days, she said. Students should bring their ID cards as well as their phones, ADI's, and all linecards, and expect to spend about 20 minutes returning and processing the equipment, she said. Students who are unable to return their phone equipment at these times should contact Telecommunications at x3817 to discuss alternate arrangements, she said.

Students who will stay on or return to campus for the summer must also bring their phone equipment to the collection point in the Commons Lobby, where it will be inspected and returned to them, Malmquist said.

Fines of up to \$527 will be charged for lost or damaged equipment, she said. A \$25 processing fee will be applied if the Telecommunications staff must clean and correctly package a student's phone equipment, and a \$50 pickup fee will be charged if Telecommunications must retrieve the student's phone, she said. Repairs are billable at \$55 per hour plus materials charges, she said.

The Telecommunications Office recommends all students return their own phones, since they are financially responsible for their own phones, she said.

Detailed instructions about telephone return will be distributed to every resident student early next week and will also be available at the U.C. desk, the Telecommunications Office, and on the News bulletin board on Gamma.

—Kathy Kuehn

# Cable dedication scheduled

By Kathy Kuehn  
News Editor

In a ceremony to mark the initial installation of Drew's broadband cable network, University President Tom Kean and Bell Atlantic President Ronald Heyman will jointly plug in an oversized video screen behind the Learning Center May 9 at 11 a.m.

The ceremony is intended to symbolize the University's partnership with Bell Atlantic in utilizing technology in education, University Vice President Rick Detweiler said.

Bell Atlantic has agreed to cover virtually the entire cost of the cable installation to make reparation for the television reception interference created by the telephone and computer network, and also to use Drew for a showcase for the use of technology in education, Detweiler said.

The broadband cable network will be capable of transmitting many forms of high-speed data, including computer data and security system information, allowing for significant expansion of the network's uses over the next five or 10 years, Detweiler said.

"The capabilities are far more than we

need at this time. Bell Atlantic does expect us to use our imaginations to develop uses for the system—they want to be able to point to Drew as an example of technology in education," he said.

Plans for the network include the re-broadcast of channels 2-13 and some special cable services such as ESPN and one or more movie channels, Detweiler said.

"We are looking at the possibility of bringing in some of the foreign language networks and international programming from Europe. At this time we are in negotiations with both the local cable company and several satellite companies to figure out which will provide the best mix of services at the best price," Detweiler said. "As we do find out what options are available we will get in touch with student government leaders. I won't make singlehanded decisions about what programming to carry."

The cost to students will be \$38 per student per semester and is included in the room rates already quoted for the 1990-91 school year, Detweiler said. This charge will pay for the University to license the right to rebroadcast programming from either a cable company or a satellite company, and will be incorporated in the room fee every year as long as the cable television

service continues, he said. "If people don't want it we can always turn it off," Detweiler said.

Sophomore Christopher Nelson has already begun working to establish a club which would give students the opportunity to participate in internal programming. The club would promote a mixture of educational programming and student-written and produced segments, he said.

"We're still trying to get input from faculty and students," Nelson said. "The main point of the club is that we can learn to use video and editing equipment."

Reevaluating campus security is one of the University's priorities in the next few years, Detweiler said, and the broadband network may be implemented in a security system. "We must see if this method is cost-effective," he said.

The first cable will run from the Learning Center to Wendel and Tipple Halls and will take approximately three weeks to install, Detweiler said. "We may actually wait until after commencement to put the first trench in the ground to prevent further disruption of the campus," he said.

If after two weeks of testing everything works as it should, cable will be connected to most campus buildings, he said.



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## Committee created

By Ken Kisselman  
Staff Writer

THE Student Government Association approved a proposal to create a student-faculty relations board, S.G.A. President Matthew Latterell said.

The proposal was sent to the Dean's Advisory Council Thursday for approval. The board will evaluate already existing student programming in an attempt to increase faculty involvement, Latterell said.

It will also design new programming for the purpose of enhancing faculty student relations.

Latterell said that he sees the board "more as an easy way of communicating, not as a hierarchical or structured one."

The board's faculty representation will be composed of four professors represent-

ing each of the four divisions of the C.L.A. as well as the Director of Student Activities and the Dean of Student Life.

The board will also include students representing each of the Extra Classroom Activities Board sub-boards, the University Center Board, the Drew University Dramatic Society, The Other End, and Varsity D.

"The board represents every clique I can think of, but I'm worried that it doesn't include one representative from each class," ECAB Vice Chair Tom Liponcelli said. "I hope this board will be a model for other universities in the future."

According to Latterell, "The board is not necessarily the solution, but it is one way to get faculty more involved and to get students to go up and talk to faculty on a friendly level rather than an academic one."

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basis," Penkin said. "The meeting came about because the trustees decided that they wanted to end this confrontational situation. The University Senate's Social Responsibility Committee and DAAM have been calling for this sort of meeting for years, so we're really pleased."

Senate Social Responsibility Committee Chair and Theological School Professor Neil Hamilton was also optimistic about Wednesday's meeting.

"It was a very constructive meeting that gave us hope of progress toward a resolution of the divestment issue. Everyone seemed to be in a mood to meet each other more than half way," he said.

Kean said that while the meeting was a good sign for the Drew Community, no definite decisions have yet been made.

"There is still difficult language that has to be agreed upon and has to be brought to the groups on all sides—DAAM, the Senate committees, and so on," he said. "But it should not be long before some kind of statement can be made."

According to Hamilton, the current University policy regarding the investment portfolio calls for divestment of all stocks in companies with direct connections in South Africa except for health care and communications companies.

Hamilton also said the University would use the power of its proxy votes in these corporations to ensure compliance with the Sullivan Principles, a compilation of criteria

to which companies should adhere to demonstrate their political sensitivity to the situation in South Africa.

"It took a task force of students and faculty to come up with [Drew's] policy, which was passed by the trustees in 1986," Hamilton said. "But over time it became clear that these measures did not go far enough."

Since the current policy went into effect, numerous resolutions addressed to the trustees have been passed by the faculty and students of all three schools in the University concerning divestment.

"What this amounts to is that a major part of the community has taken the same position that DAAM had all along," Hamilton said. "This means DAAM's position was not just that of a few radical or dissenting students, but of a majority of the campus."

Curtis, who has been actively involved in the divestment movement on campus for over six years, explained that while the trustees have decreased the percentage of investments in South African-affiliated companies, they have failed to do so completely.

"They [the trustees] only count South African operations owned by U.S. firms for divestment," he said. "We [the divestment movement] count licensing agreements and patents as well because they all support the government of South Africa with taxes."

"The basic difference between the two sides in the issue is that we listen to a different set of opinions when trying to make a decision concerning this issue. We look to the liberation movement in South Africa while they tend to look to the government and other groups for ideas."

students might have to read the writings of a white supremacist."

The second part of the plan is to expand the responsibilities of the Multicultural Center to include coordinating the non-academic aspects of the proposal, such as cultural programming, housing information, and resource development in these areas.

In order to perform these activities the proposal calls for hiring a new full-time director of the Multicultural Center. The present director, Pat Peek, also serves as Assistant Director of Student Activities.

"We will certainly consider her a strong candidate for the post," Cucchi said.

The third part of the program calls for the creation of a fund which would support existing programs and improve their multicultural activities.

These additions could be used for library or video materials, adjunct visiting faculty, faculty development workshops, guest speakers, field trips, or other activities related to the new areas of study.

The fourth part of this program would establish a travel fund for students who wish to organize trips abroad relating to the area studies programs. Completing the area studies courses relating to that area would be a prerequisite for eligibility for the fund.

The fund would be established at \$200,000, which would enable 100 students per year to travel under the auspices of this program.

"This program will definitely get people involved," Curtis said. "Most schools of our size have similar programs, although some other programs might not be as comprehensive as ours."

Cucchi said this program will help alleviate some of the rising racial tensions on campus by encouraging understanding among people of different backgrounds.

"In general, diversity is a word that everybody uses and supports," he said. "Until you make an effort to actually support diversity, it's just a word, and you're not doing anything."

Junior Jamie Lavender said the program is a step in the right direction, but he feels that even if this proposal is instituted, much more must be done to encourage diversity and multiculturalism.

"Many more faculty need to be hired; six or seven is just nothing compared to the size of the problem," he said.

"Also, we need not just courses in Africa and African-American studies, we need an



## OPINIONS

## Editorial

## Tolerating diversity

LOOKING back on this year's issues of the Acorn, one thread runs through a majority of the articles, letters, and editorials: The acceptance of (or, in many cases, the refusal to accept) diversity.

Diversity encompasses an infinite number of ideas such as multiculturalism, different sexual orientations, and assorted opinions. There can be no question that the student population comprises all of these—but is there enough diversity? More importantly, is everyone open-minded toward such diversity?

Faces appearing on the publicity posters for last Sunday's abortion debate were viciously scribbled on. Campaign posters for University and class Senate candidates were defaced or completely ripped down—"just for the fun of it." Whoever thinks Drew students are apathetic must not be aware of these "silent protests."

It comes down to a grave lack of respect for another's opinion. Instead of walking past a Pro-Life poster, for example, and thinking that just maybe there's more than one side to an issue, people have to deface that poster because they cannot tolerate any idea different from their own.

Rather than attending a Women's Concerns lecture on the off-chance that they may have meaningful issues to discuss, people scoff and make cracks about "barefoot and pregnant."

Without participating in an event sponsored by Hyera or Ariel for the slim possibility that there might be more than one perspective from which to view the world, people make jokes using racial slurs.

Now we, like college campuses across the country, must face the issue of racism, and perhaps no other topic has generated more of a response. Students, professors, and administrators alike are talking about and debating the issue. Unfortunately, some are even fighting about it.

For us to live together in a true community, we must maintain a certain amount of respect—no matter how personal the topic or how heated the debate. We only make matters worse by jumping to unsubstantiated conclusions or belittling other people for their beliefs.

In most respects, this has been an exciting time to assume the editorial positions of the Acorn, for this newspaper has served as the most significant forum for the expression of opinions. However, as editors, we have had to face difficult challenges during the past three weeks regarding our responsibility as ethical journalists. And one of those challenges has been the accusation that the Acorn itself is racist.

As we attempt to format an editorial policy for next year's Acorn, we continue to run into problems. In trying to cover every newsworthy event or express all sides of an issue, we run up against the inevitable limitations of funding and space. In the past, the Acorn has attempted to publish every letter to the editor received, but some issues provoke so many responses, it becomes physically impossible to print each letter. Therefore, regulations—such as a two-page limit—must be imposed, or, in extreme cases, letters must be withheld. We want to provide not only all the pertinent material available but also a balance—a diversity—of material.

The Acorn invites your letters; we welcome your criticism. However, the accusatory tone of some letters printed this year accomplished little—except spurring the accused person to write back a letter just as petty. It's an endless, vicious cycle. The Acorn provides space for letters so that students can voice their concerns and their constructive criticisms, not so that people who have never seen each other before can fight back and forth in this forum. That just isn't communication.

If the issues of racism and diversity persist into next year—and they should, for they are not even close to being resolved yet—there must be clear-headed, rational communication on all sides. At least the topic is now out in the open, and with further communication and the proposed expansion of the area studies program, everyone can move closer to accepting diversity on this campus.

We don't all have to like each other, but we do have to live together. If there is no respect for the diversity that does exist on this campus, then there won't be anything worth coming back to next year.

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## OPINIONS

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Raise consciousness of racist attitudes

To the Editor:

Last week's Acorn included letters from several people concerned about racism at Drew. I applaud the authors of those letters, who are both students and faculty, for taking a stand on the issue, and for having the courage to speak out.

As some students know, institutional racism is an issue which has become more and more difficult to struggle against. Racist attitudes are much more subtle in athletic department recruiting than they are at a Klan rally. And although the Klan is alive and well, along with many other white supremacist groups, in both the Southern U.S. and the North, there is no active Klan at Drew. That does not mean that there are no active racists at Drew. Racism, like sexism, classism, and homophobia, exists on a continuum. The continuum ranges from racist violence (on one extreme), through telling racist jokes and using slurs, through to discrimination by race in housing, hiring, or educational processes (institutional racism).

Thus, institutional racism is tied, through this continuum, to racist violence?

Yes, this is not to say that, for example, Richard Szlasa burns crosses on the front lawns of African-American families.

It is saying that, if Mr. Szlasa has a racist attitude, consciously or unconsciously, he is contributing to a climate of racism that allows more extreme racist actions (like burning crosses on the front lawns of African-American families) to occur. And because Mr. Szlasa is not part

of the solution, he is part of the problem.

With this in mind, it becomes apparent that the underlying principle of the continuum is attitude. Although all people in this society have biased attitudes, some people are more conscious of these attitudes than others. Because the majority of individuals (and the institutions in which they participate) lack consciousness, they cannot be part of the solution. That means they are part of the problem. Thus, raising consciousness about attitudes is of utmost importance in finding solutions and combating racism.

If you desire to raise your consciousness, to become part of the solution, the first step is admitting that there is a problem. The next step is asking questions. Rather than reacting defensively (as did Falk and Blumenthal et al.), if you feel offended when someone tries to enlighten you to your own racism, ask instead, "Why am I being called a racist?" If someone seems to be angry at your behavior, ask, "Why are they angry?" Reacting defensively without trying to understand someone else's point of view is an obstacle to raising consciousness. Dialogue is a stepping stone.

I hope that everyone will continue to think and talk about these issues, removing obstacles, and creating more stepping stones. The past few weeks of open communication, angry or not, have certainly been an improvement from the oppressive silence that often dominates Drew. Jamie Lavender

## Mitchell defends her views on racism

To the Editor:

First, I'd like to clarify what I meant by my last letter. When I spoke of learning about European heritages, I wasn't referring to important dates, people, wars, etc. I would like to learn more about the cultures, their traditions, etc. which you can't learn in high school or college history class.

What bothers me is that I asked a simple, straightforward question and was answered with accusations of being ignorant and a racist. Someone could have easily answered my question by giving "That Medieval Thing" as an example. (Which, Jamie Lavender, I did not attend because I was working on a paper all day.) Instead people got caught up in all the name-calling that has been going on. I agree with the point that Falk and Blumenthal were making in their letter. People throw the word racist around without thinking of the meaning behind it.

Yes, I would also agree there is racism at Drew and in the nation, but not at all compared to how it has been in the past. In addition, Mike and Jeff

were accused of trivializing racism by the way they wrote their letter. Would you accuse Jesus Christ of trivializing God and His Kingdom because he used parables to make it easier to understand?

The fact of the matter is, we could continue walking around campus calling each other racists, sexists, and homophobes and it wouldn't do a thing except infuriate people more and make the situation worse.

We should stop trying to balance the scales, and treat everyone the way they deserve because of their human qualities. For example, admit students to schools because they are qualified to go there, not because of their color or sex. The same holds true for hiring people for a job. Hopefully, after time (and it may take a lot) things will even out.

Trying to balance the scales just runs into reverse discrimination, and the endless circle is never broken. Maybe after reading this you would call me an idealist, but don't call me a racist. Diana Meredith Mitchell

## Calling for appreciation of differences

To the Editor:

The current spat over who is a racist or who could be prejudiced toward Tagalog-speaking pregnant single Inuit paraplegic women is insulting to me and many other Drew students.

The angry finger-pointing and name-calling hasn't increased multicultural awareness, but has unfortunately promoted heated one-way discussion within interested groups. A proving ground has been paved with misinformation and deep emotion.

Sadly, we have stumbled to a point in our history where we are afraid of Americans based upon skin pigmentation. This is foolish.

The garbage about whether we are African-American, Latino American, European American, Native American, or Irish American shouldn't be more than expressions of our ethnic pluralism. Why must these insidious descriptions be played off each other?

I add to these a term I detest, "People of Color." I'm not included under that umbrella despite the fact that I have blue and white eyes, pink lips, and light olive skin. I don't use color to set myself apart. It's ridiculous.

As a concerned Drew student, I have questions regarding the "problems" incurred by the presence of disgruntled minority students. Questions that need to be answered without being pegged a racist for simply asking the question.

I deplore being called a racist as much as I suspect Kevin Chisolm would deplore being called an African Jungle Bunny. I'm not attacking my fellow students. I respect all views that can be supported by facts, reason, and conviction.

I am curious why the following transposed.

During an S.G.A. Town Meeting about two years ago a minority student stated that he and his minority friends found not one, but all of their courses too difficult. "The teachers teach above our heads and too fast," he complained. He then demanded that professors come down to his level and teach material slowly. Isolated incidents maybe, but no less infuriating.

I am curious why minorities receive special treatment on campus? A student's bicycle was damaged beyond repair at a Hyera-Ariel party in Haselton basement three years ago. A former Associate Director of Admissions (who was attending the party) refused to investigate the incident. A former Dean of Students commented that she didn't like to make waves with the minority groups and told the victimized student to drop the matter.

I am curious why professor and black male role model George-Harold Jennings rudely argued with space shuttle astronaut Guy Bluford at a Black History Month lecture two years ago. Col. Bluford asked for more black students to study math and physics as opposed to "easier" majors such as sociology and that he'd never experienced overt racism during his Penn State studies. Jennings didn't like the statement and pursued prolonged argument. I was embarrassed by his disrespect for others, especially as the role model he purports to be.

I am curious why "black" Caribbean peoples living in the U.S. have a documented higher

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## Senior comments about 'the Drew Screw'

By Mike Falk  
Staff Writer

15 days away from graduating from this school, and I couldn't get a warm shower this morning. That didn't come as a total shock, but it was a bit surprising, since my floor hadn't had hot water problems in at least two weeks.

No big deal. After four years, I've learned to expect and accept mediocrity from Screw U. I've grown so numb from constantly banging my head against the wall that I'm now satisfied with just getting almost all the necessities.

I don't want to sound like a party-pooper. I consider my college career a great success. But success was not achieved because of Drew University; in fact, it was achieved in spite of Drew University.

And that's the way I feel as I get set to graduate. I'll miss much of what I've experienced here, but there are many things I won't miss. Most of what I'll miss involves people I've met: Friends, faculty, and staff.

Most of what I won't miss involves people I haven't met—behind-the-scenes figures who seem to forget that the purpose of this place is to provide students with an education and who use those dedicated to that purpose as pawns in their administrative

games.

If there's any great wisdom I've collected here, it's that Drew is nothing special. It's just another expensive private liberal arts college, the only differences being a former state governor as president and a slightly higher squirrel population.

Look at it: Drew advertises its educational reputation, yet the money goes elsewhere and the course offerings are modest at best.

Then there are all the daily inconveniences which make life here so annoying—the showers, the phone messages, the parking, the useless dryers, the temporarily in service MAC machine, the food service...

Ah yes, the food service. The food here stinks. Typical response: "The food stinks at all colleges." That's Drew—just like other colleges, not aspiring to be more. One great oak in a forest of great oaks.

Sure, nobody's perfect. But we were sold promises of excellence and uniqueness—for \$70,000. There's no two ways about it—we were ripped off.

So what should be done with Drew? I don't have the answer, but I think the place to start is with the students. We are the ones who have the least to lose and the most to gain. If we consolidate and focus that considerable power, the great promise may

actually be realized.

The problem is that this student body is so diverse and has so many unrelated interests, it is difficult to organize.

This phenomenon is usually termed "apathy" or "laziness" by "student leaders" possessing the power but not the will to speak for all the students. Sure, it's not easy, but it can be done.

Timing is another problem. Usually frustration runs highest before breaks, when there isn't time to organize, or among seniors, who are so anxious to just leave and forget.

Two years ago a group of outgoing seniors actually cared enough for the students they were leaving behind to organize a "Movement." It was successful for a while and made some gains before fading away. It felt good!

That spirit of student unity has not been recaptured since, and the amount of student-student fighting has increased dramatically and frighteningly. That's not the way to go. Administrators must subconsciously love it when they see students squabbling amongst each other.

It's time to recapture the spirit of the Movement sometime soon. The question is, who will have the support and initiative to lead the Drew students to the Promised

Land?

In the traditional absence of a strong student government and the presence of a university president so popular that for some reason normal people will interrupt their schedules just to shake hands with him, the potential for a tightening of the infamous Drew Screw is tremendous.

I want to be proud of my alma mater, but I can't, at least not until it shows some more concern for the personal welfare of its attendees. I can't help but wonder if anybody in charge ever considered that not being able to provide a warm shower or heat in the winter might play a role when the time to request alumni contributions comes around.

I know I don't intend to contribute to this school. And if I get any rhetoric about needing to pay for additional expenses not covered by tuition, I'll just say, "Poor planning on your part does not constitute an emergency on mine."

On a personal level, I don't want this article to sound like a condemnation of those who actually like Drew. My editorials have been called everything from "bally" to "oppressive," but my goal was always to get people thinking. If you disagree, fine.

Just think about it a little.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Economics offerings misrepresented

To the Editor:

In his article in the April 27 issue of the Acorn, Jason Rozger stated, "At present Drew's curriculum is sadly lacking. Witness this semester's offering of only four upper-level economics courses." This statement is inaccurate. This semester the Economics Department has offered EIGHT upper-level economics courses (including two sections of the senior seminar) We also offered four intermediate-level courses and five sections of the introductory course.

Moreover, according to a study published in the "Journal of Economic Education" by Professor Don Cole of our department, the economics major at Drew has greater breadth and variety of course offerings (including the semester on the

European Community which is run by our department) than most comparable small liberal arts colleges.

Further, faculty members continually revise and rework courses to keep up with empirical and theoretical developments, and we offer new courses quite frequently.

We staff this broad and excellent economics program with SIX full-time faculty members. This is far fewer than the eight to 12 faculty members in economics found at such colleges as Bowdoin, Swarthmore, and Amherst Colleges, where, by the way, faculty may have teaching loads only two-thirds as heavy as Drew faculty.

Fred Curtis, Chair  
Economics Department

## Life at Drew—The changes that could

To the Editor:

How are you? I'm sorry for not writing sooner, but I've been pretty busy. It's almost time for me to be moving on, and there's so many things I haven't yet done, and so many things I haven't yet said to so many people I haven't yet met. But it's too late now, I suppose. My time's just about up.

In the old days, I wrote about Drew's past, but oh, you don't remember the old days? Ah, that's right. You were a different person then. You had the same position, but you had a different face and a different personality. I had forgotten. I think we all tend to forget that each year 25 percent of the student body leaves while another 25 percent enters. We continue to perceive things through the schemas formed in our freshman year, and we fail to understand that Drew is a very different place each year.

I think that applies to the administration as well. In four years, we've seen a heck of a lot of turnover. But we know better, don't we? The faces change, but the attitude remains the same. They don't care about us; they just want our money. We wait for a new administrator to make that first mistake. We're almost relieved when it happens. "There's the Drew Screw again," we say, and we're on familiar ground once more. But the funny thing is, we do know better. Deep down inside we know most of these people care about us. We know that if we went to them when we didn't understand or approve of a policy or an incident we just might get a reasonable explanation, and if we worked with them we might even change some things, but it's so much easier to just grumble and complain. And occasionally protest or demonstrate, of course.

Yeah, I know they're not all winners. There are still too many administrators who, even when we try to cooperate, don't appreciate the impact their jobs have on our lives. More than once, we've had

to teach them to appreciate the impact our lives can have on their jobs. Our numbers and our passion have provided us with a very potent weapon, and I hope we've used it wisely. Sometimes it's hard to tell. We're often preoccupied with our own concerns that we fail to take into account the myriad factors and factions that govern a university. We're here for four years and then we're gone; it's difficult to see before or beyond that time frame. But then, this all applies to the administration as well. They're only slightly less temporal than we are. We often say "Drew" and think "the administration," and that's wrong.

If a university can be defined as the community it serves, then we are just as much a part.

What am I getting at? Drew (the collective Drew) is changing, and there are bound to be some growing pains along the way. We're entering a puberty of sorts, and not all of our parts are going to progress at the same time, and not all of them are going to go the way we want them to. That's okay. If you're not happy, then be vocal about it, but be tolerant and understanding as well. Love this place for what it is and for the potential to become what it should. If all of us (alumni included) communicate and work together, we'll come out of this as a mature, well-adjusted university that will take its place among the nation's best. I think that will happen. The freshmen are showing us the way. Their energy, insight, and dedication show no signs of letting up, and that amazes and pleases me to no end.

Sooner or later we'll all come back to the Forest. In some ways we never even leave. Our mere presence enhances the University and those who comprise it in profound and irrevocable ways. So even though I'll be moving along in a week or so, I'll be back. Drew will always be with me wherever I go, and part of me will always be with Drew.

Kenneth Rosen

## Photo Club show was not prejudiced

To the Editor:

This letter is being written by the organizers of the Annual Photography Show in response to last week's letter "Contestants protest Photo Club contest."

The contest was open to all students, faculty, and staff. Each entrant could submit up to five prints. Each print was judged individually by three judges, each of whom are professionals in the photography fields and unaffiliated with Drew. This year there were 16 entrants with a total of 50 prints. Of the 50 prints submitted, 31 were selected for the show based on the ratings of the judges.

Concerning the loss of prints an investigation began immediately upon this discovery. We were very concerned that prints were lost and made apologies. A few days after the letter appeared in last week's Acorn most of the missing photographs were discovered in an envelope in the U.C.

Apparently they were stolen, as the entry fees were all missing. We are already making provisions so that this will not happen next year. If anyone submitted prints and did not have them

returned please contact Jason Burch (x5508). Your prints and a refund for the entry fee will be returned promptly.

In last week's letter it was stated that black and white was preferred over color. The Photography Club in no way was biased toward black and white.

Two of the three highest rated prints were color. There were only 11 color prints entered, seven of which appeared in the show. The apparent lack of color prints in the show was only due to the lack of color entries.

Secondly, it was stated that the show singled out individuals. In fact, only two of the 16 entrants did not have prints selected for the show.

The apparent lack of variety in the show related to students vs. faculty and staff was only due to a lack of entrants.

We hope that this letter will bring to light the legitimacy of this contest and encourage people to enter next year's contest so that more of the Drew Community will participate in next year's show.

Jason Burch

## Athletes receive no 'special' treatment

To the Editor:

A few weeks back, I had written a letter in response to Kevin Chisolm's "Racism in the Ranger Athletic Department" article, but I chose not to submit my letter to avoid controversy the day before our president's inauguration.

So I, like so many others just sat by in silence and watched Mr. Chisolm attack Drew once again. In the past few issues of the Acorn, many students have joined his bandwagon and continued to make misinformed statements concerning racism and this school.

I feel that I must write this letter because I am a graduating senior, and I will not have another opportunity to express my views on the issue.

First, in response to Tisha McKenzie's article in last week's Acorn: Yes, Drew has managed to build a new poli-gras field. Did you know that the United States Olympic Committee paid for half of it? They contributed over \$500,000 so that we could have a premier facility that also doubles as the home of the National and Olympic teams. No other university in the country has that distinction or privilege.

Secondly, in response to Nicole Woods' article and her "We all know that many students on this campus have parents working in very powerful positions, so do you really think that some members of the athletic teams are not treated 'special'?" What do you mean by "special" Nicole? Drew athletes work extremely hard to balance studies and athletics. The benefits we re-

ceive from being athletes, aside from the pride we get from winning and representing Drew, include coming back to school early in the fall to practice for a week in the sun, taking long bus rides, trying to keep up with your classwork while also concentrating on your games, and eating out at fast-food restaurants while on the road.

The people who are Drew athletes do not make the team because their father might be a doctor or a lawyer; they make the team because they are good athletes.

In the four years that I have been a player and worked in the athletic department (on work-study, like most athletes here at Drew), I have never seen parental involvement that garnered "special" treatment. My parents attended EVERY game of my Drew career, not so that their presence got me special treatment, but because they wanted to support both me and Drew Athletics.

This University is not a Division I school, we don't get scholarships or special treatment. On the contrary, most of us have to work harder in class because we are thought of as athletes who are in school just to play.

Finally, in response to Mr. Chisolm and his most recent article: You are NOT Martin Luther King or Malcolm X. You continually speak of getting the correct information, so that one can

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## OPINIONS

## Channel One: Not the right classroom pick

By Dave Scott  
Staff Writer

JUST when you thought America's youth couldn't be any more exploited by mass media than they already are...

Whittle Communications, Inc. has produced broadcasts of *Channel One*, a commercially supported daily news television program for schools. This program is in the form of 12-minute news programs containing two minutes of advertising.

The schools that carry this program are given free television sets, video equipment, and satellite dishes by Whittle Communications. Another program entitled *CNN Newsroom*, produced by Turner Broadcasting, offers similar stories and format without the advertising or free equipment.

My first objection to this is that I think that a "News McNuggets" TV show can't add much to anyone's education. As *New York Times* critic Herbert Kohl says, "A

broad and intelligent understanding of events cannot result from the kind of visual compression of details that characterizes TV newscasts." I would not recommend the majority of TV news shows to anyone desiring an understanding of current political and social events, much less junior and senior high school students.

The argument can be made, however, that the good of providing some rudimentary knowledge of today's world outweighs the evil of the flashy packaging and sorely limited snippets of headline stories that characterize *Channel One* and *CNN Newsroom*.

Still, a danger lies in the fact that students may not realize the incompleteness and inadequacy of visual media (there are fewer words in a 30-minute news broadcast than on the front page of the *New York Times*).

The issue of advertising on these shows, however, is a much clearer one. *Channel One* is a blatant moneymaking scam that gives institutional validity to commercials for a price. Forcing students to see ads that

exist only to coerce is against the nature of free thought which schools intend to promote.

In the past, governing bodies of schools have had to place limits on their teachers' rights to free speech for fear of biasing their students.

Particularly in touchy subjects like creation vs. evolution and sex education, it is necessary to present all viewpoints so the students can choose for themselves.

It is hard to believe that though schools have put forth so much effort to preserve their objectivity in cases such as these, they are willing to let big businesses say to their students whatever they want with the implied backing of the schools themselves.

Restraining some liberty is a necessary evil in a society such as ours. Few people would disagree that individuals cannot exercise rights that infringe upon those of others.

So why do we allow the imposition of corporate opinion that occurs when children are forced to sit in a public classroom and

see a TV news show with advertisements from private corporations?

Everyone agrees that America's schools need help. But a bailout of this important cultural and intellectual institution by private enterprise is against its nature.

New York, Massachusetts, California, and soon North Carolina have wisely prohibited *Channel One* from their schools. But 8,000 schools will probably subscribe this upcoming year.

Education simply must be backed more fully by local, state, and federal government. The fact that *Channel One* is so tempting to school districts in dire financial straits is a frightening one.

Hopefully, with enough time, effort, and money schools can provide a model of independent thought without selling out to the commercially-biased mass cultural indoctrination that this institutional viewing of advertising represents.

Until then, however, this privatization of education must be stopped at the legislative level.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Drew's policies are 'failing America'

To the Editor:

Racism has a different effect on people of African descent than it does on people of European descent. It is this distinction that has led the people of African descent to reject the definition of racism offered by European dictionaries like Merriam-Webster. Merriam-Webster would have us believe that a powerless child can be a racist by simply "believing" what she or he has been taught by a racist social system: To hate her or himself because of the color of her or his skin and to desire to be what she or he will never become.

Too many people of African descent, to the destruction of their own selfhood, accept the European definition of racism. Therefore, they are never really able to pinpoint and expose those practices that individuals, groups, and institutions use to perpetrate racism. Kevon Chisolm is clearly not one of the many self-hating individuals so frequently found attending Drew University.

The process that has led to Mr. Chisolm's wisdom is called phenomenology. Although defined by Europeans intellectually, this process is unknown to the majority of them experientially. Most white kids, prior to completely conforming to the social norms of this oppressive society, cling to a philosophy of obedience motivated by greed. How then can they avoid becoming oppressive themselves?

Like the Director of Athletics, Richard E. Szlasa, who would have this community believe that the only people of African descent that could possibly compete with the prestigious Drew sports teams are in the inner-cities of Philadelphia, Newark, and Washington, DC. And, "all" of them, would you believe it, are too poor to foot the Drew vs. "Ivy League competition" expenses (Racist Acorn, April 18, 1990, p. 4). Who's fooling who? Mr. Szlasa is a racist (prejudice+power). Kevon Chisolm pinpointed it and exposed it, and now all of us are aware of this fact.

Anything short of either Mr. Szlasa's job or a racially mixed athletic department makes a strong statement against not only the community of the people of African descent here at Drew, but also the entire community of Drew to include our newly inaugurated president of Drew University, Thomas H. Keen.

The phenomenological process that Kevon has completed began when he simply refused to hate himself and accepted his blackness as a

Cape Cods and the Newark. Places not protected by Drew Vice, where Crack is King, teenage pregnancy is predictable, and friends are more likely to be shot than have a shot at college.

Screaming moves everyone closer to nowhere. Knowledgeable communication helps. Let's all work diligently to ensure Drew's place as an open, cerebral, and supportive environment for all humans.

Craig Chanti

## Shakir argues: 'You can't bury racism'

To the Editor:

Falk and Blumenthal sure received a great deal of attention with their article. Oh, yes, people were laughing and having a good time reading "The Story of the Boy Who Cried Racism." I must say that I was also impressed at their ability to spin a good tale. What the audience must remember is that a story is often an embellishment of fact. In other words, it is an untruth. You know, like the story of the fish who got away, only this story was more like the concept that escaped. However, I'm here to let you know that story hour is over. Let's take a trip back to reality.

It disturbs me to see the issue of racism downplayed at Drew. Moreover, belittling the entire subject to a fairy tale is unprofessional and childish, to say the least. When the emotions interfere, then thoughts become confused. What many people fail to see is that everyone has a right to express his/her opinion.

What bothers me is that when a person responds to an article, the Blumenthals and the Falks attack the individual. Don't you know that it's bad journalism to use ad hominem arguments? This is a good tactic to steer the public and yourselves away from the true issue. It is easier to deal with individuals instead of issues. However, in doing so, you are only deluding yourselves into thinking that the issue never existed.

Ashanti Attijuna Shakir

## Banishing dissidents neglects liberty

To the Editor:

Cindy Arnott, in the opinions article the other week, called for the emigration of dissident flag-burners. I feel that there are some strata of society that Cindy has unwittingly neglected to banish from our country. For example, I am sure that having to bear the filthy sight of the homeless people littering our streets is quite offensive to the majority of American citizens. In fact I would even venture to argue that the homeless explicitly affront many people's sense of decency.

So, I say that the government ought not to discriminate. In fact, the president himself should extend a "friendly, helping hand," release these people from the bondage of citizenship, and put them on the boat alongside of the flag-burners; after all, the homeless are clearly dissidents. Many of them violate cherished norms such as the work ethic, simple cleanliness, and having a place to call their own. Alas, citizenship in the United States is obviously a hideous burden to these dissenters, and clearly they are an eyesore to the majority of the American population. Let's oust them!

However, I do recognize that perhaps this relatively powerless caste of society does not pose much of a real threat to the ruling class, hence the

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be truly informed. You never seem to follow your own advice,

though. Before you speak out, you should gather the correct information so that you're not "misinformed, miseducated, and most importantly...ignorant."

Lorraine A. Maloney

## NEWS

## Smith, Michelman debate abortion issue

By David Bernard  
Staff Writer

KATE Michelman, Executive Director of the National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL), and Susan A. Smith, Associate Legislative Director of the National Right to Life Committee, argued their opposing positions on abortion in a formal debate in Great Hall April 29.

Sponsored by numerous campus groups with differing stances on the issue, the debate examined abortion from the 1973 Supreme Court decision in *Roe v. Wade* to current laws under the 1989 *Webster v. Reproductive Health Services* ruling.

The debate format provided each speaker with a 10-minute opening statement, a seven-minute rebuttal, and a five-minute closing statement.

Smith spoke first, stating that abortion is one of today's most divided issues. The controversy, she said, results from the fact that abortion "goes against everything we know about what is right and what is wrong." Depicting abortion as pitting mother against child, she said she found it "profoundly disturbing that today in America, a mother's womb can be one of the worst places to be."

Arguing that the justices in the majority in *Roe v. Wade* were ignorant of high school biology, specifically of when life begins, Smith defined all abortion as murder, regardless of timing. She also scolded pro-choice public relations campaigns for dehumanizing unborn children by referring to them as "fetuses" and for avoiding the violent horror of abortion.

"The catchy slogan of 'pro-choice' glosses over one key issue—whether a baby will be born alive or dead," Smith said.

After Smith's time elapsed, Michelman



Acorn Photo/Health Podvasker

Susan Smith argues the merits of the pro-life position at the abortion debate Sunday.

took the podium. Attacking Smith's persuasive methods during the first part of her speech, Michelman said the pro-life position is "dangerously simplistic" and said she resented that Smith, politicians, or others would try to judge such a personal issue as abortion for all women.

Citing recent interventions in abortions which endangered women's lives, Michelman said she saw the conflict as rooted in a different key issue: Whose choice is abortion? Women should control their own lives, she said, and government prohibition only halts medically safe abortions.

"We're not pro-abortion," she said. "No one is pro-abortion. We are pro-choice." She added that the choices one makes in the voting booth affect the choices one makes in one's own home.

Smith opened her rebuttal with the premise that abortion is not a religious issue, but rather a moral issue; like many moral issues,

such as slavery, the government could intercede. "This doesn't mean we can't have a consensus on this issue and have legislation reflecting that consensus," she said.

She said she disagreed with the *Roe* decision, which gave women absolute power to terminate a pregnancy, leaving unborn children without any protected rights. In this way, an increase in abortion as a substitute for birth control made prenatal life seem worthless, she said.

Michelman countered that abortion is in fact a religious issue, that each religion has its own theory on the beginning of life, and that this nation was founded on the separation of church and state. Also, she said that Smith exaggerated the frequency of abortions used as birth control.

"People have abortions for a variety of reasons," Michelman said, naming poverty, the difficulties of parenthood, and her own experience of being abandoned by her hus-

band and left to care for three children while pregnant with a fourth.

She chose abortion then; however, she said, it was not an easy decision. "If there were a way to reduce the number of abortions, we would do it," she said. "The research, education, and prevention are simply lacking."

In her closing statement, Smith disagreed with Michelman's ideas of abortion as a religious issue. All major religions "have always considered abortion a grave and moral wrong," she said. "There are tremendous difficulties with having a child, no doubt. I know abortion may seem like an easy way out—but it's a violent and illegal thing to do."

A child must not be sacrificed, she said, restating the pro-life belief to protect the life of both mother and child.

In summation, Michelman disagreed. "Abortion is not an easy thing to do," she said. "It's a very difficult thing to do."

The many reasons for an abortion, she said, are balanced by the many reasons for pregnancy. Illegal abortions help no one, she said. "We don't solve these problems by trying to take away a woman's right to choose while she is pregnant," Michelman said.

Only education and prevention can solve them, she said. Michelman then closed the debate, reminding that people must fight for their right to choose. "Who decides?" she asked. "You do, with your vote."

The floor was then opened to questions from the audience. Parental consent rules, men's place in the issue, and the right of Smith to impose her values on others were discussed.

Both speakers have debated the issue of abortion numerous times in recent years.

## Students initiate First Response Team

By Dawn Pirozzi  
Staff Writer

A group of students is attempting to establish a volunteer first aid team which would work with Health Services and Public Safety next year to respond to emergencies on campus, sophomore Jeff Stewart said.

Stewart developed the idea for a First Response Team at Drew in February 1989. He said time was not being utilized well by the present emergency response system, and students were paying the consequences.

Some of the services to be offered when the team is organized include an escort service, rides to doctors' offices, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, first aid training four times a year, and eventually a round-the-clock first aid team, Stewart said.

Sharon Farrell, Director of Health Services, said she feels First Response is "an excellent idea because [students] would be better trained to respond to emergencies on

campus."

Farrell said she has confidence in the reliability of a student-run first aid squad. "The people organizing the program seem very enthusiastic," she said. She said she is sure they "would ensure proper coverage."

Students wishing to participate would be trained in first aid and CPR, with some possibly trained as emergency medical technicians.

The project is estimated to cost \$40,000 and has been discussed with University President Tom Kean, Stewart said. This money would help pay for supplies, insurance coverage, and vehicle costs.

Stewart said the team hopes to buy a used ambulance from a first aid squad in New Jersey or a truck which could be converted into an ambulance.

To help alleviate some expenses, Drew has asked Fairleigh Dickinson University and the College of St. Elizabeth to be part of the program. Although the team would be

comprised of only Drew students, FDU and St. Elizabeth's would benefit from the services offered.

Officers for the group next semester will include Stewart as president and sophomore David Daniels as captain, both of whom are

certified emergency medical technicians. Sophomore Amy Covey will serve as secretary, Stewart said. Since the group started advertising on E-mail, over 65 other people have expressed an interest in participating, he said.

## Raval takes honors

By Kathy Kuehn  
News Editor

JUNIOR Classics/English major and Drew Scholar Shilpa Raval has been named a Beinecke Memorial Scholar.

This scholarship is awarded annually to 10 college juniors who have demonstrated superior scholarship and intellectual ability, a strong commitment to campus life, and an interest in graduate study. Professor of Classics Sally Rackley said.

Between 40 and 50 institutions nationwide are invited to nominate candidates each year, she said. Drew has only recently been invited to participate, Raval said.

Once nominated, candidates must submit a statement of purpose and recommendations from faculty members to a faculty committee which selects one candidate to represent their institution, Raval said. "I've been preparing for this since November

when I first received a letter saying I'd been nominated," she said.

Cornell University, Dartmouth College, Rice University, and Williams College are among the institutions represented by this year's scholars, Rackley said. Areas of study represented range from bio-chemistry to psychology and visual arts, she said.

"It's a very competitive award, and many of the other schools invited are Ivy League, so I really wasn't expecting it because of the competition," Raval said. "It was a surprise, but a very nice surprise."

The award carries a sizeable stipend applicable toward the first two years of graduate study, Rackley said. "It will pay full support or up to \$15,000 a year toward graduate study," Raval said.

Raval said she plans to continue her studies in Classics. "I would somehow like to incorporate women's studies into that as well," she said. Raval said Brown University is her first choice institution for graduate study.

## Chanti

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standard of living than many other African Americans? Color cannot be used to blame here.

I am also curious why the trials and tribulations of poorer minority students aren't exposed to the student body in an effort to appreciate our differences. There are differences between the







## ENTERTAINMENT

## One man, one guitar

By Brian Duff  
Staff Writer

LAST Thursday night, Drew students were treated to an enjoyable reprieve as they prepared to face the tempest of final exams. That reprieve was provided by the performance of guitarist-comedian Rich Meyer. Baldwin basement served as a club-like atmosphere for this dynamic performer to strut his stuff.

From where does he hail? How did he find Drew University? The answer is not a complicated one. He had an informant in Drew's own junior Mike Klaschka. "My girlfriend [junior Catherine Angiello] and I first heard him this past summer at Jenkins' Bar at Point Pleasant Beach, NJ," Klaschka said. "After the show we got his card."

In February, a couple of Klaschka's friends hired Meyer to perform at a surprise birthday party for Klaschka. All who attended loved the show, so with the help of juniors Dan Stewart, Tim Holland and Joe Nazzari, along with University technician George Eberhardt and Angiello, Klaschka asked him back to perform a larger show.

Originally from Fairlawn, NJ, Meyer began entertaining 10 years ago to help offset college bills; today it is his life. He has performed in clubs, parties, and colleges in New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, and, of course, New Jersey.

The show itself was a wonderful way to end a summer-like day. The crowd began to gather in the Baldwin basement for the 9:30 p.m. show. All the lights were directed at the makeshift stage. As Meyer approached the stage, one saw a lone performer, simple and unassuming. He was equipped with a guitar and a headset microphone, but upon his arrival, a calm came over the crowd.

This silence was immediately broken by playful jests directed at various audience members. Next he opened with a rousing version of "Margaritaville" by Jimmy Buffett.

The performance lasted for a little over two hours, with no intermission. The show contained a fun cross-section of sing-alongs from Billy Joel, Van Morrison, Don McClean, and The Monkees, just to name a few, as well as original bawdy ditties and favorite TV theme songs.

One of the biggest crowd pleasers of the evening was a lively rendition of "Time Warp" from *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, featuring junior Rick Kahauner doing a solo of the monkey, alligator, and duck impressions.

He closed out the show with a feverish run-through of the Beach Boys' "Wipe Out." This number had everyone banging the beat on the tables, walls, and people next to them, while sophomore Rich King provided surfing antics on a table.

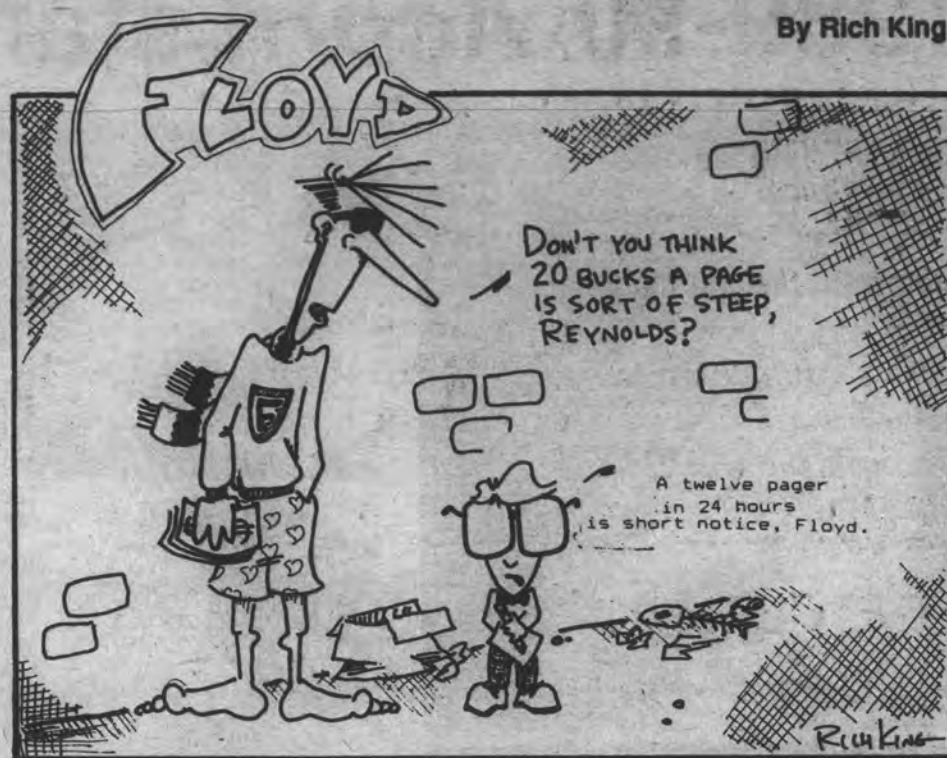
In addition to his musical talent, Meyer possesses a sharp wit. One had to strategically time runs to the restroom for fear of being followed and confronted with embarrassing yet funny questions. Not even those who were celebrating their birthdays were spared the embarrassment. Senior Raffi Daghljan, junior Margaret Scarpa, and Nazzari all paid the price for growing a year older.

The night was a grand success. A good time was had by all. "It was a nice change from the normal social scene on campus," junior Donna Sassaman said.

What was perhaps more important than the event itself was all the time and organization put into the show. There was no committee set up, just a bunch of friends who took the initiative to get together and have a good time.

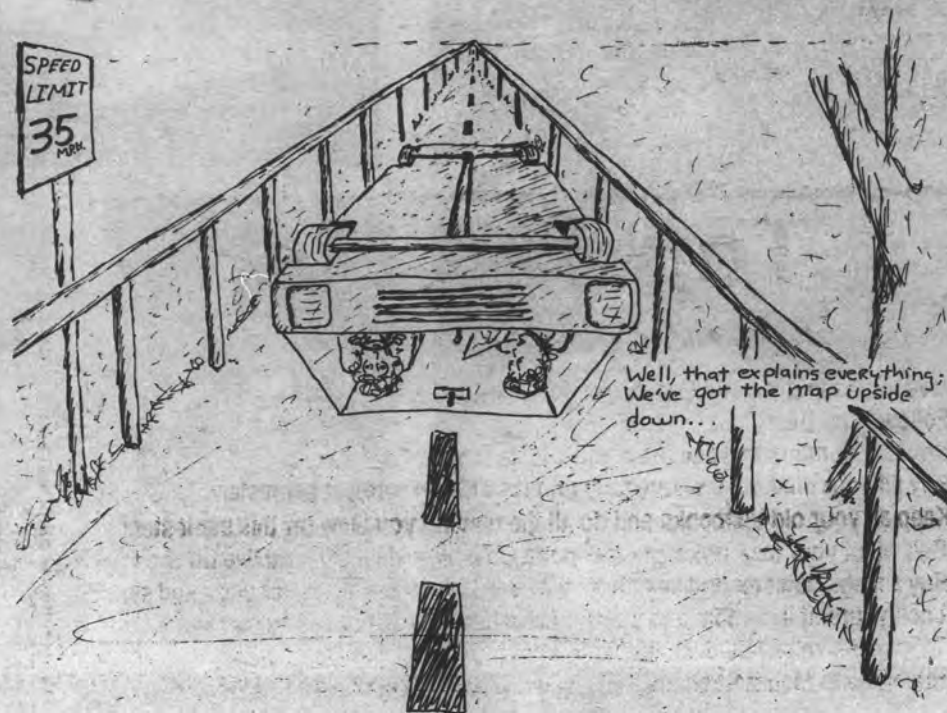
Klaschka hopes to help Meyer perform in the University Center next semester before a larger audience. "Tonight was a perfect example of a few students with initiative organizing a non-alcoholic event, yet still having an excellent time," junior Tiffany McArthur said.

What else is to be expected from a guy whose advertising slogan is "One Man-One Guitar-One Good Time"?



## Those Vreelandian Days

By James Vreeland



## That Medieval Thing

By Georgina Harellick  
Staff Writer

A living chess game, wandering minstrels, and ladies in long elegant dresses—does this sound like something out of a history book or a fairy tale? All of this and more was included in the fourth annual "That Medieval Thing."

Last Saturday, Drew's campus was transformed into a living piece of history. I was game. I went out, got myself a costume, and off I went.

Although the weather was excruciatingly hot, spirits were still high, and all of the day's events were a success. After a procession through the Commons, many people gathered outside Hoyt to see the living chess game. This was quite a spectacle. Mock fights and witty comments by the players on the board made the chess game more than living; it gave the festival a "lively start." The game itself was very well orchestrated and fun to watch.

After the chess game it was on to the plays. Humor and history mixed in harmony as Robin Hood and his merry men told their story. Dean of Student Life Denise Alleyne even made a guest appearance in one of the plays. I can still remember the Capella singing "Rockin' Robin...Hood" and "Be a Monk."

I was very impressed with both the originality and professionalism of all of the actors, singers, and participants. Many

of the costumes for the plays were on loan from the New Jersey Shakespeare Festival.

Jugglers impressed the audience by juggling first clubs then lighted torches. The Drew Madrigal Singers added a touch of melody to the day's proceedings as well. For those of age who wished to quench the thirst caused by the hot sun, there were hard cider and other beverages available.

Near the end of the afternoon, the tarot card readers and the rune readers were almost completely booked up. If medieval music and mysticism were too tame for you, there was a rather impressive archery tournament. And if this one day was not enough for those people who love things medieval, the Society for Creative Anachronism had a table with literature on other events similar to our own festival.

The afternoon closed with — no, I'm not kidding — a delicious dinner in the Commons. The dinner was served buffet style; there was chicken, rice, mushrooms, and other medieval concoctions. It was a fitting end to a very nice day.

The success of "That Medieval Thing" definitely came from all of those people who worked so hard to make it happen. Everyone's excited spirits helped create a jubilant atmosphere.

All of Drew's aspiring medievalists, led by resident medievalist and Professor of English Jim Hala, did a wonderful job. We learned a little more about medieval times and had fun! What more can we ask for? Keep up the great job.

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Wild Orchid  
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Crazy People

## Madison 3

The Hunt for Red October  
Wild Orchid  
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

## Weekend Scene

## Friday

F.A.P. XVII: Hoyt-Bowne lawn, 2:30-10 p.m.  
French House Film: *L'Amour en Fuite*, 7 p.m.  
Bugs Bunny and Road Runner Movie UC 107, 6&8 p.m.

## Saturday

Bugs Bunny and Road Runner Movie UC 107, 6&8 p.m.

## Sunday

Hoyt Olympics. Hoyt-Bowne lawn, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.  
Bugs Bunny and Road Runner Movie UC 107, 6&8 p.m.

## The continuing saga of Captain Drew...



## Top Ten List

Top ten things to do this summer instead of work:

1. Live on campus and fill in potholes for plant office.
2. Follow "The Dead."
3. Drive to Montana and see the world's largest ball of ear wax.
4. Buy all your textbooks beforehand and read ahead for next semester.
5. Keep all your old textbooks and do all the reading you blew off this semester.
6. Sell all of your textbooks, put the money in a high yield CD, and live off the interest.
7. Buy a metal detector and search New Jersey beaches for loose change and syringes.
8. Lock yourself in a room and watch *I Love Lucy* reruns until you go insane.
9. Take massive psychedelic drugs and have an out-of-body experience.
10. Hitchhike to Mount Rushmore and carve Tom Kean's face next to Lincoln's.

By Greg Gordon

## Lady, just charge it!

By Nancy Volkers  
Staff Writer

I am in a department store, dress shopping. Watching me buy a dress is a bit like letting Adam and Eve loose in the Gap; I know I should be doing something, but I'm not sure what.

Through a minor miracle (and a correct alignment of Jupiter and Saturn), I find a dress that fulfills my requirements:

- 1) It contains less than 27 colors and has no sequins, rhinestones, or ostrich feathers as decoration.
- 2) The neckline is above the waist.
- 3) It's cheap.

Feeling somewhat like the Simpsons would if they were real and getting paid, I carry my catch to an open register. Department stores are notorious for having 3,000 cash registers but no employees. After humming, tapping my foot, and clearing my throat until it is sore, a small, dim-witted woman approaches.

"Would you like that?" she asks. I have this pet peeve concerning stupid questions. I hate them. I think it's only natural. Why must people state the obvious and expect me to answer them?

"No, I thought I'd just stand here until someone came by, and then throw the dress over their head and roll them through Home Furnishings to test the security system."

Yeah, I know. I didn't really say that. "Yes. Do you take MasterCard?"

"No, we don't." "AMEX?"

"We only take Brand X, the store credit card." (Well I'm not giving away the name of the place, thank you. I've come close enough to libel to know I wouldn't like it.)

Here I am, with what I have convinced...

myself to be THE most perfect dress in the universe. I will not settle for another. Additionally, my checking account prohibits me from settling this matter alternatively.

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Salvation. Credit. The form is the standard, name-age-occupation-hair color-annual income-favorite movie-employer type. I fill it out and hand it back to her. She stares at it for so long I begin to doubt both her literacy and my handwriting.

She calls "the credit room" and proceeds to talk Marjorie's ear off while I stand there holding my dress and sweating. I feel as if my humanity is in question here.

Marjorie is not convinced—Super Cashier proceeds to throw stupid questions at me, which I try to field with the best of my ability.

"Are you a student?" No, I'm a mortician.

"Where do you go to school?" "What state is that in?"

"New Jersey?" "Do you work at all?"

"How much do you make per week?" "Do you have a savings account?"

"What's your favorite food?" All for a dress that was looking less and less perfect as the Inquisition resurrected itself.

Finally, as I was about to give up, I was approved and allowed to carry away my prize.

I haven't gotten the bill yet, so it's been worth it so far.

I think.

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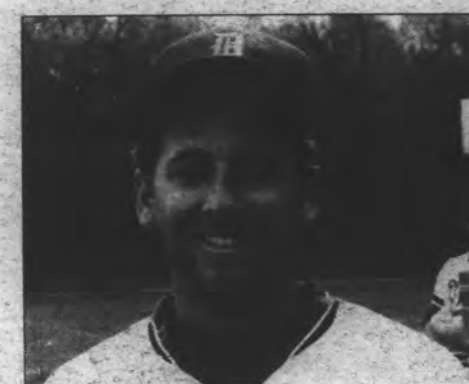
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Baseball



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Basketball



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Baseball



Nicole Messer  
Lacrosse



Brett Michel  
Tennis



Lisa Oleksa  
Lacrosse



Dave Papalia  
Lacrosse



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Basketball



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Tennis

## 1990 Senior Rap

*This here's a tribute to all the seniors  
Who've played so hard since they've been here  
Worn the Drew colors with pride so dear  
Now the time for goodbye is growing near  
OK y'all, let's start with the fall  
Beneducci was a wizard with the soccer ball  
Three-time captain and leader was he  
Played with Leskauskas and Every  
Nuge and Solan, real high rollin'  
Together with Newcomb will soon be going  
Women's team went higher and higher  
Thanks to Shilkret and Adams, Maya  
And I don't dare, 'cause it wouldn't be fair  
To forget Wilson, Dugan, and Bær  
They all served as captains this year  
So let's all give these Rangers a cheer*

*Field hockey gunners, cross country runners  
Looking ahead to postgraduate summers  
Devlin and Maloney, the scoring queen  
Norton and Tobio of the harrier team  
Palmieri too, running for Drew  
Winter athletes there were quite a few  
Hoopsters Johnson and Rice led the women  
Four guys slammed all over Baldwin Gym  
Henkel and Hannon, shoot like a cannon  
Three-point bombs from downtown Madison  
And two record-setters who were never boring  
Kermadoo in assists and Doo Doo in scoring  
A fencer lately, Alan Blakely  
Will be missed by his teammates greatly  
We were better with them it's clear  
So let's all give these Rangers a cheer*

## SPORTS



Raffy Daghljan  
Baseball



Kevin Diverio  
Basketball, Baseball



Maura Driscoll  
Lacrosse



Phil Franz  
Lacrosse

By MC (Mental Case) Falkster (to the tune of "Bust a Move")

*In the spring bluebirds sing  
Lax players on the turf do their thing  
Gus and Franz always came to play  
Thatcher on defense said "no way"  
Pappy and Ko, don't you know  
Five laxwomen in their final show  
Veleber, Driscoll, and Miss Messer  
Cottingham also scored with professors  
Then there's Oleksa, can't forget her  
Or the senior tennis netters  
Say bye to Rush, Mark not Steve  
And Brett Michel all set to leave  
Laurel and Lori, here's their story  
Lotuff and Shilkret at love-forty  
Their next matches will not be here  
So why not give these Rangers a cheer*

*On that horse is Carolyn Morse  
She's a senior equestrian of course  
Riding along with Kingra and Zmurek  
Also Castellano and Lazorik  
And here are seen with the baseball team  
Captains Golub and Levine  
Goggin and Inger are of the same sort  
Leskauskas starring in his second sport  
Bagman pitching, Diverio switching  
Next year at Drew will all be missing  
47 seniors to thank the most  
For representing our school on the East Coast  
Late-night road trips, classes get skipped  
Being a student athlete is no picnic  
So shake their hands and buy 'em a beer  
To show that you're giving these Rangers a cheer*

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Lori Shilkret  
Tennis



Andy Thatcher  
Lacrosse



Allison Veleber  
Lacrosse



Christine Zmurek  
Equestrian



Larry Hannon  
Basketball



John Henkel  
Basketball



Manjit Kingra  
Equestrian



Harry Ko  
Lacrosse



Brian Levine  
Baseball



Laurel Lotuff  
Tennis



John Milano  
Basketball



Carolyn Morse  
Equestrian



# El Batey takes second coed softball title

By Jeff Brown  
Guest Writer

THE past, present, and future of Drew coed intramural softball clashed in the playoffs this year. Representing the past were the Weasel Stompers, who have appeared in five consecutive finals. The Weasel Stompers faced the Pseudo-Athletes, a team composed of all freshmen, in the first semifinal.

The Pseudo-Athletes played the Stompers tough, jumping out first with three runs in the top of the first inning. However, the inexperience of the younger team showed in the later innings when the Stompers, led by a Marek Fuchs' homerun, rallied to score four runs in the fourth, and three more in the sixth to preserve the victory.

Keying the offense for the Stompers were senior Cathy Devlin (1 for 2, 2 RBIs, 2 runs scored) and senior Dave "Lumpy" Ludwick (3 for 3, 2 RBIs, 2 runs), who also excelled defensively at shortstop and centerfield. Shawn Sullivan, shortstop for the Pseudo-Athletes, which appears to be the team of the future, was outstanding (2-2, 2 runs) as his team lost 11-4 to the veterans.

In the nightcap of Wednesday's doubleheader, El Batey, last year's champions, pummeled the Clueless Clutzes, who were without the services of their star first baseman Joe Krutsick. Junior Joe Nazzari scored five runs and executed his famed bounce throw to first flawlessly on numerous occasions.

sions. All-intramural pitcher Margaret Scarpa held the Clutzes to four hits and just one run as El Batey cruised to a 16-1 win.

This set the scene for a rematch of last year's championship game. El Batey, currently the best softball team on campus, was without, and appeared to miss, team captain Dan "Smiley" Stewart. The game saw-sawed back and forth as Ludwig's red-hot hitting continued (2-3, 1 RBI, 2 runs). Late in the game, the speed at the top of the lineup for El Batey started to pay off as the Weasels committed several errors. Once again, lead-off man Nazzari, with a little help from number two man Steve Every, led the way. They combined for six hits in nine at-bats, had four RBIs, and scored seven runs.

These two players and the errors of the Weasels propelled El Batey to a 15-8 victory and their second straight undefeated season.

The league was once more in the capable hands of Pat Foley, and it featured nighttime play on the new synthetic surface field. The turf added some extra excitement to the competitive league, altering the strategy of the outfield as players feared balls bouncing over their heads rolling endlessly to the fence, and causing problems for the infield on hard-hit ground balls.

What lies ahead for the El Batey team of Tiffany McArthur, Kelly Johnson, Margaret Scarpa, Rick Kahaner, Mike "Beaker" Anderson, Doug Dugan, Every, Nazzari, Tim Holland, and captain Stewart? Well, since they are all returning to Drew next year, how about a threepeat?

## COED INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL All-Star Team

Pos	Name, Team	Comments
OF	Dave Streicher, Alcoholica	Switch hitter; good for one or two dives a game
OF	Dawna Baird, Clueless Clutzes	Line drive hitter; error-free fielder
OF	Dave Ludwick, Weasel Stompers	Strong arm, strong bat
OF	Brian Duff, Pseudo-Athletes	Smart player; can also play first
1B	Joe Krutsick, Clueless Clutzes	Always drives the ball; best-dressed player
2B	Emilee Hornyak, BT FOM	Superb fielder; never out of position
SS	Chris Newcomb, BT FOM	Speedster; slick fielder with great range and a cannon for an arm
3B	Steve Every, El Batey	Daring baserunner; talks a good game
P	Margaret Scarpa, El Batey	Best pitcher and best fielder at the position in the league
C	Nancy Volkers, Weasel Stompers	Good hitter; can play numerous positions
PH	Tonya Elmore, Theo School	Best hitter in the league; hits the ball hard all the time
	Manager-Wayne Jones, Theo School	Very competitive and level-headed

By Jeff Brown

## Softball club finishes fine year

By Rod Shenk  
Staff Writer

THE softball team finished their season this past weekend with a doubleheader at Norwich College in Vermont. The Rangers split the pair to finish with an impressive 7-3 record for the year.

The first game, which Drew won 4-3, was not a showcase for either team's offense. The Rangers scored first in the second inning when an error by Norwich's second baseman allowed two Drew players to cross the plate. Then in the fifth senior Jocelyn Johnson hit a triple to drive in two more runs.

Norwich collected a run in the third and two in the fifth, but pitcher Jeanine Porro managed to hold on for the win.

Drew did face one big scare in the game, though. With the Rangers holding on to a one-run lead in the sixth, and with two runners on base, a Norwich batter ripped the ball to deep left-centerfield. Freshman Jen Edwards then made a terrific catch to end the inning and preserve Drew's advantage.

The intense heat and many distractions of Norwich's Spring Weekend apparently took their toll on the Rangers in the second game of the day as they lost, 8-3.

Norwich started off with some very solid hitting as they jumped out in front with five runs in the first two innings. After that Drew settled down, but they were unable to catch up, with only two runs in the fifth and one in the seventh.

Overall, the year went very well for Drew, and many players had really good seasons. Junior Dana Tamuccio and sophomore Kara Schermerhorn were two standouts, with impressive hitting and fielding all year.

There were also many freshmen who showed quite a bit of talent. Edwards played several positions well, and her pitching, along with Porro's, will give Drew a formidable duo on the mound next year. Freshman Danielle Baraty, who replaced the injured Melissa Morgan at shortstop, also



Acorn Photo/Mike Falk

Junior Dana Tamuccio shows her athletic versatility—from the court to the softball field. had a good year.

Next year Drew will have to replace graduating seniors Cathy Devlin, Jocelyn Johnson, and Nancy Volkers. That task will be eased by the fact that there is so much young talent on the team.

Many agree that this season was very successful and that next year will probably be even better. "Playing varsity teams gave us the experience and confidence to have such a great season," Porro said. "I think [Coach] Tullio Nieman was also a key factor to our success. The team appreciates what he has done for us."

"I am really happy with this season," Devlin added. "We did extremely well, and

we proved that we are contenders. If we do make varsity status for next year, as it's rumored, it will be a very successful varsity team. I just wish I could be here."

"The fact that we scheduled 10 games against varsity teams and came out with a 7-3 record speaks for itself," Nieman said. "We had a great year, and these women were a pleasure to work with. Next year things look very promising."

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## WOMEN

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The play of these three seniors was impressive, as was the play of junior Samantha Pettine. In fact, Pettine's role will expand even more next year as the defensive unit will take on a much younger look.

"Sam will be back," Wescott said, "as will Andrea Moore, who has a lot of experience." Wescott also hopes that her recruiting in the defensive arena will help make up for the loss of the departing seniors.

Another departing senior who will be missed is Kathy Cottingham, who has dazzled Drew fans with her offensive abilities throughout her tenure here. In fact, Cottingham's legacy will be easily noticed by anybody who takes a quick glance at the career Drew scoring records. Her 34 goals this year gave her 96 for her career, a mark that places her sixth on the all-time list. Her

110 career points also place her among the select six of the Drew record books.

The Ranger offense also received a surprise lift from the play of freshman Jessica Platt, who had no experience before this year, a phenomenon that was unfortunately common among many of the new players.

"Jessica was skeptical [about playing]," sophomore Susan McNulty said. "She did not think she was going to learn how to play. But her speed helped her out."

Platt compiled an amazing 34 goals, which tied her for the team lead with Cottingham. To top it off, Platt led the team in points with 41.

The position of goalie also saw the emergence of young players who had never played the game before. Tanya Meck and Jen Gruber were forced into a position of quickly learning one of the most important positions on the field. But, like the rest of the young players, they adapted well.

"The first couple of weeks the coach had

to explain the game [to the newcomers]," McNulty said. "Fortunately, everybody was open to criticism. The freshmen and sophomores took advice."

The relative inexperience of the new players, many of whom had never played lacrosse before, was one of two key obstacles that faced the Rangers this year. The other was the adaptation to a new coaching style that faced the entire team.

"The whole defense was changed," Veleber said. "Basically everyone had to relearn everything. But it was a better way of doing defense, once everyone gets used to it. In the next couple of years the defense will be stronger."

The effects were widespread. "I changed their checking skills," Wescott said. "We played man to man [instead of zone]. In a zone you don't put as much pressure on the ball."

Through it all, with the leadership of such unsung heroes as senior Lisa Oleksa, who

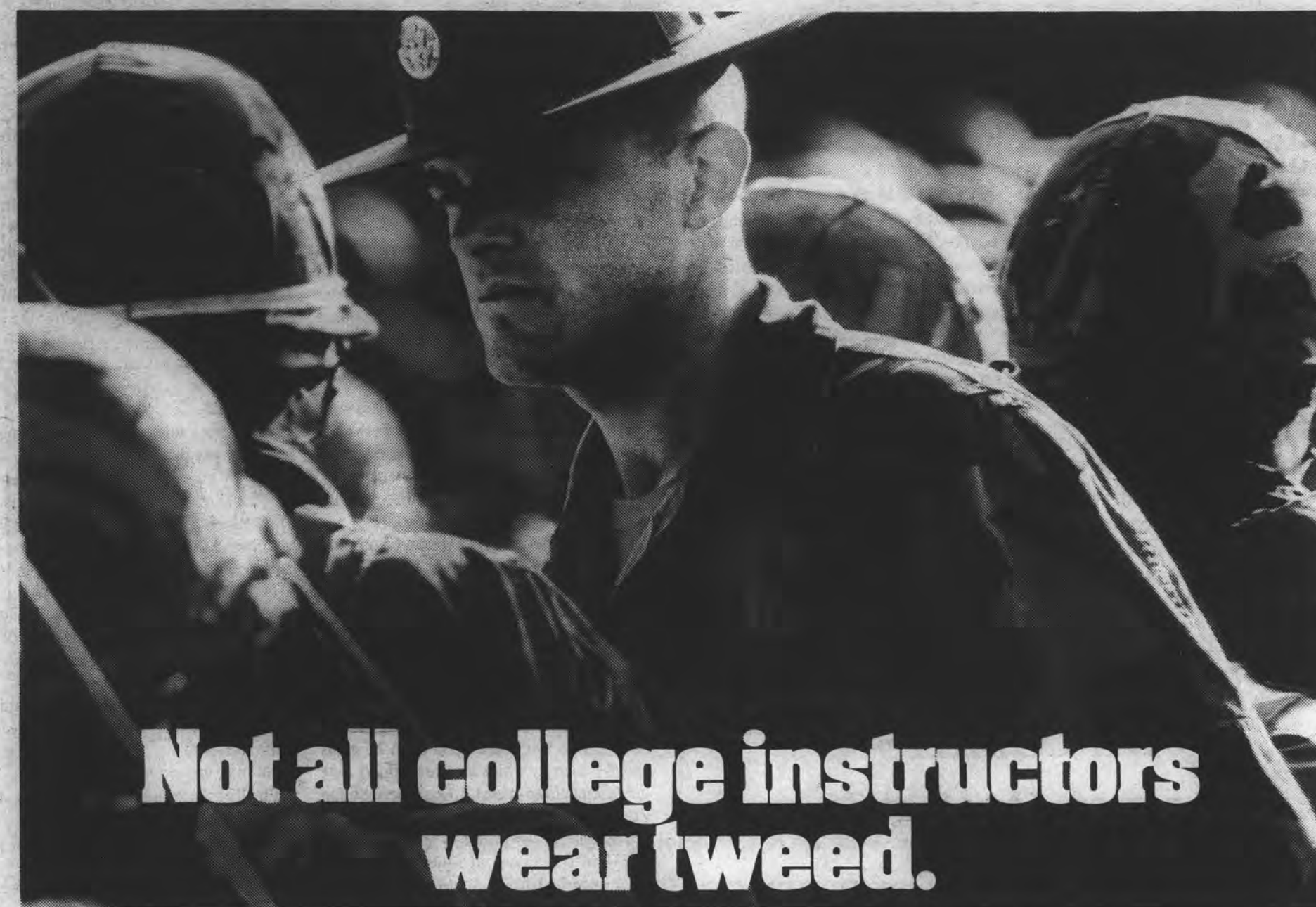
played steadily on the offensive end, the Rangers were able to overcome their problems and post a respectable 4-6 record. In fact, that feeling was quite evident when Oleksa, along with fellow seniors Messer, Veleber, Driscoll, and Cottingham received flowers before last week's home finale, a moment that attested to their value to the team.

Their value was especially evident in the way that they adapted to the strategic changes.

"They worked well with me," Wescott said. "I felt they were all good team leaders and quality players. And they were catalysts for lacrosse turning back to a more successful sport at Drew. I wish I had them for three more years."

Now the task lies in the hands of the youth.

"It [next year] is going to be another rebuilding year," McNulty said. "But by my senior year we are going to be good."



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# Men's lax readies for MAC championship

By Brian Duff  
Staff Writer

THE men's lacrosse team wrapped up the regular season on a winning note. The win came in classic fashion, an 11-7 victory over an outmanned Dickinson College squad. This puts the Rangers in the right state of mind as they prepare for their MAC championship showdown on Saturday against the Franklin & Marshall Diplomats.

Going into the game, the Rangers were 10-4 and looking for their eleventh victory against a Dickinson team to which they have never lost and who possessed a 1-9 record to boot.

"The guys really wanted to get the eleventh win, so I wasn't worried about a psychological letdown," Coach Tom Leanos said.

They say patience is a virtue, and the Rangers exercised this virtue quite admirably against the stingy zone defense played by Dickinson.

"We had a very good scouting report on them," senior captain Mark Agostinelli said. "We played a rotation offense, and we knew we had to be patient."

Their patience paid off as they tallied nine first-half goals. The Rangers' rotation offense wreaked havoc on the pure zone that Dickinson was playing. It was a balanced attack that saw six different players find the back of the net.

"It was one of those few times this season that the offense came out from the beginning and exploded," junior Andy Siegel said.

Once again a solid defensive performance was turned in by the close defense. It was the third time this season that the Rangers held their opponents to less than 10 goals. Senior Andy Thatcher and juniors



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Jeff Young defends against an opponent in the alumni game on Sunday.

Max Rockwell, Keith Mantel, and John Legge all continued their consistent play in front of the net, while freshman Arrol Borden turned in another superb performance in goal.

A couple of milestones were reached in the course of the game, as Agostinelli tallied his one hundredth career goal, and junior John McDonough surpassed the school's single season ground ball record with 112.

Throughout the regular season, the Rangers made the necessary adjustments, pulled together as a team, and overcame some

adversity. The potent Ranger attack of Agostinelli, senior Harry Ko, and junior Matt Cooper continued its onslaught of the MAC. Cooper led the way with 43 goals, 22 assists, and 65 points. Agostinelli finished second in total points with 55 while leading the team in assists with 35. Ko found the back of the net 23 times in addition to 14 assists for 37 points.

In the process, the trio received a boost from freshman Dave Newman, who with one game remaining has already equaled Drew's freshman scoring record of 43 set by Cooper two years ago. Newman is also second on the team in goals with 35. Senior Dave Papalia, who saw much quality action, junior Chris Harmon, and freshman Weston Adams all contributed to the offensive production.

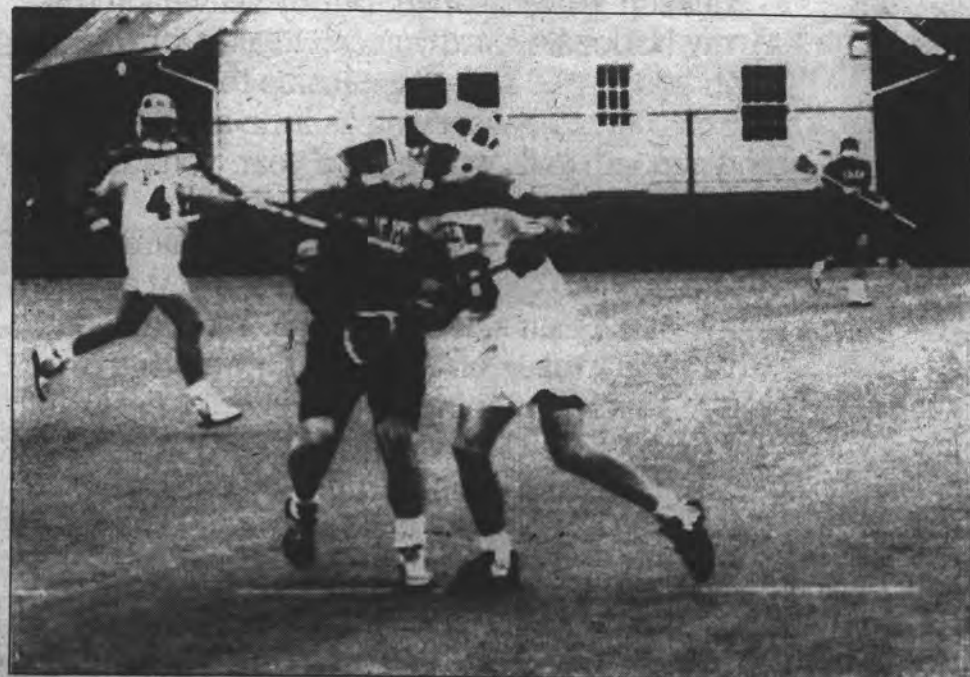
The overall team performance has brought the Rangers to where they stand now. This weekend, the Rangers will face the fourth-ranked team in the nation, Franklin & Marshall for the MAC championship. This game will be Drew's biggest obstacle thus far this season. This is not the first time these two teams have met. Two years ago the same stage was set. Eventually Drew fell 12-5 in that game, but things are different now. Both teams are much better than two years ago.

"They are an excellent team; they have speed and an excellent transition game," Leanos said. "What does this mean for the Rangers? Quite simply there are a few critical areas that Drew must control. First and foremost, they must win face-offs. This means that McDonough, Rockwell, and junior Anton Melchionda must continue the strong performances they have given all year long."

Next, the Rangers must control the ball from the defensive sector on. Thatcher, Rockwell, Legge, Mantel, and the rest of the defensive corps must maintain their consistent level of play. Siegel, Zazzaro, Franz, Zorich, and the other middies have to control the transition game and force the Diplomats to play six on six in their defensive area. Finally, there are the intangibles. It is most important that the Rangers believe in themselves and believe that they can play with their powerful foes.

"If we come out hard from the beginning and set the tempo of the game, we will give them fits," Siegel said. That determination, coupled with the execution of the other critical aspects, could bring the valuable MAC championship home for the Rangers.

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The alumni battled the current Ranger squad in recent action at Drew.

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# Men's tennis ends year with playoff loss

By Shawn Sullivan  
Staff Writer

LAST week, this season's play of the men's tennis team was summarized in the proverb, "April showers bring May flowers." This may have been accurate, but due to the events of the past week perhaps a more appropriate one would be, "In like a lion, out like a lamb."

The team entered postseason play with a very confident attitude as a result of winning its previous four matches and five out of the previous six. The Rangers' four-match streak, a stretch in which the team only dropped one singles match, clinched the MAC Northeast sectional title. This earned them the right to play Albright for the MAC Northern divisional crown, an honor captured by the Rangers the previous two years. Unfortunately, all good things come to an end.

The Rangers played hard, but Albright was just too strong a team, the end result being a 6-0 Albright triumph.

"They were a better team on that day without question," Coach Vernon Mummert said. "They were much improved from previous years."

Albright's improvement was due in large part to two one-year exchange students playing at first and second singles. This enabled their normal number one singles player to move down to number three.

Not only did the Rangers have to face some tough players, they also had to cope with some rowdy Albright fans throughout the match. "The adverse conditions hurt us even though they shouldn't have," senior Mark Rush said. "That's no excuse though; we should have played above that."

Though the competition was tougher than usual, Rush and sophomore Frank Taney both kept their matches close at first and second singles, respectively. The toughest matches were turned in by sophomore Tyler Gibson at third singles and sophomore Tom Fahs at sixth singles, both going the full three sets. Because of the singles sweep, the doubles matches were not played.

Though the team ended their season with a tough loss, there were still positive accomplishments to reflect upon. The Rangers compiled an 8-9 record, one win better than last year's team. They also captured their fourth consecutive MAC Northeast sectional title.

But sometimes all the positives can be washed away by a negative. "You're never happy when you lose your last match," Mummert said, "but you have to remember the team still had a pretty good season."

"We improved as the season went along," Rush said. "In some ways it was disappointing, but we had our moments."

The good season was due in large part to the sparkling play of Rush. Playing first singles for the third out of his four years at Drew, Rush compiled an 8-9 record and played a key role as a number one doubles player.

With his loss at Albright, Rush's outstanding career came to a close with 42 career singles wins to go with 24 losses. The 42 wins fell four short of the career victory record at Drew, held by Mark Bernstein.



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Junior Buck Zeman smashes a forehand. Rush also compiled a 39-23 career record in doubles play. The 81 total wins also fell just shy of the Drew record of 87, also held by Bernstein.

"I'm very pleased with my career here. It

was a great experience," Rush said. "I had a great time playing and made some really good friends."

Rush, an integral part of all four MAC Northeast championship teams, will be tough to replace.

"He was a big part of our MAC Northeast dynasty," Mummert said. "His graduation hurts. It's a big loss. But it happens to every team. Each player only gets four years."

The most likely candidate to replace Rush at first singles is Taney, who compiled a 7-10 record this year. Taney returned from an injury which caused him to miss last season and had a solid campaign considering it was a rebuilding year. He won some tough matches but lost some close ones. He also combined with Fahs to win eight of 12 matches at second doubles.

"This year was a good stepping stone for Frank," Rush said. "He needed one year of college experience to regain his old form."

Another big loss will be the departure of Gibson, who wants to take some time off. He played at third singles this year and won a lot of matches in his two years. He also teamed with Rush at first doubles this season.

Rick Allen was impressive in his freshman year. He was forced to fill an important

role at fourth singles due to some key injuries. However, he compiled a 7-10 record and did more than anyone expected from him. He should play an important role once again next year.

Fourth and fifth singles were held by junior Buck Zeman and Fahs, respectively. Both made a large improvement in their games over the course of the season.

"They're both big, strong guys," Rush said. "All they need to do is gain confidence in their games. That's the final step in winning the big matches."

The team will miss Rush and Gibson, but they hope that with the return of sophomore Steve Rush and freshman Chris White from injuries and the addition of good freshman recruits, they will be competitive again next year.

"I'm optimistic," Mummert said. "It's going to be tough, and we're going to have a different team."

Though the season is over, the MAC tournament still awaits four players. Mark Rush and Taney will play in the singles tournament while Fahs and Allen will team up in the doubles competition.

One can only hope that the outcomes of these matches are better than the result of the team's final contest.

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## Women's tennis winds up banner season

By Larry Grady  
Assistant Sports Editor

IT was truly a banner season for the women's tennis team. Despite starting off on a slow foot, the Rangers came together as the season progressed, capturing their first-ever MAC Northeast title and winning the most games in the history of the program.

Tuesday the Rangers ended their season whitewashing Centenary College, 9-0.

The one major disappointment that did come their way was a tough loss to Scranton in the MAC North title match last Saturday. Though the Rangers lost to Scranton in the regular season in a road contest by a score of 5-4, the team hoped it would be reversed on their home court. However, the final result stayed the same, as Scranton, with two key players who were not there the first time, came away with an 8-1 victory.

"It was a combination of their lineup being much stronger here than there, and it being our first time in the playoffs," Coach Betsy Vail said.

The sole win was recorded by the first doubles team of Deborah Butts-Michele Moylan, both sophomores. However, in the singles, the players either had off-days or lost in close matches.

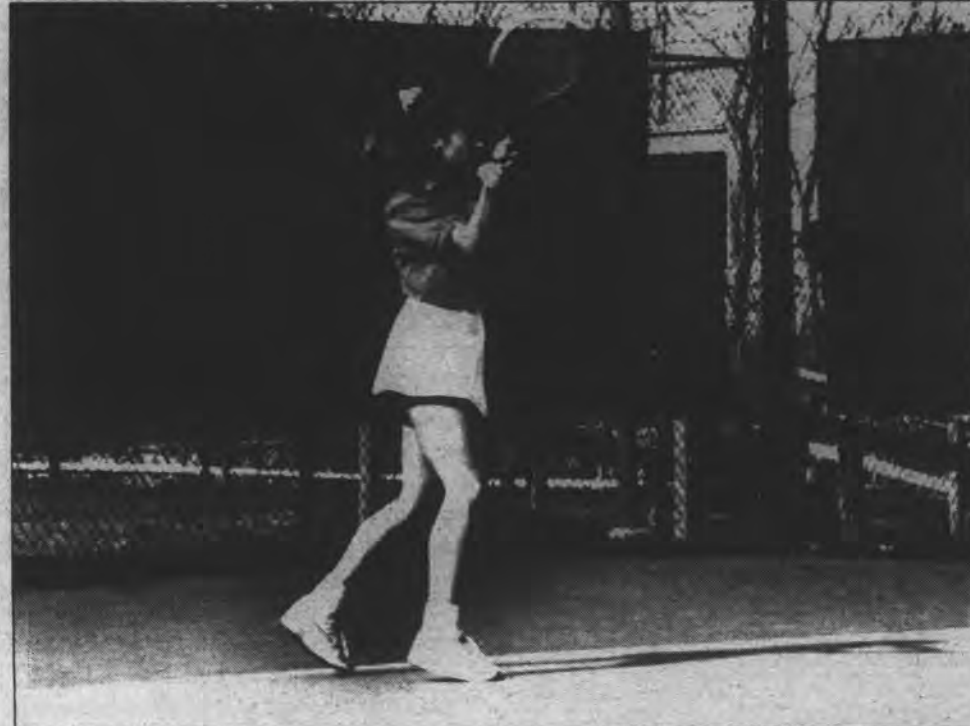
"We knew we could beat them, but we psyched ourselves out," Butts said. "We became too anxious, got real tense, played tentatively, and just fell apart."

This dark cloud does not overshadow an otherwise bright season, though.

The team went undefeated in the MAC Northeast (4-0), beat archival Muhlenberg for the first time, achieved the best record ever by the women's team (9-6), and individually had two 11-game winners, senior Lori Shilkret and junior Beth Spanier.

"At the beginning of the season we were losing matches we should have won," Moylan said. "It was a real good season. We developed and started winning all the matches that we should have."

Some highlights of the season included Butts' victory against the defending MAC champion from Haverford, the 9-0 shutout against Goucher despite splitting sets in six of the matches, and the 8-1 thrashing of FDU-Madison to clinch the division title. The victory against Muhlenberg was especially sweet for the Rangers after losing tough matches to them the last two seasons.



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Junior Carolyn Wise should be an important factor in the upcoming season.

"We always wanted to beat them, and it was a great feeling," senior Laurel Lotuff said. "When you know you can do something, it's frustrating not to win."

Individually, Shilkret and Spanier each posted 11-4 records to lead the team in wins. Shilkret, after struggling through a tough season last year, played effectively at the number five or six position, and Spanier turned in a splendid season at the number two slot.

"I expected Lori to be successful at the number five position," Vail said. "Beth started out strong last year, fell off later in the season, and had doubts about playing this year, but she came up with a lot of good wins for us."

Butts had the honor and the onus of playing at the number one position. Constantly facing the best player from each opposing team, she managed to sport an impressive record of 9-5.

"I am pleased at how I played this year," Butts said. "I started out strong in the beginning, probably peaked too early, then went into a slump at the end."

Moylan ended at 7-7 at the number four slot, and her continued development could be a key to the team's success next season. The close three-set match seemed to be her forte. A tough three-hour loss against Vassar, followed by another marathon match which she won against Goucher, characterized her season.

Michelle started to play really well at the

an 8-4 record; Lotuff-Spanier, a reunion team from two years ago was 7-4; and Anne Lampe-Sara McQuillian added a 3-2 record. McQuillian, who shared the co-captain duties with Lotuff, was hampered by a back injury and limited to doubles play. This junior should be ready to get back into the thick of singles play next season.

"All the team members have the same goals," Butts said. "Even though tennis is an individual sport, we treat it as a team, which may be the reason for the success."

The season continues for some of the team in the MAC tournament Saturday at Gettysburg.

Butts-Moylan will represent the Rangers in the doubles tournament, while Lotuff and Shilkret will end their collegiate careers participating in the singles bracket.

"It is nice that Laurel and Lori get to go to the tournament for their senior year. Hopefully, they can both win a couple of matches," Vail said. "It will be a good experience for them."

For her efforts, Vail receives a lot of the credit from the team.

"Betsy always wanted what we wanted," Lotuff said. "She is what the team is all about. She helped us, guided us. She knows what we are striving for."

"The team accomplished a lot as far as the goals we set: To win the division, to have more wins than last year, and to beat Muhlenberg," Vail said. "It took a lot of work to get here, and we can continue to improve."

Losing only two players to graduation is another silver lining to this year's team. Though the team will miss Lotuff and Shilkret, it will bring all the experience it gained this year into next season.

"It was a very successful season," Vail summed up. "I think we can look forward to more teams like this. The program is stronger than ever. Everyone is willing to work, and we'll be better every year."

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## Disappointing season ends for baseball

By Phil Morin  
Staff Writer

STATISTICS are for losers," a famous sportsman once said. If stat sheets told the whole story, then the baseball team would be jockeying now for an NCAA or ECAC playoff berth.

Instead, after a 9-3 record to start the season, Drew stumbled, losing 12 of their last 15 games to finish 12-15. As a team, the Rangers batted .294 while holding their opponents to a .269 average. Drew pitchers allowed 128 runs while the offense chipped in with 151.

Throw those numbers away. Drew won two games early on by a combined score of 41-1, which could perk up anyone's stats. Since those shellackings, covering 19 games, Drew scored five or more runs in a game only nine times and lost six of them.

"We had a theory," Head Coach Vince Masco said. "Early in the game and late in the game you take advantage and then let the middle innings take care of themselves."

A great theory, but other teams seemed to follow the same doctrine, and they did it much better. Drew was outscored in the first inning, 24-15; the ninth inning, 17-3; and lost two games in the tenth.

Yesterday's game against St. Thomas Aquinas looked as though it would be different but ended up typifying the season.

Senior Jay Golub, who led the team in hits with 32, lined a double (his tenth) into right center to lead off the bottom of the first for Drew. Second baseman Billy Connors then executed a superb bunt. The opposing third baseman threw wildly to first, with Golub scoring and Connors advancing to second. A balk put Connors at third, and he scored on a wild pitch, giving Drew a 2-0 lead.

Sophomore pitcher Glenn Dreyer worked out of jams in the first and second innings but was tagged for two runs in the third and three more in the fourth.

Drew had a chance to cut into Thomas Aquinas' 5-2 lead after loading the bases with one out in the bottom of the fourth. Yet the timely hit continued to elude the Rangers as it has most of the season, with senior Kevin Diverio popping out to shallow left and Golub fouling out to the catcher.

In the sixth, Drew rallied for three runs. Senior Ed Leskaskas, freshman Rob Denkin, and senior Mark Inger (3 for 4, 1 run scored) all singled, loading the bases. Diverio then forced out Leskaskas at home, bringing in Denkin.

ing up Golub with one out. Golub (3 for 5, 2 RBIs) chopped a hard ground ball past the first baseman and into right field, driving in Denkin and Inger. Connors' sacrifice fly plated Diverio, knotting the score at 5-5.

Dreyer, who rebounded to pitch a scoreless fifth and sixth, allowed a sharp single to right to lead off the seventh. Junior reliever Mike Bush entered and was ineffective from the start, giving up two hard-hit balls which allowed a run (charged to Dreyer) to score. He closed out the inning with no further damage.

The Rangers were set down in order in the eighth and ninth for the final 6-5 verdict.

Earlier in the week, Drew split a doubleheader with FDU-Madison, winning 5-2 and losing 6-1, and dropped a 14-4 decision to Haverford College.

In the first game at FDU, senior ace Raffy Daghljan hurled a four-hitter, yielding just one earned run.

The Drew hitters complemented Daghljan with 13 hits; sophomore Phil Garbarino (2 RBI single), junior Ted Otten (2 for 3, 1 RBI), and Golub (2 for 4, 1 RBI) led the batting barrage.

In the second game, Otten put Drew out front with an RBI single in the third. The lead, however, was short-lived.

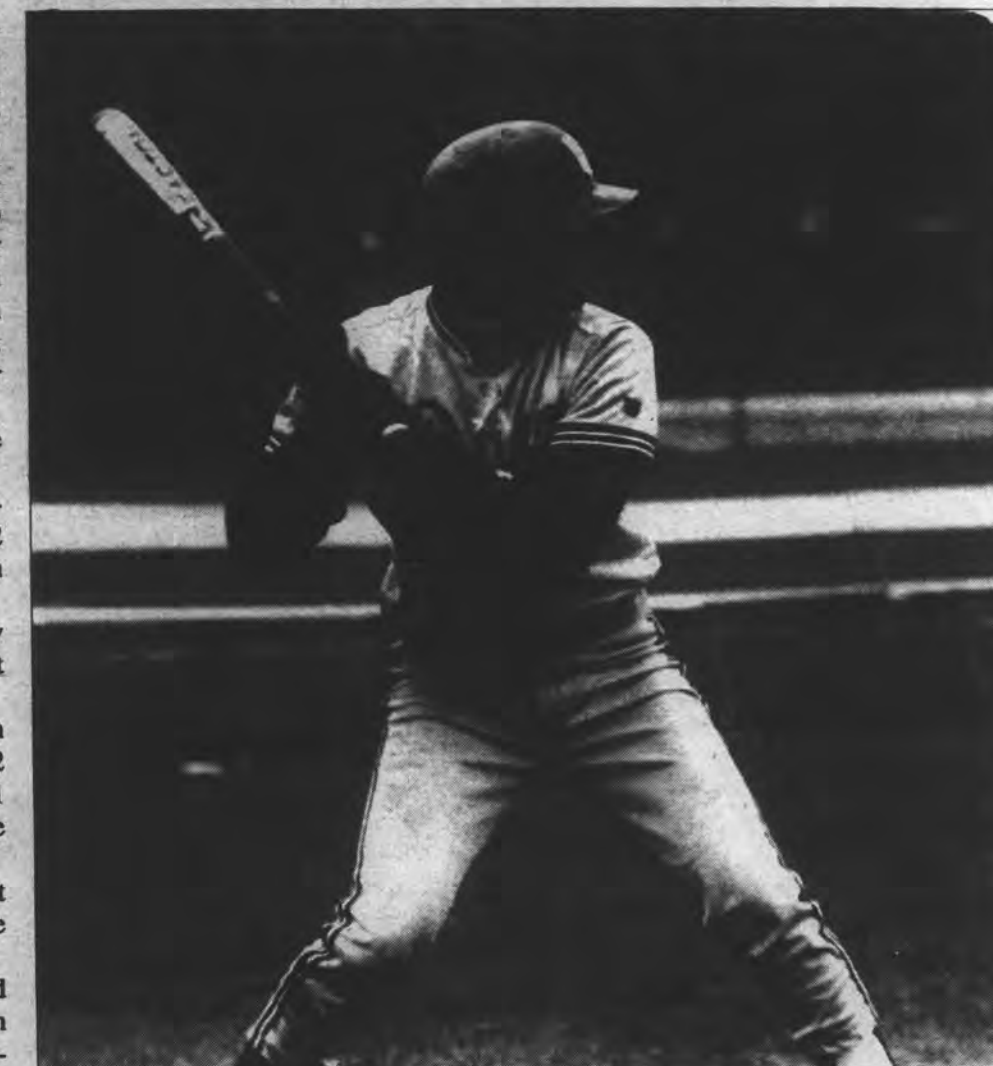
The rubber-armed Daghljan again started but ran out of steam in the third inning when FDU reached him for four runs. Bush relieved and allowed two more runs in three innings.

Against Haverford, Drew played strongly for seven innings, then fell apart in the eighth and ninth.

Otten, after serving up a three-run homer in the first, pitched six shutout innings. The game was close until the ninth, when Haverford erupted for nine runs, effectively icing the game.

Then came the St. Thomas Aquinas game, placing the final epithet to a dismally disappointing season. Unfortunately, things don't look too promising for the future with the departure of seniors Brian Levine (.345 avg., .504 on-base %, tied for team lead in RBIs with 16), Mark Goggin, Golub (.330 avg., 10 doubles), Leskaskas (.341 avg., .512 slug %), Inger, Diverio, and Daghljan (.284 avg., 7-4 record). Despite this exodus of proven talent, Masco was upbeat.

"Ted Otten (team-leading .351 avg.) will be back," he said. "Our double-play combination [Connors and Denkin] will be the same, and Glenn [Dreyer] and Garbarino can take over at third."



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Freshman Rob Denkin was impressive at the plate and in the field this year.

"[First-year players] junior Mike Klaskcha and [sophomore Paul] Skilton have good speed and, after serving in the infield this year, might contribute in the outfield. Alex Barbarisi [a sophomore catcher] has seen limited action but has a good bat, and I have some prospects at the catcher position."

The coach also cited the return of the entire pitching staff, save Daghljan, and three possible pitching prospects as positive factors for next year.

This season, which began with so much promise, must now be labeled "the season that could have been." Ten of the Rangers' 15 losses were by two runs or less, several coming in the final innings.

Masco felt that many of the losses came down to execution.

"[In the second half of the season] we weren't bringing the runners in from second with less than two outs or the runners from third with less than two outs," Masco said. "It comes down to situation play. In tight

spots the pitchers need to come through. When the pitchers are in trouble, the batters have to come through. "We weren't able to build runs; we weren't able to bunt runners over. We struggled [offensively]."

To improve on this year's record next season will be a monumental task, not so much for the proven underclassmen but for the untapped talent on the bench and from next semester's freshman ranks. A dedicated attitude combined with an aggressive approach by the coaching staff would make the difference.

Too often this season the Rangers did not take enough chances with bringing along younger players, stealing bases, and with the overall offensive philosophy. The team also did not produce at some of the most important games.

Coming through in the clutch and good coaching is a formula for success. A realization of that formula is up to the players and coaches—not the fans or the reporters.

## KATHY

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"I received a lot of recognition because I had good games at good times, against good teams," she said.

She was chosen as a first team regional All-American and was an honorable mention national All-American. "It really came as a surprise," Cottingham said.

But we must not neglect to mention the academic side. By the end of her junior year, she had become an Academic All-American in field hockey twice and in lacrosse once, and had been named to the prestigious GTE Academic All-American team.

It seemed as though both her academic and athletic qualities were peaking at the right time: A senior athlete always likes to go out with a bang, and the grades were needed to get into a good graduate school.

For that very reason, this past fall marked the first time that Cottingham didn't participate in varsity athletics. The break from field hockey allowed Cottingham to concentrate on her ecological research, but also allowed her some time to refresh herself. She was charged up and ready for lacrosse



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Kathy Cottingham excels on the field. season this past spring. She was selected as a team captain, a position that "really meant a lot to me."

She was, however, slightly disappointed with her performance this season. "I was a returning all-star, and I played very inconsistently. I really could've played much better," she said.

Some might debate that, though. Cottingham was faced with double teams, as the opposition keyed on her, and position changes. But through it all, she scored 34 goals in 14 games, second on the team. That leaves her with a four-season total of 96 goals, sixth on the Drew all-time list.

The season did have its highlights though. One of the biggest for Cottingham was getting the chance to play against her sister, a freshman at Muhlenberg. "It was really a lot of fun. Our parents wouldn't take sides, and we even guarded each other for about 15 minutes," she said.

One other highlight may be the naming of the National Association of College Directors of Athletics student-athlete team. Cottingham is one of 20 finalists (along with others such as Kessler and Villanova distance runner Vicki Huber) for the 10-member team from all sports, all divisions, all over the country. The team will be named shortly.

She also sees very good things for Drew

women's lacrosse in the seasons to come. "The team really gelled," she said. "We were much better than our record (5-9) indicated. The team has some great future talent. We really had some moments of brilliance this year."

So Cottingham's Drew lacrosse career is over. Where does she go next? Wisconsin—Madison, Wisconsin. She has parlayed her many talents into a fellowship at the University of Wisconsin, where she will study freshwater ecology. And though she has some trepidation about living far away from her close-knit family for the first time, she expects some help from lacrosse, as she plans on playing on a club team there.

Will it be the same as Drew, though? She doubts it.

"Drew is one of the few places where you can stand out in both athletics and academics and have both sides of the fence stand behind you," she said. "The understanding on both sides allowed me to do both well. Where else could I have my biology professors come cheer at a lacrosse game and my coaches ask me about my research?"

But the real question might be when they'll have a chance to witness a true student-athlete talent like Cottingham again.



# Women's lax finishes rebuilding season

By Kevin Cloppa  
Assistant Sports Editor

**I**T was a rebuilding year. No doubt about it. When the women's lacrosse team started preparing for their season a few short months ago, they knew it was not going to be easy. Yet, somehow, through it all, they have managed to keep a sense of perspective—and achieve some solid accomplishments in the process.

One such accomplishment was to be competitive despite obstacles, and that they achieved. This was never more evident than in last weekend's contests, when the Rangers toppled Gettysburg 11-10 and fell to Dickinson 7-5.

The first road game against Gettysburg saw some prolific scoring from senior Kathy Cottingham and freshman Jessica Platt, who pumped in four goals apiece. The offense was also boosted by the play of sophomore Susan McNulty, who added three goals of her own. To top it off, sophomore Rose Galicia and junior Donna Sasaman added two assists, while Platt added one.

Goalie Tanya Meck, who contributed seven saves, and a strong defense helped to hold the home squad in check for much of the game. Although Gettysburg managed to put together a late five-goal rally, the Rangers were able to hold on for the one-goal victory.

The last game of the year saw the Rangers put forward another solid defensive performance, especially in the first half, when they held Dickinson to one goal.

The offense was led by Brooke DeAngelis, who rattled off three goals. Cottingham and Platt added one goal apiece,

and Galicia added an assist.

It was the story, as it has been all year, of a team working hard to build a better future for the women's lacrosse program—the veteran defense picking up a young offense, the promising contribution of the freshmen and sophomores, the adapting to a new coach and a new system, and the overcoming of relative inexperience among many of the freshmen.

First and foremost has to be the unsung play of a veteran defense who was forced to anchor an otherwise young team. The defense was anchored by many strong performances, especially the play of senior co-captain Nicole Messer, who had to overcome game-to-game uncertainty as to her position.

"Every game she was switching around," senior Maura Driscoll said. "She handled the changes really well. Part of the reason for the switches was that Coach [Denise Wescott] would put her on the strongest players because Nicole is so fast."

Messer's role as co-captain, of course, also became an integral part of her role on the team, a fact exacerbated by the youth of this year's squad. "She did a really good job being the liaison between the coach and the rest of the team," Driscoll continued. "She is a very approachable person."

Driscoll, of course, was also an integral element of this year's team. The departing senior became part of the rock-solid force that was an anchor for the Rangers all year. It was her team play—indicative of the defensive unit in general—which was so instrumental to the team's overall performance.

Of course, it would also be impossible to analyze the defensive accomplishments as



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Sophomore Brooke DeAngelis heads upfield against the alumni squad last Sunday.

a whole without considering the play of stalwart senior Allison Veleber.

"Allison is a very consistent player," Driscoll said. "She is kind of a quiet person. You don't have to worry about her doing her

job. She plays her position of defense wing very well. She has played it for so long that she knows the ins and outs. She also is fast enough to stay with everyone."

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## Cottingham: The ultimate student-athlete

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**T**HE term "student-athlete" is often used very loosely. Witness the University of Oklahoma, among others, where the average GPA of the men's basketball team rests somewhere between 1.0 and 1.5. The Sooner men score more points in a 20-minute half than they do on a three-hour standardized exam. Let it suffice to say that they aren't exactly student-athletes.

Fortunately, there are great stories of true student athletes. Georgia basketball center Alec Kessler is one. He was the Southeast Conference player of the year, and most likely will be a first-round NBA pick. He also has a 3.91 GPA in pre-med.

Drew is lucky enough to have several such athletes, with senior Kathy Cottingham being one of the best examples. She has been able to simultaneously wear two hats—academic and athletic—without letting one fall to the ground.

The seeds of her success were sown in high school, when Cottingham took up lacrosse, which would soon become her second love. Her first was science, with biology in particular. She attended Shawnee High School in South Jersey, a perennial state lacrosse powerhouse. Cottingham's skills quickly showed themselves, as she



Photo courtesy Kathy Cottingham

Cottingham's prolific scoring and solid team leadership will be sorely missed next year.

was promoted to the varsity squad during her sophomore year. She continued honing her lacrosse skills, culminating in a spot on the All South Jersey lacrosse team her senior year.

But she wanted to continue playing, and that is where Drew entered the picture.

"I was interested in Drew, and I knew I

could play here," she said. "That started the ball rolling. Once Coach [Maureen] Horan-Pease noticed my interest and the season I was having, she started to recruit me."

"It was weird," Cottingham said. "In high school, I was always 'Kathy the brain.' But after my senior year, I became 'Kathy the jock.'"

That is often a problem for incoming freshmen sport recruits. They have athletic expectations to live up to, and the academics are often placed in the background. But Cottingham refused to let that happen to her. She played field hockey as well as lacrosse during her first three years at Drew, and hockey played an important role in her freshman year.

"It gave me a taste of what college athletics would be like," she said. It also gave her experience in allotting time for academics. Cottingham used her first collegiate semester as a "springboard"—both athletically and academically—to the rest of her Drew career. She became an immediate starter in lacrosse her freshman year and has not relinquished that starting spot during her Drew lacrosse career, spanning 60 games.

A student-athlete must have mental toughness and intensity; Cottingham exhibited such qualities and had one of her best seasons sophomore year, when the women's lacrosse team won the MAC, made the national tournament, and earned a number four national ranking. Cottingham was third in scoring on the team.

"That was probably the best team I've played on. If there ever was a picture-perfect season, that was it," she said.

Her junior year was marked by personal accolades, even though the team did not achieve the success of the previous season.

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This is the final Acorn  
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Good luck on finals, and  
have a great summer!  
Get lots of rest...

You'll need it.  
We know we will!