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Race, gender

Biologist Anne Fausto-Sterling debunks theories of biological differences between races and genders, challenging the concept of pure objectivity in the natural sciences.

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Men's lax

Following a successful West Coast campaign, the men's lax team defeated Manhattanville and looks to extend its unbeaten streak this weekend in the Drew Invitational.

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McDonald to leave post in May

Liz Bloetjes

Assistant News Editor

Citing problems with the current administrative structure, Executive Vice President Scott McDonald resigned last week, though he will continue in his present position until commencement.

McDonald offered his resignation once before when University President Tom Kean first arrived, he said, understanding that the position of executive vice president would probably not work with the new administration. The position only functions well if the president and executive vice president know each other very well, McDonald said.

"The former president [Paul Hardin] and I were so close that I knew what he was thinking before he thought it, and that's what you really want when you have an executive vice president," McDonald said. "Kean and I don't have that relationship, so it just wasn't working."

Because of Kean's former position in state government, he does not have this type of relationship with anyone in education, McDonald said, and will probably not be able to find an adequate candidate. "I don't believe he [Kean] is going to be putting in an executive vice president, probably instead a vice president of finances," McDonald said.

"I don't know if he knows for sure because we are just coming out of the Middle States evaluation and one of the discussions was about an administrative team."

His resignation did not result from any ill will, he said. "This is an amicable finish," he said. "It's not a personal thing at all."

McDonald stressed the importance of Kean working with an administrative structure with which he is comfortable, especially considering the University's budget problems. "Drew needs Kean to have somebody that he can work with because Drew needs to get out of these problems," McDonald said. "Drew is a solid institution, but if it continues for many years on the path we're on, then it's going to stop."

McDonald has recommended that Kean hire a provost in his place, he said. A provost, or chief academic officer, would coordinate all three schools and other academic institutions, such as the library.

A provost's duties would vary greatly from McDonald's. Currently, these responsibilities include all non-academic areas of operation, except Development and external affairs, he said.

McDonald's position has changed over his years at Drew, he said. "When I first came here my job was planning," McDonald said. "Then it evolved into chief operating

officer so that the president could be away raising money and visiting other schools."

McDonald's future plans remain unsettled. He may work as a consultant for academic institutions, he said, helping them to identify and correct weaknesses. He is also considering executive vice president or university president positions. "I enjoy being executive vice president, chief financial officer," he said. "Some schools are talking to me about the presidency. That's a possibility I'm less interested in, but I'm certainly talking about that."

He declined to mention names of individual schools.

"Drew is a wonderful place," McDonald said. "I look forward to all the great things Drew will be doing, and all the great things I'll be doing somewhere else. It's been real."



Scott McDonald said he leaves Drew with no ill will. Photo by MICHAEL KNOBBE

Candidates present platforms at forum

Jason Kosnoski

News Editor

Prospective Student Government Association office holders discussed their qualifications, goals, and ideas Wednesday night at the S.G.A. candidates forum in University Center Room 107.

Presidential candidates Sodan Selvaretnam and Dave Daniels; vice presidential candidates Paul Skilton and Jamie Bilella; and Student Concerns chair candidate Ian Bennington delivered speeches and answered questions at the forum.

Bennington began by saying that even though S.G.A. has accomplished much over the past year, many issues have not been addressed, and these are the issues on which he hopes to focus as Student Concerns chair.

He then stressed the importance of diversity on campus and how Student Concerns is uniquely qualified to address this pressing issue. "What we need to do is not strive for diversity but actually diversify," he said. "What we need to do is increase our knowledge of each other while providing for those whose differences make it more difficult to survive at Drew. I see Student Concerns as a sounding board and pro-active force for the voices that are not being heard and listened to by either the Student Government or student body at large."

Runningmates Selvaretnam and Skilton began their presentation by differentiating themselves from what they saw as the stereotypical politician, which Selvaretnam described as "a person seeking political office for selfish or other narrow, short-run interests."

Selvaretnam then listed specific policies which he said he hopes would "provide the students with government for all." These include raising standards for S.G.A. senators, requiring senators to coordinate two

campus-wide programs a year, and encouraging senators to build better relationships with their constituencies by getting "personal."

"We're a community. We're a family. We're just 1,500 students. We have to get personal," Selvaretnam said.

Selvaretnam also suggested requiring all S.G.A. committees to give biweekly reports to the Senate and, at the end of each semester, re-evaluating the purpose and mission of each committee to ensure they remain "integral and an asset to the student government."

The final problem Selvaretnam said he would address is what he sees as the lack of communication between students and administrators. He said University President Tom Kean agreed to meet with members of S.G.A. in hopes of bridging this communication gap.

Skilton went on to describe the lack of communication between trustees and students. "We've all seen, through the budget, how little contact there is between trustees and students. Sodan and I propose to get a student on the Board of Trustees, and to have each senator adopt a trustee," Skilton said.

Animosity among different groups on campus was another issue Skilton said disturbed him. "We propose that clubs and club leaders strive toward common goals, instead of competing with one another and dividing the Drew Community. Sodan and I both see conflict, whether it be homophobia or simple lack of education," he said. "Clubs need to come together and support one another. Why not have the rugby team come to a Women's Concerns dinner and why can't Women's Concerns come to a rugby game?"

Selvaretnam ended by stressing the need to inform administrators of students' pri-

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Haselton may close

Kathy Kuehn
Jason Kosnoski

Because of an expected drop in enrollment, the University is investigating options such as closing a residence hall or converting doubles to singles next year to save money. Director of Residence Life John Ricci will propose options to Dean of Student Life Denise Alleyne, who will present her recommendations to the President's Cabinet Monday, when the Cabinet will make its final decision.

One proposal calls for closing Haselton for two years, factoring in energy costs, custodial staff wages, and Residence Life staff stipends for a total savings of \$70,000 a year, Student Government Association Housing and Residence Life Committee Co-Chair Nancy Connors said. Under this plan, repairs including bathroom and lighting upgrades could take place over the two-year period using in-house resources rather than outside contractors. This would reduce the cost of repairs from an estimated \$120,000 to \$80,000, Ricci said.

The other proposal under consideration suggests converting Welch into a coed residence hall of singles. "We know the demand for singles here is high. If we can put X amount of students into the system at the single rate, we can increase revenue," Ricci said. "[This proposal] gives students what they want in terms of singles space and increases revenue at a time we sorely need it."

The annual revenue increase would be approximately \$26,000, he said.

Although Alleyne said she would like to consider other options, the 1991-92 budget requires saving \$65,000 by closing a residence hall for two years. "This budget was approved by the [University Planning and Priorities Committee] and the University Senate. This issue did not come up overnight," she said.

Ricci said he was concerned that the bottom-line figures of each proposal may result in a decision that does not take into account factors such as student satisfaction and morale. "Quality of life is something which I think is very important," he said. "I want to impress on those who are making decisions that students here are affected by quality of life every day. You can't give a dollar figure for the impact on students."

Ricci said he has attempted to be receptive to as many opinions as possible. "I talked to students and staff and drafted a lot of proposals. I wanted to make sure we looked at a lot of options," he said. "I'm not making this decision; I don't want to make this decision."

Connors lauded Ricci's efforts to represent student concerns. "John Ricci has been very receptive to student needs and perspectives," she said.

Ricci said students should make their voices heard if they want the decision to reflect their concerns. "Students need to rally behind this if they think quality of life's important... if they don't want to see an increase in the cost to go here with no increase or even a decrease in services," he said. "I think it's important that students understand the impacts here."

Connors said she expects that S.G.A. will play a role after the decision is made. "The part the S.G.A. has to play is to take the decision that the Cabinet gives us and see how we can make this work best," she said. "For example, if Haselton is closed the S.G.A. has to decide if another dorm should change from coed to single-sex, or vice versa."

The University projects a significant decrease in next year's enrollment. "The problem is we don't know how many students we're going to have next year," Connors said. "Estimates range from 100-150 fewer."

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Biologist challenges race, gender inequality

Scott Britton
Co-Editor in Chief

"Race [is] a solely social concept with no basis in biology; in biology, there is no such thing as a human race. [And] if you look to the genetic level for differences [between the sexes], you're in big trouble."

Although the mainstream scientific community may not agree with feminist biologist Anne Fausto-Sterling's research on race and gender, they cannot disregard her findings—evidence which corrects scientific myths that indicated differences between men and women, blacks and whites. The Brown University professor delivered the William C. Campbell Colloquium in Science and Culture March 4 on "Race, Gender, and Biology." Her book, *Myths of Gender: Biological Theories about Women and Men*, has exposed the faulty objectivity of biologists and anthropologists who have for hundreds of years manipulated scientific findings to

make women appear inferior.

Discouraged by scientists' "elusive search for biological differences," Fausto-Sterling said she began to research these findings herself and uncovered much misinformation. "I found that I faced a house of cards—I could pick apart the edifice with relative ease," she said. "The idea of difference [between the sexes] was an elaborate hoax."

Fausto-Sterling said she was concerned about such myths as male superiority with spatial ability and restructuring tasks. Scientists had determined that androgen—a male hormone—and high blood uric acid levels—another male characteristic—contributed to higher intelligence in men.

Even when these theories were later disproved, the initial discoveries continued to carry weight. "What generated all these theories? Nineteenth and 20th century regards to racial and sexual differences," she

said. "The science editors of papers pick up on them, and [the information] ends up in *The New York Times*."

Scientists have even reversed earlier theories when contradictory evidence was made available in order to perpetuate sexist stereotypes, she said. For example, female brains were thought to be more lateralized, a characteristic which was associated with poor spatial ability; when scientists discovered that male brains were actually more lateralized, they began associating this with superior spatial ability, she said.

Other biologists theorized that the size of the brain, which is usually larger in males, pointed to greater intelligence. This, however, was discounted because of the "elephant problem," Fausto-Sterling said, for elephants and whales should then be smarter than humans. Scientists revised the theory to state that a higher brain size to body weight ratio truly suggested superior intelligence, but this was quickly aban-

doned, she said, when according to this computation women usually came out smarter.

"The assumption was men are smarter than women," she said. "Those opposed to political power for women found differences everywhere."

Prejudice led some scientists to make similar observations about differences in race, Fausto-Sterling said. Anthropologists have used tools to measure physical features of the body, hair curliness, verticality of the face, lip thickness, and skin color, striving to find significant differences between those of African and those of European descent. "The claim that biological differences can explain social differences has no basis," she said.

Fausto-Sterling concluded that there is more variability within populations than among different groups—that greater differences exist among blacks, for example, than between blacks and whites.

S.G.A. revises constitution, redefines funding

Greta Cuyler
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association approved its newly drafted constitution by a vote of 21-0-1 Monday evening, in an attempt to revise and update the two-decade-old document. Today, a referendum question was included on the ballot for S.G.A. elections asking students to ratify this new constitution.

S.G.A. President Matthew Latterell said the main goals in writing the new constitution were to change the roles of the Cabinet and the Senate. "In the Cabinet, we generalized the responsibilities," Latterell said. "The new constitution increases both the power and responsibilities of the Senate. Our main concern was that one person couldn't dominate within S.G.A."

The new constitutional guidelines will establish two new senatorial positions. "We've created two new positions in the Senate: One to represent people in off-campus programs and one to represent CUE (Continuing University Education) students," Latterell said.

According to Baldwin senator Clara Schaeffer, the off-campus senator will represent and be elected by students study-

ing off campus.

The number of commuter senators will also be reduced by the new constitution. "We dropped from four to two commuter senators. There used to be a lot of commuter students here, but now there are only about 75," Schaeffer said. "We realized that if an average dorm holds 150 people and they get one senator, four commuter representatives seemed too many."

The constitution also stipulates that senators hold mandatory office hours, attend meetings and polls, and communicate with their constituencies.

Unlike the current constitution, the proposed document provides details on the impeachment process. "The new constitution both defines the grounds for impeachment and outlines a process," Schaeffer said.

Freshman senator Ian Bennington also worked on revising the constitution. "We made provisions in the event that senators don't live up to their responsibilities. We felt that individual senators were not taking enough responsibility," he said.

One of the major changes in the constitution is the proposed transformation of S.G.A. from an Extra Classroom Activities Board-sponsored organization to a student-funded organization. "As an ECAB club,

the S.G.A. can only officially represent students who pay the activities fee, which eliminates representation for part-time and CUE students," Latterell said. "We created a new budget procedure which is contingent upon the student referendum and approval of the President's Cabinet. We will request that each student pay \$2 per semester as part of the student activities fee."

Costs will be spread over the entire community. "Everyone, including CUE and part-time students, will have to pay," Schaeffer said. "This new budget process will increase S.G.A. funding, give students better representation, and help increase the S.G.A.'s accountability to students."

"The reason that S.G.A. has been an ECAB club for so long is because ECAB has had the money. We want our own money, which would allow us to represent all students," Latterell said.

The proposed \$2 fee is only an estimate of the money that is needed, and the fee might even be lower. "If we don't spend money one year, we won't have to charge money the next year," Latterell said.

The new constitution also includes S.G.A.'s purpose: "The S.G.A. will work to implement and educate the student body concerning the university's Human Rights Statement within the S.G.A., the student body, and the university at large."

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NEWS BRIEFS

FAP to take place on tennis court lot

The 18th First Annual Picnic will be May 4 from 1-10 p.m. in the tennis court parking lot. In case of inclement weather, FAP will be May 5 at the same time.

Assistant Director of Student Activities Pat Peek said FAP will rely on entertainment sources originating on campus and be as inexpensive as possible.

The University Center Board, in conjunction with the Office of Student Life and the Alumni Office, is relying on the creative talents of campus clubs. Peek said she expects volunteers to offer their assistance for staged acts and music. The only off-campus activities planned are Fun Flicks (in which students perform in their own music videos) and a visiting Irish band.

The activities for this year's picnic include team sports such as volleyball, softball, and relay races. Peek said she also anticipates the return of the popular dunking booths.

An area designated for supervised children's play will be provided, so Peek encouraged faculty, staff, and theological and graduate students to bring their families.

Peek said the exact ticket price has not yet been determined, though she expects the price to be very reasonable.

Drew hosts Spanish Language Day

Spanish Language Day will take place at Drew Tuesday from 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Department secretary Ileana Shofel will coordinate the event in conjunction with the Spanish department.

Sixty high schools will send 678 students to participate in the event. Students compete in various categories that test their knowledge of Spanish: At the elementary level, spelling and vocabulary; at the advanced level, oral and native Spanish-speaking. Members of the Spanish department and high school Spanish teachers will judge the contests.

Former Instructor of Spanish Esther Sanchez-Alba proposed and initiated the event six years ago.

Students advised to clear balances before pre-registration

Pre-registration for the 1991-92 fall semester begins April 1, and all balances over \$300 must be cleared by that date. "Any student who has a balance over \$300 dollars for this current semester will not be allowed to pre-register," Diane Tauber, assistant controller for Accounts Receivable, said.

Account statements were sent out March 15, she said. "What we're going to do is send some type of E-mail and also voice mail notifying students that they have to contact us because they have already gotten their statements," she said.

The E-mail and voice mail messages will probably be sent out some time next week, she said.

The Acorn will next publish April 5; letters to the editor are due Monday, April 1 by 8 p.m.

Computer design poses problems

Kathy Kuehn
News Editor

Melted cases, burned-out resistors, and system board damage can result from leaving the Zenith 180 portable computer—the model most juniors have—plugged in for long periods of time, Director of Technology Systems Bill Beyer said.

According to the owner's manual, the AC adapter should be disconnected when the computer is not in use unless the battery is charging. "The way it is designed, there is no circuitry for the battery to tell the AC adapter it's charged," he said.

Continuous flow of voltage into an already-charged battery eventually shorts it out, leading the resistor to burn out; this in turn can cause the plastic cabinet to warp and the system board to burn out, he said.

"That particular machine is made to be run off the battery," he said. "The sophomore and freshman computers aren't designed that way."

A shorted-out battery will not hold a charge. "If you've just charged your battery and it goes dead after 15 minutes of use, you've definitely got a problem there," Beyer said.

Beyer recommended that students who think their batteries have short circuited make appointments with computer repair before further damage occurs. "To replace

the battery is easy. To replace the system board is difficult," he said.

All repairs are covered by warranty while students are at Drew, Beyer said.

Although the manual warns against leaving the unit plugged into AC current without disconnecting the battery, probably few students are aware of this limitation, Beyer said.

"Our issue with Zenith is, is it a design flaw or is it something we can work around?" he said.

If Zenith decides to call the feature a design flaw, the company will probably offer options such as extended warranties, Beyer said, though he doubts this will happen. The 180 is one of the earlier generations of portable computers and was not designed differently than other portables of that time, he said.

"Now they know better—to depend on a user to read the manual is sometimes not the best remedy."

Projected repair times range from 15

minutes for battery replacement to two hours for installing a new system board, provided that computer repair has parts in stock, he said.

"We usually try to stock up on parts when we see something becoming a problem," he said. "Now if we don't have the part we can usually get it in three to five days. That was not true last semester."

Repair times last semester were longer because Zenith was undergoing a takeover by another company and did not keep its inventory of parts filled, Beyer said.

present the pros and cons of all options," she said. "We need to make the decision as soon as possible. Residence Life needs to complete resident assistant assignments and housing selection."

Although Ricci said he does not fully support the proposal to close Haselton as the best option, he thinks the plan does have merit and can be managed if it passes. "I don't want to see a decision made solely on financial reasons," he said. "I'm trying to come up with a proposal that weighs quality of life and finances equally."

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EDITORIAL

If you thought the budget presented a big problem for the student body this year, just guess what the main difficulty will be for next year: The students themselves.

Yep, we are up that proverbial creek; the only difference is we put ourselves there this time. There's no one else to blame, not even John Ricci.

This dilemma started a while ago, even before the Student Government Association announced that election petitions were available. The problem lies in what the petitions illustrate—we are going to have a headache that no Excedrin is big enough to write out.

Ideally, today's elections should present us with choices of qualified candidates, all willing and able to fulfill the positions for which they are running. Undoubtedly, the people who are running and those who signed their petitions are confident that they can do the job. In a student body of about 1,500 students, however, why aren't there more than two tickets running for the position of student body president? Why aren't there any official candidates for the chair and vice chair positions on the Extra Classroom Activities Board?

There are many answers to these complex questions. First, we all have classes with mean professors who constantly load us down with those awful things called assignments. But even with these evil people riding over us with whips, many people on this campus do participate in some activity.

Necessity, however, mandates that to get everything moving, capable and willing people must fill leadership positions.

For instance, S.G.A. needs qualified leadership because it does so much that affects you. Most people don't understand that nothing activity-related can get done without it. It is the student leaders in S.G.A. who must talk with trustees and administrators to make sure we don't get screwed over. These people are there to represent you the best they can and to get things done for you.

If history repeats itself, while you are reading this, only a third to a half of those people eligible to vote in today's elections have.

Developing ECAB leadership also presents a major problem. This board handles over \$100,000 every year, allocating it to those clubs that have shown a need for financial support while providing a service to the campus. Consistently, problems have emerged because students hesitate to take on the responsibility of chair or vice chair until they realize no one else will take the job. Also, this year, students in both positions are without prior experience. While doing the best job they can, student initiative in the past should have helped. It is preferable for students in lower positions to be trained to take over these positions each year.

As with the lack of voter turnout, the attempt to gain experience hasn't been made in the past and certainly hasn't been made this year. And the excuses of academic work and being too busy don't make up for the mess we have.

Lack of information has been blamed for lack of participation, but complaints have often been voiced by those who just want to be told everything, not by those who take the time to be informed. You must inform yourself!

But the biggest problem is commitment. Many people have a vision of the wondrous institution this school can be. But if no one tries to accomplish these goals, what can get done?

Most of us are here for four years. This is our home, and we all have the responsibility to do our chores. Here's a list of them if you've forgotten: Vote, run for office (if you can do the job), participate. Easy enough?

Don't fret—if we all work together to get these tasks done we'll still have time to drink our milk and eat our cookies.

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Letters to the Editor

Patriotism helps, not hurts, multiculturalism

To the Editor:

I read with some interest Charlie Clayton's "Patriotism hinders attempts to unify world" article. As I understand them, the article's basic premises are that patriotism ultimately leads to disunity, prevents the fostering of multiculturalism, and is an obstacle to the final goal of living "without a nationality." I strongly disagree with all of these.

First, in his arguments about the causes of disunity Charlie Clayton builds a convincing, if unintended, case for Empire. Based on his arguments, Tibetans, Lithuanians, Latvians, Estonians, and countless others should cease their divisive yelling and comply with central authority. This is hardly consistent with the fair and free world scheme envisioned in the article.

Second, rather than a hindrance to multiculturalism, patriotism is, in fact, the reason that multiculturalism remains "multi." The special and unique histories and traditions of all sorts of people around the world serve as the basis for diversity. Certainly, this has sometimes been channeled in the wrong direction. But in order to understand other people and places, we must realize that their patriotism and nationalism are the only ways for us to discover the richness of cultural diversity. A diversity which

has long been suppressed by empires and colonizing powers. People are different. That's what makes this world such a lively and interesting place. These differences result from patriotism; the two are not mutually exclusive.

Finally, the world unity Charlie speaks of seems like a blueprint for disaster. The struggle in our modern world is about the right of individuals to live in freedom, according to their own values. An international economic and political order, run presumably by some all-powerful world government, is an Orwellian vision of a world where people don't have a choice. To live in a "global community . . . without a nationality" would amount to a complete renunciation of all religious, ethnic, cultural, and historical patterns of life.

Nationality is why we have a French House. It is what makes living in the International House worthwhile. Nationality gives us Multi-Cultural Awareness Day. To think that a "Nigerian or Swedish" culture can credibly exist apart from Nigeria or Sweden is like expecting a devout Jew to live apart from the Old Testament or a Muslim apart from the Koran.

Michael Gonik
Senior

Alumnus disappointed by Fenwick's humor

To the Editor:

It is ironic that just prior to making out a check to the Drew University Annual Fund, I paused to read the Acorn (as an Alumni Board member I receive each issue) and was arrested by two sentences that are, to me, utterly distasteful, if not offensive.

I refer to the piece "Real world humor" by Andrew Fenwick. The fact that it was written as humor and that I disagree with its tenor is not at issue. My bone of contention is with the paragraph pertaining to "Big Guy Bush" that ended with, "And where's Hinkley when we need him? Jodi Foster has a new movie out, so why not?"

Do the bounds of decency, taste, and good sense have such minimal limits for a college journal, even one as excellent as the Acorn?

Having spent the better part of a lifetime as a teacher and coach, I have long been tolerant of the foibles and follies of students. However, the quotation cited was just too much to stomach without comment.

Incidentally, my indebtedness to Drew is such that my contribution was sent, unabated by the offense that I felt.

Llewellyn Watts III (C'43)

U.C. Board resumes role of allocating funds

To the Editor:

There is an organization on Drew's campus that has been in existence since 1981—the University Center Board. It began as a board that allocated monies generated from the U.C. gameroom to ad-hoc groups who had functions open to all three schools, faculty, and staff. With the addition of FAP and Senior Week, and the downsizing of the U.C. gameroom, the board evolved into a programming and supplemental funding board. The board was pushed into debt in 1986, and in 1989 it had to suspend all allocations in order to regain its financial strength. Here, in 1991, the board is finally back on its feet and has officially resumed allocation to ad-hoc groups who have their functions open to the entire Drew Community.

Board meetings are held every Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. in Commons Room 209-213, and

the meetings are open, except during voting and voting discussion. If an ad-hoc has a project that they wish to be considered for allocation, they can fill out a request for funds form in the Student Activities Office, deposit it in the U.C. Board mailbox in the same office at least two days before the meeting at which the request is to be considered, and call Cherry Oakley at x4758 to get on the U.C. Board's agenda.

The board is currently planning Senior Week and re-FAPing FAP. (For a description of each event and a makeup of the board see *Daniel's Dictionary* pages 57 and 26 respectively.) We welcome any and all suggestions/comments, and those thoughts can be placed in the U.C. Board mailbox in the Student Activities Office.

Cherry Oakley
Chair, U.C. Board '91

Griff's distorted history disturbs students

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to "Professor Griff," who recently came to Drew at the invitation of Hyera to lecture on "the responsibility of black performers in the media." Those of us who were unfortunate enough to be in attendance were treated to one of the more outrageous theatrical displays ever mounted.

Professor Griff opened his performance by explaining that he doesn't "act like a faggot or a sissy" about anything. So, having managed to insult the entire homosexual community within the first few minutes, Griff warned us that we shouldn't be insulted by anything he said. And if we did feel insulted, we should tap the person sitting to our left—because Griff wasn't speaking to us, he was speaking to our neighbor. As was commented later, "When I am insulted, I am insulted—not the person sitting next to me."

A lecture on black performers somehow turned into a history lesson. Griff painted a very depressing and bizarre picture of America—full of bigotry, hatred, misrepresentation, and brainwashing. And forget the person sitting next to me; I felt as though I were being held personally responsible for all the injustices of the slave trade and the Reconstruction. If the media was biased, it was my fault; if a skewed version of history was taught in my school, it

was my fault. Instead of provoking constructive thought, it seemed to me that Griff succeeded only in separating the black members of the audience from the white.

Griff's feelings about Jews were obvious; he used offensive clichés like "the Jewish mind" and made misleading references to the "Jewish part in the slave trade." According to Griff, the Jews owned most of the ships used for slave trafficking; according to history, the Jews of that time were mostly low-class merchants, trying to recover from the Spanish Inquisition. How thoroughly irresponsible, misleading, and discriminatory for Griff to call attention to the "Jewish part," even though he also admitted to Arab and African roles. Not surprisingly, Jews fear being singled out for social or economic wrongdoings, imagined or otherwise.

Griff also made the comment that "the Constitution is not worth the paper it's written on." Ironically, Griff deliberately denigrated the very document that protects his freedom to speak out against the establishment; in this light, his diatribe seems most insane. Instead of advocating improvement and growth, he preached abandonment and dissolution. Instead of improving on what we have, he wants to tear it down and start over. Griff comfortably forgets that al-

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Hafez al-Assad: U.S. sleeps with wrong person

After Syria joined the United States and the allied nations against Saddam Hussein, it began receiving financial aid from the United States. This funding is similar to that given to other international dictators—funding which has led to human rights abuses and war in the past. But, in our wisdom, why do we do it?

Jason Rozger
Staff Writer

With the U.S.-led defeat of Iraq, there has been much jubilation about what a good and just thing we have done and how selfless and pure our motives were. Much is being made of some "New World Order" where, since the Cold War is over, the United States and our allies can act as world police officers, protecting innocent nations from aggressors like Saddam Hussein and making it a freer and more humane place. Dictators can no longer act with impunity simply by playing one side against the other.

Implicit in this idea is the assumption that, since we no longer have an overriding fear of Soviet influence, we will not support brutal dictators simply because they pledge allegiance to us and not the Soviets. In the past, the United States has made pacts with numerous devils—pacts that always came back to haunt us. Our agreement with Batista brought Castro. Our understanding with the Shah of Iran brought Khomeini.

Blood and tears have been shed around the world because of American support for these regimes. But with the Soviet threat gone, it would seem that the United States has no excuse for supporting such evil men—that we can strive to protect freedom and justice and all the other things which we are congratulating ourselves for doing in the Gulf. Sadly, nothing is further from the truth.

In the past, we were not protecting anybody from anything. Our actions have always been in cool self-interest. Detering Soviet aggression was a convenient excuse for supporting dictators who supported us. Now we must find other ways of justifying immoral actions that happen to be in our national interest.

Saddam played into our hands perfectly. He played the part of the evil and expansionist tyrant as if we had coached him. If our true aim had been to reduce the amount of evil in the world, he would have been a suitable target. In reality, we have simply continued the pattern of backing one evil to defeat another that was threatening us directly.

Before Aug. 2, the Syrian government was ineligible for U.S. aid because famous and successful terrorists were welcome there. Its methods for torture were considered state-of-the-art. And its dictator, Hafez al-Assad, like Saddam, had no qualms about massacring large numbers of civilians he didn't like. None of these things has changed since then. Since he supported us against Saddam, Bush was photographed shaking hands with Assad; Syria will be getting \$3 billion (that's billion with a b, folks) from the nations allied against Iraq. He's not going to be buying VCRs with it, either.

Like most dictators, he has a fondness for the best available implements of destruction. Perhaps selling them to him will bring the economy out of the recession; when he finally uses them against some

smaller nation, we will fight and start the whole process over again.

But wait, hasn't he done that already? Assad invaded Lebanon when nobody was looking. What, then, is the difference between Assad and Saddam? If they are both dangerous and expansionist, shouldn't they get the same treatment?

While Saddam invaded Kuwait, which has lots of oil that we need, Assad invaded Lebanon, where there remains little besides bomb craters. Saddam threatened our national self-interest. Assad has not done that . . . yet.

Defending freedom, self-rule, and other lofty ideals has little to do with our foreign policy. Under that guise we get into bed with tyrants to protect what we, as a nation, need. The New World Order looks suspiciously like the old. We just need to look harder to find the bad guys we can safely oppose while continuing the policy of backing bad guys who will listen to us. This is how Saddam got so powerful. This is

how Assad is getting very powerful. But, undoubtedly, the United States will still look surprised when Assad invades Israel, after having returned to his old ways.

Don't get lost in the idealistic fever sweeping the nation as our troops return home. They performed bravely the job asked of them, and for that we should be grateful. But they should not be called defenders of world freedom or human rights. The Kuwaitis we returned to power are busily torturing those it feels sympathized with Iraq—along with some other non-Kuwaitis who were in the wrong place at the wrong time. This is not the freedom we fought for. We do not fight for any freedom except our own.

The morality of this is not something to be discussed here. But it's time we stopped fooling ourselves as to the motives of our foreign policy. Then, maybe, we can free ourselves to do some real good in the world.



Letters to the Editor

Farina derides constant morning fire drills

To the Editor:

Is everyone sleeping? Good. Are you all warm and cozy? Good. Is it 20 degrees below zero? Good. Do you have two midterms tomorrow morning in rapid succession? Excellent. Now get up out of bed and go stand outside in your robe. We are having a fire drill for your own good.

At first I thought I was dreaming. And then, eventually, I realized the dead-cold cranking noise was a real and very important 4 a.m. fire drill.

"Quick—cover yourself and stay still," I said to my roommate. Perhaps we could elude the authorities and stay in for this one.

Did I just say stay in bed for this fire drill? Something must be wrong with the system. That is not very safe. And my roommate and I are both responsible people.

For some reason, it is very important to wake students up with screamingly obnoxious sounds in order to teach building evacuation in case of fire.

I don't know either. I always figured it was obvious and best to get out of the burning building.

The "Boy Who Cried Wolf" syndrome certainly seems an adequate representation of this situation. The novelty certainly wears off after

being dragged from bed twice and falling victim of sluggish mind in the day's activities. "Another one?" quickly replaces a possible "Quick! Our lives are in danger." When we get around to four of these "drills" a month, who can take them seriously?

It's not that we don't try to take them seriously. We are sure this little game of "pretend fire" has great relevance to our safety. After all, we have been fire-drilling it up since our kindergarten years. I simply feel that we actually test the safety of the drill itself when it is so overused. What is called to question is the effectiveness of the senseless repetition. Holding so many drills becomes the school's well-kept security blanket and the student's nuisance.

Watching us all stumble out into the ice-cold morning air during exams at four in the morning simply makes me wonder how safety-oriented we are; where the sense of urgency lies—as none of us fear that the brick shoebox in which we live has ignited, taking with it our valuables and possibly our lives. Instead, we feel the aggravation of being responsible, fire-fearing adults.

While this gripe will not change a senseless system, how can I be ignored?

Christi Farina
Junior

GRIFF: Students upset by racial remarks

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though the "United Snakes of America" (his words) is far from perfect, this country is changing for the better—even for him.

In the future, I would advise student groups to choose very carefully the speakers they invite to campus. Perhaps it might be wise to show guest speakers a copy of the Drew human rights

policy, so as to avoid such minor indiscretions as gaybaiting or anti-Semitism. It would make for good, clean learning.

Jason Winder
Junior
Rob O'Brien
Junior

Vacancy in position can benefit students

Brent Boaz
Assistant Opinions Editor

This May, Scott McDonald will leave the post of executive vice president for the University. The position he vacates may or may not be eliminated. If it is, it will leave available over \$70,000 in unpaid salary.

Because the functions of the executive vice president can be fulfilled by the combined efforts of other top administrators, such as the budget director, the vice president for Development and University Relations, and the assistant vice president for administration, the position McDonald vacates should be removed. Thus, the money left unused could be directed to improve aspects of the University without digging into savings.

One option for use of the money has already been proposed by the Middle States Committee—the creation of a University Provost to handle academic affairs. However, such a move would adversely contribute to the existing problem of a top-heavy bureaucracy. A much better use of the money would be to add supporting staff for Dean of the College of Liberal Arts Dean Cuccchi, whose office is clearly overworked and in need of help.

Another area where this money could be helpful might be to restore some of the classes lost from the new budget. Or

perhaps, another faculty member in a department lacking in personnel could be added.

Other alternatives for the use of this money include the improvement of the Business Office, the mail service, or any other administrative department in weak shape.

Perhaps the money could be used as additional funds for emergencies that pertain to financial aid. In cases when a student might need a small amount of money to register, after all possible attempts to close an outstanding balance have failed, such a loan could mean the difference between attending Drew or taking a leave of absence for a semester.

Finally, the money could be used to rectify many of the more minor, though still important, needs around campus. Showers can be fixed and lighting and heating improved. The library could use the money to supplement its present holdings. Or the money could be used to alleviate the many incidental costs accrued to Drew students, such as the increasingly expensive parking fees, the cost for health services, and the purchase of texts from the bookstore.

Simply put, the position of executive vice president is no longer needed and neither is more top-heavy administration, but help can be given to students through improved student support and cost-reduction schemes.

Profiles: Fran Matagrano

Heather Beirne
Staff Writer

"I don't want to entertain people—there are plenty of places for them to go to be entertained. I want to upset them, inform them, make them think. I want them to hate my work or passionately love it," senior theatre and sociology major Fran Matagrano said.

For this reason, Matagrano said she prefers to do work in socialistic theatre as opposed to realistic theatre, in which actors do not acknowledge the presence of the audience. The audience watches the play as if through a window—looking in on a day, week, or month of the character's life, she said.

Socialistic theatre, in contrast, breaks through this wall or window, directly in-

volving the audience. Matagrano offered the example of the play *Waiting for Lefty*, in which the characters speak to the audience as if they were members of the same labor union.

Because of her double major, Matagrano said she views theatre as a place to teach and inform. "I'd done what I could at Drew in the theatre department by my junior year. I'd acted, directed, danced, done technical aspects, written plays, all kinds of things," she said. "I'd had a sociology class and loved it. For a while, I totally submerged myself in sociology."

She then discovered where theatre and sociology overlap and decided to develop that area.

Currently, Matagrano is directing a playreading for Women's History Month that will be performed tonight at The Other

End. She recently played a lead role in the Drew University Dramatic Society and theatre arts department production of *Forecast*. Matagrano also handles business for the DUDS Board and serves as light and sound technician for the theatre arts department.

Matagrano describes herself as "a basically mellow person." To relax, she enjoys reading and having friends over to talk. She also looks forward to calls from her fiancé in California. "When he calls, I can just laugh and be myself. I'm less tense afterward," she said.

Next year Matagrano plans to move to Virginia and hopes to be involved with the Virginia stage. "I'd like to do some grad work in sociology, but not now," she said. "I'm tired of school."



Fran Matagrano combines her love for theatre with an interest in sociology. Photo by MICHAEL KNOBBE

FORUM: Selvaretnam, Daniels respond to student questions

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orities concerning education. "We have a great phone system. We have cable TV. But at the same time we are making budget cuts on academic needs. We as students together will have to figure out where to draw the line," he said.

The other ticket, Daniels and Bilella, gave shorter speeches and began by expressing concern over declining student participation in social activities and suggesting policies which should alleviate the situation. "We plan to bring back that school spirit and uplift student involvement on campus," Daniels said.

Daniels suggested increasing the number of campus events and planning new ones such as a homecoming and a comedy festival. He also said he would attempt to decrease the cost of First Annual Picnic and the Junior-Senior Semi-Formal.

Bilella then said that his and Daniels' S.G.A. experience would help them negotiate Drew's bureaucratic structure.

After the candidates' presentations, the audience asked questions. Sophomore Dan Schantz perceives S.G.A.'s main function as monitoring administrators and asked both candidates if activities such as fostering understanding among campus groups were better left to other organizations.

Selvaretnam replied that actions to foster inter-club communication had to be addressed by S.G.A. "We can't just focus down on one; we're there to look at all the issues that concern the students, and we're also looking at the best way to delegate authority to get everything done," he said.

Daniels framed his answer in the context of whether S.G.A. should be a pro-active or reactive force. "Honestly I think it is reactive. I feel that it is there to bring the

students together... but it must react to the administration's actions," he said.

Senior Tom Limoncelli asked Selvaretnam to specifically list his accomplishments. "In your qualifications you listed many committees you have sat on. A hot water bottle can sit on a committee and keep the chair warm; what have you accomplished since last year?" he asked.

Selvaretnam replied that he did not participate in S.G.A. this year, instead choosing to follow other activities in hopes of gaining a greater perspective of S.G.A. and the campus' diversity. "I got very engulfed in the system sophomore year and started to accept it for what it was; I needed to take a step back and take a look at what was wrong from a student viewpoint and not from a senatorial viewpoint," he said.

Bennington asked Daniels for specifics about his plans for next year. "The thing I

remember most strikingly about your speech is your wish to lower the cost of FAP... and the Junior-Senior Semi-Formal," he said. "What else is on your agenda? Do you have any other concerns besides increasing social atmosphere?"

Daniels replied that he thinks increasing the social environment is very important. In response to this answer, Bennington said, "So you basically don't have any other concerns?"

Daniels answered, "I'm going to bring clubs together, require senators to go to floor meetings. The whole key is to have the campus as one."

Sophomore Jen Edwards raised concerns over Daniels' suggestions about S.G.A.'s role in promoting campus diversity. "To actually go out and pro-actively educate the campus as a responsibility of S.G.A. is not necessarily their responsibility," he said.

Stone 'breaks on through' with *The Doors*

Val Kilmer expertly portrays rocker Jim Morrison in his psychedelic trip of pain, discovery

David Morabito
Staff Writer

In his latest revival of the '60s—the decade of love, war, and counter cultures—Oliver Stone attempts to breathe life into the myth of Jim Morrison and *The Doors*.

Stone's clamorous portrait of the '60s is larger than life, inundated with psychedelic camera techniques, mirroring the hazy blur of a nation learning to experience and live with drugs. Embraced by their youthful generation, the group's career embarks on a brave, visionary rise, followed by a wretched slide into darkness fueled by the abuse of alcohol, drugs, and fame.

The film's portrayal of *The Doors* is sure to arouse a strong love-hate reaction to both the movie and the band members—as they did in their own era. Stone, however, reasserts his ability to grab an audience and unwaveringly sustains his hold for hours.

At the heart of Stone's intoxicating grip is Val Kilmer, who as Morrison succeeds in raising the dead. The best and the worst

of the '60s runs through the veins of Morrison, *The Doors*' sex symbol as well as its hidden nemesis. The rock star, who sees himself as a Dionysian figure, perceives "love-death" as the ultimate high, being "the end" that could "break on through to the other side."

Morrison's self-destructiveness, which leads to periodical suicidal outbursts, is also accompanied by a similar violent streak aimed at others. Kilmer portrays Morrison's impassioned violence impeccably as he waves a knife at a friend, drags his companion to the edge of a rooftop, and locks his lover Pamela Courson (Meg Ryan) in a closet and then ignites the door.

Stone approaches the screenplay from multiple angles, one of the saddest being the love story between Morrison and Courson. Violent and abusive both mentally and physically, their relationship is tainted with paranoid trips on acid and bruising infidelity.

Courson's love transcends their pain and jealousy, allowing her to wholly love

Morrison, even after his potential is forgotten in the bottom of whisky bottle. He lashes out not only at her, but at himself as he draws closer to his quest for death.

The combination of Morrison's masochistic ego and his visions of a Native American shaman create a headstrong, abusive man. Morrison uses substances to explore both light and dark, the good and evil forces that exist in all planes of reality.

Remarkably, Stone cinematically incorporates the rocker's ability to live in the unconscious, while desperately trying to find what is so tantalizing over the edge. Stone combines the shaman, the edge, and the unconscious together in a powerful concert scene, fading the sound to silence. The modern-day Dionysus becomes one of the circle of Native Americans. Morrison's fans believed him to be immortal, but he too revealed in his ability to harness life's powers.

Just like the film's protagonist, Stone and *The Doors* do have their problems. Although Stone has directed several box of-

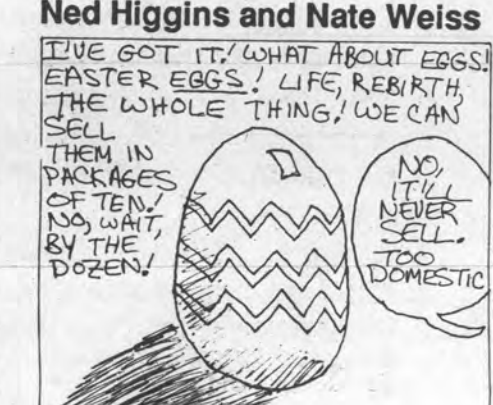
fice smashes, he still has not presented a strong role for a leading actress. He is able to harvest the talents of the men on his sets but squanders the abilities of the women, diminishing their roles to mere "ornaments," as Courson defines herself in the airport scene.

Stone's liberal mixture of fact and fiction also raises questions of accuracy and the story's integrity because it so freely blends myth with history. These drawbacks will undoubtedly affect how *The Doors* will be accepted in a time when America is still drunk the morning after being blitzed on patriotic euphoria.

The Doors and Morrison are nonetheless branded in the minds of millions for their idealism of personal potential, and Morrison's untimely death at the age of 27 transfixes him as an alienated love-god standing for everything that is young, rebellious, and sexy.

The reality is, however, that the myth that keeps him alive also killed him.

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ENTERTAINMENT



Sleeping gives cold sweats

Phil Morin
Staff Writer

In *Sleeping with the Enemy*, director Joseph Ruben and screenwriter Ronald Bass create a terrifying thriller that makes for an entertaining evening—just don't scrutinize the script.

Julia Roberts, as Laura Burney, capably portrays a battered wife who flees from her domineering, meticulous husband, Martin (Patrick Bergin). Laura fakes her own drowning during an evening cruise on the stormy Atlantic with Martin and their neighbor, a Boston surgeon (Kyle Secor).

She escapes to Iowa to begin a new life, conveniently renting a house next to an unmarried drama professor named Ben (Kevin Anderson). After initially treating Ben's romantic advances with hostility, Laura eventually warms to his charms, if not to his culinary skills.

But this isn't *Love Story*; it's more like *Fatal Attraction* meets *Michael Myers*. Martin discovers that Laura survived and methodically hunts her down. He slyly interrogates Laura's blind mother (*All My Children*'s Elizabeth Lawrence) to unearth Laura's whereabouts.

The ending, predictably similar to many recent horror movies, fulfills Martin's earlier caveat to Laura: "You can't run away from your problems. Eventually you have to face them."

Despite the charisma of Roberts and excellent emotional manipulation, *Sleeping with the Enemy* suffers from an incongruous storyline. Bass, who won an Oscar for his *Rain Man* screenplay, tries to shore up various plot deficiencies with all-too-simple explanations.

Laura supposedly saved enough money to pay for her mother's care for six months. Then she does out three months' rent for a house in Cedar Falls, IA, complete with

picket fence and porch swing. Believing that Laura soaked away a couple thousand dollars working three days a week as a librarian asks too much of even the most submissive audience. Maybe she should have pawned her wedding ring instead of flushing it down the toilet.

Additionally, before the "fateful" cruise, we learn that water terrifies Laura; she almost drowned as a child. Bass's script, however, handily cures her hydrophobia, providing secret swimming lessons at the YWCA as Laura's therapy for this trauma.

The actors perform admirably, despite Bass' band-aid solutions. Roberts displays her uncanny appeal most vividly during a scene with Ben at the college theatre. Slinking from costume to costume while Van Morrison's "Brown-Eyed Girl" blares in the background, Roberts positively mesmerizes.

Bergin provides an intensely frightening performance as the dominating husband. The opening scenes involving Laura and Martin at the beach house are especially well done. A chilling moment occurs after Martin, in a jealous rage, brutally beats Laura. When Martin enters the house later, the camera focuses on Laura's grimace as he says: "I'm sorry we quarreled."

In a scene on the dock between the surgeon and Martin, however, the dialogue seemed stilted, as if they were secret agents conversing in code. I half-expected them to clasp hands and exchange plans for the Patriot missile.

Ruben and Bass excel at building audience tension and then releasing it quickly and humorously. Another fine detail concerns Martin's penchant for obsessive organization—enough to make you check your towel rack after you arrive home.

Julia Roberts fan? See it. Enjoy thrillers? See it. Need a reason to break off your engagement? See it.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Vinyl Rap

Sinatras cook up tasty blend with *Cake*

Andy Fenwick
Drew Weaver

With so many pseudo-psychedelic dance bands flying over the Atlantic these days, it's refreshing to come across a band like The Trash Can Sinatras. This Scottish quartet's appeal stems from the fact that they are unlike their counterparts, The Soup Dragons, The Charlatans U.K., and Stone Roses (who are probably all the same group).

The Trash Can Sinatras are simply a straightforward pop band, relying on talent and creativity instead of tapping into the vein of a trend. Its first mainstream American release, *Cake*, is just that: A tasty chunk of sweet, thick songs which are delicious—yet it is hard to positively say if this is the best cake one has ever had.

Cake is the work of a new band, unsure of itself and its obviously stunning amount of talent. The nine songs, five of which are produced by the band itself, sound shaky at first listen and are difficult to tell apart

from each other. But each song redeems itself with a unique instrumental flourish. Strangely, the shaky production begins to add a refreshing feeling to the music, as if the Sinatras were standing on a hill on a sunny day. If ever a wimpy band sounded as if it had the potential to be excellent in concert, these guys are it.

The cornerstone of its sound, a ringing electric acoustic guitar, falls on each song like a wave of spring rain. "Only Tongue Can Tell" begins with a guitar strummed like a call across the mountains. The song then steps off like a bouncy march; the lead vocals happily float on top.

Second in line is the song "Obscurity Knocks," another bouncy, beautiful tune, complete with a triangle chiming in behind the melody and nonsense lyrics: "Oh I like your poetry but I hate your poems." The power of these two songs lies in their vibrant rhythms and thick, smartly played layers of guitars.

Another true achievement on *Cake* is the final song, "January's Little Joke" begins

with almost sappy strings, but this four-minute plus epic pop song is filled with wonderful guitar, horns, piano, accordion, and swirling vocals.

These instruments are quietly suppressed beneath the guitars, so as not to create a cacophony of sounds, and soon the whippers of recorded radio and television voices slide out as if they were born from the soothing instruments above them. As sinister as this may sound, "January's Little Joke" is perfect to fall asleep to.

A more confident group would have let "January's Little Joke" run longer. The Trash Can Sinatras don't seem ready, but they are not to be taken lightly. The guitar playing is strong, the Scottish accents in the vocals are enlightening, and the tunes are evidence of a major songwriting talent afoot.

The Trash Can Sinatras definitely have the potential to serve up something in the future which will be found tasty by mainstream American radio. One can only hope that they will bake another *Cake* soon.

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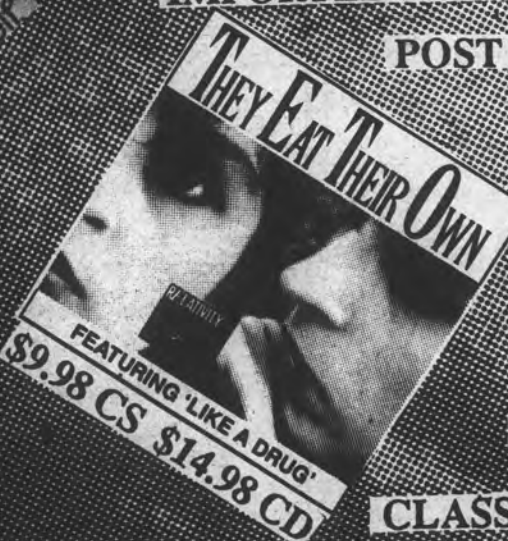
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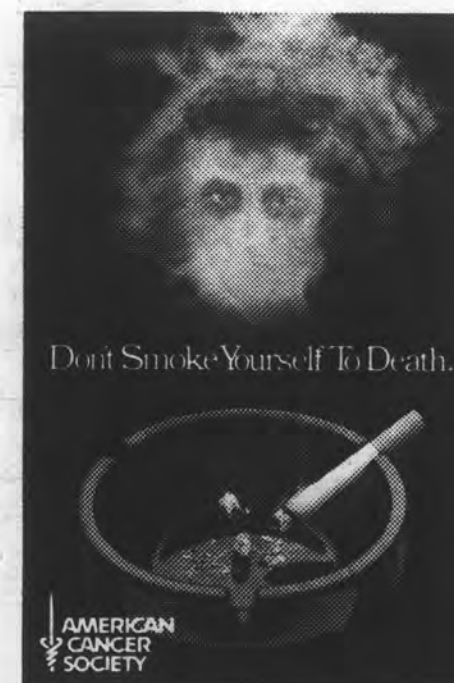
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Men's lax triumphs in home opener

Stephanie Saunders
Staff Writer

After an exciting spring break in California, the men's lacrosse team defeated Manhattanville Wednesday downing its undefeated opponents by a final score of 16-8.

"When we clicked in the second half, we started playing our game and holding off their goals," assistant coach Dave Steffano said.

Coming out slowly, Drew surrendered seven goals in the first half. Although the Rangers countered with eight goals, they were not playing up to their potential.

"We wanted to come out strong, to get ready for the teams we're playing in the tournament this weekend," Steffano said. "But we are still a second-half team."

At halftime, the team realized its lack of intensity and tuned its game. "At the half we realized that we were not playing our game," senior co-captain Max Rockwell said. "They were giving us a lot of trouble when we weren't doing our jobs."

Manhattanville gave the Rangers trouble last season as well. In an 11-10 match, the Rangers slid by in a game the Valiants claim they should have won. The Rangers used their opponent's claims to psych themselves up for the game.

"They said that they should have won that game, and I guess the guys didn't like that too much," Steffano said. "They really wanted to win this one."

The Rangers faced the leading scorer in Division III and Rockwell drew the assignment of defending a player averaging eight



Stefan Zorich evades a Manhattanville defender in Wednesday's 16-8 triumph. Photo by CHRIS NEALON

goals per game. Both Rockwell and sophomore Matt Frederick played excellent defense throughout the game.

"Our goal was to score above 15 and try some players out; we reached both of those goals by scoring 16 and using Frederick and [freshman] Alex Previdi," Steffano said.

Previdi scored three, starting the momentum of the Rangers in the second half. Other outstanding players were sophomores Stefan Zorich and Arrol Borden in goal.

Borden became starting goalie this week when junior Rich King left the team. A surprise to the players and coaches, King's

"Before we left, our goal was to win both games, scoring at least 14 each time, and not allowing more than six to be scored against us," Steffano said. "It was also a goal to bring back a tightly knit team."

Practices were at least three hours daily, with some double session days. "Spring break is always a little more relaxed, but we still had tough practices," Rockwell said. "We got to see San Francisco, but we had morning practice that day, too."

West Coast lacrosse is not as competitive as East Coast, so the victories were expected. The games gave coach Tom Leanos time to watch all the players in an actual contest, and both coaches were pleased with the week's events.

Senior captain Matt Cooper had five goals and four assists against Stanford. Other outstanding performances were turned in by senior Andy Siegel; sophomores Tim McGrath, David Newman, Peter Whitman, and Zorich; and freshmen Amos Blinder and Mike Clark.

"The midfielders were scoring 10 to 11 goals, which is amazing," Steffano said. "If they keep that up, and our attacks score, we will win a lot of games."

The Rangers' skill displayed over their last few games is expected to carry over into this weekend's four-team Drew Invitational tournament. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute will face off against the Rangers at 4 p.m. Saturday.

"RPI is a much better team than Manhattanville; we can't come out like we did today," Steffano said. "If we get them to play our game early, we can hope that our wins will carry over."

absence is pulling the team together. "We miss Rich because of who Rich is, but Arrol is also a great player," Rockwell said.

Two freshmen, David Levin and Brian Fernandez have decided to give the goal a try. Neither has ever tended goal, but when needed, both offered to learn. "The guys know now that they have to help each other that much more," Steffano said.

Perhaps the heightened sense of team spirit is a result of the Rangers' week in Santa Clara, CA. The first goal of the season was scored by Mario Enea, a native Californian. The Rangers went on to defeat Stanford, 17-7, and Santa Clara, 18-6.

Florida trip primes baseball team for season

Phil Morin
Staff Writer

When the baseball team left for Florida, coach Vince Masco had a number of questions to answer about his 1991 squad. Pitching headed the list, with bench strength a close second. Despite a 2-4 record on the trip, many positives resulted from the spring break experience.

The early season success of freshman relief pitcher Brian Ferrante gives the team a needed boost in the bullpen. In Florida, Ferrante appeared in four games, pitched 4.2 innings, and allowed no earned runs on only two hits. His control, however, could be a problem; Ferrante walked six and threw two wild pitches. Perhaps more important than the statistics, his performance earned him the confidence of his teammates.

"One positive was definitely the pitching of Brian Ferrante," junior Phil Garbarino said. "He comes in and closes the door."

Another concern of Masco's pertains to depth on his bench; many of last year's key reserves are being forced into full-time duty.

"I was pleasantly surprised with the players who didn't play in the fall: Guys like [freshmen John] Simpson [and Jason] Kroll, and [sophomore] Bill Geyer," Masco said.

Simpson, a contact hitter with above-average speed, batted .412 in Florida and will probably see some time in both rightfield and leftfield, depending on junior Alex Barbarisi's health and who is pitching the specific game.

Kroll platooned at third base with junior Glenn Dreyer and hit .364 in 11 at-bats. Geyer showed potential as a solid defensive catcher, although his hitting is still untested.

Barbarisi, whose throwing was limited by a sore shoulder in Florida, has been cleared to play in the field. In Florida, he appeared only as a designated hitter, but Masco is counting on him to play in right. Despite his throwing problems and the team's slow start, Barbarisi nonetheless

sounded upbeat about the Florida trip.

"This year we saw pitching that was as good as the best pitchers we'll see all year," Barbarisi said.

Boca Raton College and Trenton State College, both winners over Drew, have excellent Division III squads, while Jersey City State came up with strong pitching performances in its two wins over the Rangers. A split with Jersey City would have left the Rangers with a .500 record for the trip, but in the second game, a 7-4 loss, Drew left nine runners stranded.

This year, Masco said he intends to employ more of a running game to replace the extra base-hit potential. Therefore, the pitching staff must keep games close, especially early on, to allow baserunners to be more opportunistic. Usually the schedule on the Florida trip does not contain so many games that count in the standings; the pitchers can experiment without worrying about their records. This season, however, the staff will have to shake off its early season losses and establish itself up North.

One often overlooked aspect of the spring break trip—though almost as important—concerns the sense of camaraderie and team unity forged in such an environment. The closeness of a team reflects its character and thus its eventual achievement.

"The team came together down in Florida," Garbarino said. "It's good to stay together and get to know each other."

The Rangers traveled to Moravian in their first game since returning from Florida. Drew put forth an excellent effort but lost a heartbreaker 4-3.

Masco elected to send his ace to the mound, and senior co-captain Ted Otten responded by pitching a solid nine innings. After surrendering three runs in the first two innings, the 6'6" southpaw settled down and silenced the Moravian bats for six consecutive innings.

Otten's cause was aided by battery mate Garbarino's defensive efforts, as the backstop gunned down three would-be Moravian base-stealers through the course of the contest. For one whose arm strength has been questioned in the past, this was an



Glenn Dreyer will help the baseball team as both a pitcher and a third baseman. Photo by NATALIE FORBES

extremely promising performance.

"Phil did an awesome job today," sophomore Rob Denkin said. "When you throw three guys out, it not only erases potential runs, but it keeps them from running again. Plus it gives the defense a real moral lift."

Offensively, Drew pecked away at the Moravian lead in the middle innings, scoring single runs in the fourth, fifth, and sixth innings respectively. The Rangers got their scoring started in the fourth with consecutive walks by Barbarisi and Dreyer. Senior centerfielder Mike Klaschka delivered in the clutch with a line drive RBI single to rightfield, plating Barbarisi.

In the fifth, Simpson led off with a double to the rightfield alley, continuing his hot Florida hitting. Junior co-captain Billy Connors then sacrificed Simpson to third. Denkin drove a 3-1 fastball to leftfield, deep enough to score the tagging Simpson.

Denkin and Garbarino produced back-to-back singles in the following inning. Otten hit into a fielder's choice, eliminating Garbarino, then yielded to pinchrunner Kroll. The young player proceeded to initiate a double steal, as Denkin broke for the

plate as soon as the Moravian catcher threw to second to score the tying run.

The score remained tied until the bottom of the ninth, when Moravian put runners on first and third with only one out. Masco elected to play his infield at double-play depth, banking on the slick-fielding middle infield combination of Connors and Denkin to bail his team out. That strategy almost paid off as Connors fielded a grounder that was too soft to turn a double-play.

"It just happened to be one of those in-between slow choppers," Denkin said. "We are confident that we can turn two. If it happened again, we would probably do the same thing."

Despite this tough loss, the Rangers are unphased, stressing the numerous positives that they will take down to Saturday's doubleheader with Washington College.

"This is the best game we have played all year," Garbarino said. "Our defense was excellent, and our offense manufactured runs like we are supposed to do. Nine out of 10 times we will win that game, and I think we are going to win a lot of games if we keep playing like that."

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Women's tennis earns split

Keith Morgen
Staff Writer

The women's tennis team crushed Manhattanville College Tuesday at home in its first match of the season. However, the tide was turned in its match yesterday as the Rangers were blanked by Ursinus College, 9-0.

The singles players dominated the contest against Manhattanville, winning every match.

Junior Deborah Butts and sophomore Amy Petrone both shut out their opponents 6-0, 6-0.

Freshman Sharon Cohen triumphed 6-1, 6-1, while sophomore Stephanie Saunders won 6-2, 6-1.

Sophomore Jen Riek handled her opposition 6-4, 6-1, and sophomore Yvonne Diaz won 6-3, 6-3.

"The scores pretty much tell the story of the match," Butts said. "Despite the fact that we're a young team, we all played really well. Considering the horrible weather conditions we had to play in, we're all very pleased with our performance."

The three doubles teams did equally well. The team of Butts and Cohen shut down their opponents 6-2, 6-0. Riek and Saunders won 7-5, 6-0.

The combination of freshman Nancy Mannarino and Petrone lost 5-7 in the first set and were leading 7-6 in the second when the match was called on account of darkness.

Riek thinks the youth on the squad will

not be a big issue. "We're a very young team, but we'll do great," Riek said. "In the match against Manhattanville, it was a first-time college match for many of our players, and they all responded to the challenge and played excellently."

The Rangers were overpowered significantly by a deep and experienced Ursinus squad.

"This is a good learning experience for us playing such a good team," Butts said. "There's a lot of excitement because there's so many new players. We are having a lot of fun, and we are not going to let this get us down."

The first doubles team of Butts and Cohen fought to the end, losing a tie-breaker in the third set. After losing the first set 4-6, they battled back to win the second 6-3 before losing the third, 6-7 (10-8).

One problem addressed by Butts and the first-year players was the expectations of living up to last season's Middle Atlantic Conference Northeast title, the first such title ever for the women's tennis squad.

"I don't think there's going to be a problem with having to live up to the MAC championship team from last season," Riek said. "We've all talked it over, and we're a different team than last season's team. We don't feel any pressure at all to play up to the standards set last season."

The Rangers face a tough Bryn Mawr College squad at home Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.

Equestrian trots toward first

Lisa Parent
Staff Writer

March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. The Riding Rangers are trying to rewrite that old adage. Over the past three weeks, the equestrian team has roared past the competition, closing the gap on the Regional leader, Pace University, from 14 points to two. And the Rangers aren't losing any of their fervor.

The Riding Rangers placed second in both their March 3 and March 17 shows, thus earning two reserve high-point ribbons. Sarah Lawrence College was the high-point college at the first show with 43 points to the Rangers' 33. The United States Military Academy was the high-point college at the second show, edging out the Rangers by one point, 31-30.

At the March 3 show, six Ranger riders won blue ribbons for their individual rides: Junior Sandy Sayre in Open Fences, junior co-captain Karen Heroy in Intermediate Fences, sophomores Jessica Macieski and Thalia Falcon in Novice Fences, freshman Alicia Destro in Maiden Fences, and freshman Sayre English in Advanced Walk-Trot-Canter.

As a team, the Riding Rangers amassed 24 ribbons during the course of the day. Several Rangers also qualified for individual competition at the Regional finals in April by accumulating 28 points in their division. Heroy qualified in Intermediate Fences and advances to the Open Fences division; English qualified in Advanced Walk-Trot-Canter and advances to the Novice Flat division; and freshman Kacey

Christensen qualified in Intermediate Flat and advances to Open Flat competition.

Other riders who classed up within their division at the March 3 show include freshman Alicia Destro, who moves from Maiden Fences to Novice Fences; freshman Sherry Reese, who advances from Beginner Walk-Trot-Canter to Advanced Walk-Trot-Canter; and freshman Katrina Elliott, who advances from Beginner Walk-Trot to Advanced Walk-Trot.

Because of spring break, the Riding Rangers went into the March 17 show with only 13 of the team's usual 21 riders competing. Despite that seeming disadvantage, the Rangers rose to the occasion and came out of the day with a solid grasp on second place in the Region, moving ever closer toward first.

Heroy and senior co-captain Karen Sykes both won blue ribbons for their performances in the Intermediate Flat division. Christensen also won a blue for her round in Intermediate Fences.

The Rangers had yet another team member qualify individually for Regionals, as junior Mary Tarvin pointed out of Advanced Walk-Trot-Canter into the Novice Flat division. Sophomore Jenn Plitch classed up within her division from Beginner Walk-Trot-Canter to Advanced Walk-Trot-Canter.

Every Ranger rider won at least one ribbon during the day's events.

With one show left in March—Sunday at Marist College—the Riding Rangers hope to roar out of March even louder than they roared into the month.

Softball kicks off initial varsity season

Shawn Sullivan
Staff Writer

The change in season brings the opening of softball season. The softball team also brings some changes of its own: New faces, a new coach, and even new varsity status.

The team has been pushing for years to reach varsity status. Those who played during that time worked hard to consistently achieve winning seasons, yet the sport remained at club status. Now the goal has been accomplished.

"As a group, they all pushed hard to be a varsity sport," coach Chris Parsons said. "Obviously they wanted to be more competitive. Hopefully they will follow up on that."

Some negatives accompany the varsity promotion. The demands of a higher degree of dedication put more pressure to win on the athletes. A key to the transition to varsity status will be the many players on the team who are two- or three-sport athletes; they know the dedication and competitiveness required, which will rub off on the rest of the team.

"We've been pushing hard for this," senior Jeannine Porro said. "It feels like this is an accomplishment. It's almost as if the fight is over. We've finally achieved our goal."

The team's biggest strengths will be its defense and solid pitching. The Rangers have that strength with two exceptional defensive players in sophomore shortstop Danielle Baraty and freshman Becky Lish at second base. Baraty and Lish should combine to form a fine double-play combo. The team is also strong at the hot-corner with sophomore Linda Herbert. It doesn't end there, however.

"Those players are our strongest three," Parsons said. "But besides those three, anybody else put in there is just as adequate defensively. The team has pretty good depth."

Porro once again anchors the pitching staff. She has a strong arm, a good selection of pitches, and plenty of experience under her belt. Two years ago, Porro pitched every inning of the season. Last season she was able to share pitching duties with sophomore Jen Edwards, who left the team this season because of other commitments.

The departure of Edwards should not be much of a problem with the emergence of two freshman pitchers. Jennifer Salus needs

to work on her control, but she has a very good arm. The versatile Lish will also see time on the mound. Their performance could be important with the tougher varsity schedule.

"When you play doubleheaders, you need a couple of good pitchers," Porro said. "Both of the freshmen are good pitchers. They will play an important role in the team winning."

The graduation of Jocelyn Johnson left another hole at the catching position. The spot will be competed for by senior Barbara Garnish, who saw limited action last year, and freshman Alma Molatto. Both are confident behind the plate, but the edge probably goes to Garnish because of her experience.

Rounding out the infield will most likely be freshman Samantha Hajjar at first base. Senior Valerie Gale will also see time at first, but Hajjar has the slight advantage because of her strong arm and solid bat.

Backing up at the infield positions are sophomore Emilee Hornyak, who could see time at second base when Lish pitches, and freshman Elisa Velazquez, a third sacker.

The Rangers have two experienced outfielders in senior Dana Tamuccio and junior Kara Schermerhorn. Tamuccio is consistent in left, and Schermerhorn further strengthens the team's up-the-middle defense with outstanding range in center.

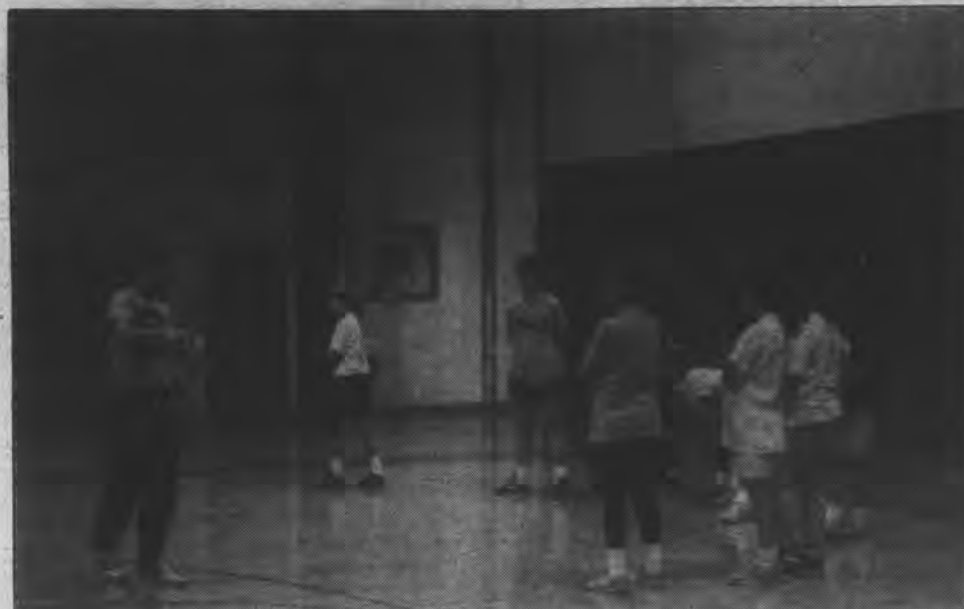
Rightfield is still undecided between four young players. Sophomores Stacy Maynes, Beth Partington, and Minnie Padilla, along with freshman Angela Savino, could all see time. Padilla may have an edge, though, because of her speed.

"Minnie is incredibly fast," Parsons said. "I would like to try to get her in the lineup as often as possible because it enables us to play a little more aggressively."

That bit of aggressiveness may be necessary in an offense that will be conservative to a great extent. The team does not have a great deal of power or speed, but it possesses strong fundamentals.

For that reason, the offense will focus on these fundamentals and the fact that there are many good singles and doubles hitters on the team.

The lineup starts with either Baraty or Schermerhorn. Both are good line-drive hitters and adept at getting on base. Each can also show some displays of power at times, a bonus for the team. Whoever is not



Chris Parsons prepares the Rangers for their initial varsity season. Photo by HEATH PODVESKER

leading off will bat in the second position.

The middle of the lineup will be headed by Tamuccio. As the only legitimate power hitter in the batting order, the team will look to her to produce some offense in the cleanup position.

The 3-4-5 slots will be rounded out by Herbert and Lish. Both have shown to be strong at the plate, and they will be called on to help drive in runs. Depending on who is hot, they will flip-flop in the number three- and five-slots.

The team showed some good offensive capabilities in Wednesday's 15-11 scrimmage victory over FDU-Madison, but Parsons still worries about how strong the hitting will be early in the season.

"It's tough starting out the season because the first two weeks of practice are inside hitting off of a machine," Parsons said. "The players need that time to get outside and hit in order to get the full feel."

If the hitting does indeed turn out to be as good as expected, the team should have no glaring weaknesses. If there is one, Parsons thinks it is himself. "I've coached baseball before, but never softball," Parsons said. "As a result, I don't know all the ins and outs of the game. I just asked the players to be as open as possible with me and to not expect miracles."

The players, however, think Parsons only benefits the team. "Coach works really well with the team," Porro said. "Every-

body gets along. That and the structure he adds to practices help us grow as a team."

That team concept is further exemplified by the fact that the team has no captains as of yet, primarily because it is still growing. Instead, Parsons will look to the players with experience to provide leadership, citing Porro, Garnish, Schermerhorn, Tamuccio, and Herbert as the players possessing those qualities.

"People are still learning to get to know each other," Parsons said. "There is an interesting blend of women on the team, and you have to find the right mix."

The team members think that right mix can be found to propel them to a winning inaugural varsity season. Last year, the team went 10-3 against mostly varsity squads. Both the coach and the players think that with this year's 16-game schedule, the team should be just as successful.

Their first test will be tomorrow with a noon home game against Manhattanville College, followed by two away games the next week at Stockton State and Moravian College. With these early season games, the team looks forward to proving it should be a varsity sport.

"I look for the team to have a very good season," Tamuccio said. "We've won as a club team, and I think we'll be competitive as a varsity team. At last we will be taken seriously."

Men's tennis hopes Southern trip will bring unity

Vietta Williams
Staff Writer

The men's tennis team took its initial step toward a winning season by spending spring break at Hilton Head Island, SC.

After experiencing grueling practices and scrimmages, the team focused on winning and bonding as a group. Before the Hilton Head trip, the team played its first match and suffered a 6-3 loss to St. Peter's College.

"We play St. Peter's first because they have an indoor facility," coach Vernon Mummert said. "They are a Division I team that is much improved, and many of their players are on athletic scholarship. Plus, playing in their facility, which has poor lighting, served as a big advantage for them."

Senior co-captain Paul Zeman emerged victorious in singles 6-3, 6-3, and won a three-set doubles match with sophomore partner Rick Allen, 4-6, 7-6, 7-6. The third doubles team of sophomore Will Mallory and freshman Tim Morita won 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

"There is such a tough atmosphere at St. Peter's," Zeman said. "Their team is used to the darkness on the court, and they practice year-round inside, so they were ready for us."

In South Carolina, the Rangers made a complete turnaround by crushing Clinch Valley 9-0, pulling their record to 1-1.

"The purpose of this spring trip was getting the team used to playing tennis again," junior co-captain Frank Taney said. "With Drew being a Division III school and having no indoor facilities for tennis, it's hard to keep the continuity of playing tennis going from fall to spring. As a result, everybody isn't used to playing matches, which was one reason for the loss against St. Peter's."

"Tennis was second nature in the beginning of the season, but since we played several scrimmages and we won the match that counted against Clinch Valley, the trip turned out to be a great success."

Other teams the Rangers faced in scrimmage play were Kenyon, Fordham, George Washington, and Kalamazoo County College. Despite losses to these schools in scrimmage play, the team benefited by playing with almost the same intensity and mental game it would have in a regular match.

"Coach did a good job in scheduling because he realized that the team needed a break-in period to get going for the rest of the season," Taney said. "He could have scheduled a lot of matches that counted, which might have gotten the season off to

a rougher start because we wouldn't have been ready."

This was the team's first stay on the East Coast, after making California its "get-away" in previous years. Overall, the players had a different, more positive experience in being together and think that will prove to be a great asset in the future.

"The guys pretty much got along with each other before spring break," Zeman said. "But in previous years when the team would return, everyone wanted to distance themselves from each other."

"This year's break was so much different because the players really bonded, and we did mostly everything down there as a team instead of going our separate ways. There was a lot of togetherness, and instead of just being teammates, we all became good friends."

With the winning attitude the team has built over the last two weeks, they think they have the capability to win the Middle Atlantic Conference North title again this year and have a record of .500 or better.

The team prepared for the new season with long and enduring practices, but at Hilton Head the players also received additional support from each other that will enable them to look ahead with optimism and assuredness.

"This spring trip was a definite morale

booster for the players," junior Tom Fahs said. "Although we didn't win any of our scrimmages, they served as intense practices, and the win against Clinch Valley also served as a building block for the confidence we need for the rest of the season. The guys are working their hardest to get to achieve the goals they've set for themselves, and that, combined with team spirit and friendship, will make this a winning season."

RANGER NOTES:

Yesterday the Rangers pushed their record to 2-1 with an impressive victory over Ramapo College. The team faced little resistance, defeating its opponent by an 8-1 margin.

Taney turned in a stellar performance at first singles, winning 6-2, 6-0.

In other singles matches, Zeman and Mallory shut out their respective opponents 6-0, 6-0. Morita and Allen also won easily in straight sets.

In doubles action, the tandem of Taney/Fahs won in straight sets, 6-3, 6-0. The second doubles team of Allen and Mallory defeated their opponents handily, 6-1, 6-0.

The only setback for the Rangers was suffered by Fahs, who lost a tough three-set match, 3-6, 6-7, 7-5.

Tomorrow the Rangers travel to Gettysburg for a 2 p.m. match.