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Mail delivery problems plague students

McCachren claims campus mail not at fault, encourages students to voice complaints

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Despite reports of student dissatisfaction with the campus mail service, specifically the Holloway, Hoyt-Bowne, and Welch Hall mailboxes, Manager of Mail Services Scot McCachren claims the mail system is sound. "As far as our operation and system go, I don't think there are any problems," he said.

Although he said he was aware of student concerns about lost and delayed mail through word of mouth, as well as by computer network newsgroup for Drew complaints, McCachren said the campus mail system is not at fault for such problems.

Despite this, he does not discourage students from bringing their queries to his attention, or to Supervisor of Mail Operations Darryl Edmunds to consider solutions. "If a particular student has a particular problem, they should come to see us," McCachren said.

Senior Katie Turnbaugh is one of a number of students living in Hoyt-Bowne having difficulties receiving mail. "I'm not getting any mail," she said. "I've been checking my old mailbox in the U.C., too, and it's not there either."



In the face of student discontent Manager of Mail Services Scot McCachren maintains that if students' mail was properly addressed, it would not be lost or delayed. Photo by Pedra O'Reilly

Both McCachren and Edmunds place the blame for many mail service mishaps on the improper addressing of mail, often the omission of "Drew University" from the address, or items for residents of Holloway,

Hoyt-Bowne, and Welch addressed to University Center mailboxes. "More than anything, we rely on people using the correct address," McCachren said.

Thousands of pieces of mail are handled

each day by the four full-time and several part-time employees of the mail service overseen by McCachren. Twice a day, McCachren said, all mail brought from the Madison post office to the center of mail service operations is promptly sorted and delivered to the U.C. mailroom or residence halls for placement in mailboxes. Packages are taken to the Pepin building, numbered, and recipients notified by campus mail the same day.

One of the problems cited by a number of students deals with the length of time from when a package is sent to when it is received by the student. Sophomore Maria Theoharidis received a package last week that was postmarked May 7. Theoharidis said the package was properly addressed to her address last spring.

Senior Erin Loubier said she is still waiting for a package mailed three weeks ago. "My parents sent a package to my brother at another college at the same time, and he received it two weeks ago."

Turnbaugh also said she has experienced difficulties receiving packages. "My parents sent a package first class, and it took over two weeks for me to get it," she said.

Delivery of packages to Pepin began last

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Ann DeGennaro records reasons why people drink. Photo by Heath Podvesker

DeGennaro discusses why students drink

Jenny Frazier
Staff Writer

The Office of Student Activities sponsored Alcohol Awareness Week in an effort to raise the consciousness of Drew students this week. The main activity was a speech entitled "Choosing to Drink—Is it a Moral Issue?" Monday in University Center Room 107 given by Ann DeGennaro, coordinator of the Drug and Alcohol Awareness program at Trenton State College.

DeGennaro spoke to a group of 10 students about the privilege of drinking and what motivates people to participate in alcohol-related activities.

"Drinking is a privilege in this society, not a right," DeGennaro said. "Too many people feel it is their right to drink and will do anything to keep it."

In an attempt to get the audience involved in the discussion, DeGennaro asked the students to "bid" on different reasons people choose to drink from categories she had written on the board. The students became involved and generated a discussion based on student response.

"It was a really cool idea to have the bidding because that was how most of the discussion started," junior John Bleakney said. "I learned where people's

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International students struggle to retain program

Christina Palaia
Assistant News Editor

International Student Association members, former International House residents, concerned students, and four administrators met Monday to discuss the situation concerning the now-disbanded International House.

"We wanted the meeting to be very, very positive," former International House Resident Assistant Miho Wada said. "We wanted explanations and to find out the plans for the future; what our alternatives are."

Bringing no firm plans for the future to the meeting, Student Government Association President and international student Sodan Selvaretnam proposed the idea that residents of both the Women's Concerns House and the International House collaborate on devising a plan which would be mutually acceptable. However, Vice President for Administration Peggi Howard said that the administration would accept no new student proposal. "We made it emphatically clear that this decision was final," Howard said.

Selvaretnam said he thinks this is a violation of student rights. "The position of the students will not be respected, that's what it comes down to," he said.

At the meeting, Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs Mike McKitish, Dean of Student Life Denise Alleyne and Howard agreed to write a letter to the international students. This letter will not discuss the past use of Hannon House or its future use by Women's Concerns, but will summarize the events of the housing relo-

cations and explain the logic behind the decisions, said Howard.

According to Wada, the international students will have a meeting amongst themselves in the next few weeks to define exactly what their special needs are, such as having their own kitchen, a place with a family environment, and a space for meetings.

"The school must try to duplicate what was in the house as much as possible in a new place for us," senior Koji Masuda said. "Our activities have been very important and very necessary to the Drew Community. We must try to keep our program well-known and make it long-lasting."

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S.G.A., R.H.A. resolve differences

The Student Government Association and the Residence Hall Association tentatively agreed to adapt to each other. The agreement is pending approval by their respective bodies. Each group will supply a liaison to relay information to the other, and all recommendations on housing policy must go through the S.G.A.

Larry Grady
News Editor

Monday, the executive boards of the Student Government Association and the Residence Hall Association verbally agreed to changes that would require the two organizations to work together on matters involving housing policy.

The agreement mandates that all R.H.A. recommendations dealing with policy go through S.G.A., and that each group name a liaison to relay information to each other. Finalization of the agreement is pending the revision of the R.H.A. constitution, and the possible amending of the S.G.A. constitution. Both groups are waiting until their bodies are fully formed.

The meeting was prompted by concern expressed by S.G.A. President Sodan Selvaratnam about an item in R.H.A.'s constitution. The section stated one of R.H.A.'s

What is R.H.A.?

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Staff Writer

The Residence Hall Association begins its first year as an organization to deal with housing issues and programming. According to co-chairs Amy Petrone and Valerie Mears, R.H.A. will introduce interhall programs that have formerly been absent from Drew.

R.H.A. emerged in response to budget cuts that promised to leave Living Councils with little money for programming this semester. The creation of R.H.A. brought increased funds as well as the promise of interhall programs that never existed in the past. "Each Living Council programs for its hall, but the R.H.A. will program for all the halls," Petrone said.

Former Assistant Director of Residence Life Cindy Sammons was the impetus for starting up this chapter, and the whole of last year was spent organizing and writing the constitution.

According to Petrone, activities being considered by the R.H.A. include white water rafting for all the residence halls and an event linked to Multicultural Awareness Day.

All residents involved with the Living

Council of their hall has an opportunity to become a member of the Residence Hall Association.

"Every Living Council elects two representatives from their hall to serve on the R.H.A., and both Welch and all the theme houses combined elect one representative," National Communications Coordinator Andy Brooslin said.

Brooslin's role as coordinator illustrates an additional purpose of the Residence Hall Association. "I receive information about programs, find out what is going on at other schools, and see if we can implement them here at Drew," Brooslin said.

Filling out the Executive Board is Secretary Linda Herbert, and Treasurer Jeff DuBois.

Resident Director Eric Gladstone and Assistant Director of Residence Life Amy Beckerman serve as advisors to the organization.

"We are not tight with Residence Life," Petrone said. "We are not working for them."

Members of R.H.A. look forward to enhancing life in the halls here at Drew. "We do not want to compete with the S.G.A. We just want to help out in the housing area," Petrone said.

stepping onto S.G.A.'s role. Our concern was that we didn't want to be divided and conquered by the administration," he said. "I expressed that to R.H.A. We sat down, and acted in the best interest of the students."

R.H.A. Co-Chair Valerie Mears said she is satisfied with the results of the meeting. "We didn't want to give up our power totally," she said. "It worked out well. We still get to deal with Residence Life problems, make our recommendations, then present them to S.G.A., who will then deal with them."

Mears said the problems partly stemmed from the inexperience of those writing the constitution, which was authored over Jan-Term by Mears and Resident Director Eric Gladstone. "None of us had ever written a constitution before," she said. "We used constitutions from other R.H.A.s as a basis. The questions involving policy were a part of other schools' constitutions. It's just one of the parts that had to be changed to accommodate other groups on campus, and for other groups to accept us as a new group."

The matter of a liaison was discussed last year between R.H.A. and Selvaratnam when it was too late in the spring to act upon it, according to Mears. "We don't want to be miscommunicating with each other," Selvaratnam said.

Selvaratnam said R.H.A. has to revise their constitution before S.G.A. will amend theirs. "I trust they won't go back on their word, but we won't take action until it is on paper," he said. "I'm pleased with the words said at the meeting. This will unify the student voices, but I won't be satisfied until it is acted upon."

ALCOHOL: Sparse attendance

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where people's values were with alcohol which was surprising."

DeGennaro talked about several statistics related to alcohol use and abuse. She said one-tenth of the population will have an alcohol problem in their lives and one-third of the population will be affected by someone with an alcohol problem.

"The statistics were really scary," Bleakney said. "They really made you think about what is happening in our society, especially on campus."

DeGennaro also talked about the consequences that women face when they drink. "In our society, unfortunately, a man has the right to be drunk and not prove themselves," she said. "But, the female has to fight to prove her right to drink, and if she is drunk she has this stigma attached to her that is not the case with men."

In her closing remarks, DeGennaro said people need to make a decision to help

others that have alcohol-related problems. "Go with your gut feelings about whether you think people have problems or not," she said. "Care about your friends and confront them with facts that make them think."

The audience was comprised of about 10 students which did not surprise DeGennaro, she said.

"I am actually surprised that we were able to pull in even this many students," she said. "There are so few people here because people just don't care, it is important to create an awareness in yourself because no one else is going to do it."

Freshman Victor Afanador, who did not attend the meeting, said he understood the apathy involved with trying to get people involved in alcohol-awareness activities.

"No one cares about going [to alcohol awareness activities] because people want to party," Afanador said. "It's sad because I feel people should go, but they don't want to go somewhere where people will tell them not to have a good time."

Tolley second Resident Assistant Jeff DuBois said the reason students did not readily attend such events is because they do not understand the real purpose behind them.

"People think it's a big value judgement," he said. "A lot of people don't realize it's just awareness; they think they are going to be preached to."

Assistant Director of Student Activities Pat Peek said although the interest is minimal, the Office of Student Activities thinks the issue is an important one.

"There is not always terrific interest [in Alcohol Awareness Week], but we keep offering it even if we are just helping a few students with their problems," Peek said.

In addition to Monday's speaker, other activities for Alcohol Awareness Week included a magician, displays on responsible drinking from Anheuser-Busch and Budweiser, and the movie "Clean and Sober."

Peek said the Office of Student Activities is trying to coordinate Alcohol Awareness Week with a date rape panel that is scheduled for early October.

"I think there is a definite connection with alcohol and sexual violence," Peek said. "I think the date rape panel will be touching on how alcohol relates to date rape."

Budget trims help health services grow

Klersten Crowley
Yesha Nalk

Due to a reduction in hours for University Health Services, more money is available for new programs such as peer education, student health aides, and a Wellness Center, according to Director of Health Services Kathy Nottage.

According to Nottage the Morris Infirmary staff has been extra busy since the initiation of the new programs. "I don't think it's from the reduced hours," she said. "I think this is what September is like. We have many incoming students who need checkups, and also, work was still being done on the building for the first week. That set a busy atmosphere."

Nottage said she hopes to institute creative health programming as a way for Health Services to become an integral part of the Drew Community.

Nottage said the newly instituted peer education program will involve students teaching students. "We know that peer educators are the most effective in getting health messages across. If you hear it from a friend who is authoritative and knowledgeable, it is more believable."

Coordinator of the Peer Education Program Joanne Alonzo will begin training

students who are interested in volunteering to become sexual health educators for the peer program. "We will expand as we evolve," Nottage said. "This is just the beginning."

According to Nottage, the volunteers would be involved in counseling students about contraception, sexually transmitted diseases, AIDS prevention, and alcohol awareness. Peer educators must be truly serious and committed students, Nottage said.

Nottage said student response to requests asking for volunteers was overwhelming. Thirty students have already applied to take part in this program. The training of the students taking part will start next Tuesday.

"I don't think it is going to be such a dry thing. It's going to evolve into very creative stuff," Nottage said. "As the group becomes more sophisticated and knowledgeable, I'm hoping they'll do some more creative things like television and theatre work." Programming will start in a month.

A new Wellness Center has been created within the Morris Infirmary to accommodate some of the new programming to be initiated for peer and nutrition education. Nottage is trying to establish an extensive library comprising sex education videos and a new television set, as well as the more

traditional books. An example of their newly started video collection is "Pros and Cons on Condoms."

Nottage said she is prepared to hire a dietitian to develop a program educating people about proper food and weight. "I don't want a weight-loss program," she said. "I want a program that will teach people what their optimum weight should be. I want there to be more of an educational component to the nutrition classes."

Nottage is planning to hire students as aides to accommodate students sick with mononucleosis, bad menstrual cramps, or those recovering from an illness and needing a place to stay for a night. She said she is seeking responsible CPR-certified students trained in first aid. These students after going through an orientation, will be on call to be available for overnight care, according to Nottage. "There will always be a backup," she said. The aides would be able to phone either Nottage or Office of Public Safety in case of emergencies.

Along with adding new policies and programs, the infirmary has changed its appearance. A new examining room has been created by converting a storeroom. Nottage said she thinks this room is needed to provide a private place to conduct blood tests and treat injuries. Curtains and pictures have



Despite budget cuts, Kathy Nottage implemented new health service programs, including a peer education program and a Wellness Center. Acorn file photo.

been added to give the infirmary a personal touch. A few pieces of furniture were donated by other departments, Nottage said.

MAIL: McCachren responds to student complaints about services

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year to remove strain from the U.C. mailroom, which is also why the University Cabinet chose to move student mailboxes to the three dorms in summer 1990. "It was a mess, and things were being lost when I arrived [in 1990]," McCachren said. He said the departmentalization, which he oversaw, adds to mail service expedience.

"We have an organized system here," McCachren said. "We have no mail just sitting around. People say we lose mail. Where are we losing it?" McCachren asked, advising that mail considered important be sent certified, which would produce a record

of its whereabouts if lost.

Once the mail arrives at Drew, only incorrect campus addresses can delay the item. Even that is not a major problem, McCachren said, as every item that arrives at Drew is delivered. If a letter for a resident of Holloway, Hoyt, or Welch is improperly addressed to a U.C. mailbox, the proper address is soon found and the letter rerouted to the residence hall by way of Hannon House.

Often the mail can be redelivered the same day, but there may be a delay of a day at most. "It's an inefficient use of man-hours to research the correct addresses, but it can

be done," McCachren said. "The more mistakes there are on an envelope, the more time it'll take."

Junior Cornel Plebani said the mail is "annoying." "I'm waiting for checks and things that I know have been sent," he said.

Plebani, who has a mailbox in Holloway, said delivery is late every day, around 3 or 4 p.m.

Senior Rob Goldman said he has many problems with the mail service. "Dorm delivery is a big problem," he said. "It is infrequent and irregular. They should move all the mailboxes back into the U.C. There is more room now that there are fewer students, and move the grad and the students' mailboxes to their residences."

"It's frequently a conception that the residence halls are a few days late," McCachren said, disputing the idea as false. If mail to Holloway, Hoyt, and Welch is properly addressed, it will be delivered the same day

as mail to the U.C. mailroom, he said.

Students in these residence halls should not be receiving mail in U.C. mailboxes. The mail service is in frequent communication with the Office of Residence Life, and although they are the last to know of sudden changes, they are informed of the students who live in the residence halls with separate mailboxes, McCachren said.

Loubier said she thinks campus mail should not take more than one or two days at most. "I had three different things sent to me; one from the Admissions House which I got a week or two weeks after they were sent."

McCachren said he could not find any other reason for lost or delayed mail except for flawed addresses, but he hoped to be able to help students with their mail problems. "The number one solution to any problem is communication," he said. "We're here to help."

PLIGHT: Students plan for future

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Despite the letter, Wada said she still suspects the administration's motive.

"They [the administration] must work hard in the next couple of weeks to regain our trust," she said. "We can't just let things go. I'm graduating but I want the international students program to go on next year."

Alleyne said, "We [the administration] will work with them [the international students] to do what we can do to help them to have a strong program. I would hope the program is not lost because the house was lost—that there's more to the program than that."

A meeting between Director of Residence Life John Ricci, McKitish, I.S.A. President Caroline Hume-Purdie, Masuda and Wada will try to devise a housing plan for Thanksgiving break and other vacations. During Thanksgiving, international students will be housed in another theme house or appropriate

purposes was "to act as a sounding board for any administrator or group of students when matters pertain specifically to the residence hall population—be it programming or

policy." Selvaratnam said he thinks S.G.A. should be the only sounding board for students. "My main worry was that they were over-

space, Alleyne said.

Hannon House is currently undergoing renovations which will allow it to accommodate the approximately 16 Women's Concerns residents who will reside there next semester.

"Ultimately someone was going to lose a house in this situation," Alleyne said. "We as administrators made that decision. We didn't think it would be fair to students for students to have to make it."

By moving the Madison House residents into Hannon House, the administration said it would be minimizing disruption on campus, yet Wada said she disagreed.

"They were just looking at numbers on paper," Wada said. "International House wasn't just a house, it was our home. I think the administration was insensitive in its decision-making and underestimated the importance of International House."

News Briefs

Annual Law Forum

The William Gibbons Pre-Law Society sponsored a trip to the annual Law Forum held in New York City Saturday.

The forum, held in the World Trade Center, offered students who are interested in a career in the field of law the opportunity to speak one-on-one with admissions representatives from hundreds of law schools as well as speak to representatives from the Law School Admission Council.

Most schools stressed the importance of the LSAT's and undergraduate record. However, there are other factors law schools consider including: The quality of the college you attended, improvements in your grades and distribution, your college activities, your letters of recommendation, and your personal statement.

Most of the law school representatives made clear that there is actually no such thing as a pre-law curriculum. Any

courses that develop thinking, reading, and writing abilities are considered to strengthen a person's likelihood for success in law school.

William Gibbons Society Co-Chair Adam True said that the forum was informative. "There were so many law schools there telling what exactly they looked for in an undergraduate pool of applicants. The club has made an effort in past years to attend the forum, despite the fact that it is so early in the school year."

Senior Daine Grey said, "I've been in the law society for years, but have always missed this trip. I didn't quite realize what I was missing. The forum definitely gave me an idea as to which schools are for me."

—Sam Hijab

S.G.A. Elections

Student Government Association elections take place today. The polls are open from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. in the University Center. Students must present their

identification cards in order to vote. Elections are for freshman class senator and residence hall senators.

On the ballot for freshman class senator are: Victor Asanador, Joseph Honde, Alison Smith, Clarisse Messener, Brent Thompson, and Wajciech Wrona.

The students on the ballot for residence hall senators are:

Brown Hall: Esther Chung, Michael Press, Pedra O'Reilly, and Kevin Kelly; Baldwin Hall: Jessica Ahrberg, Amy Wampold, and Nicole Bearce; Haselton Hall: Jason Rozger and Richard Spire;

Hoyt-Bowne Hall: Shawn Sullivan and Michele Alonzo;

Welch Hall: Elizabeth Mound and Tara Kirkendall;

Foster Hall: Gretchen Behrens; Holloway Hall: Peter Wyckoff;

Tolley Hall: Janine Walits and Ivory McGee.

—Larry Grady

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Residence Hall Association explains true purpose

To the Editor:

To dispell all of the exaggerated misconceptions the Opinions Editor put into everyone's heads, we would like to inform everyone what Residence Hall Association is and clear up any questions as to why the editor was so inaccurate because of the disturbing proponent we refused to talk about.

R.H.A. was formed second semester of this past year by a group of students who wished to increase the activities of the residence halls. It is run by students who care about Drew students and the quality of life on campus, not the Assistant Director of Residence Life. It is almost impossible for us to not be affiliated with the Office of Residence Life because we both are concerned with the happiness of Drew residents and can help one another to achieve this goal. Our true affiliation is with the North Atlantic Association of College and University Residence Halls (NAACURH), which is the national organization of R.H.A.s and more directly with the Central Atlantic Association of College and University Residence Halls (CAACURH), which consists of schools in a region from New Jersey to Virginia and as far west as Ohio. It is through this connection that we increase our knowledge about programming and leadership.

Some of you might be thinking "Why is R.H.A. needed?" when we have Social Committee, resident assistants, and Living Councils. In comparison to Social Committee, whose activities are going to be geared around a central body, the University Center, R.H.A. will have programs spread throughout the campus in different residence halls. But aren't the residence halls the responsibilities of the RAs and living councils? R.H.A. will expand on their programs. RAs are supposed to plan programs for their respective

floors and living councils plan programs for the halls. R.H.A. wants to plan programs in between the halls and not just the usual things like the Baldwin/Hazleton semi-formal, but new things, maybe between the suites and Tolley or Hoyt and Brown so more people will get to know one another.

Finally, to explain the disturbing proponent. When we originally drafted the constitution, there was one section we really had a hard time wording because we needed to consult with S.G.A. first. We wanted to be involved with policy making within the halls but we didn't mean it to be blown out of proportion so people would think we wanted to take the place of S.G.A. When a few of us were called about our role with policy on this campus, no one wanted to comment because we had not consulted with the executive board of S.G.A. yet and we weren't sure what was going to be the final outcome. After our meeting, it was agreed that R.H.A. and S.G.A. would develop some kind of liaison between the two groups so R.H.A. could make recommendations to S.G.A. about issues within the halls. We did not plan on being a group that administrators would go to in place of S.G.A. Our main purpose is programming but we also want to be able to help S.G.A. with issues that are directly related to the students as residents.

So now that you know we are not a dangerous organization, we hope you will show interest and get involved with R.H.A.

Executive Board
Residence Hall Association

Ed. note: The opinion of the lead editorial is the view of the majority of the editorial board, not just the opinions editor.

Loss of International House hurts many students

To the Editor:

It was extremely distressing to hear of the discontinuation of the International House. As a former resident of the House, I can clearly tell you that it was not only a house, but also a home to those who could seldom return to their families.

Upon my arrival on the Drew campus I was filled with doubts and worries, but Isabel Block, the former RA, welcomed me with a big smile. This was immediately followed by a storm of introduction and handshakes with other international students. Without any question, I ended up with a very sore right hand and hundreds of new friends. It was clear that I was welcomed, and already a member of the larger Drew community. During the orientation, the members of the International Student Association (I.S.A.) walked the new students to each building on campus and introduced us to the faculty members. The I.S.A. also provided us with the names of students of the same nationality for any language support. Miho Wada was the person who assisted me.

Even though I lived in Hurst at the beginning of the year and made many friends, the visit to the House always gave me a special assurance. Especially after my surgeries from an athletic injury, I could not have felt more at home! To provide me with the best environment, the residents, Terrance Bae (from Korea) and Chris Huber (from New Jersey), often made a special bed in the lounge to ease my pain.

When I became a resident of the International House in the second semester, I roomed with Chris Huber. (The residents certainly included American students, such as Kim Henderson, from Pennsylvania and Sean Davis, from New York.) The lounge, which was located next to the entrance, was our conference room. Most of the time, the residents went into the lounge to be updated on our daily activities before going up to the rooms. We often ended up talking until we all left for dinner. Yet, this lounge was frequently reserved for other activities, such as for the use of the office of off-campus programs headed by

Mrs. Cathy Messmer. Therefore, this lounge served as a place for discussing and exchanging the international issues. This room also hosted numerous movie nights that attracted many students and also a welcome dinner for our President Thomas Kean.

For all of us, the Hannon House has been like a home away from home. While the residents occupied themselves with the laundry, we gathered around the breakfast table and brought up the daily issues. We were always close and supportive to each other. Allison Marshall, from Calgary and I often discussed our problems. We often discussed our families and friends back home, but we rarely finished talking before two in the morning. I felt very at ease bringing my problems to other house residents since all of us, at one point, had experienced similar things living abroad.

Even after I returned from Brussels, I felt very close to the international house as Jon Timen of New Jersey did. I knew that if I had gone to the house, I could see many students from abroad. As a result of close affiliation with the house, Christine Chitra of Indonesia, Philippe Varenne of Paris and I found ourselves walking back to our rooms at one or two in the morning.

As you can obviously understand, our affection for the International House goes much deeper than our mere residence. Maybe each of you could ask yourselves, "What if I had to live in another country where the culture and social orders were totally different?"

PLEASE DO NOT TAKE OUR HOME AWAY. FOR SOME OF US THE INTERNATIONAL HOUSE IS WHERE WE CAN SUPPORT EACH OTHER AND SOLVE OUR UNIQUE PROBLEMS. As Esther Wiedenhaupt of Jamaica once wrote in the *Acorn*, "FOR SOME STUDENTS, HANNON HOUSE IS THEIR SECOND HOME."

Koji Masuda
Senior

New structure would improve student government

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in support of the proposed restructuring of S.G.A. set forth at the meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 11.

The proposed plan offers two advantages that the present S.G.A. lacks: An effective committee system and a deliberative body able to discuss long-term policies. If ratified, the restructuring will better empower S.G.A. to work for students' interests.

During the meeting much discussion involved "efficiency." Debate should have focused instead on effectiveness. Among students and administrators there is a crisis of confidence in S.G.A., and understandably so. The Senate has

been bogged down considering questions best left to committees, and the committees have often been woefully negligent in executing their duties. The result is inactivity of the whole system.

Some have questioned the desirability of restructuring because it makes the committees too "powerful." The very purpose of committees is to divide labor so the Senate is not overwhelmed. The present committee structure, however, is not doing its job.

I have had experience on two different S.G.A. committees under the present structure, and therefore I feel qualified to make this claim. Last

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S.G.A.: To change or not to change

Choose goals before changing structure

Tom Morgan
Clara Schaeffer

Last Wednesday night members of the Student Government Association Cabinet presented a format for restructuring the S.G.A. constitution to a group of S.G.A. senators and committee chairs. It is obvious that the members of the S.G.A. Cabinet have put a good bit of work into this restructuring proposition. However, there are still a number of issues that need to be resolved before this format is presented to the Senate for approval.

Supporters of this proposed structure claim that it will be more effective than the one we currently possess. Committees would be given more respect by University administrators. Elected representatives would be more accountable to their constituents. The Board of Planners would not have to waste time on issues that should be resolved by other S.G.A. organs; instead, it would focus on "real" issues. Let's examine the validity of this argument by comparing the proposed structure to what S.G.A. achieved last year.

Last year, as dorm senators, we had the opportunity to observe and participate in the Senate and are therefore well qualified to judge the effectiveness of the current S.G.A. structure.

S.G.A. made numerous important accomplishments last year. For example S.G.A. proposed the creation of a student representative on the Board of Trustees which, while it has not yet been passed by the Board, does seem to be supported by President Kean and some trustees, and may be passed later this year. We held meetings with our constituents to discuss issues such as financial aid. We made important recommendations to the Food Contract Selection Committee about what students wanted from their food service.

We organized a town meeting attended by over 300 people to inform them of drastic cuts in the proposed University budget for this year. We organized two protests that the Board of Trustees to give us some significant concessions, namely increasing the size of the pool for faculty compensation and creating a fund to restore more than half of the courses and sections slated to be cut. We also devised a new constitution which better defined the S.G.A. structure and improved it through such innovations as extending S.G.A. membership to previously excluded constituencies. We feel strongly that these kinds of achievements made last year a banner one for S.G.A.

In spite of these accomplishments, the current S.G.A. structure still has been criticized by some for being inefficient by wasting too much of the Senate's time on petty issues. However, the voting record of the Senate under the previous administration shows the time spent in discussion was used to bring understanding and consensus to the Senate. In looking at the minutes of the Senate meetings from Oct. 1 through April 1, out of 27 motions that were proposed, 24 were approved. Eleven of these motions were approved unanimously. And of the other 13 motions passed, there were never any more than five total negative and abstaining votes against each one.

Supporters of the proposed constitution have also criticized the time spent on issues which could be dealt with in the committees. However, upon reviewing those same minutes, it seems to us that all the issues brought to the Senate were brought to the appropriate body. What kinds of issues were these? ECAB appeals, establishment of closer ties with the Board of Trustees, updates on the University budget, complaints about financial aid, to name some. There was rarely ever any discussion on matters that could have been better discussed in committees. This indicates that the current structure is efficient as long as the S.G.A.

Cabinet makes the appropriate decisions regarding which issues should be dealt with by which body.

The proposed structure has been claimed by some to be more efficient than the current one. But is that really so? In the proposed constitution the Board of Planners has the authority "to enact all manner of legislation on any subject under its jurisdiction. . . ." The Board of Representatives and the S.G.A. committees are also given the power to enact legislation on subjects under their jurisdiction. But the Board of Planners is not forbidden to enact legislation on those subjects that are under the jurisdiction of the Board of Representatives and the committees.

So what happens if a committee passes a motion on an issue with which the Board of Planners doesn't agree? Then the Board of Planners could pass a motion contradicting that of the committee. But it is not clear in the proposed constitution which body has authority over the other, thus allowing for confusion. This is not efficient government.

Another part of the proposed constitution that should be examined more closely is the function of the executive meetings. Executive meetings make the legislative process less efficient, not more. Most issues that will be brought to executive meetings will have already been debated and discussed, creating duplication. In addition, the creation of an executive meeting will take away the legitimacy of the Board of Planners and Board of Representatives' decision-making power.

Another problem with the proposed constitution is that a number of points are unclear or have been left incomplete. It seems that in its haste to get this document written up, members of the S.G.A. cabinet have not carefully reviewed it. For example, Article II, Section 11, Part B reads as follows: "The function of the committee on Technology shall be performed through this subcommittee whose purpose is to (ask Githes). . . ." With all due respect to Githes Pandya, the chair of the Committee on Technology, this is no way to write a constitution. This is just one example of parts of the proposed constitution that need to be clarified before it is given any further consideration.

Last year a committee was formed by senators interested in working on rewriting the outdated constitution. A semester and a half later, the committee produced a document that was approved in the Senate by a vote of 21-0 with one abstention. The proposed constitution, written by the current administration, makes changes that are far more radical than the ones made last semester. It seems that while the S.G.A. president says he is open to suggestions, it also seems that he is the only one who decides what goes into the proposed constitution. We think that the rewriting process should be opened up to more people.

Perhaps the most important task that needs to be done before we decide what to do with the S.G.A. structure is to establish specific objectives for it to accomplish this year. Once this task has been done, we can proceed to make those changes that will best facilitate the realization of those objectives.

There are several goals S.G.A. can and should strive for this year, such as working for a student representative on the Board of Trustees. If we do not keep these goals in mind as we overhaul the current structure, we may end up shooting ourselves in the foot by producing a framework that inhibits our efforts rather than eases them. In addition, we must make sure that we do not spend so much energy on restructuring that our goals for the year become pushed aside. In that case, come May of 1992, we will find ourselves talking not about what we did, but what we could have done.

Ed. note: Morgan and Schaeffer are University senators.

New structure necessary to fix inefficiencies

Sodan Selvaetnam
S.G.A. President

Students have often questioned the purpose and credibility of the Student Government Association. Some, like my friend Daine Grey, believe that S.G.A. is just a joke and a resume builder for those elected to it. I do not blame Daine or any other students who share the same viewpoint. Even to a person like myself, S.G.A. is a very ineffective, inefficient organization.

There is no doubt that those who were previously elected put in a lot of hard work and cared about the future of our University. But no matter how hard they work, no matter how pure their motive, they were ineffectual. And that ineffectuality was a direct result of S.G.A.'s poor structure, a structure so inherently flawed that it demands instant rectification.

Let's look at last year. The student leaders were one of the more successful in dealing with this inefficient structure. Nevertheless, for the amount of work put in, the return was minimal.

One may argue that 25 of the 28 motions were passed last year with unanimous decisions, and that this is a sign of efficiency. This argument is invalid because other reasons could explain this occurrence. It can mean that the whole Senate had the same frame of mind all the time, which is ridiculous. Or it can mean that the concept of "groupthink" may have been taking place since everybody was sitting in one room and there was no outside safety valve to look at the decision objectively. The possibilities are endless.

One may continue to argue that the budget rally and the "pot roast" of John Ricci (i.e., last year's party policy) were a sign of the effectiveness of our present structure. These events happened because of poor communication with our administrators. If we had a structure where the administrators had a specific committee where they could hash out their proposals with elected student officials, this problem would not occur. Now, all issues are discussed and voted in the Senate. This presents many dangers.

We have opened ourselves up to these dangers for many decades. The first trouble, as previously mentioned, is the fact that there is no outside safety valve to look at decisions objectively. In the new proposed structure, the executive meeting serves this purpose. The second problem is that we try to deal with anything and everything with one decision-making body. This is neither humanly possible nor practical.

One may continue to argue that the committees are supposed to make recommendations to the Senate and work with

the various administrators. For many years, some committees have been nonexistent in reality; others did not meet at all. For example, last year, Health and Public Safety did not have enough members, so when we were looking for a new food company, they had to search for people. The Housing Committee only had about three members. Our new proposed structure integrates the committees by giving them the power to make proposals to the administration.

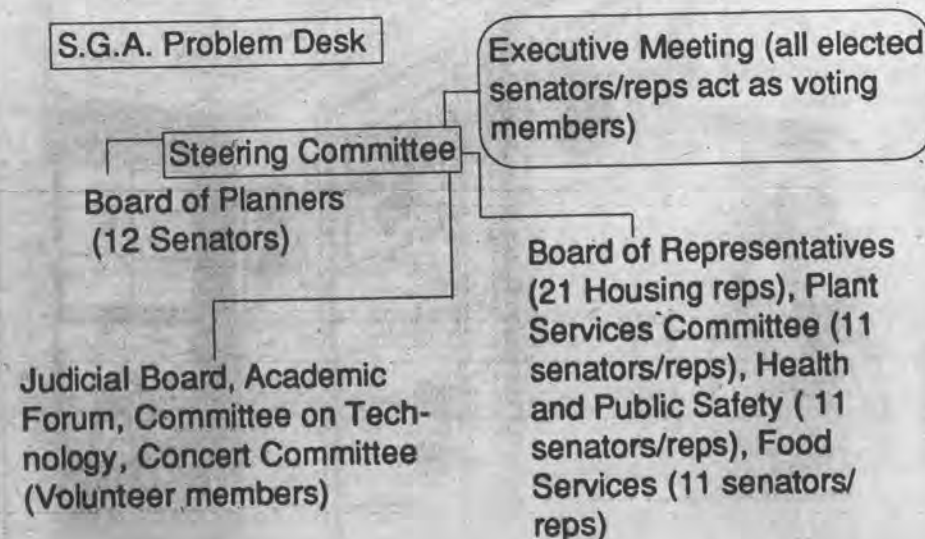
As a student government representative, I refuse to fool myself into thinking that S.G.A. makes decisions. Administrators make decisions. S.G.A. makes recommendations from the viewpoint of the student. If the new structure were to pass and we had committees working one on one with administrators, in essence we would have more power in the decision-making process. Also, with the structure now, there are volunteer members in committees, and unlike elected officials we cannot hold these members accountable.

Another argument that may be presented against the new structure is that there will only be 12 members in the Senate. Since people at last week's meeting may have become confused by calling this body the Senate, hence thinking it will handle all issues, let us call it the Board of Planners. Since the Board of Planners will be serving as an investigative think tank, handling long-term goals, and looking into the budgetary issues of the University, this number seems ideal. If the Board of Planners were to perform the duties of the Senate in our present inefficient structure, then 12 members would be definitely too small, but this is not the case.

Another possible argument against the new proposed structure is that such a decentralized system would make it difficult for all S.G.A. members to stay on top of all issues. If the executive meeting were held every other week with everybody attending, this problem would be cured.

Nothing is set in stone, and this structure is still open for discussion. Some people have recommended that we should possibly wait a little longer before we make such a change. I have been frustrated for three years; the students are still frustrated. This proposal has been researched for the past five months, and the input and work of many people have been included. People have waited in the past because of a fear of change, and that is why we are still in this mess. Let us not procrastinate any longer. Let us sit down, hash out problems, exhaust questions, and GET BUSY!!!

Proposed Structure



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Democrats must raise ghost of Churchill

Bush safe for now; still must take 1992 election challenge seriously

Geoff Gerhardt
Staff Writer

To most people, the 1992 presidential election seems a long way off. But George Bush is already contemplating how he will spend Nov. 3 of that year. During his last vacation, he discussed how his campaign would be run with several political consultants.

This may seem silly to some people. George Bush's popularity ratings are some of the highest ever recorded; what is he worrying about? Well, to be honest, he isn't worrying very much. But the election is a long way off, and while his popularity may be high now, voters can be a fickle bunch.

Take Winston Churchill for example. He led Great Britain to victory against the Nazis and was responsible for what he called Britain's "finest hour."

His popularity ratings were high after the war, but trouble was brewing below the surface. The British economy was on shaky ground and Churchill had failed to deal with high unemployment. The Liberal Party pounced on the issue and voters unceremoniously dumped Churchill during the next election.

Could the Democratic Party pull off the

same miracle in 1992? It's unlikely, but still possible.

The first hurdle for the Democrats is to find a charismatic, likable candidate. It is no secret that the way to a voter is through his or her television. John Kennedy and Ronald Reagan both looked great on TV, and it is no coincidence that both were very popular.

However, if the past is any indication of the future, this will not be easy. Walter Mondale always looked tired and somewhat sick, while Mike Dukakis had about as much charisma as a toaster. Voters could just not picture either man as leader of the Free World.

Democrats must then find a way to attract voters who have bolted from the party. Popularly called Reagan Democrats, these people became fed up with the wasteful nature of what they see as an oversized government.

While they still believe in the basic ideals of the Democratic Party, they want government to become less expensive and more efficient by cutting it down to size.

Reagan's solution to the problem was to cut and slash social programs to the extent where they could no longer function. Of course, what most of these Reagan Democrats don't realize is that neither Ronald

George Bush's popularity ratings are some of the highest ever recorded; what is he worrying about? Well, to be honest, he isn't worrying very much. But the election is a long way off, and while his popularity may be high now, voters can be a fickle bunch. . . . The Democratic candidate must present a clear and strong agenda. The platform should revolve around domestic issues. People have always voted with their stomachs, and right now, millions of Americans are going hungry.

Reagan nor George Bush has made government any smaller or any more efficient. In many ways the government is larger than ever because of military expenditures, and more inefficient because most programs no longer have the funds to operate effectively.

From there, the Democratic candidate must present a clear and strong agenda. The platform should revolve around domestic issues. People have always voted with their stomachs, and right now, millions of Americans are going hungry.

The recession shows no sign of weakening, and there is a good chance it may get worse. Democrats have always been portrayed as incompetent on budget matters, but the fact remains two Republican presidents created the fiscal mess in which we now find ourselves.

The Democratic candidate should also not be afraid to propose radical ideas like forming a national health-care system. National health-care systems work great for other countries and, in the end, save them billions of dollars.

The only reason America does not have one now is because doctors and lawyers are opposed to the idea. But one does not have to wonder for too long why. Both groups make tremendous amounts of money off the existing private health-care system.

And finally, Democrats must give America reasons why it should not vote for George Bush. After all, no politician in history has ever won a race without pointing out the failings of his or her opponent.

The attack should center on national problems, since while President Bush may

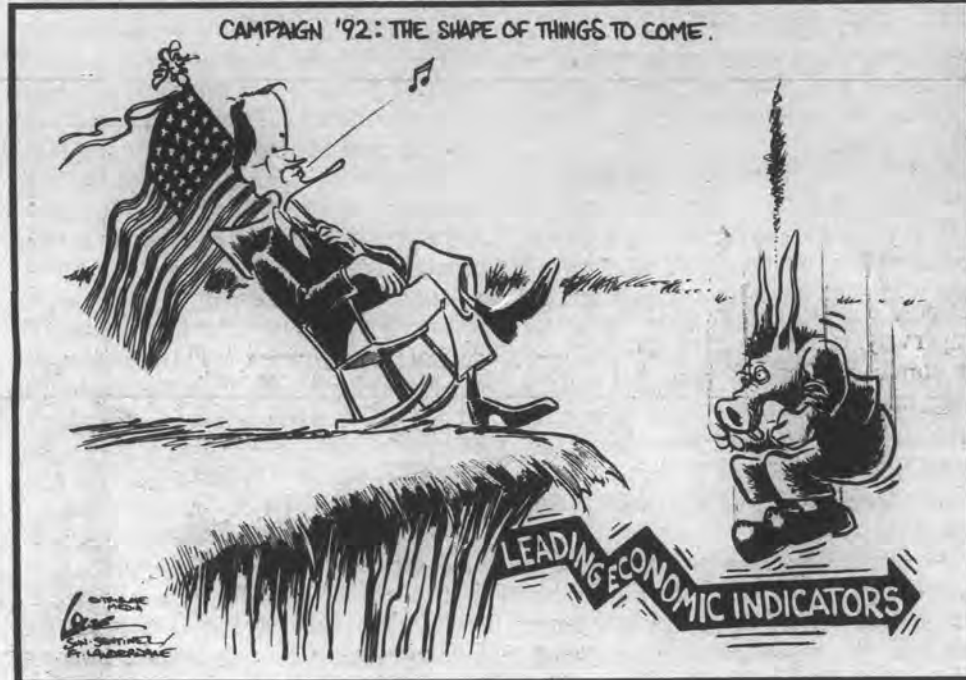
be strong on foreign policy, the record shows his weakness on domestic issues. Recently he rejected the emergency benefits package designed to help unemployed victims of the recession.

Yet weeks before killing this proposal, he sent millions of dollars in aid to the Kurds. Bush has also violated his promise to be the "Environmental President" by opening one-third of the Florida Everglades to industrial development.

The failing American educational system has clearly not improved under President Bush either. Despite his campaign promise to be the "Education President," American schools still rank next to last in the industrialized world, and SAT scores continue to slip.

For Democrats, this is all good news. But that's where the good news ends. Most of the big-name Democrats who had been counted on to become saviors of the party have said they will not run in '92. This void in big-name Democrats has pushed lesser known people like Iowa Senator Tom Harkin, Nebraska Senator Bob Kerrey, Virginia Governor Doug Wilder, and former Massachusetts Senator Paul Tsongas into the political spotlight.

In most people's minds, none of these men has the slimmest chance of winning in 1992. But don't tell that to George Bush. He's taking the next election very seriously. And after all, why shouldn't he? Bush has read the history books, and does not want the ghost of Winston Churchill coming to visit him next November.



Freedom for all speech vital for 'Drew Community'

Jason Schuck
Staff Writer

"Welcome to the Drew Community." Is it me, or are those words more common this year? It seems everywhere I turn, there's talk of our community, as if the fact that we are also a university is not nearly as important. I thought people came to Drew to learn, and that living with one another was a fringe benefit of sorts, not vice versa.

I'm reminded of a quote by Yale president Benno Schmidt: "A university is not, first and foremost, a community. . . a university has a fundamental mission, which is the search for truth."

"And a university is a place where people have to have a right to speak the unspeakable, think the unthinkable, and challenge the unchallengeable."

Problems arise when a desire to preserve harmony in our Community conflicts with the search for truth we must all undertake; much is the current difficulty at Drew.

Daniel's Dictionary all but promises severe penalties, to the point of expulsion, for those who "act in ways that offend other members in our community." However, nothing truly specific is cited for students to determine what is expected of them; instead, those who feel offended by any incident are urged to report the matter to the University affirmative action officer.

Let me stress right now I do not mean to say no limits should be put on speech; not even the Constitution goes that far. Somebody walking up to a homosexual and calling him "dirty faggot" is prohibited by law

as slander and "fighting words," not to mention being an affront to one's personal sense of decency.

However, I feel, despite how offensive it may seem, students in Biology 1 have the right to raise their hand and say they consider homosexuality a disease or even a moral aberration.

Likewise, the law and the fact I'm not an ignorant slob prevent me from calling an African-American "nigger." Nevertheless, students have a right to question an assertion by an African-American professor that Europeans stole their culture from Africa.

Anyone at Drew must be able to say they think sanctions against South Africa are unwarranted or the KKK professes some admirable ideas, no matter how repugnant these views seem. To limit this right would give administrators the power to restrict any political expression, indeed, any free thought.

The only defense against the kind of nonsense presented above is the right to disagree and point out the fallacy of such arguments, not to mention the right to believe solely what you choose. Banning mention of these ideas or quietly disposing of those who express them only sets a dangerous precedent.

When students fear publicly mentioning anything remotely connected to minorities, emotions simmer behind closed doors as people complain about how the other groups get all the special treatment. Their fears are never allayed, their ignorance never dispelled. In the meantime, intellectual progress halts as new ideas are repressed out of fear.

On the other side, minorities who feel

offended are encouraged not even to attempt resolution of grievances on their own, but to become dependent on administrators handling their problems for them. They are indoctrinated with the idea that hate language is all-powerful, being taught to fear mere words.

Also, by branding someone "racist" (or "sexist" or "homophobic" or "lookist"), any of their arguments that may deserve a hearing can be dismissed out of hand; a recent example being the avoidance of true discussion on affirmative action by simply labeling Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas an "Uncle Tom."

So what do we do? Well, let's start by trying to consider one another's feelings—not because Dean of Student Life Denise Alleyne says so, but because it's common decency.

Also, try to take things in stride; is someone really trying to offend you, or is he (or she) just speaking out of ignorance? If it's the latter, try to discuss it with them.

If it's the former situation, arguing is probably not worth your time or effort. No matter what, though, we must not sacrifice our rights to inquiry and expression; to do so would destroy the very foundations of our University.



International students deserve home away from home—Hannon

Zulfi Khwaja
Staff Writer

Should financial and economic issues override moral and ethical factors? Is it wise to lower the standards and quality of a university because of financial difficulties? Is it fair to give priority to one community over another just because one is larger in numbers? These questions are puzzling members of the International Students Association because they have disrupted their lives. The International House has been closed down because housing was needed for another theme house. That theme house is being moved because more office space is needed. So the administration has decided to shut the International House down and also that a business office is more important than a home away from home.

I.S.A. decided to meet with some of the administrators involved in abolishing the house to get some answers. The I.S.A. was represented by sophomore Caroline Hume-Priedie, senior Koji Masuda and senior Miho Wada while the administrators present were Vice President for Administration Peggi Howard, Dean of Student Life Denise Alleyne, Director of Residence Life John Ricci, and Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs Mike McKitish.

One of the main concerns the international students had was that the decision was made during the summer. That, to the residents of the International House, seemed very convenient; all of its members were on vacation and out of the country. Clearly, their absence meant they couldn't protest or even be consulted. The administration responded by simply stating they only reached the decision in mid-July. That just makes obvious the fact that the administrators involved did not plan well enough and the international students had to pay the price for it.

The bottom line is that the administration needs Madison House for office space, and that house is currently occupied by another theme house. Therefore, a place was needed for that theme house, and Hannon House was the only option made available to them. They accepted

with great reluctance since they had no other choice. When I.S.A. members asked why one house was chosen over the other, the administration replied by saying that there are 21 people living in Madison House (only 16 will move into Hannon House in January), while Hannon House had only 10 people. They said disrupting the lives of 10 people was much easier for them to do. I.S.A. argued that a comparison like that could not be made because it is not just those people being affected.

There are many other people who need and love Hannon House, besides those who live there. The administration responded by saying that they didn't consider that a factor when making the decision.

In the first few minutes of the conference the administration made it clear that the International House would not be in Hannon House this year. Their fate was sealed, and the meeting was just an obligation the administration had to fulfill. The meeting was apparently a facade put on by the administration to show that they knew how the international students felt. They gave their sympathies and extended their apologies but never assured the students of their future at Drew. They bombarded them with economic facts and figures, emphasizing that Drew didn't have the money to facilitate them.

However, there is one economic fact missing from their list. International students pay full tuition, and they are also a good way to spread the "greatness" of Drew all over the world.

When the administration closes their house down without informing them, how good of a name will Drew have? What are the incentives for international students to come to Drew and not some other college which is cheaper and more efficient? How many more students will enroll if the quality and the social fabric of Drew go to the gutter?

At the conclusion of the meeting the administrators suggested the international students come up with some alternatives and that the students should work with them so that everybody is happy. Yet there is no alternative to Hannon House and without it, Drew will never be the same.

Change yourself; our world will follow

Gina Santorelli
Staff Writer

Did you ever have the feeling that one person cannot change the world? Or did you ever feel that whatever you do, it will not make a difference? How can one person change the lives of so many people around him or her? This is what George Bailey felt in the movie they show every Christmas, *It's a Wonderful Life*.

The whole theme was to show a man that he did affect many people's lives and that he did, in fact, change the lives of many people around him. Without him, his brother would have drowned in a lake or his wife would have become an old maid. So indeed, his life was one of importance and meaning. I am not going to go on about good ole George or his wife and children. My topic is much, much different. I just want you to understand that I am not looking to change the world; I just want to change the attitudes of a few people, who can pass it on, so that we can see the world take a much better shape.

My focus is really on our environment. This past weekend I went through the city of Long Branch, NJ, near my home. If any of you know about Long Branch, you know it is not a very polluted town. But it is an example, on a smaller scale, of what is going on in a lot of larger areas all around the country and the world. In each country, especially as it industrializes more and more, the amounts of industrial and human waste increases and increases. I realize there is really no way to stop progress, but there is a way to combat it.

The number one combatant: Recycling. There are tons of trash receptacles on this campus, but not everyone uses them in the proper way. In public, one will probably see the correct disposal of waste, but in your room, no one is there to monitor your trash or keep you in line. So many people feel that it won't be a big deal if they don't recycle. This is fine if it is only one person, but if 100 people decide not to, then we are left with a few tons of unrecycled garbage. The possibility of just 100 people out of billions not recycling is between slim and none. That would actually be good. But the number is

much, much larger. As a society, what we need to do is reduce this number of "unrecyclables" to a negligible amount and emphasize the word "recycle."

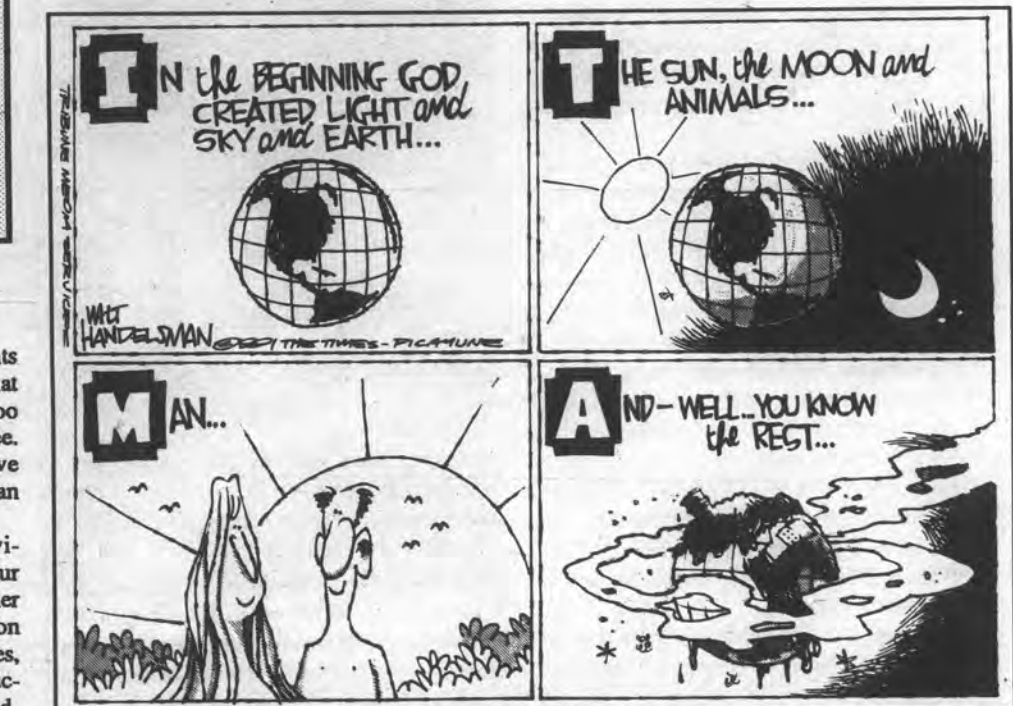
The most important step we can take is as individuals. If each person takes responsibility for his or her own waste, then our fight is off to a good start. As we learn to be responsible for ourselves, we can help others. You know what they say, "practice what you preach." If we help others to realize why, instead of just "because," then we have taken a step out. We have gone from a silent bystander to a person who is involved and cares about him or herself, their families, friends, strangers, and those who are yet to come in the future.

Would you really want to take away the beauty of the beaches, with seagulls soaring through the air and shells lining the beaches, or the beauty of a forest with its delicate balance of plant life and wildlife? Without all these things, life would cease to be as fulfilling as it is. Just think how you feel when you see birds hatching in the spring or baby rabbits just beginning to peek their little heads out into a new environment.

How would you feel if these animals had no place to live or no way to survive? It is like taking away the home of so many other organisms just for the survival of one group. The environment is a part of who we are, and it will be a part of our children and the many generations after them. Please do not let them see that we were dirty and uncaring. Let us show them we fought and we won against the forces of pollution.

As a community we must fight together for proper legislation and pass the word around about how important it actually is to recycle. Legislation isn't the only thing. We must spread it, practice it, and encourage it. Because only then can we be a success. Do not feel dumb to say "recycle," because it only shows that you love our environment and want others to have the chance to enjoy and love it also.

Believe me, it is a small world. And it is a world where everyone is in danger. As George Bailey observed, one person does make a difference.



Editorial Follow-up

Congratulations to the Executive Board of the Residence Hall Association. Last Sunday, at a meeting with representatives of the Student Government Association, they agreed to amend their constitution. They will submit any recommendations on policy to S.G.A., thus allowing for one student voice in dealings with the administration.

In so doing, they did not forego their right to disagree with the opinion of S.G.A. or to continue to pursue their own interests with the administration. In essence, they will serve the function of

an interest group, always free to speak, while at the same time preserving S.G.A.'s role as the ultimate representative of the entire student body.

Now R.H.A. can focus on programming, where it has tremendous potential to change life for the better on our campus. And now S.G.A. can focus on its job as the representative of the entire student body, as the only place where Residence Life can claim legitimate student support for its activities.

That is all that we, the editorial board of the *Acorn*, ever wanted.

STRUCTURE: Constitution makes S.G.A. effective

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year's Housing and Residence Life committee provides numerous examples of ineffectiveness. Often we did not meet, and when we did only three or four people attended. In fact, after a special town meeting last year in which a housing policy was debated, our committee did not meet for two weeks! This is what has caused the Director of Residence Life to go to R.H.A. for students' views.

This is only one example. Not all are run in a slipshod manner. But because of the lack of oversight in the present system, improper behavior occurs. Can detractors of restructuring defend this? Did they know such misconduct exists?

Another criticism of the plan is that these committees will make "binding" decisions. The S.G.A. doesn't enact University policy, it states students' views. Under the new system, if senators thought that a committee makes an improper recommendation, they could initiate steps to call an Executive Meeting to change it.

The restructuring plan was introduced on

Wednesday for debate. In fact, many valid points were raised at the meeting. Critics charge that bodies created by the proposal would have too few members relative to their duties. I agree. However, the process is open to constructive criticism and intelligent debate. The proposal can and will be amended before ratification.

Most importantly, this is not a time for divisiveness. Considering the delicate position of our University, the students cannot afford another year of an impotent S.G.A. We must be heard on matters like tuition increases, reduction of classes, and elimination of housing alternatives. Restructuring under the current proposal would adequately equip S.G.A. to meet that challenge.

I would encourage every student, and especially all those running in the coming election, to educate themselves with the new proposal. Then make your voice heard! It has been muffled by ineffectiveness and inefficiency for far too long.

Joel Krantz
Senior

President Kean's open office hour is
11 a.m.-12 noon Tuesday, Sept. 24

Derevenko comes from Ukraine to Drew

The Drew Community welcomes Julia Derevenko, who traveled from her home in the Soviet Union through the Presidential Exchange of Undergraduates program. She offers much insight into the current situation in her changing country. A fellow Soviet will arrive shortly.

Rebecca Salay
Staff Writer

Julia Derevenko is a Soviet student studying this year at Drew. This opportunity was made possible for Derevenko through the Presidential Exchange of Undergraduates.

President Bush and President Gorbachev signed an agreement forming the exchange during the Washington Summit last year, agreeing that up to 1,000 students could participate in exchange programs between the two countries. Derevenko is the first arrival of two Soviet students who will be spending the year at Drew.

Derevenko arrived Sept. 11 from a small town in the Ukraine. Her trip to the United States "happened unexpectedly," Derevenko said. A woman told her English class about the new program. After passing a test in Moscow and filling out applications, she obtained recommendations from her teacher allowing her to participate in the program. "In the Soviet Union, all the students dream to go abroad to study," she said.

The other student, Dmitri Churin, is still waiting for an Aeroflot plane in Moscow.



After delays resulting from the recent coup attempt, Julia Derevenko arrived at Drew. Another student on the same program continues to wait in Moscow for a flight. Photo by Karl Langdon

There are two flights out of Moscow each week, each on a waiting-list basis.

Professor of Russian Lois Beekey played a major role in bringing Derevenko to Drew. Beekey is a member of the American Council of Teachers of Russian, a professional organization based in Washington, DC that has been arranging exchanges between the United States and the Soviet Union since the mid-1970s. The organizers of the new exchange consulted this organization to help arrange the program.

Drew has sent students to the Soviet Union previously, Beekey said, and has a reputation for having a "quality Russian program." It was this reputation, and Beekey's involvement in the council, that allowed Drew to be among the first schools to host a Soviet

student through this newly established program.

According to Derevenko, everything in the United States is different from the Soviet Union, but she is "impressed by the people most of all." She describes Americans as open and hospitable, that less distance exists between students and professors here than does at the Institute, her hometown school. "Everybody helps me here," she said.

Derevenko has studied English for seven years but said this training was useless.

"They can't teach language there," she said. "But maybe I was not lucky with teachers. We cannot choose our teachers."

Although Derevenko said she "didn't feel such a strict control" over her life by the government, her parents did warn her not to

write anything in her letters that might "interest" the KGB, such as comparing the Soviet Union to the United States.

In the Soviet Union Derevenko lives in a four-room apartment with her parents, younger sister, grandmother, and a St. Bernard, Jim. She said it is not unusual to stand in line all day for food. Sometimes peoples' hands are marked with the number of their place in line, which can be "as high as 300." Although the food she eats at home is good, Derevenko said that the food at the Institute is so bad that no one will eat there. Comparing the food in the Commons to the food at the Institute, she said she thinks we have "no right to complain."

Derevenko's arrival at Drew was later than expected because of the attempted coup in the Soviet Union.

"The people supported Gorbachev not as president of the country but as a human being [when he was arrested]," she said. "In fact, everyone supported Yeltsin."

Now, she said, life in the Soviet Union has calmed down, in part because Gorbachev is following Boris Yeltsin's actions. Yeltsin is very popular now, and she said, "I'd like to have him as president."

Junior Diana Combs, Derevenko's roommate, said, "Everyone keeps asking me what she's like. She's a person. They have the idea that she's from another planet. She goes to class every day, just like the rest of us."

"We are very fortunate to have Julia," Beekey said. "It's nice to have someone who's not from the three big cities [Moscow, Leningrad, and Kiev]. Julia is from a small town and does not have much experience with American tourists. This will be a good experience for us and for her. Everyone here will benefit, whether they take Russian studies or not."

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Beech townhouses with their young son. In the past, Bernstein has taught at Swarthmore and Vassar Colleges. She completed her Ph.D. program at the University of California, Berkeley.

Bernstein said she is pleased with her new life at Drew. "I like my students; they seem enthusiastic and eager to learn. Everyone has been very welcoming."

Bernstein brings more than just Russian history to students

Susan Doolittle
Staff Writer

Laurie Bernstein, a new assistant professor of history and Russian area studies, joined Drew's faculty this summer. She is the first faculty member in the Russian area studies program.

Bernstein talks of hopes and goals in Drew's new area of study. "As a historian, I want to bring an understanding of Russian history; only with a clear sense of the country's past can we get a clear sense of what is going on there now," she said.

Bernstein said she was excited about the current situation in the Soviet Union. "It was a shock to most scholars of the Soviet Union; no one was prepared for someone like Gorbachev to emerge."

"Someone tried to clamp down on the liberal period, and the attempt failed," she said. "It was fabulous; the people's actions were so exhilarating and inspiring. Now whether or not they'll create a democratic government without falling into a trap of xenophobia remains to be seen; I feel both great fear and great hope about it."

Bernstein said she has mixed emotions about being in the Soviet Union right now. She said she would love to see her aunt, who lives in Moscow, and to examine the archives and libraries that have recently been opened up as a result of the government's policy of perestroika.

"But if I were over there, I wouldn't be able to teach at Drew. The Russian Area Studies program gives me a chance to break out beyond Russian history; it allows me to bring a new and exciting approach to my classes—literature, film, art, newspaper clippings, and issues of Russian education," she said.

Teaching three classes with a total of 100 students, Bernstein said she has her hands full. In addition to her courses on Russian



Laurie Bernstein takes a different approach to teaching history by supplementing her classes with women's studies and current events. Photo by Nicole Patenaude

history and society, she plans to incorporate women's studies, another specialized field of hers, into her classes.

Next semester Bernstein will teach a course entitled "Women and Revolution in Russia." Bernstein is currently awaiting publication of her upcoming book, *Sonya's Daughters: Prostitution, State and Society in Russia*.

When Bernstein is not immersed in her studies, she enjoys playing racquetball. She holds trophies in men and women's racquetball tournaments. When asked if she plays racquetball to relax, she said, "I play to win."

Bernstein and her husband, a fellow Russian historian, recently moved to the Copper

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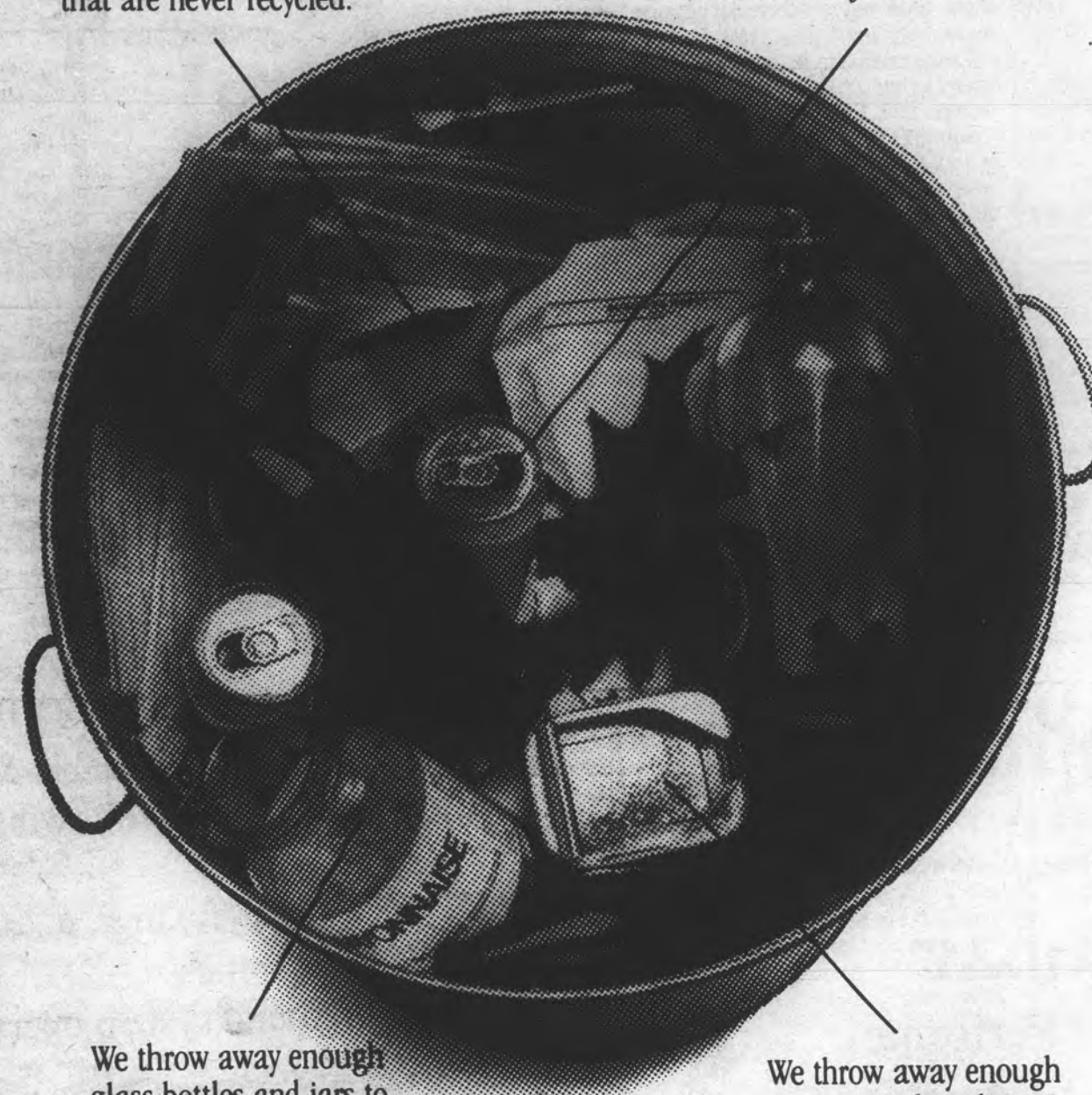
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The Gospel of Luke according to me

David Mandel
Entertainment Editor

This guy gets on stage. Since it's after six and the show's supposed to start, I guess he's Bruce Kuhn, the "professional actor" who's been on campus for the past week teaching workshops to theatre majors.

He's also been hanging out with members of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. I even hear he's worked the Actors Theatre of Louisville, one of the most innovative regional theatres in the country and the birthplace of this one-man show entitled *The Gospel Of Luke*.

Kuhn's main objective doesn't appear to be spreading "the word." He just seems to be traveling around doing this schtick version of something vaguely religious. People have heard the script (the Bible) in its various stages rehearsed on yawning Sunday mornings.

In church, however, the material is delivered in disconnected snippets—weekly installments. One must admit, it's nice to see it all at once, condensed into a 90 minute monologue.

Kuhn attempts to identify with college students. He's clad in jeans and a white button-down shirt. We can see the beat-up soles of his shoes, but frankly, he doesn't make his soul visible to us.

Instead, he wastes his energy running around the room like Robin Williams, attempting to keep his audience awake despite the dank heat of the Brothers College Chapel.

He points his fingers at imaginary characters, breezes down the aisles in an attempt to break the fourth wall; he attempts to make his audience realize they're watching theatre.

The audience participation device is used so much that one wonders if the show wasn't blocked for an MTV attention span.

Perhaps this'll explain a little: Kuhn's producing director at the Actors Theatre of Louisville gave him the script and declared, "You have three and a half weeks. Start memorizing."

As a result of this rushed process, the seemingly talented actor gives a breakneck interpretation of the King James version of the story of how Jesus was born, tempted by Satan, became a preacher, died and was resurrected. Kuhn simply does not take time to get to the real heart of the matter. Just the facts.

Kuhn's characterization of John the Baptist with spit and pounding fist could very easily be contemporary televangelists Jerry Falwell or Billy Graham. He summarizes the character of the Virgin Mary by clutching a hand to his belly, presumably because she's with child.

Kuhn explains the script. "Story is the basics of theatre . . . Luke's gospel is barebones story. There is very little interpretation. Everything is 'he said,' 'she said.'" In that sense, it's most suited to be turned into an actors' script. But it's dull if the actor doesn't do the required homework.

The actor thanks his audience for sticking with his story despite the heat. In a one-man show, cooperation is essential because "it's me and it's you."

Luke's scripture is the only gospel written by a Gentile. Historically speaking, this is important. Luke was a Greek, separated from the Hebraic tradition and sensitive to material about women, the disabled, and other members of society who tended to get the shorter end of the stick.

The intrigue of Kuhn's somewhat wide range of facial expressions wore off about five minutes into the show. Pointing his fingers and spitting saliva into the front row, Kuhn removes his blazer, puts it on the back of a chair, puts it back on, and takes it off again.

He does all this in a frantic attempt to represent every character in the New Testament. It hardly seems worth the effort. But who am I to criticize an energetic performance? A critic. Some might say, "Let he who is without sin cast the first stone." That's a whole other issue.

The Gospel Of Luke is an unfunny comic

piece that teaches very little. Kuhn assumes that the parables alone will get through to his audience, but actually they're so cliché that we need something more from him . . . perhaps sincerity.

This lack of odd because Kuhn professes to be a devout Christian. Actually, it seems he just saw that Louisville was doing a one-man show and figured this was his chance to try to do 15 characters.

The thing is, the show's really cheap to do, and it doesn't need a set. Therefore it's a great piece to go on the road with. But it needs more time in rehearsal. There is a truth in the script that Kuhn hasn't taken the necessary time to discover.

Why do you do a show like this? My first thought would be to "spread the word." Another possible reason is the acceptance of the Bible as good material for a theatrical production. Whatever.

I suppose if you can recite the Bible to college students and have them believe it's you, Bruce Kuhn, shooting the breeze, you should at least be credited for using your adrenaline in search of "truth." But this production really didn't strike any resonant chords in me.

The Bible certainly can be adapted into good theatre. After all, the gospels were told orally long before they were written down. In the past, there've been many amazingly visual productions of religious texts. To name a few blockbusters there's *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and *Jesus Christ Superstar*. Even the one-actor show idea has been tried by many, using different gospels according to different writers.

According to me, Kuhn's *The Gospel of Luke* should be forgiven. It just needs a saviour.



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Apocalypse Now: Not the movie The real thing rears its ugly head

Andy Fenwick
Asst. Entertainment Editor

The apocalypse. This article you are about to read contains a 100 percent true prediction. I know when it's going to happen because I watch television.

When? 1999? No. It's already here. Yes, now. You may be wondering if I'm seeing angels in the sky, feeling locusts in my underwear, or listening to too much of *The Number of the Beast* by Iron Maiden.

Many picture cities burning and oceans overflowing as the earth cracks in half because the moon leaves its orbit. Some see a huge asteroid slamming into us, leaving a cloud of dust which strangles people as they stumble out of their houses and die coughing on their sprinklers.

None of this is correct. Nostradamus, as far as I'm concerned, was probably a lucky guesser made popular by a fat, out of work director.

Eliot is the closest so far. The world will end "not with a bang but a whimper." I know.

Baby pacifiers are being recalled. This is horrible. Our society is demented—the

shuttle works (well . . .), but we can't get baby pacifiers right.

Remember voyeurism? Sure you do—it made shows like *America's Funniest Home Videos*, *Cops*, and *Rescue 911*. Now pornography is getting into the commercialism of voyeurism, and people don't like it. Except Rob Lowe, but only because his career sucked before the video came out.

This clue was given to me by Phil Donahue. His hot subject the other day concerned a couple who left their drapes open and got caught having sex. On video. They were later arrested, somehow, and the man who videotaped them did so in order to enlighten the police. But he's keeping the video for monetary reasons.

And this is so important! Our society has been lobotomized. It thinks below the waist as a whole. The end is coming. The behavior of everyone will bring it.

Example: The Belgian Marathon. Runner number 62 ran the first 13 miles, and then switched with another man for the second 13 miles. The second man won, but the judges figured it out. How? The first runner had a mustache, the second didn't.

If people are really this stupid, the end

must be around the corner. I'm starting to believe the 20th century will be the last, not only because the runners were such dummies, but that no one noticed for 13 miles! Repent now.

Parents are arrested because they chain their children to radiators. More people were killed in New York City than in the desert during the Persian Gulf War. The Soviet Union is no more. Oliver North has been released from prison and plans to run for office.

New Kids on the Block.

People. See? As we become stupider and stupider, the ravished Earth will lose its life sustaining abilities, and human beings will be reduced to scurrying through dirty cities and across dry plains in order to find food. By then, we'll be cannibals.

It's only a logical extension of an increasingly dog-eat-dog world. Everyone is going crazy at once, doctors included, so no one can diagnose us. I'd suggest a mass lobotomy, but the invention of television already tried that, and now 40 years later we're only worse.

I watch it, and I wrote this. I'm only human, so this could all be wrong anyway.

Never-ending story: The saga begins

David Mandel
Entertainment Editor

Maman died today. Or yesterday, maybe. I don't know. A letter was in my campus mailbox. There was a package. I knew I'd have to get it. But that's an entirely different story.

For this is only the beginning. In the beginning there was the word. The word was "potato," and we all liked that word. It may have started in the Stone Age, but for universality's sake, we'll say it was in the time of yore: The age of the plastic six-pack handclaws that get caught in the mouths of dolphins and scavenging raccoons. Poor things.

There was a big block of cheese named Eddie. Eddie began Frank & Sense. From the old country, there were three blues singers named Fats, Bolshoi, and Toots. Toots was a real woman.

Sitting back for his afternoon's fermentation period, Eddie the Big Cheese thought to himself, mainly because there was nobody else around for him to think to. We're not sure of his nationality, per se.

Legendary history claims he was a little Swiss, French (his mother's maiden name was Gray), and his father's side was processed American on toasted white bread. Today he smelled of his great uncle, Monterey Jack. And then SHE walked in.

(Having completed Genesis, David tags star-writer Andy Fenwick to complete the episode.)

Andy Fenwick
Asst. Entertainment Editor

A vision of beauty, a red hot poker in her hand, she was a real woman. "Howdy, toots!" Suzanne McGovern had to go to the hospital. She was out of his thoughts. This woman replaced her like a new Nintendo cartridge.

For weeks now he'd been hiding in the bushes by Ms. McGovern's car, drooling fiendishly. He didn't usually have crushes, but he began to like the taste of sap on his lips. The bushes called to him.

But Toots was here. Rather, Melinda Belinda Bugliosi was here. In the bar. He was drooling again.

An hour later, as Big Cheese sauntered suavely out, he realized his predicament. Like all Don Juan's, he was caught between a McGovern and a hard Bugliosi.

It reminded him of the time he worked in the Meadowlands, on top the huge stinking hills of trash as a bulldozer driver. The

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smells were wonderful, intoxicating, like the scent of his Grandmother's Sunday dinners. He found neat things, swishy things, goopy things he would hide in his underwear and secret home after work.

His boss caught him one day—his boss was a skinny redhead with completely false teeth made of silver metal—and threatened to fire him if it happened again.

And now Big Cheese faced the same bullfight. Like all the banana peels and golden Twinkies soaked in sewage, he couldn't give up Ms. McGovern.

But Melinda had shoulders like a coat hanger, held firmly above a sunken chest, the way he liked it.

Her hair reminded him of Pippi Longstocking's, except for the fact that it was gray. She had great legs, too, he thought, and wondered what they'd look like in a salad with mushrooms.

Today stunk. Early September had dete-

riorated into rain and cold air. Big Cheese's friend Louis walked beside him. Louis wasn't as much of a lady-killer as Big Cheese; in fact he was a flat out fundamental rejection of the human race by the natural forces that created him.

His body was shaped like an inverted hourglass. His shoulders were skinny and sloping, and sunk toward his waist which combined with his butt to form an innertube of biblical proportions.

On downward, his knees were inseparable, and his corduroy pants made an annoying swishing noise as he walked. His left hand swung back and forth, higher than usual.

Big Cheese hated him. But he needed to talk about his problem, being counseling-dependent as he was. So he decided to tell a really big lie to Louis. Louis would believe him.

Big Cheese had to be careful with what he told Louis. Louis was easily frightened, and tended to ruin his jeans at the slightest mention of excitement. Sure, it was embarrassing, but he had a mind better than a Macintosh hidden behind his pale forehead.

But Louis held a secret so explosive he had wet his pants fifteen minutes ago.

To be continued . . .

Those Vreelandian Days

Jim Vreeland



Distractions

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Li'l Box of Poetry

Once upon a day. All the ants in my front yard held hands and started to sing.

They sang:

The kids go marching one by one, hurrah, hurrah. The kids go marching one by one, hurrah, hurrah. The kids go marching one by one, they die before the setting sun, and we all go marching down . . .

So I shut the window, locked the door and finished my soup. Hurrah

Frugal Drewid searches for super bargains

Listed within are endless ways to fill leisure time at Drew. A virtual cornucopia of laughs for under \$1.

Kelly Scanlon
Staff Writer

At any given time, most students can reach into the pockets of their jeans to find some lint and probably a single green sheet of paper with George Washington's head on it. We once knew this stuff as "money."

Now, it is so unfamiliar to us that we must ponder what it is. Most of the time the realization that it is indeed money is a shock, but then the excitement to see the denomination of the bill is even more of a thrill.

Surveys show that most college students only have a single dollar bill on their person on a typical day. It is also a proven fact that Drew pupils are very confused at any given time and when presented with a bizarre situation, such as finding money, they have tendencies to panic and act hastily.

Well, the psychiatrist is in! There is no need to bother your already tired mind to think of the endless possibilities of how far that dollar will take you because a handy dandy little list of "Things to do at Drew with Only a Dollar or Two When You are Bored or Blue" is as follows. You can ...

GO FOR A WALK OR A LEISURELY JOG. This is such a thrill because it is uncanny that the number of squirrels on this campus equal the number of students, yet with a better female/male ratio.

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GO TO THE OTHER END. You can purchase a Hippy Kippy for \$1.00 and the atmosphere is wonderful.

TAKE A WALK DOWNTOWN. There are dozens of little shops and stores in which browsing is always welcome.

GO TO THE FOODTOWN. There are numerous things to do at supermarkets. You can have cart races in the produce section or buy five cans of Foodtown soda for \$1.00—hey, it tastes just like Coke!

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Top 10 List

Top Ten cartoons never made by Hanna Barbara:

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9. Billy, the Misunderstood Metal-head White Trash
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5. Scooby Doobie
4. Gaggie Rock
3. The Snots!
2. Best Little Whorehouse in Bedrock
1. Sodor the Barbarian

by Steven Leimgruber and Robert Kraemer

Women's soccer bows to Montclair

Rick Allen
Staff Writer

The women's soccer team suffered their first loss of the 1991 season Tuesday against a competitive Montclair State squad by the score of 3-1. This brings their record to 2-1. Drew played a very intense and controlled game, but could not take advantage of their scoring opportunities.

Coming into the game, the Rangers said they knew Montclair improved from last year. "We knew that they improved. We didn't come out just expecting to win," senior tri-captain Melissa Morgan said.

"The competition was much harder in this game as compared to the two previous games," senior tri-captain Erica Runyon said. "The other teams we played against this season weren't quite up to our level."

Runyon scored the first goal of the game early in the first half. Drew controlled the tempo of the match for all but a brief period. Unfortunately, during that time Montclair State was able to take advantage of a few mental lapses by Drew and scored on three breakaways, all in the first half.

"As soon as they scored, we put our heads down. We didn't know how to handle it because we'd never been down before," Morgan said.

"From the 13 minute mark to the 10 minute mark in the first half Montclair controlled the ball in our defensive third," coach Dan Jones said. "In that time they were able to score three goals."

Drew was not able to capitalize on their numerous shots on goal for the duration of the game. The offense possessed the ball for a majority of the game, but could not finish their plays.

"I don't think the score was indicative of the game. Montclair State was able to capitalize on the few breakdowns we had," Runyon said. "Unfortunately we just weren't able to capitalize on the times we were in control."

Although the scoreboard did not indicate it, the women played a very poised game. Considering the team's effort and work ethic,



Danielle Baraty feeds Carrie Reilly on a through ball against Montclair State. Photo by Carrie McCracken

most of their games will not have an outcome similar to Tuesday's. Knowledge of this fact has kept morale high. "This year's team is a lot more excited and more spirited at this point in the season as compared to last year," sophomore Emy Richter said.

The team's optimism is attributed to strong performances from returning players such as the senior tri-captains Runyon, Morgan and Dawn Zebick. The high quality of experienced freshmen players also contributes to their positive attitude.

Two such freshman players starting for the team are Bridgette Hogan at the sweeper position and Heather Tyndall at midfield. "The incoming freshmen have good experience and know what to do when they're on the field," Richter said.

The Rangers have been preparing this week for their game at Muhlenberg on Saturday. The team is confident that they should come away with a win against Muhlenberg if they keep the pressure on like they did against Montclair State. This pressure must come from both ends of the field. The

Rangers must exhibit greater aggressiveness in the defensive sector in addition to stronger offensive play by their strikers, sophomore Carrie Reilly, junior Danielle Baraty and senior Tiki Hartshorn. If Drew can combine both of these factors, a victory against the Mules is in the making.

RANGER NOTES: After Saturday's game at Muhlenberg, the women will move on to play an away game against Manhattanville Wednesday. These two games will be the first of four consecutive away games. The Rangers next home game will not be until Saturday Oct. 5 when they host Wilkes.

... The Rangers have had an explosive start in the goal column. In 15 games last season, the women scored 22 goals. In their first three games of this year, the team has already put 11 shots in the net. The offensive production is even more impressive because the scoring duties have been shared. Last season, only three players scored two or more goals. Four players have already achieved that feat for this year's squad.

Rugby opens fall campaign

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The Drew Rugby Football Club will be opening its 27th season tomorrow with a home game against C.W. Post. Last year D.R.F.C. experienced mixed success within its division and expects to have much better results this year.

Due to major losses of starters this year, "Green Death" will field a side largely composed of enthusiastic first and second year players.

They will look to the experience of seniors such as team president Paul Skilton, back captain Frank Moyes, and forward captain Sam Hjab.

Along with the graduation of five starters, Drew will be without the services of A-side locke Tom Leary, flanker Johnny Tateossian, eightman Tom Ward, and scrum half Sean Morgan, who are participating in the London semester.

In addition to this, junior locke Doug Mosle will miss the entire year as a result of surgery.

The weight of their responsibilities will fall on the shoulders of many talented rookies, and a small corp of veterans like seniors Greg Gordon and Sodoran Selvaetnam. The result of this is the replacement of 10 of last years starting 15.

In an inter-squad scrimmage earlier this week, outstanding performances were turned in by all. Team treasurer Bryan Matsinger summed up pre-season saying, "The combination of experienced players and rookies that have been eager to learn from them, has made the pre-season work very well. We are confident that this blend of raw talent and youth will make for a very successful season."

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Ultimate frisbee Team begins new era of play

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This year marks the beginning of a new era for the Drew Ultimate Frisbee Team. For the first time in several years, the men's and women's teams have merged to become one of the largest competitive co-ed teams in the Mid-Atlantic region.

The decision to make the switch to co-ed was the result of several factors, including the unexpected loss of the individual team captains, as well as the graduation of many key players. As a result, the remaining veterans decided to rebuild the team from scratch, concentrating on recruiting new players and revitalizing team spirit.

It appears that they have succeeded in accomplishing this task. Saturday marked a new milestone in the team's recent history. In their first tournament of the season, held at Rutgers University, Drew brought 24 players, a vast improvement over attendance in recent years.

The sheer size of the team contributed enormously to the spirit and excitement of the players, despite the day's rough start in which the as yet unnamed team faced off against UPenn's Null team.

UPenn, one of the few teams who competed at nationals last year, blanked the Drew squad 13-0. However, this shutout did little to affect Drew's performance.

After a long break, the second match began against East Stroudsburg University. Drew pulled themselves together

and turned the level of play up a notch, scoring five points to ESU's 15. The new players proved themselves by playing strong defense and functioning as integral parts of the Drew offense.

The third game proved to be the highlight of the day. In a fiercely contested match against Haverford College, Drew emerged victorious in overtime, 17-15, proving they were still contenders in the tournament.

Senior Dave Fleenor's defensive expertise, the handling abilities of co-captain Darryl Zarichak and junior Sue Crowley, as well as the proficiency of scorers, sophomore Paul Bonfanti and junior Bill Meakin led the team to triumph.

New players also contributed extensively to the day's achievements, with impressive performances by sophomores Jen Salus and Don Bruce, and freshmen Kevin Hahn and Robin Moore.

Due to darkness, a final match scheduled with Rutgers was shortened to an eight point game. Although overmatched, Drew managed to pull off one point against their sister team.

In addressing the team at the end of the day Zarichak said, "Your play was inspiring, and most of all we had a lot of fun."

The ultimate frisbee team will continue its play at Haverford this weekend. Drew will also host its own tournament September 28 on Tilghman and Loantanka fields.

The fall baseball season has produced a great deal of experimentation on the part of coach Vince Masco. New first baseman sophomore Chris Waack, seen here keeping a baserunner close to the bag during Saturday's doubleheader sweep of Baruch, is sharing the duties with Al Pogorelec. Pogorelec should add some thunder to an already strong batting order. The fall has also brought with it a solid core of freshman recruits, with standout performances turned in by Pete Arthur, Steve Petracelli, and Joe Quinty. The Rangers face Division I St. Peters tomorrow. Photo by Nicole Patenaude

Gridiron Guesses

PITTSBURGH at PHILADELPHIA

In a word, the Eagles' performance last week was dominating. The defense garnered 11 sacks while limiting the Cowboys to 99 total yards and the offense surprised some people, myself included, by scoring with Jim McMahon at the helm. Against a Steeler offense that has been struggling a bit, do not be surprised if the Philadelphia defense puts on a repeat performance.

Offensively, the Eagles lost their starting running back, Thomas Sanders, but he will be easily forgotten. More importantly, WR Calvin Williams is lost for four weeks, a big blow to an already weakened Philadelphia passing game. The signing of Roy Green will help ease the loss of Williams, but Green's best years are behind him. The big question remains if McMahon can once again do just enough to lead his team to victory, adding to his impressive career win-loss record.

The Steeler defense has almost as much talent as the Eagle defense, but they appear to be lacking intensity this season. Sure they only allowed the Patriots' meager offense to score six points last week, but the previous week they surrendered 52 points to the Bills' high-powered offensive machine. Maybe last week's humiliation will wake them up.

Offensively, QB Bobby Brister and the Pittsburgh running game can do enough to win. But if the Eagles' defensive line plays anything like last week, Brister will be staring at the sky quite often... and the Steelers will be staring at the scoreboard at game's end.

FINAL: Eagles 23 — Steelers 10

MINNESOTA at NEW ORLEANS

Both of these teams have played surprisingly well. The Saints' record stands at 3-0 and the Vikings are coming off a big upset victory last week over the 49ers. New Orleans hasn't had outstanding performances from one single player, but a team loaded with so much talent does not need to rely on single individuals. QB Bobby Hebert returned this season to rekindle the Saint offensive attack and the team has responded. On the other side of the ball, New Orleans has one of the best linebacking corps in the NFL as well as a strong supporting cast. This team is finally accomplishing what fans have expected for years.

Minnesota opened some eyes last week in San Francisco. After their poor performance last season, not much was expected from the Vikings. But they have shown they can compete. A key has been strong running by Herschel Walker in Minnesota's new one-back offense. And Anthony Carter has strengthened his position as one of the best wide receivers in the game. The Vikings have also been playing that aggressive, hard-

nosed defense that has been their trademark for years. They will be put to the test this week in what should be an extremely close game.

FINAL: Saints 20 — Vikings 17

N.Y. JETS at CHICAGO

With a hard fought victory over the Giants last week, the Bears proved they are a team to contend with. The key to that win, as it is to most of their victories, was their defense. The guys in black always seem to make the big play when needed. The Frigate did it last week. The Chicago defense has to play strong because their offense is limited. Sure they have RB Neal Anderson, probably the second best back in the league (Thurman Thomas is on top) in his ability to both run and receive, but the talent around him is far from great. But they do seem to find ways to win.

The Jets are a totally different story. They were pitiful last year and this year figured to be more of the same. But last week against the defending AFC champs, the Buffalo Bills, New York proved they could play, coming up only a few yards short on a field goal try to send the game into overtime.

This team is loaded with young talent, both offensively and defensively. Wide-receivers Al Toon and Rob Moore can play with the best of them and RB Blair Thomas appears ready to make his mark in the NFL. The only thing limiting this offense is which Ken O'Brien shows up to play on game day. He does his Jekyll and Hyde performances all too often. But the talent doesn't end on the offensive side of the ball. The Jet's defensive secondary may be young, but they play very tough. Just ask Bills QB Jim Kelly who suffered through a rare poor performance on Sunday. This Jet team might just be good enough to surprise the Bears.

FINAL: Jets 23 — Bears 20

DETROIT at INDIANAPOLIS

This should be a close game, if anybody cares. The Colts are winless on the season and the Lions are 2-1, but talent wise, the teams are about equal—both are offenders. The Lions may have the advantage, but their run-and-shoot offense should be shot. Let's face it, with Barry Sanders carrying the ball, Detroit should be using a run-and-run offense. QB Rodney Peete is still not enough of a leader to take charge offensively.

The Colts are very similar to the Lions in that they have the makings of a good offense. QB Jeff George has shown a lot of talent in his first two seasons, but the Colts just can't seem to win even with Eric Dickerson carrying the ball. But things can change—especially in the Hoosier Dome. FINAL: Colts 27—Lions 24

—Shawn Sullivan



The cross country team began their season with a meet at Lebanon Valley Saturday. The men's team did fairly well in the competition, placing 18th out of 27 teams. They were led by freshman Gordon Kenny who ran the course in 26:33 and finished 19th out of 225 runners, the best performance in years by a member of the Runnin' Rangers. The women's squad also competed, but they did not place because with only three runners, they were two women short for competition. The team will now travel to Dickinson for a meet tomorrow. Dickinson placed ahead of the Runnin' Rangers by a few places last week, but the team is confident that it can be competitive on Dickinson's home course. Photo by Ramzi Al-Kass

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Men's soccer looks to regain focus, fire Valuable lessons learned from two losses to nationally ranked teams

Keith Morgen
Staff Writer

The men's soccer squad had an up and down week with losses to Kean College and Haverford over the weekend and a victory against Delaware Valley Wednesday. That seems to sum up how the season has gone for the Rangers. They play competitively at times, but at other times their youthfulness is evident and costly mistakes result.

The first round of the Haverford Soccer Classic Saturday may be the best example. Drew came out strong and appeared to have a chance at a victory, but mental mistakes and youthful miscues once again came into play as the Rangers allowed three breakaway goals and were shutout 3-0.

"During the first 10 minutes we played excellent," junior Bill Geyer said. "If we would have scored, who knows, maybe we could have won. We just didn't keep up the pressure."

The Rangers were simply overmatched in their defensive end, where Kean's two strikers took advantage of Drew's inexperience.

"The two strikers on Kean's team will probably be All-Americans," tri-captain Jim Martin said. "No other team has been able to contain them so far."

Because of graduation, the Martin brothers, Jim and Rich, are the only players with any previous experience in the backfield, traditionally a Ranger strong point. Sophomore Aran Madden and freshman Peter Bruckman entered the season with no college experience, yet they are playing key roles in the back four. It is important that these players mature quickly if the team is to be competitive.

"We have to grow as a unit," Geyer said. "And we have to grow quickly because the season has already begun. We have to become more intense and more focused."

That focus was missing, however, when Drew once again fell victim to costly mis-



As a result of lapses in the defensive corps and a drought in offensive production, the Rangers dropped two games at the Haverford Classic. Acorn file photo

takes in Sunday's game against Haverford. And with their offense continuing to struggle, the result was another shutout, this time a 4-0 loss.

"We didn't play very well at all against Haverford," Geyer said. "They took advantage of our many mistakes. It seems lately whenever we are scored against first, we

tend to fall apart. We need to score the first goal. It's probably because we are such a young team... we get discouraged easily."

That discouragement may be most evident in the team's offensive production. With graduation taking away the team's top three scorers from last season, it was obvious in preseason that a large void was present in

the Rangers' offensive scheme. After being shut out for the second consecutive day, it was obvious the void has yet to be filled adequately. The team had only scored five goals in five games, allowing 10 goals over the same span. The Kean game revealed some of the problems Drew has been having offensively.

"We just weren't on during the game," assistant coach Chris Parsons said. "We had no fire, and things just were not happening for us. We're still looking for the right combination of players. Sooner or later, some players have to come forward and take charge."

That happened Tuesday when sophomore Rob Kenyon stepped forward and scored two goals, both assisted by freshman Drew Lochi, which led the Rangers to a 2-1 victory over Delaware Valley. Although Drew won the game, the inexperience of the team was still evident against a team with a lower degree of talent.

"We played like a young team," coach Vern Mummert said. "We had many of our veterans out of this game. For example, Jim Martin was ineligible to play because he was red-carded in his previous game."

Although their victory may have been a lot closer than needed, it could present something to build off of. The Rangers are looking for something to spark the team which, with a 3-3 record, has so far struggled through a tough schedule.

"We've played Kean, Montclair State, and Haverford so far, and they're all nationally ranked," Martin said. "On Saturday we play Muhlenberg, who are also nationally ranked. If we can score some key goals and win some big games, we can definitely make a run for it."

RANGER NOTES: The Muhlenberg game will be here at 6 p.m. Saturday. The team will also face Upsala here Wednesday at 4 p.m.

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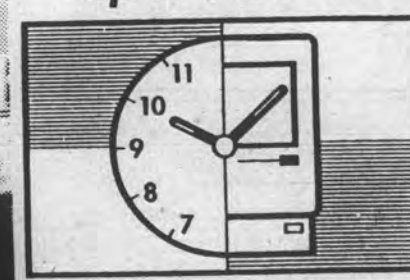
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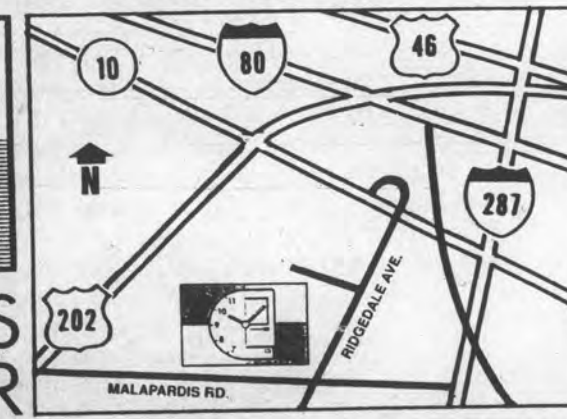
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Field hockey finds way to win Fall Festival final

Shawn Sullivan
Sports Editor

Having started their season a week later than usual to make the Fall Festival less hectic, the field hockey team had plenty of time to prepare for their first regular season opponent. That extra week also served to make the team anxious to play a real game. The combination of those two factors were plenty enough to carry the Rangers to the championship.

"After three weeks of practice, we were ready to just get on the field, play a game, and see how we would do," interim coach Dawn Henderson said. "That enthusiasm boiled over and we played very well."

Manhattanville had the misfortune of being the team Drew would face first in the Festival. Finally getting the opportunity to unleash their enthusiasm, it was evident from the start that the Rangers were in control.

A little over a minute into the game, vice-captain Tanya Meck scored a goal to put the Rangers up 1-0. About two minutes later, the lead was stretched to two when Meck put another in the net. The early barrage continued when freshman Cara Williams scored two minutes after Meck. Less than six minutes into the game, Drew was already on top 3-0.

"It really helped us mentally that we scored so quickly and scored so many," Henderson said. "That also got the other team down mentally."

Manhattanville attempted to come back by scoring 15 minutes into the game to draw the score closer, 3-1. But the Rangers came right back when less than a minute later, Williams tallied her second goal. From there, Drew was in complete control. Meck scored for the third time and seniors Kara Schermerhorn and captain Missy Della Russo each added a goal as Drew coasted to a 7-1 victory.

"We were a better team, but we try not to take any game too lightly," vice-captain Sue McNulty said. "Instead, we used it to our advantage. We got a lot of offense so we were able to have people work together in a game situation."

Henderson said she agreed the Rangers had more talent, but felt the extra week helped as well. "We were a more highly skilled team," Henderson said. "But we were also like a shot out of a gun."

That early explosion was totally absent in the day's second game. In the championship game against Vassar, Drew's play was extremely sluggish. Vassar appeared to dominate the game, keeping the ball constantly in the Ranger half of the field. But although Vassar dominated, Drew only went into halftime trailing 1-0.

"Having played well so well in the first game, there might have been a bit of a

letdown," Henderson said. "But it's tough playing two games in a day. The players just get tired. But at halftime, the players said enough is enough... let's go out and play."

That change in intensity was evident on the field as the Rangers began dominating play as soon as the second half whistle was sounded. Their newly found aggressiveness allowed them to win loose balls and force Vassar mistakes.

That paid off when junior Jessica Platt corralled a misplayed ball and slid a pass to Williams who scored to even the game at one, just four minutes into the half. Six minutes later, Drew took the lead when Meck capitalized on a mistake by the Vassar goalie and scored her fourth on the day.

"The second half was like a new game to us," McNulty said. "We were tired from the first game, but we just had to get over that hump. In the second half, we played three times as hard. I know I didn't want to lose the Fall Festival as a senior."

After Meck's goal, both teams played pretty evenly, each waiting for the other to make a mistake. That finally happened when, with 12 minutes remaining, Vassar committed a crucial penalty that awarded the Rangers a penalty stroke which Della Russo converted for a 3-1 Drew lead. With 3:31 remaining, Vassar scored to pull to within one goal, but Della Russo scored with less than a minute left to make it 4-2 and put the game out of reach.

Having won the Fall Festival trophy, the Rangers moved on to play Kean Wednesday in what turned out to be a hard-fought battle which ended as a tie.

Della Russo scored early in the first half to put Drew up 1-0, but Kean came back to tie the game before the half ended. That was to be all the scoring in a game that went 90 minutes, including an overtime and a sudden-death overtime. The Rangers had their chances to escape with a victory, but a variety of factors prevented them from capitalizing.

"It was a frustrating game," Meck said. "We had a lot of shots, but they weren't on goal. This was the first time we'd played on grass, so the play was a little different. Also, some of our players had the flu and the heat was really affecting the team. You can't use them as excuses, but combined they were a factor in the game."

Although Drew had to settle for a tie against Kean, the team is off to a strong start. That start is made all the more impressive by the fact that the Rangers start four freshmen: Williams on attack and Deanna Gallagher, Melissa Morrison, and Candi Howes on defense. So far, the younger players have done everything asked of them.

"They've all done great," Meck said. "They are making the tough transition from the high school to college level very well." That transition has been eased by the



Kathy Whelen is just one of the young players whose midfield performance led the Rangers to victory at the Fall Festival. Photo by Heath Podvesker

performances of returning players like Della Russo, Platt, McNulty and Meck, as well as Schermerhorn who, as the only returning defender, must now serve as the defensive backbone. They have all been on winning teams before and they know what it takes to get to that level.

Henderson said she believes that will go a long way towards having a successful

season. "Winning tradition does a lot for people's competitiveness on the field," she said.

That competitiveness will be put to its next test Saturday when cross-town rival F.D.U.-Madison visits for a 2 p.m. game. The Rangers will then play Muhlenberg Tuesday at 4 p.m.

Horan-Pease reaches new milestone

Monday morning, interim athletic co-director and head field hockey coach Maureen Horan-Pease added a new member to her family when she gave birth to a six pound, six ounce baby girl, Erin Marie Pease. Both mother and daughter are now resting at home.

While Horan-Pease is on leave, associate coach Dawn Henderson will assume the head coaching duties as had been planned from the beginning of pre-

season. Amanda Dolan will continue to function as an assistant coach, but she will now have more responsibilities in that role.

The length of Horan-Pease's leave is still in question, but because the child was born earlier than expected, Henderson does not rule out the possibility that Horan-Pease will return to the sidelines this season.

—Shawn Sullivan

Old face, new position; Hineline thrives in her new role

Shawn Sullivan
Sports Editor

The start of a new season is often the toughest time of the year for an athlete. One must not only get back in playing shape, but also in mental shape in order to be aware of what is going on around oneself. Imagine then how hard it is to not only start a new season, but a new position as well. Sophomore Tami-Lynn Hineline is finding that out as a member of the field hockey team.

Hineline has played field hockey for five years, four in high school and one at Drew last season. In all five seasons she played attack. But this year she has made a change—and a big one at that—moving into the cage as the Rangers' starting goalie.

The team was in a jam in preseason having lost both of last year's goalies and gaining no freshmen recruits with experience in goal. Needing somebody to tend the cage, Hineline and fellow sophomore Kelly Ahearn volunteered to undergo the transition from field player to goalie.

"We didn't have a lot of upperclassmen and most of them were really needed at their position," Hineline said. "And it would be

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—Tami-Lynn Hineline
Field hockey goaltender

tough for an incoming freshman to adjust to the college game. As a result, I felt the player should be a sophomore. Since we have a lot of attackers, I volunteered."

Though the transition was tough at first, both Hineline and Ahearn remained energetic. "They both worked so hard," coach Dawn Henderson said. "They'd come to practice early and stay late after practice in order to improve."

The degree of improvement is what surprises Hineline most. "I've adjusted a lot better than I thought I would," she said. "Experience wise, I still have a lot to learn. But I feel good about what I've been doing."

Her hard work paid off as she earned the starting spot in goal. And although she may

have been nervous, she did not show it in her first real action Saturday in the Fall Festival. In fact, Hineline made some important saves in helping the Rangers win the championship, allowing only three goals on the day. She followed that up by giving up only one goal in 90 minutes of play Wednesday. These strong performances have not gone unnoticed.

"She's in a new position, but she's thriving on it," Henderson said. "She has approached it with great intensity and has done a great job."

But what most impresses Hineline's coaches and teammates is her positive, never-say-die attitude. "She's great; she's so enthusiastic," senior Sue McNulty said. "She

never lets down. Even if she makes a mistake, she doesn't give up... she doesn't get down. Enjoying what you're doing helps you to succeed."

But that positive attitude doesn't just end with Hineline. Her enthusiasm has a big effect on the rest of the team as well. "When the rest of the team hears her cheering them on, that enthusiasm becomes contagious," McNulty said. "It spreads like wild-fire."

More importantly, the team feels confident with her in goal, even if she has only played the position for three weeks. And as Henderson explains, no goal is ever just the fault of the goalie.

"After all, it takes 11 players to play the game," Henderson said. "The pressure can't be on one player. Ultimately it's a team game."

But the key to success in any sport is having confidence in your own abilities. And although she does not show the attitude that many confident players show, it is evident that she believes she can do what it takes to win.

"I think the team is confident in me," Hineline said. "If coach didn't think I could do it, she wouldn't put me in the cage."