

## Opinions

### Academics

Though renowned for its academics, Drew could do even more to improve the curriculum by modifying some of the inflexible requirements, allowing students to learn even more.

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## Entertainment

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DUDS performs its last two productions of the year with *Tracks*, written by Megan Howley and directed by Tara Emery, and *Riders to the Sea*, directed by Erica Pittman.

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# Budget cuts affect student life

Larry Grady  
News Editor

An overview of the projected fiscal year 1992 budget revealed cuts in all areas of student life. These cuts, resulting from the 5.4 percent budget reduction, include the elimination of overnight care in University Health Services, limited programming funds for both the Office of Residence Life and the Office of Student Activities, and the elimination of the Educational Opportunity Scholars summer programs for Initials and Renewals.

"None of the cuts were easy to make," Associate Dean of Student Life Tony Tillman said. "It is extremely painful, but in light of the current economy on the national, state, and institutional level, some things have to be sacrificed to maintain integrity."

Dean of Student Life Denise Alleyne said the integrity of the University will not be damaged initially. "I have a staff that won't let that happen," she said. "They won't let the integrity diminish even a little. There will be an impact on students, but I don't think the impact is going to be to the point where we will be jeopardizing the integrity of the department."

Six of the seven departments comprising student life were cut five percent, while

Health Services was cut considerably more, Alleyne said, because of changes being made in that department next year.

Projected cuts in Health Services include a reduction in hours of operation of the Morris Infirmary and the elimination of overnight care.

Director of Health Services Kathy Nottage said she finds the elimination of overnight care "unacceptable" and will propose proactionary alternatives that will put Health Services on a new path while lowering the cost, she said.

The cuts will limit the hours of operation of the infirmary from 8:30 a.m.-9 p.m., five days a week. Furthermore, the infirmary will be open only six hours on weekends and will shut down over the summer.

Nottage said she is currently entertaining the idea of training student health aides to be on call overnight. These students would live in the Health Services quad, allowing overnight care to continue, she said.

Other alternatives include not reducing physician hours but changing how they are used. "It involves incorporating specialty care," Nottage said. "For instance, an ob/gyn nurse practitioner will be in four hours one evening a week, while an infectious disease specialist will be in for four hours another night," Nottage said.

Results of cuts in Counseling and Psychological Services will "very definitely" cause services to suffer, Marianne O'Hare, director of the Counseling Center, said.

The cuts include a reduction in the number of group sessions offered, a reduction in psychological testing, and the incorporation of new student fees to cover the use of department services, according to O'Hare. The fee will appear on each student's tuition bill, changing the Health Services fee to the Health and Counseling Services fee, which will increase from \$55 to \$95, O'Hare said.

"The number of sessions we offer depends on the number of staff we have," O'Hare said. "We're not certain right now, but we may have to cut back on our staff for next year."

She said these cuts will require counselors to have larger case loads and eliminate other services the department usually sponsors, such as programs in residence halls and in classrooms.

The reduction of psychological testing puts the department into a double bind, O'Hare said. "We have less money to test, so we will have to refer more students to outside psychologists, but we can't refer because we have no money to refer," she said.

The cuts will impact the Office of Residence Life in areas of staff training and programming, furniture replacement and room maintenance, and long-range projects, which must be placed on hold, according to Director of Residence Life John Ricci.

Ricci mentioned that students want to see buildings and furniture upgraded and changed, but not everything can get done. "The need for new furnishings is great," Ricci said, "but dollars are very limited."

Last year Residence Life used \$75,000 of the \$360,000 auxiliary services budget to purchase furniture, carpeting, and paint for the rooms, while this year the entire budget is only \$222,000, according to Ricci.

The reduction in staff training directly affects students, Ricci said. "The better the staff is trained, the better services they can provide," he said.

Meanwhile, he said, the cuts in programming will be somewhat offset by the new Residence Hall Association fee included in tuition.

The Office of Student Activities is also prepared for the impact of the cuts, Director of Student Activities Pat Naylor said. There will be an extremely limited amount of programming funds, a reduction in hours of operation at the Uni-

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## JanTerm changes

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Assistant News Editor

A committee studying declining enrollment of January and Summer Term courses presented its findings to the faculty April 5 and suggested that both programs be cut or modified, perhaps by including an off-campus second-year seminar for sophomores.

Second-year seminars would provide sophomores an opportunity to travel with faculty members in groups of 15 during January, Cathy Messmer, head of the President's Task Force on Study Abroad, said. "We would like to see the sophomore class have the opportunity to spend a short period abroad," Messmer said.

"JanTerm is the perfect period, although some of these groups might travel in the summer if it makes more sense for some reason—either the faculty member's schedule or the climate."

Seminars, she said, would take place both in the United States and in other countries, and would commence with the class entering in 1992 and actually begin in January 1994. "The seminars will all be tied together with one theme... the focus of change within culture as it approaches the 21st century," Messmer said.

This broad theme would allow all majors to participate in the seminars, she said.

In addition, some groups might travel together, allowing interdisciplinary examinations of culture. Traveling together would also give faculty members more support, "both academically and in terms of logis-

tics," Messmer said.

Second-year seminars would allow students who cannot normally study abroad an opportunity to do so. "We're trying to remove the barriers to study abroad, and they can be varied," she said. "It can be money, general reluctance to do something that is new and different, and curricular barriers. Some majors find it very difficult to go overseas and leave campus for a semester."

It was this reason, Messmer said, that prompted the committee to choose January as a time for the seminars, as they would not interfere with regular coursework.

Messmer explained that money would not be a factor in prohibiting students from participating in the seminars. The funding would be supplied by corporate or foundation planning, Drew Plan

resources, or a raise in tuition spread out over a student's four years. A combination of these three methods, Messmer said, is probable. "We recommended that an increase in tuition be a minimal amount," she said. "There is a feeling on campus that tuition is high enough."

Unlike the first-year seminar, Drew would encourage, but not require, students to participate in the program. "At this point in time we are a little reluctant to insist that everybody do it," Messmer said. "I think it's possible that after we are at this for a few years we might get to that point where everyone does it. In the start-up phase we think it's best to just set it up in an optional way that students will want to do this and

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## Pickering to speak at commencement

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Thomas Pickering, United States ambassador to the United Nations, will deliver this year's commencement speech May 18. "The U.S. and the U.N.: The Decade Ahead," for which he will receive an honorary degree as Doctor of Humane Letters.

According to Assistant to the President Elaine Brady, Pickering's important role in the Persian Gulf crisis makes him a pertinent speaker. "He can obviously bring a very important message, a timely message to the event," Brady said.

Pickering, who holds the highest U.S. foreign service rank, career ambassador, was appointed U.S. permanent representative to the United Nations by President Bush in 1989. He has previously served as ambassador to El Salvador, Nigeria, and to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

He was recommended by Drew trustee Robert Callander, who is a personal friend of Pickering. "It's not easy to get well-known people; they have very busy schedules," Brady said. "While there is no official policy, honorary degrees are considered by the Honorary Degrees Committee of the Board of Trustees."

This committee consists of trustees, University President Tom Kean, the Steering Committee of the University Senate, and one graduating student from each school. It reviews all nominees for honorary degrees and submits recommendations to the Board of Trustees for approval.

Brady indicated that this year the commencement speaker was chosen from a pool of over 20 nominations. Brady said there can be problems in the process of selection. "That's the other dilemma you



Thomas Pickering will be granted an honorary degree. Photo courtesy of UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

have," she said. "When you have an invitation outstanding, you don't get a quick response."

Pickering responded to Drew's invitation about two months ago, according to Brady. Next year's selection process could start any time after this commencement has been planned but probably will not begin until September because of busy schedules, Brady said.

Brady said there will also be three other guests receiving honorary degrees at this commencement, but their names will not be disclosed by Kean until the ceremony itself.



## NEWS

## CUTS: Health Services suffer most, other areas also impacted

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versity Center desk, and a reduction in the New Student Orientation Program, according to Naylor.

"There is not the money to do the level of programming we would like to do," Naylor said. "There will be about the same level of programming next year as we had this semester."

According to Naylor, the lack of money means lower-priced speakers, entertainers, and local performers. "Dollars are going to have to be stretched," she said. "Clubs need to support each other through co-sponsorship, and scheduling that is spread out."

Naylor said the U.C. Desk will be occupied starting at 9 a.m. rather than 8 a.m., and will close at 1 a.m. instead of 2 a.m. during the week.

The Orientation Committee budget has been sharply reduced as well. While the program still exists as it has in the past, it will not be on the same grand scale, Naylor said. She also mentioned that the expensive performers brought in in the past will be replaced by inexpensive local talent.

"Cuts make it harder," Naylor said. "We have to be creative—more time and energy has to be spent in terms of labor dollars in place of programming."

According to Director of Athletics Dick Szlasa, cuts in the athletic department include eliminating the Rose City Classic along with the men's subvarsity soccer program; reducing var-

sity schedules; limiting Baldwin Gymnasium's operating hours; deferring necessary repairs to the weight lifting area on the stage and to the pool, and the end of Drew's affiliation with the East Coast Athletic Conference. Each varsity sport's budget is being cut 10 percent as well.

It is the disassociation with the ECAC, however, that Szlasa sees as most debilitating. "We couldn't afford the membership dues," Szlasa said. "We will have to pick up less experienced, less expensive local officials. We will have trouble scheduling schools such as Williams or Amherst. This really lowers our prestige."

The cuts have forced Szlasa to search for alternative funding. "Fundraising can go only so far," he said. "So we are attempting to tap corporate sponsors."

Tillman, who also serves as director of the Educational Opportunity Scholar program, said the cuts will have an impact on the retention and recruitment involved in the EOS program. The cuts necessitate the elimination of the summer school program support for EOS Initials and Renewals.

"Any cut in EOS has an impact on the diversity of the campus," Alleyne said. "But I don't think EOS is the only place the University should be seeking out diversity."

The cutbacks in the Department of Career Planning and Placement include the possible elimination of the "Discover"

program, and the reduction in hours of operation over the summer, Director Laure Paul said.

The "Discover" program is a computerized guidance system which allows students to take tests about their interests. The University has rented the software every year since 1985, and though the "Discover" program is being eliminated, the department may shift to a different, less expensive system.

"Although it will go out of the budget," Paul said, "Dean Alleyne is trying very hard to finance it somehow on a year-by-year basis. Nothing is definite yet."

The center is usually open throughout the summer five days a week, as many recent graduates and current students utilize the services during those months, Paul said. However, the center will be closed for two days a week this summer.

"I'm delighted there is so little real impact to the career center," Paul said. "I don't know about next year though if more cuts have to be made. We've cut out just about everything extra."

Tillman said the full effect of these cuts will not really be known until the fall when students return to campus and see what is not there anymore.

"There will be an adjustment period where we all will have to adjust with the hope of things getting better," Tillman said. "There is no question the quality of student life will be impacted. There is a level of

apprehension in making these cuts, but we have to try to do the best we can to accommodate to the best of our abilities all the areas of student life, and the overall effects on student health and well-being.

"We are going to have to skate through next year with the cooperation between student life and students in terms of how can we prevent this from occurring again and what can we do without? If we have to make these kinds of cuts again, it could be damaging to the integrity of the University."

More cuts may have to be made in the upcoming months, Tillman said, if the enrolling freshman class is lower than expected. The current budget is based on next year's freshman class equaling last year's.

"Most of the cuts in student life are reflective of operating costs," Tillman said. "Some budgets of operation are extremely limited. If we are to take additional cuts, we'll have to move people to some extent. That would be disheartening; each individual plays an integral role in the operation of the institution. I don't know of an area in student life that could absorb a cut in personnel."

Alleyne also said she is worried about having to make more cuts. "I have put everything I have on the table," she said. "I have nothing else to put on the table. I don't know what I will do."

"What the committee has recommended and what the faculty has approved is that summer term as it is now constituted be abolished by the end of 1992," Cucchi said. A task force, headed by Associate Dean of the College Joanna Glazewski, will further examine the problem.

Some suggestions already proposed recommend that summer term change its focus, Cucchi said. Instead of traditional course offerings, the University could offer, Cucchi said, intensive language programs and classes for academically-gifted high school students. The committee also suggests off-campus and international internships might be wise additions to the summer selection.

continue. "It is conceivable that in six years there would be no JanTerm on campus, just off-campus programs," Cucchi said. Residence halls would remain open to allow students an opportunity to do Field Work or another academic- or work-related project, he said.

According to Cucchi, summer term also presents problems. Students want science courses during the summer, which Drew cannot currently offer because faculty must teach at the Governor's School for the Sciences. Summer term also lacks focus, Cucchi said. Faculty members decide for themselves what to teach, and the classes are held as long as enough students are enrolled.

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there won't be any reason for them not to do it."

Messmer acknowledges that these seminars are only one step toward educating students about multicultural and international issues. She said she hopes these seminars would encourage students to spend more time off-campus. "What we really want to do is provide more semester and year-long activities for Drew students to study abroad," Messmer said. "But that's the longer term process."

In addition to offering second-year seminars, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts Paolo Cucchi said current January offerings might be revised. "We could fo-

cus the January term very much on New York City," he said. "A whole series of classes on campus with field trips to New York would allow students to view the city as a kind of laboratory."

Cucchi also said a student might be required to spend a January term on campus in order to ensure adequate enrollment. Cost, he said, might be spread over the four years, similar to the second-year seminar.

January term, as it exists now, however, might be abolished. The committee said that if JanTerm interferes with other programs, such as the second-year seminars, ignores the need for long-term planning, does not prove cost-effective, and continues to raise the cost of a class, it should not

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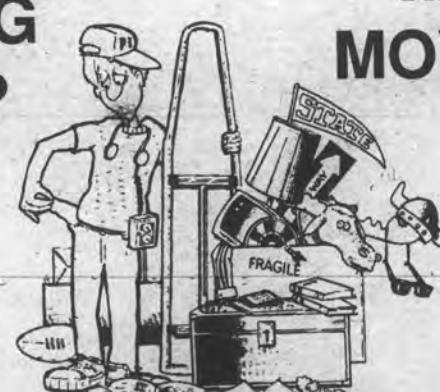
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## NEWS

## Profiles: Bob Hausmann excels

Heather Belrne  
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Bob Hausmann has been awarded a National Science Foundation Fellowship in psychology. Photo by GINA DOLCE

Psychology and computer science may seem like an unusual combination, but senior Bob Hausmann has excelled in both areas of his double major. Based on his academic record and promise for conducting research in the future, Hausmann has been awarded a National Science Foundation Fellowship in psychology and will attend Yale University next year. The NSF fellowship will pay for tuition at Yale, as well as a \$14,000 stipend, for three years. Hausmann said he originally came to Drew intending to major in computer science. "When I started as an undergraduate, I had no clue about psychology," he said. "Then I took [Introduction to Psychology] and was intrigued by it... and finally decided to double major. I like psychology because it's an experimental look at the study of human nature."

Hausmann's main interest is in cognitive psychology. "It's grounded in experimental psych, and includes the study of memory, attention, and perception," he said. After applying to nine graduate schools,

he finally decided the program at Yale was most appealing, considering his research interests.

Currently, Hausmann is working on his honors psychology thesis, a study of subliminal perception. "Well, it's not exactly like the Saturday Night Live skit," he said.

"Some people think subliminal perception is totally automatic without effort, some think it's with effort. My research tries to get at this issue."

Hausmann also utilized his computer knowledge for his thesis project. He wrote a program using a computer screen to dis-

play the stimuli for his experiment and to aid him in collecting data.

"It's nine months worth of work," Hausmann said of the project. "I've learned what it's like to conduct research on my own, and it has given me a taste of what grad school will be like."

Hausmann has also participated in a group research project as part of an upper level psychology course. "We worked as a team of six students and four faculty members," he said. "Our project examines children's eyewitness memory and is based on previous research."

Coupled with his interest in research is an interest in teaching. At Drew, Hausmann gained experience by serving as a tutor and academic assistant in German and computer science, by teaching freshman computer workshops, and by working at the Academic Computer Aide Station.

It was not until he worked for the Governor's School for the Sciences last summer that he established his career goals. "I love working with the kids, as both a peer counselor and a T.A. [teaching assistant]," Hausmann said. "It was during Governor's School that I really put it together and realized I wanted to be a teacher."

## NEWS BRIEFS

## E-mail monitors housing picks

Housing selection will take place 6:30-9 p.m. in University Center Room 107 April 24 for current juniors and April 25 for current sophomores and freshman.

Instead of waiting until their number is called, students may monitor the housing selection via the E-mail system. In order to utilize this system students must run MS-KERMIT or other terminal emulator on their computer; press Email button and then DATA button on their telephone; type C at the Local-prompt and press return; enter the word ROOMS at the USERNAME prompt and press return. The screen will display the latest housing selection information, then the user will be logged off. This procedure may be done repeatedly, but students are requested to wait at least 15 minutes between logins so the network system is not overloaded.

## Library extends spring hours

The University Library will extend its spring hours from April 20 to May 14.

The library will be open 8 a.m.-12 a.m. Monday through Thursday and close at 10 p.m. Fridays; 10 a.m.-10 p.m. on Saturday; and 1 p.m.-12 a.m. on Sunday.

The library will operate under reduced hours after May 14.

## Oatmealers terrorize campus

Oatmeal was thrown at points around campus this past week. Director of Public Safety Tom Evans said that he has no information on the vandals.

The University Center, WMNJ, parked cars, and various laundry rooms have been splattered with oatmeal.

"What was at first a joke is no longer funny," Evans said. "These people want attention, and we are going to give it to them."

Evans said he hoped more information would be available next week. "If anyone has any ideas, feel free to leave anonymous messages on my phone."

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## EDITORIAL

It's about time Drew created a sexual harassment policy. The University has a responsibility to its staff, faculty, and students to provide a vehicle that addresses serious problems such as inappropriate language or touching, discrimination, on-the-job or in-the-classroom harassment, and sexual assault.

Unfortunately, with the policy so close to fruition, objections have been raised about student representation on the decision-making body. Once again, students are being excluded from taking part in concerns directly affecting every member of this so-called community. We must be accepted as mature, objective adults who can make these critical decisions.

Student representation is not an issue—as the majority population on campus, we must have a say in matters as crucial as sexual harassment.

The sexual harassment committee that drafted the policy deserves a lot of praise for putting together such an essential and well-thought-out document. Perhaps if all members of the University concerned—students, faculty, and staff—better understood the proposed process for dealing with cases of sexual harassment, opponents would realize that their objections are unfounded.

One of the policy's main purposes is to educate, not discipline, people about the many issues encompassed by "sexual harassment." In most cases the decision-making body would assemble informally to recommend more appropriate behavior to someone who may not have been aware of exhibiting any insensitivity. If individuals or members of a group make insensitive statements about women, gays, bisexuals, or lesbians, the committee would educate those persons about the ramifications of such statements.

In the severest cases, those involving sexual assault or overt sexual harassment of one person—be it staff, faculty, or student—by another, the committee can recommend certain measures, the most extreme of which include expulsion for students and firing for employees.

Because Drew has never had a written sexual harassment policy, countless instances of harassment have gone unreported because victimized students were too intimidated to go to the deans or other authorities. With students present on the committee, however, this fear would be mitigated, assuring complainants that their peers would at least be present to hear their case.

Furthermore, the committee took pains to guarantee an objective body with equal representation for all concerned. If the policy is approved, a pool of students—chosen by the students—and a pool of faculty and staff members—chosen by those respective groups—will undergo extensive education about sexual harassment issues at the beginning of their term. From these pools of knowledgeable people, a different decision-making board will be assembled for each reported case: Two members from the complainant's constituency, two from the defendant's constituency, and one from the remaining constituency.

For example, if a student complains of harassment from a professor, the board would be composed of two students, two faculty members, and one staff member, all of whom would be screened beforehand to exclude anyone too closely involved in a particular case. Therefore, in any situation involving faculty or staff who could lose their jobs, at most only two of the five board members would be students. Besides, this board can only *recommend* to the Professional Policies and Conduct Committee that an employee be terminated.

This fool-proof system has the enthusiastic approval of University lawyers. In fact, it is comparable to or even better written than policies of other institutions.

Drew has waited too long to implement a sexual harassment policy; excluding students will only set us back further.

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## Letters to the Editor

## Semi-formal flounders when no one shows

To the Editor:

We would like to express our disappointment in the residents of Baldwin and Haselton. The attempted semi-formal held for these two dorms on Saturday, April 6 was a joke, and it can only be blamed on those people who did not show up. Contradicting the lack of attendance, we noticed that many residents got haircuts, bought new outfits, and spoke publicly about their anticipation of a good time at the occasion. We saw many people dressed up that night, but when we arrived at Great Hall, only three were there, and, at the most, there were 20 people at any one time. We heard later that people looked into the room where it was held but did not stay because "nobody was there yet." We would like to ask how a dance ever becomes a social gathering without people. Also, Haselton's Living Council had helped prepare the food but didn't bother to appear at the dance, nor did any member of the Residence Life personnel of either dorm (who are encouraged to participate in Living Council events). The effort and time of those who did contribute was a complete waste, not to mention the loss of money from the two Living Councils.

Instead, the courtyard (have you ever seen the courtyard full of suits and dresses?) became the place to hang out, which was another contradiction considering the hired DJ was in Great Hall. When we noticed food platters missing from the tables and later saw them in the courtyard, we couldn't help thinking that somewhere someone lacked self-confidence if he/she/they couldn't go into an empty room to start a dance. It greatly resembled: "Hey, Bob, why don't you go into Great Hall and get some of the food for us since we all don't want to go in there together." We were all anxious to have a great time, but unfortunately there were some who apparently thought that they were "too cool" for a semi-formal and ruined it for the rest of us. It was a shame that the lack of interest (apathy, perhaps?) of the residents of the two dorms did not surface before the preparation of the dance had begun.

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## Poor lecture attendance disgusts Winder

To the Editor:

This letter was provoked by American Civil Liberties Union activist Dr. Robert O'Brien, whose lecture I attended last week. As many people know, the ACLU is one of the most prolific and influential civil liberties organizations in the United States. It protects all of the basic human rights guaranteed by our country's Constitution, including freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, and freedom of religion. Not surprisingly, minority groups—the frequent targets of civil liberty abuses—have traditionally supported the ACLU. For this reason, I was surprised and shocked to see these groups so horribly under-represented at O'Brien's lecture.

Gibbons' Pre-Law Society was there; after all, they co-hosted the event. Junior Robert O'Brien and his friends were there; after all, Rob is Dr. O'Brien's son. A few interested students were there as well. But where was the I.S.O.? Or the Alliance? Or Hyera? Or Ariel? (I'm reasonably sure these groups were absent because a poll was taken at the event. Dr. O'Brien appeared to share my confusion, and my disappointment.) Obviously, we all have the

right not to attend an event—especially on a Sunday night, when we're all doing our homework. But would it have been unreasonable for the above-mentioned groups to have sent representatives? Or were they simply not interested? The world may never know.

On my way to the lecture that night, I was sure that B.C. Chapel would be packed. The ACLU is basically about minority rights, and Drew University has proven itself to be quite the multicultural force. And yet, even with such direct relevance, less than 20 people bothered to show up. Sadly, this number is "average" for Drew; event attendance has never been one of our strong points. I would argue that we need to get educated, get involved. We need to give Drew a good name, instead of consistently disappointing lecturers with funeral turnouts. We need to give a damn. At the most, there are five lectures each week. If everyone went to just one lecture per month, that would suggest an average turnout of 65 people. Is this unreasonable? Probably; you can't force someone to attend an event. It's in the constitution.

Jason Winder

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## Student notes inexcusable errors in Acorn

To the Editor:

The first edition of the Acorn under new leadership has been issued, and I would like to welcome aboard the new editors—welcome them, not congratulate them. If their first edition is any indication, the quality of the Acorn, which has been declining steadily over the past couple years, will continue to slide. I am speaking specifically about several grammatical and editorial errors that I noted throughout the first several pages of the paper. Although the Acorn is not of professional caliber, there are certain fundamental errors that are inexcusable.

It is a shame that our own editors cannot even recognize that "passerby," written in the caption below the front-page photograph of the shanty, should be "passersby." A more horrendous error was in Greg Logan's piece on Drew's new vice president, Michael B. McKitish, in which he described McKitish's current job as "the General Services Administration Administrator." Did anyone proofread these? It pains me to think that errors like these go unnoticed in a college newspaper.

Even a former Acorn editor, Greg Gordon, could not write a short letter to the editor with-

out including an incomplete sentence—and we trust him to edit someone else's work?

Moving on to page five, in an otherwise well-written article on discrimination, Lynda Wong began a sentence, "And that means an unavoidable death..." That doesn't sound right, because it is not. But our options editor thought so.

Let me borrow some suggestions on writing techniques from William Safire, columnist for *The New York Times*, and pass them on to the Acorn for future reference:

Do not put statements in the negative form. And don't start sentences with a conjunction. Never use a long word when a diminutive one will do.

Unqualified superlatives are the worst of all. If any word is improper at the end of a sentence, a linking verb is.

Never, ever use repetitive redundancies. Also, avoid awkward or affected alliteration.

Last, but not least, avoid clichés like the plague.

Steve Muench

Senior

## Kean defends teacher recognition award

To the Editor:

I was disturbed by Tom Limoncelli's comments about the President's Award for Distinguished Teaching. I believe they show a misunderstanding of the basic purpose of the award and of its origins. While I recognize that he made his "usual phone calls" to ascertain the facts, he neglected to call the President's Office, where, in this case, most of those facts reside.

The source of the money is not, as Mr. Limoncelli suggests, a moot question. The \$10,000 to be awarded annually is a private gift to the University specifically for the purpose of honoring an outstanding C.L.A. faculty mem-

ber. It could not therefore be spent for any other purpose.

Since it was first discussed with the faculty more than a year ago, the award has been changed on the advice of a number of faculty members and with the consent of the donor. One-half of the money (\$5,000) now goes directly to the University to be spent at the winner's discretion. That means the teacher can designate this money for new library books, a new course, a guest speaker, a conference, new lab equipment, or anything he or she desires.

I recognize Mr. Limoncelli believes that "we

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## Strict academic requirements limit flexibility

Charlie Clayton

Co-Editor-in-Chief

Drew consistently garners awards and praise for its academic programs. Colleges, universities, and professors laud Drew's academic standing, and certain faculty members are very well-known in their specific fields, receiving national and, in some cases, international recognition. Despite all the hype about faculty greatness and academic programs, problems still exist in academic areas of the University.

The first problem heavily involves students—the difficulty experienced by them when registering for courses. Scheduling itself presents some insignificant aggravations (unless you personally like to spend sleepless nights in front of Alternate Mead), but the real problems are structural in nature.

To graduate, most students must take five courses a semester to accumulate the required number of credit hours. But for many this course load provides too much of

a burden. Students frequently miss morning classes because of the makeup reading and studying required for an exam later in the day (besides, is anyone who takes an 8:15 a.m. really serious?). And this is often the only time when they finish reading. Students often enter a test situation with limited preparation, resulting in dismal grades and little satisfaction from the learning experience.

Furthermore, any student loaded down with five classes, besides not having enough time to do the required readings, hardly has enough time to learn.

These annoyances could all be solved by reducing the standard course load to four classes. With less actual work, students would have more time to devote to individual courses and would be able to really learn the material they are taught. What else is the purpose of coming here?

Another problem for students—this one under the category of course selection—is the number of core requirements necessary for graduation. For many students, these

requirements simply take up time in their schedule and are hardly worth the effort. I do recognize the importance of these requirements, as they lead to a well-rounded student in the end. But I also recognize the time limitations placed on students because of these classes. Relief for some of the headaches caused by these core requirements would be brought about if students could choose to make one or two of the requirements optional for themselves. In this way, students would receive a well-rounded, liberal arts education and still be able to take those classes most interesting to them.

The final problem rests in the system of majors and minors. For those students interested in one and only one area, no problem exists. But no one has only one interest. Even if a student has an overwhelming desire to study political science, for example, classes exist in psychology which would be of interest to her/him. Or the study of Marxism could encompass fields as varied as political science, eco-

nomics, and sociology.

Unfortunately, the process of fulfilling the requirements of a double major often becomes too much for many students, while those required for a minor just don't work for some.

A few students try creating their own major, a process proving just as arduous as the task of completing a double major or a minor with multiple minors.

A solution does exist. The process for creating a unique major can be made much easier with a simplified and more expedient process. Rather than turning down students who have made the effort to create their own major, why shouldn't the approval committee work with students to help them create their own interdisciplinary majors? This process would not only allow students to work in multiple fields but would also allow others to follow in their footsteps.

Other problems concerning academic areas of the University and how they can be improved will be outlined in future issues.

## Bush betrays Kurd rebels, withholds U.S. military aid

Brent Boaz

Assistant Opinions Editor

Following the United States' victory in the Gulf War, President Bush called on the Iraqi people to overthrow Saddam Hussein. Rebel fighters for Iraq's long-oppressed Kurdish population, inspired by Bush's appeal and his efforts to aid the Kuwaiti people, naturally thought he would lend U.S. military force to assist them in defeating Saddam. But after exhorting Kurdish rebels to begin their fight, Bush refused to become involved in the rebellion, saying U.S. military objectives were accomplished with the freeing of Kuwait and the destruction of Iraq's major nuclear and chemical weapons capability.

The Kurds had no idea Bush would betray them by looking the other way—especially after his encouraging appeal. After all, Bush spoke at such great length about the evil Saddam represented, of the atrocities Saddam's forces inflicted on the helpless Kuwaiti people. Logically, the rebels expected the United States to aid the equally helpless Kurdish people escape from Saddam's vindictive-ness.

Anticipated American military aid was never provided, and the Kurds (along with Iraqi Shiite rebels) were defeated despite some surprising early victories over the Republican Guard. With the Kurdish rebellion crushed, Saddam turned his bloody sights on the Kurdish civilian population, attacking them with troops, tanks, and aircraft. Ignored by their supposed U.S. friends, the Kurds, hounded by Republican Guards, now desperately attempt to seek refuge in Iran and Turkey. Thousands of Kurds have been killed, and thousands die daily because of the appalling conditions at the refugee camps.

Had Bush given the order to crush the fleeing remnants of the Iraqi army, and had he not been so foolish to advocate the Kurds to attack knowing that later he would not aid them, the initiation of the rebellion, its eventual defeat, and the subsequent slaughter might never have happened.

That's right; the Kurdish rebellion began because of Bush's crucial speech asking the Iraqi people to revolt. The Kurdish rebels are not dumb; they have forestalled a major coup for years, all the while carefully preparing for the proper moment of attack. The rebels would never have initiated their attack without some kind of assurance that the United States would aid them. Bush betrayed them. Kurdish intelligence reports were valuable sources of information for the planning of Operation Desert Storm. The Kurds aided us; why can't we save them?

Bush says he did not give military aid to the rebels because they are not connected to the political and economic concerns which tie U.S. interests to the region. Operation Desert Storm, although fought in part because of oil, did manage to secure temporary stability in the region and prevent the annihilation of the Kuwaiti population. How unfortunate for the Kurds that they do not possess important oil reserves, as it seems that control of such resources is the only reason for Bush to rally the nation to war in the name of innocent people.

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## S.G.A., Alleyne agree verbally on policy

### No written agreement reached; Bonfanti not allowed to run as sophomore

Greta Cuyler  
Staff Writer

Student Government Association President Sodian Selvaretnam and S.G.A. Vice President Paul Skilton met with University President Tom Kean April 12 to discuss the idea of requiring Dean of Student Life Denise Alleyne to consult with students on all proposed university policies. Kean supported the plan, and Selvaretnam, Skilton, and S.G.A. Treasurer Dan Rose met with Alleyne Monday to discuss this idea further.

In a letter to Alleyne, Selvaretnam proposed having students from the S.G.A. Cabinet work with her concerning all matters of student life policy, stating, "we as students feel strongly about opening up lines of communication between administration and students." Selvaretnam further expressed his desire to have Alleyne's written agreement on the matter.

According to Selvaretnam, Alleyne did not sign and said she is reluctant to institute the program, because Selvaretnam has her word that lines of communication will remain open, and that a written contract implies distrust.

"I don't believe in verbal commitments," Selvaretnam said. "Verbal commitments in the past have not always been followed through. So long as she follows through, I'll be happy."

"He asked me to sign a contract and I didn't feel comfortable with some of things in the contract. I don't control some of the areas he mentioned," Alleyne said.

Selvaretnam said that Alleyne agreed to draft and distribute a letter to her staff encouraging them to solicit student input when devising policies. She said nine out

of 10 policies are drafted by her staff, not her.

"I would be more than willing to work with students. He (Selvaretnam) has cooperation from me and from other offices," Alleyne said.

Despite Alleyne's promise, Selvaretnam said he was not satisfied with the present situation. "It's a compromise," he said. "I would have been happy if she was able to make a written commitment. If she doesn't follow through on her word, I'll constantly remind her of what she had verbally promised us."

Selvaretnam and Skilton also expressed their desire to Kean to place a student vote on the Board of Trustees. Kean said expressed the trustees are concerned about matters of confidentiality, but Selvaretnam stressed that the S.G.A. simply wants a student input, and confidentiality would be maintained.

For the trustees to consider this proposal, members of the S.G.A. must draft a letter to the board by May. This will be the second letter of its kind. The first letter, drafted by Sophomore Senator Damon DiMarco, apparently did not elicit a response from the trustees.

Sunday's S.G.A. meeting was not well-attended, and there were not enough senators present to constitute a two-thirds voting majority.

Elections Chair Jen Edwards brought up the dilemma of Paul Bonfanti, a current freshman who would like to run for sophomore class senator. Because he has enough credits to be considered a junior, however, he is technically only eligible to run for junior class senator.

Bonfanti, however, said he does not think he can accurately represent the junior class.

A discussion ensued concerning whether a student's status is determined by accumulated credits or by number of years at Drew. Due to the lack of a quorum, Assistant Director of Student Activities Pat Peek suggested calling an emergency S.G.A. meeting Monday night in order to vote on the issue.

At Monday night's emergency meeting, the S.G.A. discussed whether to allow Bonfanti to run for sophomore class senator. Edwards proposed the motion to make an exception allowing Bonfanti to run for sophomore class senator which failed to pass.

Skilton gave a status report on the S.G.A. budget, which was brought before the Extra Curricular Activities Board April 11. The new budget includes costs for duplicating, office supplies, and \$2,000 to pay for two leadership training conferences, one per semester, but excludes the Concert Committee, which is now under the auspices of the Social Committee.

Jan-Term housing will be provided for the S.G.A. president and vice president, allowing them to keep up to date with happenings on campus during the month of January.

Under new business, Rose reported Director of Facilities Operations Jim Maloney invited architects to Drew to estimate the costs of restoring the campus to "top-notch condition." The estimate for total restoration was \$29 million, and \$16 million for imperative repairs. \$75,000 is available now for repairs in residence halls and improvements in student life.

Resident directors of each residence hall submitted their specific recommendations for improvements within each residence

hall. Selvaretnam provided copies of the recommendations to each residence hall senator. Residence hall senators must confer with their constituencies to make any additions.

Part of the money may also be used for refurbishing the University Center, adding night hours at the University Health Service, and increasing funding for the Educational Opportunity Scholars program. Immediate measures call for the closing of Hoyt-Bowne over the summer, due to necessary renovations.

Furthermore, matters concerning senatorial elections were discussed. A new position has been created in the recently ratified S.G.A. constitution; an off-campus programs senator. The senator will be required to maintain contact with their constituents, and will be elected by students participating in Drew's off-campus programs.

University Senator David Daniels expressed concern about the discrepancy between the S.G.A. constitution and the constitution of the University Senate. The S.G.A. constitution says university senators hold their position for one year, while the University Senate Constitution says senators hold their position for two years.

This discussion concerning which constitution prevails will be put on hold until the next meeting.

The minutes from the April 7 S.G.A. meetings were approved, and Guerriero was named as the new Executive Secretary. Edwards reminded everyone that elections for the positions of University Senator, Off-Campus Programs Senator, and Class Senator are April 26, and petitions are now available at the UC desk.

## University mandates conservation effort

Jason Winder  
Staff Writer

As many people know, the decision to close Haselton Hall for a year has been forestalled, in favor of less drastic measures. One point of compromise, suggested by the residents of Haselton and agreed upon by the President's Cabinet, is being given further attention. According to Director of Residence Life John Ricci, these students have promised to save the University at least \$16,500 in energy costs next year, pledging to significantly reduce water and electricity consumption. Never in Drew's history has such a plan been either proposed or accepted.

"The Cabinet went out on a limb," Ricci said. "The students must now produce results."

Nathan Draper, co-chair of the Drew Environmental Action League, was "surprised that people have committed to that," but said he is quite optimistic. "I think it's absolutely wonderful," Draper said. "We

have a real opportunity here to get the [environmental] ball rolling. It's going to take a lot of effort, but it's certainly possible."

In fact, Ricci and Director of Facilities Operations Jim Maloney have begun thinking on an even grander scale, vis-a-vis a resource conservation program that might eventually involve the entire University. "There are a lot of ways we can reduce the energy consumption on this campus," Maloney said.

He expressed the hope that an effort by the College of Liberal Arts might eventually spread to the Graduate and Theological schools.

"If it's going to work, students are going to have to get behind this," Ricci said. "I think we can do it. We've got to work together."

Both Maloney and Ricci expressed an interest in an incentive plan. "I want students to see some tangible results," Ricci said. "We can monitor electricity usage and water consumption, and we better be

seeing decreases [in use]."

Apparently, the door swings both ways: If students fail to conserve, the money "is going to come from other student services." Ricci said he believes an incentive plan will directly address what he regards to be the major cause of energy waste, the "what's in it for me" complex. Above and beyond the motivation factor, Maloney noted it was only fair that the University "share the savings."

Draper and Ricci also touched on the less financial side of an energy conservation program. "We've got to change people's lifestyles; that's not an easy thing to do," Draper said. "Conserving electricity and water doesn't just save money, it saves the resources of our planet Earth."

Ricci spoke about "sending a message" to the C.L.A. to drive home the importance of conservation. "They should be doing it, no matter what," Ricci said, also stressing how easy it is to get into good habits. Draper agrees. "Eventually [conservation] will be required, so why not do it now?" he

said.

The question of course, is *how*. Draper, Maloney, and Ricci all suggested the straightforward approach: Control your own room. "That's all you really have to do—nothing heroic or aggressive," Maloney said. Draper also mentioned Drew's recycling program (DEAL helps separate recyclable trash, which arrives semi-sorted at Pepin Services Center). "The bags are improving," Draper said. "But they're still not perfect. There's always room for growth." He reminded Drew students to recycle, and not merely to live in a room with three garbage cans.

Other conservation suggestions include: Turning off the lights and the television set when leaving the room, turning off the water while brushing or shaving, and taking shorter showers. Maloney said he was concerned by the fact that each Drew student uses an average of 500 gallons of water per day, a figure that to him suggests tremendous room for improvement.

## Schorsch discusses how to be a "green" shopper

The recent increase in environmental awareness has resulted in media coverage of environmental issues. This has led to the increase of "green" products currently on the market. However, there are a number of misleading claims made by companies as they try to sell their "green" product. The consumer must beware when shopping with an environmental awareness.

Greg Logan  
Staff Writer

Johnathan Schorsch, a member of the Council on Economic Priorities, spoke on green consumerism in University Center Room 107 Tuesday night. His organization published the green consumer guide *Shopping for a Better World*.

Though he considers "green consumerism" an ambiguous term, Schorsch defines it as a process in which a company markets a product with a claim of environmental soundness. This would include products with recyclable or biodegradable containers and products made without toxic chemicals.

Today's markets are filled with "green" products, a boom that Schorsch believes is primarily result of the average consumer's increased environmental awareness, fueled by the media's increased coverage of environmental concerns. "The environment has received a great deal of publicity in a short time span, [like] the hole in the ozone layer, the greenhouse effect, the Chernobyl disaster, the Exxon Valdez, the Islip garbage scow, Time magazine putting the planet Earth on its cover, and Earth Day focusing on all these events," Schorsch said.

"A marketing group in New York did a study that showed that 78 percent of 1000 adults [polled] said that they would be willing to pay more for a product that said it was environmentally friendly. So companies not wanting to pass up a good opportunity really went head on with a lot of environmental claims," Schorsch said.

According to Schorsch, projects like ASAP Green were started in order to take advantage of the potential marketability of "green" products. "[ASAP Green] said that they could take almost any product, put it in recyclable or biodegradable packaging, and you would have a 'green' product. Take any liquid and sell it in a concentrated form, and you have a 'green' product. Find an old product that never did any harm to the environment in the first place, put it in a green box, and you would have a 'green' product. And they're hoping that they'll be able to grab those people out there who are actually willing to pay more—not just the same amount of money, but more—for that 'green' product."

But the term "green" can be misleading, and Schorsch warns that environmental claims made by companies must be looked at closely. For instance, environmentally safe, biodegradable plastic bags will disintegrate only if exposed to sunlight and rain. But if a refuse removal company merely dumps the bags in a landfill, they are not disintegrating.

Another example would be the disposal of recyclable glass and plastic bottles. If the refuse removal company does not separate these recyclable materials from the rest of your garbage, they will be buried in the ground. And according to Schorsch, only 10 percent of Americans have streetside recycling.

Another misleading assumption is that the paper or bottles sent off to be recycled are actually regenerated into what they originally were. "A large percentage of paper products are made with pre-consumer waste, such as left-overs on the cutting room floor, and not what we throw in bins to be recycled," Schorsch said. "And plastic bottles are very often recycled into plastic lumber, while companies take more petrochemicals from the earth to make new plastic bottles."

Schorsch admitted that it is difficult to be an environmentally conscious consumer in a society that isn't environmentally conscious. "There really aren't any 'green' products out there," Schorsch said. "The only 'green' product, I would say, is the product that by its very use helps out the environment, like a low-flow shower head."

"If you really want to help out the environment through your purchasing habits, the number one thing is to just purchase and consume less," Schorsch said. "This doesn't mean going without food and nibbling the grass. This just means buying less crud."



Christopher Daggett cited personal sacrifice as an essential environmental issue. Photo by HEATH PODVESKER

## Daggett relates D.E.P. experience

Rebecca Sultzbaugh  
Staff Writer

Observation of Earth Week began Monday with a presentation in University Center Room 107 by Christopher J. Daggett, formerly of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. The presentation was sponsored by the Drew Environmental Action League.

Daggett discussed several federal laws, such as the Clean Air Act. Daggett stated that this law tries "to address problems of air pollution, both on the industrial side as well as on the local side. It also took care of some of the problems of radioactivity, like radon and other sorts of contaminants."

On the state level, Daggett cited such environmentally-related laws as the Environmental Clean-up Responsibility Act. This New Jersey law, the first of its kind in the country, required sellers of property in certain industrial categories to certify to the buyers that the property has not been contaminated. "[The law] was very powerful because, for the first time, it made people responsible for what they left behind," he said. "The act set the stage for a number of laws around the country."

Daggett then addressed several issues which he cited as important to the future. According to Daggett, these include the

citing of necessary waste disposal facilities, managing growth and balancing environmental concerns, and producing the greatest health and environmental quality. In relation to the last issue, he said, "We have got to do a better job of matching the real risks with our resources."

Pollution prevention, largely within industry, was designated as the issue having the highest priority by Daggett. "We have got to start thinking about what is called the front of the pipeline, rather than the back of the pipeline," he said. "We have got to start thinking about how do you not generate waste in the first place."

Another essential environmental issue cited by Daggett was personal sacrifice. "The bottom line is making inevitable lifestyle changes and personal sacrifices if we are ever going to achieve environmental protection," he said.

Daggett also emphasized the importance of environmental education. He said environmental education is key, especially education involving children. Daggett stressed that both government officials and citizens must become involved. "The greatest issue facing people in environmental protection is having the guts to act," he said.

"You have got to get public officials to make decisions. Public input is important. I encourage you to get involved in your communities and try to make a difference with those [people] that impact the decision-making process."



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## ENTERTAINMENT

## Vinyl Rap

BoDeans return in *Black and White*

Andy Fenwick  
Drew Weaver

For new bands, the tag "rookie of the year" can be the kiss of death. Just ask Men at Work or Huey Lewis and the News. Unable to repeat their creative efforts on their sophomore albums, these acts have either folded (Men at Work) or languished in the retail racks with less than mediocre albums (Huey Lewis).

Ever since their stellar debut in 1986 with *Love & Hope & Sex & Dreams*, the BoDeans have been in danger of slipping into musical oblivion. With the release of *Black and White*, these five men from Milwaukee hope to drag themselves back into the life-giving light of credibility.

*Love & Hope & Sex & Dreams*, a hauntingly beautiful record, introduced listeners to the songwriting talent of Kurt Neumann and Sam Llanas. Their sound was typified by the traditional quartet arrangement of guitars, drums, and bass, heightened by the harmonizing voices of Neumann and Llanas. But with their second effort, the crammed and shaky *Outside Looking In*, the BoDeans sounded tired and confused, losing the soft beauty of their harmonies and arrangements.

Since their misstep, the BoDeans have been quietly redeeming themselves. Their third release, *Home*, was loose and spontaneous, and once again released the band's unique qualities. Pianos crept in as a refreshing change. The BoDeans seemed ready to grow in the right direction. But *Home* proved far below the caliber of



The BoDeans release *Black and White*. Photo from compact disc liner notes

*Love & Hope & Sex & Dreams*. A seemingly hurried-up album recorded in various places at various times, some songs were underproduced and some were overproduced, making for an uneven album.

*Black and White*, for BoDeans fans, is nothing more than an enjoyable "good sign." It is a classic case of too many cooks spoiling the pot. Keyboards have turned into synths that sometimes contribute energy though more frequently they distract. The "good sign" lies in the fact that Llanas and Neumann's melodies and voices are

once again in peak form, good enough to occasionally save a song from its unneeded keyboards.

The lead-off track, "Good Things," signals the new sound of synths but is soon overtaken, fortunately, by an acoustic guitar and Neumann's voice. Like many of the songs on the album, it deals with prejudice and racism. The BoDeans seem to be reaching back to what made their first album so enjoyable: People. Llanas delves into his ancestry in the final tune, "Going Home," and turns out a piano- and accom-

dion-laced hymn to immigration. Sadly, what should have been a sparse, quiet tune is turned into an instrumental smorgasbord.

A few songs do work, though. "Paradise," an ode to the homeless, contains one of the BoDeans' best choruses ever, once again indebted to the harmonizing of Llanas and Neumann. The keyboards are there, but they're quiet, allowing the BoDeans' strengths to shine. Another winner is the song "Hell of a Chance," an out-and-out love song, uncluttered by keyboards, floating back and forth from a sparse acoustic arrangement to a deservedly loud chorus. The urgency of early BoDeans love songs is felt once again.

Unfortunately, such trash as the song "Bad for You" cannot be overlooked. The liner notes say "It's a pop song," but any other song on the album has better potential to become popular. The keyboard flourishes are idiotic, as if the BoDeans need to learn that synths do not a hit make. Just as idiotic is "Long Hard Day," a cliché-filled stab at hard rock, fueled by a drum machine and synth guitars. The BoDeans have a ways to go before they return to form.

*Black and White* is not a bad record. But the BoDeans have the potential to do much better. The turn to synthesizers is misguided, especially when their lure lies in songwriting and vocal talent. Until the BoDeans concentrate on their true talents, *Love & Hope & Sex & Dreams* is simply a burden they must carry, in addition to the curse of having been the "best new American band"—five years ago.

## TOP 10 LIST

Top 10 things that are yellow:

10. The inside of your shoes.
9. Tweetybird.
8. The "speed up" light between green and red.
7. Hacked-up pudding from a smoker's lungs.
6. Corn.
5. Used Q-Tips.
4. Ventnor Ave. on the Monopoly board.
3. Marty McFly for not responding to, "Chicken. . ."
2. Your year-old toothbrush.
1. Pee-pee.

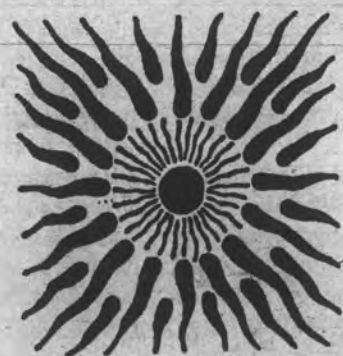
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Assistant Entertainment Editor

Those Fabulous '70s. Maybe you've seen it — a late night commercial for a record collection containing those songs we'd all like to forget.

Although you recognize all the asinine qualities of the songs and the decade they came from, "Fly Robin Fly" and "YMCA" still bring some kind of dirty, guilty pleasure. I must admit I too have this hidden cheese gland, reacting like a touchy car alarm whenever I'm brushed by a passing '70s tune.

I'm not alone. Looking at music today, I can see how disco is slowly sneaking back into our stereos and onto our TVs. Remember the early '80s? Everyone, musicians and fans alike, was so uptight and embarrassed by the previous decade that anything faintly resembling disco was shunned.

I remember dancing at my eighth grade dance. When I think about the music that was played, I wonder how we danced at all. Musicians in the early '80s went over the edge to stay away from getting pegged with the disco label of death.

Critics railed at former Sex Pistols vocalist Johnny Rotten for turning to disco with his band Public Image Ltd. But what they didn't realize was that in the early

'80s, disco was as revolutionary as punk was in the '70s.

So why the return? First of all, most of us in college now weren't old enough to really become involved in the '70s disco scene. We can blame bell bottoms on how our parents dressed us. But the key generation is younger than we. They were either too young to be coherent, or not born yet.

Now they're the fans, and some, like New Kids on the Block (Village People), make the music. Too young to remember the stigma, they love or create what actually is disco.

Meanwhile, the press, even though it critically roasts these musicians, fails to make the connection. We are truly in danger.

Another open lane for disco is bad rap music. Although much of rap exists as a viable, autonomous form of music having nothing to do with disco, many use rap for a disco-like gain.

Anyone who thinks "Everybody Dance Now" by C&C Music Factory sounds different than "Boogie Woogie Oogie" or "Funky Town" is nuts.

Robby Van Winkle (Vanilla Ice) is the new Barry Manilow (if popular today, Manila Ice). "I Love You" is a dead ringer for "I Write the Songs."

Remember the outfits Barry used to wear? It just proves the rule that anyone can dance well in baggy clothes. You never

see Robby Van Winkle (Vanilla Ice) wearing something tight. Just loud.

The return of disco also causes a retreat of the sorry havoc wrought on other forms of music. Wilson Phillips and Roxette bring back nightmares of the Bee Gees, Captain and Tenille, The Carpenters, and, of course, Abba. Tara Kemp and Cathy Dennis reek of Donna Summer and Shadasharo Oh.

Poison, Slaughter, Nelson, Warrant, Skid Row, Cinderella, Winger, etc., are all at once the demented, mutant child of KISS and Air Supply. KISS is still around to make sure they behave.

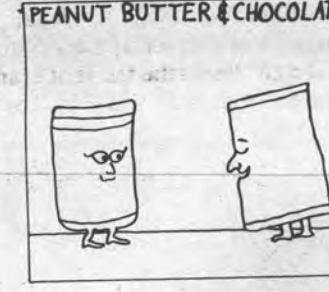
There are exceptions to the metaphor, which I could go into, but there isn't enough time.

All in all, nostalgia most probably is the culprit. The '60s craze wasn't all that bad because the music back then was comparable to that which is buried in the underground today.

But as nostalgia begins to celebrate the '70s, musical suicide is on the horizon. Either that or an over-hype of the new half-breed metal-disco-psychedelia sound. That I can accept, on one condition. The sacrifice of taste, which disco caused, is unacceptable. Everyone loves to dance, but please, please not to crap.

I must admit . . . if I were Robby Van Winkle, I'd probably pick a tasteless nickname too.

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Theatre

DUDS / Theatre Arts Department  
Bowne Theatre  
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by Megan Howley  
*Riders to the Sea*  
by J. M. Synge  
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## ENTERTAINMENT

# Tracks examines life through sketches

Energetic cast, set, sound add realism to witty script; relationships explored

Jamie Lee  
Staff Writer

*Tracks*, written by senior Megan Howley and directed by senior Tara Emery, is full of surprises. In her first produced play, Howley explores the intimate relationships between various characters who pass in and out of a subway station. There is never a dull moment in this fast-paced drama.

The talented cast delivers a commendable interpretation of Howley's witty dialogue. The play begins and ends with sophomore Lucy Webb as the Silent Sweeper, tidying the garbage littering the station.

Sophomores Dan Schantz and Jenny Noonan are amusing as Anthony and Melissa, prom dates who prove that opposites do not attract.

Freshman D.J. Blouin and junior Dasha Snyder are entertaining as George and Emily, a middle-aged couple whose relationship lacks romance. George, a rational husband, cannot understand why his frustrated wife wastes her time reading "historical" Harlequin novels that reek of sex.

Freshmen Matthew Lightfoot and Tami-Lynn Hine are a charming pair as J.P. Jones and Victoria. When Victoria stumbles over J.P. en route to a wedding, J.P. performs an impromptu kazoo concert "to make lighter the traveler's weary load."

Sophomore Keith Bronsdon and freshman Brian Platt are dynamic as Michael and Jamie, a recently separated couple. In an effort to win Michael back by proving he's "Mr. Right," Jamie turns out looking more like "Mr. Potato Head." Clad in boxing gloves, plastic breasts, and a cooking apron,

Platt's campy schtick steals the show.

Freshman Bill Norris and junior Jason Kosnoski energetically play two anxious teenagers, Jerry and Rick, who are "on a mission" to lose their virginity to a prostitute in New York City.

The show ends on a serious note. Freshmen James Lemon and Sonja Baker as Bill and Amanda tenderly and honestly react to death.

Sophomores Michael Plugh and Geoff Gerhardt, as William and Maurice, are convincing as two ghosts from the Roosevelt era who struggle to jump from purgatory to heaven. An imaginary ghost train makes this time warping possible.

Sophomore Rachel Hayes' commendable creation of an authentic subway station atmosphere includes a scummy garbage can and tile walls complete with subway grime.

Junior Carolyn Dascher's lighting design cleverly focuses on the gloomier scenes toward the end.

Sophomore Paul Noser does an excellent job of combining the exact amount of train screeches, signal horns, and rumbling to make the audience expect a train to run through the theatre.

Emery's direction links the isolated duet scenes into a unified play about the different types of people who visit the same locale. Emery makes sure that all her actors understand the sights and smells of a real subway station. This actors' homework enhances the performance allowing the audience to concentrate on the individual human relationships.

For a hard laugh and an original perspective on life in a subway station, see *Tracks* tonight or tomorrow.



Commuters encounter each other in the subway station. Photo by KEITH BRONSDON



## ENTERTAINMENT

# Cast brings life to Irish classic *Riders to the Sea*

Dawn Renée Williams  
Staff Writer

A fishing net presses down from above, closing in on the actors. The stage floor is painted blue and foamy white. Waves roar in the distance. Irish folk music and a stark, woody set surround both actor and audience member. The world of the sea opens the experience of John Millington Synge's *Riders to the Sea*.

The audience is first introduced to Cathleen (senior Susan Hammon). In a fisherman's sweater, she sits at her spinning wheel waiting.

Cathleen's sister Nora (sophomore Jessica Brandt) enters and begins the clear, honest dialogue that propels the flowing script.

Nora and Cathleen live on an island off the west coast of Ireland with their mother Maurya (freshman Jennifer Toner), brother Bartley (freshman David Mandel), and the ever-present spirit of the sea. The sea is this family's hope and its nemesis. It constantly beckons them and repels them.

Shortly into the play, we understand why the sea holds the family in its grasp; it stole two of Maurya's sons, her husband, and her father-in-law. Maurya fears the power of the sea, and as Bartley enters to tell his family he must leave on the next boat, she fears she will lose him as well.

Maurya is in a constant state of mourning until the end of the play, when she has a strengthening realization that all people must follow their calling and that all people will die. "No man at all can be living forever, and we must be satisfied."

Each actor contributes honesty to the production, infusing a boundless energy and committing strongly to her or his actions.

Hammon, from the opening moments of



Nora (Jessica Brandt) watches her brother, Bartley (David Mandel), prepare to leave for the sea. The matriarch Maurya (Jennifer Toner) refuses to give her blessing. Photo by KEITH BRONSDON

the play, gives the audience a Cathleen

charged with intense emotion and strong desires. As the older daughter, she holds herself and the rest of the family together, often replacing Maurya as the mother figure and forcing her to deal with events as

they happen.

The "old woman," Maurya, is handled well by Toner, whose deep, rich voice and fallen face are those of a hard-working, emotionally torn woman. She seems almost weighed down in grief. This some-

times limits her contact with the others on stage but may help to amplify the beauty of her last moments when she finds a new inner strength.

Brandt performs a gentle Nora, especially strong in her dealings with her sister. The audience witnesses a warm and sincere relationship inherent in the two actresses' honest work between one another. Brandt's work is calmly firm and unobtrusive.

As Bartley, the moments Mandel spends alive on stage are only topped by the moments he spends dead on stage. His strong presence and his genuine contact with the people around him highlight his commitment to finding the true life of the script. As he hugs his sisters goodbye, he seems to cling to them for the support that he wishes his mother would give.

Director Erica Pittman, senior, made many strong choices in her production. One of these is the fact that all her actors work with Irish accents. Occasionally this becomes a problem, as the actors are not consistently committed to the vocal work, but each gives it a noble try.

Pittman chose to have seven extra men and women who hardly speak as mourners. Having all those people kneeling on stage mourning the death of Bartley makes a nice picture but takes away from the closeness of the established family.

The audience is left not with an image of the family we spend a half hour getting to know, but with a cluster of crying strangers.

*Riders to the Sea* is much more than a depressing play about an old woman mourning the dead men in her life. It is a revealing look into human beings' fate and destiny, and a showcase for some of the best acting the Drew stage has seen this semester.

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## Softball sweeps Upsala; improves record to 9-3

Shawn Sullivan  
Assistant Sports Editor

The tradition of inclement weather during New Jersey springs presented the softball team with less than desirable playing conditions during this week. But the Rangers proved more than a little rain is needed to dampen their intensity, compiling a 3-1 record in the process raising their season record to 9-3.

The week began with a doubleheader at home Saturday against Norwich. With the chilling rain falling, it looked as if each team would start out a little slow. Norwich didn't seem to feel the cold, however, as their line-up came out red hot in the first inning. Ranger freshman starting pitcher Jen Salus had early control problems and Norwich took advantage of them, scoring five runs on two hits in the inning.

Salus settled down in the next few innings, but a few key hits and a couple of defensive miscues in the wet infield enabled Norwich to jump to a 9-2 lead after four innings. The Rangers came on an RBI double by freshman Alma Molato in the third and an RBI ground out in the fourth by sophomore Danielle Baraty.

After a scoreless fifth frame for both sides, Salus retired Norwich in order in the sixth. By the time Drew stepped up to the plate for their half of the sixth, the rain had subsided and the Ranger bats had heated up. "We knew we weren't going to give up," junior Kara Schermerhorn said. "We decided enough is enough."

The rally was sparked when freshman Angela Savino stepped to the plate and banded a lead-off homerun to make it 9-3. The next five batters proceeded to get on base, three by way of infield errors, with two more runs crossing the plate.

After Molato popped out to third base for the first out of the inning, Schermerhorn walked, driving in a run, and freshman Samantha Hajjar hit a run scoring single to make it 9-7. Savino then stepped to the plate for the second time in the inning and drew a bases loaded walk, making it 9-8. With the Norwich reliever losing her control, Salus, freshman Becky Lish, and sophomore Linda Herbert all drew walks with the bases full, completing the Rangers' nine run explosion.

Norwich staged a rally of their own in the top half of the seventh to tie the game at eleven runs apiece. In the bottom of the inning, Molato, who has proven to be a clutch player recently, led off with a walk. After Molato stole second, Schermerhorn stepped to the plate and laid down a sacrifice bunt the third baseman mishandled.

The resulting overthrow enabled Molato to score and gave Drew a well deserved 12-

11 victory.

Riding high after the come-from-behind victory in game one, the Rangers appeared to suffer an emotional letdown in game two. After a scoreless first inning for both teams, Salus experienced control problems again and Norwich capitalized for two runs. Despite these problems, Salus was able to prevent any further damage. Senior Jeanine Porro, Drew's other pitcher, had other commitments and was unavailable. Therefore, the burden lay on Salus' shoulders.

"Jen was a key in that doubleheader," Herbert said. "As the only pitcher, she had to keep confident and try not to get tired. She did that and it gave us a chance at winning."

In the bottom of the second, the Rangers got one run back when senior Barbara Garnish lined a pitch down the leftfield line for a round-tripper. Garnish came through again in the fourth with an RBI single to drive in Lish and tie the game at two.

Norwich came right back, scoring three runs in the fourth and five more in the fifth to take a 7-2 lead. As the rain began to pour down, it looked as if the game would be called after five innings, leaving Drew one last shot to pull out the win. "The weather really hurt us," Schermerhorn said. "We really didn't think we'd be able to finish the game. It's hard to stay focused in a game like that."

In the fifth, Lish led off the inning with a walk and Molato followed with a single. Senior Dana Tamuccio followed with a single to drive in Lish. Garnish continued her impressive outing by drawing a walk to load the bases with no outs in the inning and Drew down 7-3.

That brought the tying run to the plate in senior Valerie Gale, who grounded out to drive in a run. After a flyout, freshman Minnie Padilla reached on an error, with a run scoring on the play to bring the Rangers within three. However, the Norwich hurler knuckled down to strike out Savino and end the game.

After a rain-out Tuesday, Drew took a second shot at Upsala Wednesday. The light drizzle at the start of the first game was not enough to extinguish Drew's offense as the Ranger bats were on fire. The team exploded in the first inning, scoring ten runs on six hits. Every batter got on base in the inning by either a hit or walk and only Herbert did not score. The attack was led by Baraty who doubled and tripled in the inning, and Lish, who stroked two doubles.

The Rangers tacked on a run in the third when Baraty hit her second three-bagger and scored on a wild pitch. In the fourth, Drew put together another rally to score five runs. Garnish led off with one of her



Danielle Baraty paced the Rangers against Upsala with a career-high nine for nine day. Acorn file photo

three hits in the game and one of two in the inning. With two outs, Baraty hit an RBI single, which was followed by two Upsala errors and three Ranger singles to lengthen the lead to 16-0. Baraty completed her five-for-five game with another run-scoring single in the fifth.

Meanwhile, Porro dominated the Upsala line-up. In five innings, Porro surrendered two runs on six hits, walking one and striking out. Due to Drew's huge lead, the mercy rule was called into effect and the Rangers took the 17-2 victory in five innings. "It was nice to give everyone a chance to play," Herbert said. "Everyone was really laid back after the first game."

They may have been too laid back as Upsala jumped to the early 2-0 lead in the first. The Rangers came right back in the second when Baraty continued her incredible day with a two-run single. Upsala countered with a run of their own in their half of the inning to regain the lead, 3-2.

After a pep-talk by coach Chris Parsons before the fourth inning, the Rangers got their heads back in the game. Sophomore Beth Partington led off with a walk, Baraty followed with another single, and Lish walked to load the bases. Molato came through with the big hit again by drilling a bases clearing triple. Upsala then proceeded

to walk five of the next eight batters to aid Drew in taking the 9-3 lead.

The Rangers rounded out their scoring in the fifth when Partington drew her second bases loaded walk (and fourth total walk) of the game and Baraty hit an RBI single. Drew's offense fittingly ended with Baraty's single as she achieved a career day. After going 0-for-eight against Norwich, Baraty went nine-for-nine with a double, two triples, a sacrifice fly and six RBIs in the twin-bill.

Salus picked up the victory by pitching all five innings, yielding only three runs on five hits. It could have been worse if not for some strong defensive plays by sophomore leftfielder Stacy Maynes, who made an impressive catch down the line in the fourth, and threw a runner out at third to kill Upsala's second inning rally.

Today Drew faces Manhattanville in a make-up game from earlier in the season. Saturday, Drew travels down the road to St. Elizabeth, whom they have beaten once this year.

"We have to make sure we don't relax," Herbert said. "If we keep our heads in it, we can end the season 13-3. That way there will be no reason that softball should not return for its second varsity season next year."

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## Drew defeated by Marist in UPS Tournament

Tom Leary  
Staff Writer

Saturday, the Drew Rugby Football Club hosted its annual UPS Rugby Invitational Tournament. With clubs from SUNY-Stony Brook, Marist College, and the Drew A and B sides participating, an exciting day of rugby awaited all spectators.

However, the upstart squad from SUNY-Stony Brook spoiled Drew's plans of winning the tournament and went home with the first place trophy.

Stony Brook began its day with a match against the Drew B-siders. Although they played with great enthusiasm and effort, the Killer B's were outplayed by a stronger, more experienced Stony Brook club, the result being a 21-0 defeat.

The first half began promisingly for the B's as much of it was played in Stony Brook's half of the pitch. However, Stony Brook was more successful, pushing the ball down the field with aggressive second phase play and quickly scoring nine points with a try, a conversion, and a penalty kick.

The second half saw Stony Brook capitalize on its size advantage as its scrum, through outstanding second phase play, scored two tries on the Drew B's. The following conversions gave Stony Brook its final score of 21-0.

"I thought our B's played hard against Stony Brook," junior back captain Frank Moyes said. "They fought them every step of the way; they were just out-sized and out-hustled when Stony Brook was able to score."

The Stony Brook match, in addition to being a loss, also cost Drew its promising sophomore hooker, Bryan Matsinger, who will miss the remainder of the season with a broken collar bone sustained on a penalty play.

"Losing Bryan hurts the team quite a bit," says senior co-captain John Passaro.

"He's an outstanding player and a leader on the field. Everyone plays harder when he's out there because they know he's giving everything he's got."

The Drew A's faced Marist College in their first round. This game was meaningful to the A-siders because of the last-second defeat Marist handed "Green Death" in the fall season.

From the opening whistle, Drew played with intensity and fervor, qualities which enabled them to emerge with a 15-6 victory. Although Marist was able to score first on a try by their skilled fly-half, Drew was quick to strike back.

The equalizing try came mid-way through the first half when senior outside center Jeff Senkeleski drew the attention of two Marist tacklers.

Senkeleski alertly spotted sophomore eight-man Johnny Tateossian on his left and pitched him the ball. Tateossian then raced the remaining forty yards for the try. Junior Paul Skilton's conversion tied the score at 6-6.

"Jeff should get credit for this one; he got their guys to commit to him," Tateossian said of his first try at Drew. "All I did was support him and, sure enough, he found me in the clear."

Drew scoring was rounded out by a penalty kick from Skilton and a second-half try by senior wing Chris Whynott. Whynott faked two Marist tacklers near the try zone en route to his first score for "Green Death". "It was fear more than anything," joked Whynott about his moves near the try zone.

With a 15-6 victory under their belts, the Drew A's prepared to play Stony Brook in the final. The intensity and enthusiasm which carried Drew to its victory over Marist was lacking in the championship.

"It was like another team was playing this game," Moyes said of the final, a game in which Stony Brook emerged with a 15-



"Green Death" A-siders battle for possession of the ball. Acorn file photo.

6 win.

The game was evenly matched with neither side able to assert control. "Lineouts and second phase were evenly matched; both backfields played quality rugby; we were just outscored," senior club President Brian Gillespie said.

Drew's points came on two penalty kicks by Skilton, while Stony Brook was able to put two tries and a penalty kick on the scoreboard.

"The final was a great game which matched two equal teams against each other," Passaro said. "Everyone played hard and fought for the win. It's just too bad that we weren't able to get it."

In the consolation game, the B's gave Marist a scare as they went into halftime with a 9-8 lead. However, Marist was able to recover and score seven in the second

half to bring home the third place trophy with a 15-9 victory.

Perhaps the highlight of this match was junior inside center Greg Gordon's spectacular try. In this play, Gordon snared a bouncing kick and dodged several Marist tacklers before racing down the pitch for the score.

"It was a lucky break for us," Gordon said. "I got a good bounce and was fortunate enough to avoid their defenders."

Junior prop Eric Stofman said, "It was a great tournament which featured a lot of quality rugby. Both our A's and B's played extremely well and should be pleased with their performances. I'm just disappointed that we couldn't get that first place trophy."

Drew will next see action this weekend at Union College in upstate New York.

## Women's tennis evens record

Keith Morgen  
Staff Writer

Despite strong winds and poor playing conditions, the women's tennis squad achieved a 9-0 rout at FDU-Madison Tuesday.

"We played incredibly well despite the challenge against the wind," sophomore Amy Petrone, who beat her opponent in singles action 6-2, 6-1, said.

"The ball would just float in the air, and sometimes you wouldn't know where it would land," she said. "Everyone had to concentrate harder on their shots and serves so they would fall where we wanted them to. We also had to add in the factor that the courts at FDU were not that well maintained, and we had to play some matches over at St. Elizabeth's."

Also triumphing in singles play for the Rangers were junior co-captains Deborah Butts (6-0, 6-1) and Yvonne Diaz (7-5, 6-4), sophomores Jen Riek (6-3, 6-3) and Stephanie Saunders (3-6, 6-1, 6-4), and freshman Sharon Cohen (6-0, 6-1).

"We did awesome," Saunders, who was competing in her first match since her recovery from a back injury, said. "Our singles were much stronger than FDU. Personally, I didn't play my absolute best, but it was only my first game back since the injury. I think I fought back, though."

Cohen stressed that although the Rangers had to deal with the tough conditions, so did their opponents. "The wind was tough, but our opponents were playing in the same conditions we were playing in," she said. "I just took advantage of every shot and every serve. I worked hard to the very end of my match."

The ladies' doubles squads handled FDU just as well as the singles did, with Butts

and Cohen winning 6-4, 6-1, Diaz and Petrone winning 6-0, 6-3, and Riek and Saunders emerging victorious, 9-7.

"I was very satisfied with how Deborah [Butts] and I played," Cohen said. "Even though we knew we had already won, we still played hard. We were able to work on strategies that we will be using in the weeks ahead."

One factor in the Rangers' rout of FDU may have been the intensity level instilled in the team before the match began.

"Everyone was definitely up for this match," Cohen said. "First of all, FDU is a rival of Drew, and any rival is always played against with a little more intensity. Secondly, we realized there are only two weeks left in the season, and we are soon playing Muhlenberg. We needed to get really psyched up for that game, and I think our victory today accomplished just that."

Diaz was also pleased with the way she and her doubles partner played. "Amy [Petrone] and I worked well together today," Diaz said. "We were communicating out on the court. This was important because I feel I didn't play that well in singles. I just had a bad day."

The Rangers' defeat of FDU, which raised their record to 5-4, exemplifies the squad's continued improvement and mental focus, both of which they take into the final two weeks of the season.

"We are really surprising a lot of people," Saunders said. "We were a young team at the beginning of the season, and we didn't know what to expect of ourselves. I think that we have improved and are continuing to get better."

**RANGER NOTES:** Thursday afternoon the Rangers suffered a tough 8-1 defeat at the hands of Middle Atlantic Conference foe, Muhlenberg.

## Riding Rangers advance five

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The Riding Rangers participated in the first round of their post-season competition this Sunday at the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association's Region 1 championships.

Fourteen riders qualified to compete at Regionals, an accomplishment similar to athletes being named to all-star teams or post-season honors in other sports. The Rangers were represented in all eight of the IHSA division levels.

In Division 1, Walk-Trot, freshman Katrina Elliott rode for the Rangers. Seniors Kari Little and Lisa Parent, junior Mary Tarvin, and freshman Sayre English rode for Drew in Division 2, Walk-Trot-Canter. Three Rangers, senior co-captain Karen Sykes, junior Karin Ohlson, and sophomore Thalia Falcon rode in Division 3, Novice Flat. Freshman Kacey Christiansen showed in Division 4, Intermediate Flat. December '90 graduate Archie Cox and junior Sandy Sayre represented the Rangers in Division 5, Open Flat. In Division 6, Novice Fences, Falcon saw action once again.

Juniors Karen Heroy and Nicole Patenaude led the Rangers in Division 7, Intermediate Fences. Sayre and sophomore Sue Moroso rode in Division 8, Open Fences.

The Regional show serves as a qualifier for further post-season competition. The top four riders in each division earned berths for the Zonal show to be held Sunday in Syracuse, NY. The Rangers compete in Zone 2 (of ten nationwide), which is comprised of 39 schools throughout the New Jersey-New York

area. Based on their performance in the Regional championships, the Rangers will have riders going to Zonals in five of the eight divisions.

Falcon assertively rode into the spotlight for the Rangers, becoming the team's only two-division qualifier for Zonals by riding to a strong second place finish in Novice Flat, in which she earned the Reserve Champion award, and placing third in Division 6, Novice Fences.

Confusion initially surrounded the results of Division 5, Open Flat. Cox took second while teammate Sayre finished fifth, one place short of qualifying for Zonals. Cox's eligibility, however, had been in question due to the fact that he graduated at mid-year, but had legitimately qualified prior to his graduation. Pending an official decision, Cox was allowed to compete at the Regional show because of the lack of any guidelines regarding such a situation.

A conflict arose as to whether Cox should be allowed to compete. Coach Joan Greenberg collaborated with other coaches and decided to pull Cox from the competition. Cox's vacancy moved Sayre up to fourth place, advancing her to Zonals.

Patenaude earned her seat on the van to Syracuse by placing third in Division 7, Intermediate Fences. Finally, in Division 2, Walk-Trot-Canter, English beat out approximately 25 other riders en-route to a fourth place finish and a spot at this weekend's Zonal championships.

At the Zonals, there will be eight riders showing in each division; the top two riders from each division at the Zonals will then advance to the National championships in Virginia on May 5 and 6.



# Men's lax crushed by Gettysburg, 19-5

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The men's lacrosse team's four game winning streak came to an abrupt halt Saturday with their loss to Gettysburg 19-5. With the win, Gettysburg moved up to fourth in the nationwide rankings.

"We got beat by a better team on Saturday," coach Tom Leanos said. "They responded better, and more importantly they capitalized on every one of our mistakes. When Gettysburg made mistakes, we capitalized, but the difference is that they didn't make that many mistakes."

At the beginning of the second period, Drew was down 4-2, with freshmen Mario Enea and Mike Clark scoring in the first period. Midway through the second, Drew had an extra-man opportunity which they did not convert. Gettysburg, also faced with a power play was unsuccessful after holding Drew scoreless.

However, while the Rangers were trying to clear the ball, Gettysburg intercepted a pass and scored their fifth goal of the day. Gettysburg continued to score four more goals within a three minute span on the way to a 10-2 halftime lead.

"When you are down that far at the half, it's a nightmare trying to get back in the game," senior co-captain Matt Cooper said. "They were too good of a team for us to have been playing the way we did. We really didn't give it our best and when we were pressured, we lost our mental game."

Ten minutes into the third period, Cooper scored a goal making the score 10-3. However, Gettysburg quickly put the game out of reach by scoring five unanswered goals, widening the margin to 15-3.

At the 12:51 mark of the fourth period, Cooper scored again with an assist from

sophomore Tim McGrath. Sophomore attackman Dave Newman scored Drew's final goal of the day thirty-five seconds later, making the score 15-5. Gettysburg was not finished, however, and after putting in their second-line personnel, which Leanos described as "very hungry," they tacked on four more goals making the final score 19-5. "In every game that we've played with the exception of one or two, we have gone through spurts of mental inefficiency," Leanos said. "You can't get away with things like that when your opponent is fourth in the nation."

Gettysburg ended up outscoring Drew 63-32, outshooting them 45-21, and won 14 face-offs to Drew's seven. "The bottom line as far as I was concerned was their [Gettysburg's] ability to pick up the ball at first and getting rid of it they way they did," Leanos said. "We were successful when we picked up like they did, but it cost us when we didn't. They controlled the game in the midfield, sprinted after everything and they swarmed the ball."

For future play, Leanos said he believes that a combination of a different game strategy and more intensity on the field will help the team. "All ten guys that we put on the field have to be hungry every second of the game for us to win and that hasn't happened this year," assistant coach David Steffano said. "What we've been experiencing all year is that we would have four or five guys who give it their all during a game, then two or three others that play fair, and others that don't play well at all."

Leanos also looks upon Saturday's loss as a learning experience and thinks the players should look at what they did wrong individually instead of pointing fingers.

"We are still in the middle of the season, and at 8-2, we are probably off to one of the



Saturday, against Haverford the men's lacrosse team hopes to rebound from a devastating loss to Gettysburg. Acorn file photo

best starts we've ever had," Leanos said. "We cannot allow ourselves to be so greatly affected by this loss, emotionally and mentally, that we can't pick ourselves back up again."

The Rangers were scheduled to play FDU-Madison Wednesday. However, because FDU's squad has been plagued with year long injuries, they forfeited the game and canceled their lacrosse program for the rest of the year. To balance out the league standings, the Middle Atlantic Conference gave Drew the win making them 3-0 in the East.

Tomorrow the team plays a 3:30 game at Haverford in a huge match-up in which the winner takes the MAC East title and goes on to the MAC championship game. "This is going to be a barn-burner because

Haverford is after the East title and we've held it for three years," Cooper said. "We have got to be ready for them."

Like Drew, Haverford is also unbeaten in the east conference and has an overall record of 6-6. The Rangers are looking to stop two key Haverford players, senior attackmen Simon Hamilton, the leading scorer in the eastern conference so far, and Will Gould.

"Haverford is a critical game because it determines if we go to the finals," senior co-captain Max Rockwell said. "Plus if we beat Haverford it will build our confidence back up and most likely we'll get another shot at Gettysburg. If we play them again, we will focus on our last game against them, work harder and go in with a more solid attitude to win."

# Baseball downs Scranton; moves up in standings

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At the beginning of this season, the baseball team exuded a quiet, almost sneaky confidence typified by a comment from sophomore Rob Denkin, who said, "No one is expecting us to win but we all think we can win. That's why I think we're going to surprise people."

So when the Rangers started their year at a less than inspiring 2-7 clip, it looked as if the team was in for a long spring. But at the halfway point of the season, Drew finds itself doing anything but playing out the string of remaining games.

With the most difficult part of the schedule completed, the Rangers own an 8-12 record, but more importantly, a 3-2 mark in Middle Atlantic Conference games. Neither record appears overly impressive on the surface, but the Rangers currently occupy second place in their division of the MAC. This silent ascension in the standings was given a new level of meaning Saturday when Drew defeated visiting Scranton, widely regarded as the divisional favorite.

The first half of the scheduled doubleheader was played despite consistent rain-fall. Scranton got off to a fast start in the first half-inning when senior co-captain Ted Otten made one of his few mistakes of the afternoon, surrendering a two-run homer. The southpaw proceeded to settle into a groove, holding the powerful Scranton lineup to five hits and recording six strikeouts in five innings of work.

The Rangers answered with two runs of their own in the bottom-half of the inning, sparked by junior co-captain Billy Connors and Denkin, who continue to set the table for the middle of the batting order. Connors started the rally with a single and a stolen base and Denkin reached base on a walk. Both scored on an error by the Scranton shortstop.

"It's great having those two [Connors



Mike Bush delivers a pitch against Trenton State. He will start one of the games in tomorrow's twinbill. Photo by BRIAN GREGG

and Denkin] in front of me," junior Phil Garbarino said. "It seems like every time I get to the plate, they're waiting to be driven in."

After Scranton tacked on two runs in the fourth, Drew again immediately answered its opponents. Denkin started the Ranger rally with a one out single. After Garbarino fanned, Otten laced a double to left field, advancing Denkin to third. Junior Alex

Barbaris drove in the two runners with a clutch line drive single past the outstretched glove of the Scranton shortstop.

Otten escaped potential disaster in the fifth, thanks largely to an unusual play. Scranton placed runners at first and third with no outs, when Denkin fielded a groundball and flipped it to Connors. When the runner rolled into the second sacker, baserunner interference was called and

both the runner on first and the hitter were called out with the runner on third forced to return to base.

Otten was forced to leave the game due to severe back spasms after the fifth, but capable relief from freshman hurler Brian Ferrante kept Scranton off the scoreboard in the sixth. In Drew's half of the inning, the Rangers were again ignited by Connors, who led off the inning with a single and a stolen base. After being advanced to third by a Garbarino ground out, Connors scored on a Scranton error.

Denkin, who came in to pitch the seventh, shut the door, giving Drew a 5-4 victory, its biggest of the season and one which many team members attribute to a blend of confidence and intensity.

"We were in a position where we had to win," Denkin said. "We put all of our efforts into the first game and played every inning like it was the last game of the season. With that kind of intensity, only good things can happen."

The second game got off to an auspicious start, with Drew leading 2-1 in the bottom of the first. The game was called due to poor weather conditions with the bases loaded with Rangers and only one out. As it stands now, Scranton, 2-1 in the MAC, might be forced to return to Drew if the game has any playoff implications.

"I don't think they wanted to play the second game," Denkin said. "There was no doubt in our minds that we were going to win that second game. That was our high point in confidence for the whole season."

Tuesday, the Rangers hosted nationally ranked Trenton State (19-5-1). The Rangers, behind senior hurler Mike Bush, hung tough most of the game. Unfortunately, Drew ran into a one-man wrecking crew in Trenton State's clean-up hitter Jeff Nevitt, who pounded out four hits including a homerun and two doubles (one of which was a disputed homerun call that was eventually ruled a ground rule double).

The Drew offense was paced by Garbarino, who smacked out three hits, including two doubles. Otten also contributed a pair of two-baggers, along with two RBI. Connors reached base four of six times to further pad his already astronomical on-base percentage.

In the end, the Rangers fell by a score of 14-6, but the score hides the fact that Drew stuck with Trenton State for seven innings before their talented opponents pulled away.

"I don't think we realized we could play with this team until the fifth inning when we looked up at the scoreboard and we were only down by a few runs," Connors said. "So we wasted five innings basically. We didn't have the intensity that we did against Scranton."

Yesterday, the Rangers played a game they would soon like to forget. Division I St. Peter's visited Drew and proceeded to dominate their hosts in every facet of the game. The final score, 17-0, accurately describes the thrashing.

Denkin and Garbarino contributed the only Ranger hits on the afternoon. Junior pitcher Glenn Dreyer was pounded for 11 runs in six innings of work. Relievers Ferrante and Connors were no more effective in the last three innings.

"If we win the games during the week, that is just gravy," Connors said. "Those games are stepping stones for the weekend MAC games."

Tomorrow, the Rangers participate in one of those crucial MAC games when King's visits Young field for a 1 p.m. doubleheader. The team's focus is clear: Sweep King's and FDU-Madison (who travel down the street to Drew for another doubleheader next Saturday). That would force Scranton to make the long trip back to Drew and battle for the right to enter the MAC playoffs.

"We're in the drivers seat now since the rest of our games are at home and we've already beaten Scranton once," Connors said. "We're thinking MAC title."

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## SASSAMAN

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Her performance in the classroom mirrors her performance on the field: quiet, confident, and excellent.

"I was teasing her the other day," professor of Psychology Robin Timmons, Sassaman's major advisor, said. "You must be aggressive on the field," I said. She's not pushy [in the classroom]. I've never understood that. [However], Donna is incredibly thoughtful; when she does ask something it's a deep and thoughtful question."

Timmons recalled a conversation about Sassaman with professor of Biology John Nagel, one of Sassaman's professors. Sassaman was forced to miss a required field trip because of a game. The alternative was to write an extensive research paper.

Rather than using the game as an excuse, Sassaman wrote the paper. "Donna is incredibly responsible," Timmons said.

Sassaman is also incredibly active. In addition to her devotion to sports and scholastics, she serves as president of the Varsity D club and secretary to Drew coaches Vernon Mummert and Tom Leanos. Sassaman also played basketball last year, making her one of Drew's few three-sport athletes.

Even with all the work she will have in graduate school, Sassaman hopes to coach field hockey or lacrosse for Johns Hopkins or a nearby program. Some may question Sassaman's desire to coach, saying that she spreads herself too thin. Dreyer, however, heartily disagrees.

"Donna will leave Drew's campus and she'll be someone who always succeeds," Dreyer said. "She puts that pressure on herself. Her attitude breeds success."

With her inner motivation, she'll probably even still find time for Alex Trebek and Bob Ross.



## SPORTS

# Women's lax dips below .500 mark

## Struggling Rangers lose to Ursinus; battle F&M tomorrow

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After dropping two games this week, the women's lacrosse team hopes to get back on track tomorrow when it travels to Franklin & Marshall for a key league game. A win would keep alive the Rangers' slim hopes for a post-season playoff berth.

But F&M occupies the top spot in the Middle Atlantic Conference East with a 4-0 record and defeated Ursinus and Haverford, two teams that beat Drew earlier this season. The Rangers also must cope with the effects of the long bus ride, a factor which has contributed to slow starts in other road games.

After a quick 3-0 start, Drew fell victim to its difficult schedule, which has five of the Rangers six league games on the road. Another problem is that the various facets of the team's game have yet to gel, resulting in a squad often on different wavelengths.

The Rangers fell to Division II Bloomsburg 12-9 Saturday and defending Division III champ Ursinus 14-2 Wednesday, dropping their record to 5-5 overall and 2-2 in the MAC East.

In Saturday's game, which was played under cold and rainy conditions, Drew overcame a 8-5 halftime deficit to come out strong in the second half and tie the game, only to run out of steam at game's end.

Junior Susan McNulty, who led Drew scorers with four goals, scored less than a minute into the second half off a pass from fellow junior Brook DeAngelis. Sophomore Jessica Platt scored an unassisted goal thirty seconds afterwards and DeAngelis tied the game with 17:50 left on the clock.

But Bloomsburg reeled off three goals in a four-minute flurry to take back command

of the contest and its defense shut down the Drew attack the rest of the way. DeAngelis scored her second goal of the game off a feed from sophomore Denney Derr with four minutes left to make the score 11-9. But it was too little, too late as Bloomsburg played keep-away to run down the rest of the clock.

First half goals were scored by Platt, senior co-captain Donna Sassaman, and McNulty, who notched three. Platt assisted on two of the goals.

In the final analysis, it was too few shots and too many turnovers that spelled defeat for the Rangers. They were outshot 39-17 and turned over the ball 23 times. Freshman goalie Linda Schneider stood tough under the Bloomsburg barrage, stopping 18 shots for an impressive 60 percent saves percentage.

The offense, when it could hold on to the ball and work it around the crease for a good shot, was effective (a 53 percent shooting percentage), but it didn't get enough chances.

A Monday home game against Bryn Mawr was postponed due to rain, so the Rangers were on the road again Wednesday against the defending national champs, Ursinus.

The Bears came into the game with a 4-6 record, but that mark was due less to lack of talent than to its grueling early-season schedule which had it playing mostly Division I opponents.

The hosts struck for the first two goals, but McNulty found junior Wendie Loughran, who beat the Ursinus goalie with a bounce shot to cut the early deficit in half. Loughran, a transfer, played against her former team.

But a minute later, Ursinus went on a dizzying five-goal run lasting only a little over three minutes. The Drew defense hung



The women's lacrosse team looks to rebound from a tough loss against nationally ranked Ursinus. Acorn file photo

tough the rest of the half, but the damage had been done.

Ursinus scored first in the second half, but Loughran matched it several minutes later. Unfortunately for Drew, that was all its offense could muster on the day.

Again, turnovers hurt the Rangers as they had trouble clearing the ball from the defensive end to the attack. Ursinus was also quicker to the ground balls, enjoying a 37-21 advantage in that area, including 12-6 on draw controls. The shot margin, 38-19 for Ursinus, was almost a carbon copy of the Bloomsburg game. An improving Schneider fared well in the cage, saving 12 shots.

To finish with a winning record, the Rangers need their offense and defense to play more like one unit instead of like two separate teams. The midfield of Platt, Derr and Loughran needs to step up and provide

a solid connection.

The attack, which was on fire early in the season, has cooled down, and the defense is adjusting to playing in front of a new goalie. When starting goalie Katie Corbett went down with a knee injury in the fourth game of the season, Drew was undefeated at 3-0 and giving top-rated Trenton State a run for its money. Now, Schneider has made the adjustment from attack to the cage.

After tomorrow's game at F&M, the Rangers are on the road again Monday at Widener for another MAC East contest. Starting defensive wing Tanya Meck is questionable for tomorrow's game because of an ankle injury suffered against Ursinus.

Drew finishes the season with four home games, including next Wednesday against Hofstra. The team is 3-0 on its home turf, so maybe a little home cookin' is all it needs to break out of the road doldrums.

## Confident, unassuming Sassaman shuns praise

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"[My friends and I] went into the Play Doh stage [and] the jigsaw puzzle stage," senior Donna Sassaman, co-captain of the women's lacrosse team said, referring to some of her less-strenuous extra-curricular activities.

"I love games and puzzles. I have to beg people to play with me," Sassaman said, pointing to Pictionary and Trivial Pursuit. Sassaman also avidly watches *Jeopardy* and the *Joy Of Painting*. She enjoys testing her knowledge with Alex Trebeck and her brush strokes with Bob Ross.

"Margaret [Scarpa] got me hooked on Bob Ross," Sassaman said. "We bought paints and brushes . . . Bob Ross paint accessories."

She is not completely satisfied with her first attempt at a landscape, however. "My hills overlap . . . It definitely needs some work," Sassaman said.

Sassaman, after three and a half years of hard work and little free time, has finally allowed herself to slow down ever so slightly and enjoy what remains of her college career. She does, however, offer this caveat: "The more you do, the more self-esteem you have," she said.

Sassaman does a lot and does it well but finds it difficult to talk about her accomplishments. Her friends, coaches, and professors consistently use the words unselfish, reserved, intelligent, and confident to describe Sassaman. Another appropriate label is modest.

"I don't want to be featured," Sassaman said initially. "I don't want to talk. I don't want to brag about myself."

Sassaman's refreshing modesty, how-



Donna Sassaman is co-captain of the women's lacrosse team. Photo by PEDRA O'REILLY

ever, does not prevent her from accepting and overcoming many challenges that set her apart from other athletes and students at Drew.

One challenge Sassaman successfully conquered exemplifies both her athletic ability and her selflessness. Prior to her junior field hockey season, Sassaman successfully switched from a field position to goaltender.

"We had lost our goalies to studying abroad or transferring," Sassaman said. "The incoming freshman didn't come; basically we had no one to fill the position. So I figured it would be a challenge and I accepted the position."

Sassaman's involvement with summer camps allowed her to help train field players and still find time to prepare herself for the

upcoming season in net. "I was counselling at Trenton and Rider," Sassaman said. "[In between counselling] I went to the goalie sessions where I learned from European players."

Problems occurred, however, as Sassaman's coach, Maureen Horan-Pease recalled. "Donna called me on the phone and said, 'I've got some good news and some bad news, Coach,'" Horan-Pease said. "The good news is that I'm really picking up a lot. The bad news is that I broke my arm—but I can still play."

Sassaman worked at Drew's summer program, instructing high school goalies on technique, despite a cumbersome cast. "By teaching [goaltending] it helped me learn it," Sassaman said. "When you teach something, you are reinforcing what you know or have learned."

Sassaman eventually shed the cast early in the schedule and started every game in goal during the 1989 season. Even after such a remarkable personal accomplishment, Sassaman shifted the praise to interim field hockey coach Denise Wescott. "I was lucky to have Coach Wescott, who was a Division I national champion All-American goalie, to teach me," Sassaman said.

"I thought Donna did very well," Horan-Pease said. "She very, very unselfishly participated that season."

This season, Sassaman played on defense, her fourth position in as many years. She played attack her freshman year and midfield her sophomore year. Although Sassaman never played defense, she became one of the most consistent players on the field and was selected to the MAC Northeast All-Star team and the North Jersey All-Star team. Sassaman also be-

came a three-time recipient of the College Field Hockey Association National Academic Field Hockey Team, a national award presented to players of sophomore or higher standing that recognizes outstanding play and exceptional academic standing.

Sassaman continues her success as a member of the women's lacrosse team, where she has started for four years, even though she never played lacrosse before college.

"Donna liked to run," Horan-Pease said. "Lacrosse is a sport that most people pick up in college. [For Donna] lacrosse was a natural."

This season alone, Sassaman has played three different positions for head coach Sally Dreyer.

"For never playing lacrosse before, Donna picked the game up so well," Dreyer said. "[She has] an air of quiet confidence about her. [As a co-captain], she doesn't talk for the sake of talking. She's there as a role model, a hard-worker, a motivator. She's a solid player all around. She also has excelled academically."

While Sassaman devotes many hours to athletics, she maintains Dean's list grades as a psychobiology major and holds membership in both the psychology (Psi Chi) and biology (Beta Beta Beta) honor societies. Her course of study propelled her into an interest in genetic research. Recently, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine accepted Sassaman; she plans on attaining a Ph.D. in human and molecular genetics.

"I started out as a pre-med [major], basically a bio major," Sassaman said. "I kind of got turned off to it. I had a psych course that I found interesting so I decided to combine the two."

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