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Administration listens to mail gripes

Dorm mailboxes may move back to U.C.; more hours added to package pick-up

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News Editor

Expanded package pick-up hours and a suggestion to move the dorm mailboxes back to the University Center Mailroom were the results of a meeting yesterday between administrators and concerned students to discuss problems with the mail service.

A proposal to move the mailboxes in Hoyt-Bowne, Welch, and Holloway Halls back to the U.C. will be presented by the Department of Residence Life and Mail Services to the Student Government Association to see if a consensus can be reached among the students who currently have mailboxes in the dorms.

If students agree to the move, it could take place during JanTerm, according to Director of Public Safety Tom Evans.

The proposed change would not require a new address for those moving out of the dorms, Director of Mail Services Scot McCachren said.

Evans said he supported the move to the U.C. saying that students having one box for four years would present a solution. "We won't have to change locks every year," he said. "And if you change residence halls, you won't have to change your

address, and there is no way you can tell everybody your new address."

Assistant Vice President for Administration Greg Pogue said when the boxes were moved to the dorms it was meant to be a two-year test. Vice President for Administration Peggi Howard said she asked Holloway Resident Director Joe Stampe last February for reaction to the move. The results were mixed, she said.

Junior Tna Mancuso said there seemed to be little disagreement between students and administrators at the meeting. "Everyone agreed the dorm mailboxes didn't work."

Pogue announced new hours for package pick-up at Pepin Service Center at the meeting. Packages will be able to be picked up until 5 p.m. once the move from Hannon House to Pepin is complete. The move is expected to take place in the next few weeks, Howard said.

Complaints from students registered on the E-mail news groups du.gripes and du.chatter partially prompted the meeting. Mancuso wrote a letter to Howard and McCachren outlining her and other students' complaints with the mail service, and the meeting was organized.

Problems cited by students concerning the dorm mailboxes included the change of address every year and the resulting confu-

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—Peggi Howard

Vice President for Administration

sion. "I am still getting mail in my old box in the U.C.," Mancuso said. "Mail that has my correct address on it still shows up in my old box with my right address crossed."

Junior Kirk Davis said his permanent address is his address at Drew, and his move to a new dorm forced him to change his address with banks, the Department of Motor Vehicles, and other organizations.

Students at the meeting said the problems with packages seemed to be corrected. "We did have a problem, and I admit that," Pogue said. "We had a temporary worker there who was having trouble."

Howard said there were problems with the mail service. "They are all correctible if we work together to come up with a system that is better," she said. "Changes were made in both the process and with person-

nel."

One change in personnel involved Mail Operations Supervisor Darryl Edmunds. "Darryl is no longer employed by the University, and is pursuing other opportunities," Pogue said.

Problems with campus mail were brought up by senior Joel Krantz. He cited an instance involving a career center brochure which took a week and a half to be put in mailboxes.

Pogue explained the incident by saying, "We put an inexperienced person in the U.C. while an individual was out on maternity leave, and that person told [Director of Career Planning and Placement] Laure Paul that he didn't have the time to put them in the boxes," Pogue said.

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Landolphi takes new approach to safer sex

Jennifer Michalchuk
Staff Writer

Tuesday, Suzi Landolphi spoke about her work with the AIDS Action Committee and told of different aspects of the immune system as it relates to AIDS, in a presentation on safe sex in Great Hall.

"The four things that can harm the immune system if someone is HIV positive are drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and stress," she said. "Out of all four things, stress is worse than the other three put together."

She said the two ways to reduce stress are sex and exercise. "The same chemical that is released in your body during sex is released when you are doing aerobics," she said. "It has been proven that one orgasm is ten times stronger than one Valium."

Her program continued with her talking about sexual preferences. "Everyone should be proud of their sexual orientation," she said. "We all judge people and we know we judge, but the minute you make a judgment your mind is turned off." Landolphi used audience participation to show this point. By showing how we stereotype people by how they look, she made her point that you can never judge someone by their appearance. From that point on Great Hall was designated a "judgement-free zone."

"Society tells women that their 'private parts' are gross," Landolphi said. "Women have to understand that their bodies are for their control and their pleasure only on their terms. Just because society says women are not important, doesn't mean that it is true. Women have to learn that their orgasms aren't hanging out in the vagina waiting for the wiener to liberate it."

She defined safer sex as consisting of three tools: Communication, honesty, and trust. "If you can't talk about what you want, you're not ready," she said. She said we as a society need to change the way we define sex. She said there are 2,862 ways to sexually satisfy each other without intercourse. "I'm up to 1,907," she said. "If you are sexually proud and confident, it will spill over into the rest of your life."

She ended her program by talking about the low turn out. She said, "people are AIDS out." She said she hopes her presentation is a good approach at getting across the right message.

She said she understands how people

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Saturday Oct. 12 in Brothers College, monks from the Sakya Monastery in India presented an excerpt of the traditional Tibetan ritual chants and dances as part of the year-long celebration called the International Year of Tibet. By sponsoring cultural events, Drew joins museums, theaters, and other schools in this movement to promote better understanding and preservation of Tibetan culture. During the fall of '91 other events on Tibet will be held in Brothers College through a grant from the Drew Area Studies Program and the sponsorship of the Graduate School, Art, Religion, and Political Science Departments, the Women's Studies Program and the Asian Studies Program. Photo by Charlie Clayton

Churin barricaded in Soviet coup

Susan Doolittle
Staff Writer

Dmitri Churin, a Soviet exchange student studying at Drew, spent 48 hours barricaded in the radio station "Radio Baltica." After a forced shutdown the morning of Aug. 19, Radio Baltica, one of the four free radio stations in Leningrad, now St. Petersburg, was allowed to broadcast news of the coup in Moscow.

Concerned citizens built a barricade around the building of the radio station to protect the newscasters, one of whom was Churin. Concerned that fanatics might try to break in and stop the broadcast, citizens guarded the barricade, brought food into the building, and escorted radio staff around St. Petersburg.

"I was very scared," Churin said. "The attitude of many people was to let the new government be, to try and adjust to it. They were more concerned about acting properly and not getting in trouble than expressing their true feelings about the coup."

St. Petersburg was spared the horror of shooting in the streets as the tanks and troops were stopped 25 miles outside city limits.

During all of this excitement, news of Dmitri's acceptance into the "Presidential Exchange of Undergraduates" program was delayed. Dmitri did not learn of his acceptance into the program allowing him to study in the United States until Sept. 16, 1991.

Churin arrived at Drew late in September. He will focus on American Studies during his one-year stay here. Currently in his fourth year of a five-year university program, Churin wishes to work as an English/Russian translator in the future. Because his work at Drew will not fulfill all of his academic requirements, Churin will have to repeat his fourth year on his return to the Soviet Union.

When asked what he thought about Drew and the people here, a huge smile crossed his face as he said, "I like it. When people smile



Churin experienced the coup while inside Radio Baltica. Photo by Heath Podvesker

at you it creates a good mood and you want to smile back; it is good."

Churin has had a hard time getting used to some things, though. "I am not used to the doors here which close by themselves, without a sound. In my country, you have to hold a door when you shut it, otherwise it bangs," he said. Another thing which puzzles Churin are the women. "When I try to usher a girl in through a door in front of me, she says 'Don't, that is not accepted here.'"

Churin has noticed some differences between the two countries in the attitude toward school work. "At my school my friends and I will often go out for a beer during the week. Here the students say they cannot afford to go out; they have too much work to do. Everybody is always working here. In the Soviet Union it is not uncommon to see students the night before the exam with the assigned books stacked next to them, reading them for the first time."

Although he has only been here a month, Churin has made friends and taken some

weekend trips. Senior Karen Ballinger, who studied in Moscow last spring under the same exchange program, took Churin and Julia Derevenko, another Soviet student studying at Drew this year, to her home in Vermont a few weeks ago. "When I was in the Soviet Union people were so great to me," Ballinger said, "so generous and willing to invite me into their homes, that I wanted to reciprocate."

Ballinger talked excitedly about the exchange program. "It is great that the two presidents got together and agreed," she said. "Hopefully the more people who travel back and forth between the two countries, the more knowledge and less misunderstanding we'll have about each other."

The person who made it possible for Drew University and students to participate in the program, Professor of Russian Lois Beckey, gave the short history of the program. "At the Gorbachev-Bush Washington Summit in '90, an agreement was made to exchange undergraduates on a governmental level. This Presidential Exchange of Undergraduates is coordinated and administered by the American Council of Teachers of Russian, based in Washington, DC."

Beckey said the success in getting Churin and Derevenko to Drew would not have been possible without the work of Coordinator of the International Student Program Carol Detweiler and the Department of Residence Life.

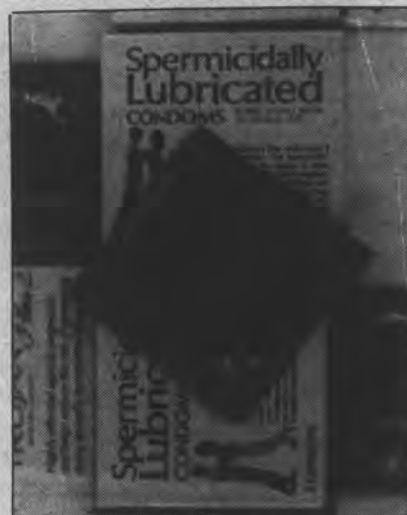
"The program is highly competitive," Beckey said. "Russian students are funded primarily by the U.S. government; the only thing that Drew is responsible for is their tuition. Drew does, however, receive money from the government for each student we send to the Soviet Union. Currently there are five Drew students studying in the Soviet Union."

Churin said he thinks that everything will be all right in the Soviet Union. He hopes that someday things will be normal. "By normal," Dmitri explains, "I mean that a lawyer or physician will be paid more than a porter in a railroad station."

SEX: Safer

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with HIV positive feel. Her brother was diagnosed HIV positive one year ago. "We must get rid of homophobia," she said. "The best cure for preventing AIDS is to let people that are HIV positive know they are loved and that there is hope. My only hope is that my brother is around longer than me."

The reactions to Landolphi's presentation were positive. Junior Katie Craig said Landolphi was outrageous and her approach was no holds barred.



More than condoms are needed for safer sex. Photo by Heath Podvesker

After having a condom stretched across his face by Landolphi, freshman Michael Jones said, "it was presented in a way that was informative and hilarious. It was a lot of fun."

After the presentation Landolphi talked about her feelings towards the program. She said, "it's nice to be popular. As my audience grows I learn more. I try to seduce everyone into the performance. People think that they know everything, but the people who aren't here are the ones who probably need this the most."

News Briefs

Officer hospitalized

Sergeant Michael Murry, a Public Safety officer, was involved in a car accident in Hackettstown early Sunday morning. He will be operated on tomorrow for a fractured cheekbone sustained from the accident. According to Director of Public Safety Tom Evans, Murry should be back to work within three to four weeks. In the meantime, the Office of Public Safety will not hire a temporary replacement. "We're trying to double up and change shifts around," Evans said. "But we miss him."

In other areas, Public Safety had an ambulance transport a Tolley resident experiencing stomach cramps to Morristown Hospital Tuesday night. "When we checked the situation, we determined that the student should be seen by a doctor," Evans said. The student was later released.

—Christina Palaia

London Semester director resigns

Jacqueline Fear-Segal, resident director of the London Semester, announced her resignation effective Dec. 31, 1991 after one-and-a-half years as director, according to Director of Off-Campus Programs Cathy Messmer. She said Fear-Segal indicated in her letter of resignation that she did not have any time to do her research. She will continue to teach during the spring semester.

Professor of Political Science Bill Messmer will direct the program for the



Cathy Messmer said Fear-Segal resigned to devote more time to research. Photo by Heath Podvesker

spring semester, according to Cathy Messmer. Bill Messmer directed five semesters of the program in the early '80s. He will also teach a course.

Cathy Messmer said a search will be conducted at Drew for a director. "An outside search will be conducted if no one is found, but there are likely candidates at Drew who could do it and want to," she said. "It is good to have a close connection with Drew and the London Semester because what was difficult with the British director was she didn't know Drew."

Students who have participated in the program said Fear-Segal will be missed. "I liked her a lot," senior Kathy Wohlsen, who attended the English literature/theatre arts track, said. "She tried to be open and was interested with what I had to say."

Senior Deborah Butts, who also attended

the English literature/theatre arts track said Fear-Segal "handled it well considering the brand new housing and brand new professors."

—Jamie Lee

Fall concert update

The Concert Committee held their first meeting last week to discuss future plans for the fall concert. Various bands were considered. According to Linda Martin, committee chairperson, this was not an easy task due to the absence of a budget, and the unavailability and high cost of the bands.

This week two meetings were held at which a budget was approved, and the band, Dramarama, was selected. Tickets will be sold in advance for the show Wednesday, Nov. 13. The cost will be \$5 for C.L.A. students, \$7 for non-students, and \$9 the day of the show.

—Marianne Calabrese

Keeling to speak at Drew

University Health Services and Academic Forum are co-sponsoring sexual health educator Dr. Richard Keeling. Keeling will address aspects of sex, alcohol, and self-esteem in an upcoming lecture Tuesday Oct. 22 in Baldwin Gymnasium.

Originally this talk was to be held in Great Hall but the location was changed due to interest from the public, according to Director of Health Services Kathy Nottage. She expects 300-400 people to attend.

"[Keeling] heightens awareness without scaring people to death," Nottage said. "He discusses important health issues such as AIDS, sexual assault, sexually transmitted

diseases, and alcohol use and abuse all within the context of gender issues and self-esteem. He presents realistic strategies for prevention."

"He also talks about the media and how subliminal messages affect teen behavior and what difference that has made in the '80s and will continue to do so in the '90s," Nottage said.

Keeling has won many awards for his work on AIDS education among high school and college students.

—Acorn News Service

Racism panel Monday

A panel on racism will take place Monday night in University Center Room 107 at 8 p.m. The panel, sponsored by the Student Government Association, is a result of discussions which occurred at the leadership training workshop the weekend of Sept. 28.

Panel members include Professor of Anthropology Phil Peek, Assistant Professor of Psychology George Harold-Jennings, senior Sandra Rodriguez representing Ariel, junior Nicole Peggins from Hyera, sophomore Brian Gregg from Americans Watching Against Restrictions of Expression, and others.

Rodriguez and Gregg will present a three-to-five minute opening statement, with questions following. S.G.A. President Sodian Selvaretnam will facilitate the discussion.

"The panel should present different points of view on racism at Drew," S.G.A. Secretary Carla Guerriero said. "There are some who have experienced racism at Drew, and others who don't see it."

—Larry Grady

Lecture, slides show Red Square under seige

Alison Simko
Staff Writer

Monday afternoon in Brothers' College Room 101, Catharine Theimer Nepomnyashchy, professor of Russian literature at Barnard College, presented "Red Square: I was there," a speech and slide presentation of her experience in Moscow during the recent coup.

Nepomnyashchy went to Moscow in August to attend the Congress of Fellow Countrymen, sponsored by the Supreme Soviet of the Russian Federation, which she said was "a symbolic event in which Russian emigres and people who specialized in Russian emigre culture were to return, to symbolically re-cement relations with their colleagues in the Soviet Union."

Nepomnyashchy said she received a call Monday, Aug. 19, at her hotel located about 100 yards from the Kremlin in Red Square, "saying there's been a military takeover. This was absolutely unexpected."

Nepomnyashchy said tanks soon appeared in front of the hotel. "It's very, very strange when a bunch of tanks show up in front of your hotel and then don't do anything."

Showing a slide of three large tanks in Red Square, she said "I did not ask myself the question at the time why these tanks were there, nor did I notice that the guns were pointing directly at the Kremlin. You tend to block things you don't want to see. It's one of the ways you get through it. I thought I was very calm at the time."

Nepomnyashchy said, to her, one of the most striking aspects of the coup on the first day was "the number of people out on the streets who may have not been actively resisting what was going on, but who weren't scared into staying at home, and who, rather than cowering in front of all this military equipment, were going up and talking to the people in the tanks and challenging them."

"At one point the troops turned on blaring rock music of all things, to stop people from talking to them," she said. Many of the people standing in Red Square were taking pictures; "it was kind of a weird tourist



Nepomnyashchy presented a first-hand account of the activity in Red Square during the attempted military takeover of the Soviet government. Photo by Karl Langden

attraction," Nepomnyashchy said.

Regular radio programming was taken off and the press was suspended, inhibiting communication within Moscow, Nepomnyashchy said.

"We thought Gorbachev was dead until well into Wednesday when we knew the coup was over. We thought that Yeltsin had been arrested—that in fact all of the top liberals had been arrested, because there was no news to the contrary."

According to Nepomnyashchy, declarations on the buses blocking Red Square were "one of the few sources of direct information in Moscow. They were all over the place, trying to communicate what the situation was."

Wednesday afternoon when the coup ended, Nepomnyashchy said she was standing in Red Square when "all of a sudden we heard sirens and these tanks come at full speed out of the street. It looked for a

second like they were coming straight at us. At this point we had no idea what was going on. It wasn't until we got back to the hotel we found out it was over."

Nepomnyashchy said transportation was suspended in Moscow as well. "We were on foot the whole time. One of my prevailing memories of this coup is being exhausted and my feet hurting and being wet, because there was no way to take any kind of transportation because everything was blocked up and cut off."

According to Nepomnyashchy, the presence of the Black Berets, the special interior police sent to Lithuania by Moscow was "very strange: I saw a number of them smiling. A police captain was saying 'Oh don't worry, it's all right, nothing's going to happen.' One guy in the crowd was arguing with him, saying 'Well, what do they need tanks for? If this is a legal action, you don't need tanks.' The Black Berets were standing there and one of them was even smirking. It's hard to say the people looked really hostile."

Nepomnyashchy said she ate dinner Tuesday with a colonel from the Congress, "very likely KGB, who had just come from the press conference with the coup leaders, which was not going to be aired for another

hour-and-a-half on TV. He was very depressed and started hitting the vodka and confessing all of his sins as a party member. So even people who had been die-hard party supporters apparently were not at all happy about what was going on."

Nepomnyashchy said, "I guess I didn't really know how much of a feminist I was" until the Assistant Mayor of Moscow ordered all women out of the Moscow because of an imminent attack. "A guy came up to me and said, 'Please leave. There's going to be an attack. We're getting all women out of here, at which point I looked at him and said, 'Listen, I'm a foreigner, I'll leave, but don't you think women can defend their homeland?' The guy looked at me in complete shock as if this were a concept that had never dawned on him."

According to Nepomnyashchy, the only three casualties of the coup occurred when tanks began moving into the tunnel early Wednesday morning, August 21. People at the outer defenses of the Russian White House were defending buses at the other end of the tunnel, "and there were some drunk people among them who thought they were being attacked. They threw a cloth over the tank and in one way or another, the tank apparently rammed the buses and two people were killed. Then one of the soldiers panicked and shot one more person. And it's quite amazing that they got the tank crew out of there alive."

She then showed several slides of flower shrines, which were erected on the spot where the deaths occurred. The shrines also contained many cigarettes, because "the idea was to give up something of value to you in honor of the dead."

Nepomnyashchy showed a slide of a Pizza Hut on a Moscow street. "This one, to me, to a certain extent symbolizes the coup because in retrospect it's very easy to say that something that happened had to happen, but it's precisely the new Soviet Union to me that made what happened to the coup inevitable," she said. "And Pizza Hut is part of that new Soviet Union but it was very eerie to see tanks running in front of Pizza Hut."

Nepomnyashchy said overall, the coup situation was one that, "I had never been in before, and although I feel incredibly lucky to have been there, I'm not sure I want to do it again."

Corrections:

In the Oct. 11 issue of the Acorn, the advertisement for the fall semester group offerings for Counseling and Psychological Services incorrectly listed the offerings in the tear-off slip.

The list of groups should have read COPE (O, A, or B), SOS, BACCHUS, Women Who Love Too Much, The African Experience, Enhancing Self-Esteem, and Twelve-Step Support Group.

Also, in the same issue, junior Allison Cohen's name was misspelled in the article "Leaky roofs cause property damage."

The Acorn regrets any inconveniences these errors may have caused.

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Energize, not lobotomize

Wednesday night a couple of crazy kids went speeding by the University Center on a golf cart. Hopefully Public Safety didn't catch these wacky antics.

Following the trend of these "delinquents," Drew students need to loosen up, because you know there's something wrong when your parents call you lame.

For the majority of our parents who attended college, those years were times to remember. Streaking across the quad in full daylight or seeing how many people you could cram into a VW micro-bus are relics of days gone by at Drew.

Many say this "positive" evolution signifies the sophistication of the modern student. We no longer need these antics, they say, because our studies are overwhelmingly important and the time needed for them leaves none for these juvenile "pranks."

Bullshit. We, as Drew students, should constantly strive to be as asinine as possible, whether it be through utterly pointless or mindless tradition or just plain looseness, as long as such activities do not cross the border of disrespecting others.

Quite frankly we are not the community portrayed in all of admissions literature. The divisiveness which separates those of different classes and interests produces an unhealthy attitude. Stress leads to short lives. Just ask George Eberhardt who recently said humor has helped him pass a joyful 24 years at Drew (and he's 87 years old).

To the end of having more fun, two things need to take place.

Have you noticed we don't have any traditions on this campus? After 70 years of existence, one might expect the development of some inane, ritualistic fun.

One way to achieve this is the reinstallation of The Rose City Classic. It serves as a perfect example of an event the whole campus enjoyed. Even those not particularly fond of basketball enthusiastically attended, sporting painted faces, making lots of noise, and finding original methods of telling the other team they suck. Unfortunately, due to poor administrative planning, forced budget cuts, and the invisible NEW GYM, Rose City has been transported into the realm of "Golly, we used to have fun at..."

The First Annual Picnic possesses the potential to become a Drew tradition. But really now, who ever heard of a picnic held on an old dilapidated tennis court. Student Activities could use their money more efficiently by focusing on community oriented events such as FAP.

Besides the creation of traditions, Drew students need a good dose of improvisation in their lives. Spontaneity at Drew consists of getting drunk at suite parties and jumping out a second story window. Why not go to cheap movie night Tuesdays down in Madison or take the train to New York City Saturday. Better yet, take the 10:10 p.m. bus to Port Authority and roam the streets of Greenwich Village until the first bus in the morning.

Alas...the administration is not more accepting of the silly things we sometimes do. An incident took place last year where students were forced to end a snowball fight taking place outside of Haselton Hall. A SNOWBALL FIGHT? Switch to Sanka gang, it's not like we're murderers, politicians, or ex-Hollywood child stars. We're just having a little fun!

But ignore the uptight administration and create your own times to remember. A relaxed, enjoyable environment fosters the sense of independent thought and creativity needed for a complete learning experience. Don't walk lethargically through four years of college with all the personality of a lobotomy.

An atmosphere with students cramped in tiny rooms drinking smuggled beer produces cramped minds. Unable to escape the constraints imposed by an anal-retentive administration and our own lack of creativity, Drew students must realize the desperation of an innocence slipping away.

Top Ten Crazy Things to do on Campus:

10. Break into the commons and cover the floor with Grape Nuts.
9. Put a boot on Tom Evans' car.
8. Play naked Twister on the turf.
7. Change Peggy Howard's voice message to AC/DC's "You Shook Me All Night Long."
6. Throw condom water balloons from Hoyt fourth.
5. Argue with Joan Steiner.
4. Put a slip'n'slide on the Aztec stairs.
3. Paint all the parking spaces handicapped.
2. Steal Tom Kean's bike and replace it with a Big Wheel.
1. Move the security booth onto Route 24.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Liberal community works to educate, not force views

To the Editor:

While spending more than two years at Drew I've noticed a strong liberal community that has been working to educate others on campus who are not familiar with their issues. I feel that all "liberal/minority" organizations on this campus have a goal of eliminating "-ism's and removing labels, while simultaneously retaining identity.

Unfortunately, I've seen that the existence of such organizations is often misconstrued as an opposing effort to progress at Drew and an infringement on the rights of many individuals who do not belong to a specific minority or share similar political views. To say that the existence of a group such as the Alliance denies or infringes upon the rights of non-participants or heterosexuals or to say that the presence of such an organization would endanger or jeopardize the general well-being of most students on this campus is persecution through ignorance. This persecution is one of the most subtle as well as the most popular forms of oppression at Drew.

Objects of usually severe criticism, "liberal/minority" organizations are seen as rampant political tanks that are in the process of converting, manipulating, or drastically changing Drew University for goals that are sheerly for their cause. This is false.

Our mere existence may not be perceived as seriously threatening among other students at Drew. "Liberal/minority" organizations have been misappropriately termed "Politically Correct" groups. One might wonder why. I believe that Political Correctness at Drew has the meaning "the force of liberal views upon those who have not held the specific list of beliefs original to their own upon arriving to or remaining at Drew." If this liberal set of beliefs is markedly different from those who do not hold them, often is their expression debase as offensive and imposing; the response to aim the source of such supposed force is almost directly targeted at the "liberal/minority" organization(s) who discuss(es) topics even vaguely resembling the theme of the supposed force. As an elected leader

of the Drew Alliance I would say that if anyone truly forces "liberal/minority" views concerning homosexuality and bisexuality, they are not representing the Alliance and should be addressed for their proven infringement as an individual. There is no justification for the Alliance receiving clout because of similar subjects on sexual preference which lie between the goals of the organization and the will of an imposing individual.

I have read opinion articles in the Acorn from last year which stated that there is an enormous P.C. problem at Drew. Yet upon trying to show evidence of this P.C. deluge, the author cited examples from other schools to justify his bogus statement. This is not as phobic but can be equally if not more detrimental and dividing of Drew.

I strongly urge that before anyone passes judgment or assumes that an event to which he or she did not attend, transpired to the benefit of the "liberal/minority" organization solely to avoid the war cry of "discrimination" to thoroughly research what he or she is discussing to avoid assuming. Find out what the organization is truly about.

Being a co-chair of Drew's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Straight Persons' Alliance, I want to say that all of our meetings and events are open to the entire Drew C.L.A. Our invitation to the campus is not extended just to comply with the rules of E.C.A.B. because it is the source of the Alliance's funding, but because one of several purposes of the Alliance is to educate. Yes, the main focus of meetings will be issues concerning lesbian, gay, and bisexual issues at Drew. Contrary to assumption, they do not exclude the heterosexual majority nor condone its input or feelings.

As human beings we have not yet reached our goal of equality. And as we are students of Drew, we are human beings.

Christopher J. Withers
Alliance co-chair

Asian Studies program benefits entire Drew campus

To the Editor:

The Area Studies program is a long overdue addition to Drew University's curriculum. It deserves to sit amongst the highest priorities of Drew's administration. For so long our curriculum has lacked diversity, concentrating mostly on European and American topics. An "up and coming" university should broaden its variety of classes as well as establish minors, at the least, for African Studies, Latin American Studies, and most important to me, Asian Studies.

Citing the History department as an example, the College of Liberal Arts of Drew offers 31 classes dealing with European or American history compared to a total of 6 classes covering the 4 areas of Africa, Latin America, Asia, and the Middle East. It is understandable to expect more emphasis on European and American history in an American university, however, it is apparent that attention toward the rest of the world, at least

in history, has been neglected.

Using myself as an example, the only recollection I have of being taught about my ancestral country of India, was that it was a distant land that Columbus was trying to reach 499 years ago this week. I have never been able to learn about the history, government, or economics of the country where the Pandya family originates.

This does not apply only to me, nor only to India. It applies to every student from every corner of the globe. Learning not only about where we come from, but also where our neighbors come from will help us better understand different cultures and different peoples and thus will allow us to open our minds to what is really going on around us today.

Gitesh Pandya
President, A.S.T.A.

Support group for learning disabled begins to form

To the Editor:

In honor (well, not really) of Governor Jim Florio declaring October to be dyslexia awareness month (I kid you not), Dean Lawler and I have been working together to get a real program on this campus for people with learning disabilities. Dyslexia is a form of learning disability. This letter was one idea we had to inform the general public as well as L.D. (learning disabled) students about what we are trying to do.

Many of you may not have realized that there even was a program. Well, there was, and it was pretty pathetic. Little did many people realize that there is a law, more affectionately known as Section 504, that protects all people with handicaps and L.D.s are part of this law. This enables people diagnosed as L.D. to obtain extra time on tests, change in formats for tests, use of computers, and all kinds of other fun things. Some of you may think that this is unfair. Not to be mean or anything, but WRONG! We have to meet the same requirements as everyone else. These little things enable L.D. students to do this. It is not an extra or a privilege, but more of a necessity and

compensatory. You may be wondering how I know about all of this. I make it no secret that I am L.D. myself and have been for sometime, and, unfortunately in some ways, always will be. I am the "student contact" for other L.D. people to call because sometimes it is easier to talk to a peer than to talk to (gasp) administration. You do not have to be L.D. to call. If you want to find out more about learning disabilities I'll try and explain it as best I can.

However, none of this is the real point to this. We, Dean Lawler and I, are trying to get a support group going. Anyone who is L.D. is more than welcome. This is not an official club or anything, but more of an informal gathering to chat about life's little foibles, how to deal with prof.'s, and things like that. If you are interested you can call either me at x4139 or Dean Lawler at x3514. This will be completely confidential. So, remember "Dyslexics of America unite, together we will trip up the world!"

Jennifer Sihler
Senior

President Tom Kean's next open office hour will be 9:30-10:30 a.m. Friday Oct. 25

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Women's Concerns faces unfounded criticism

Bill Norris
Staff Writer

I am not a member of the Women's Concerns Club. I do not live in Madison House. However, I am angered at the recent attacks leveled against both organizations. I am angry not only because people and a club I respect have been criticized, but also because those criticisms have little or no factual basis.

It first must be pointed out that the residents of Women's Concerns House and Women's Concerns Club are not the same. It is true that many of the people living in the house are members of the club. However, it is unfair and inaccurate to lump the two entities into one group. In general, the members of the club and the residents of the house are far too diverse to categorize with blanket statements.

It is also unfair to blame the residents of Madison House for the displacement of the international students from Hannon House.

I believe the theme houses are an important part of campus life, and no one theme house is more important than any other. However, assuming the residents of Madison

House were "awarded" Hannon House because they are a radical, leftist group with strong influence among faculty and administration is absurd. The Madison House residents did not want to move into Hannon House, they did not want to displace anyone, and they certainly were not "out to get" the international students. Madison House residents fought to retain their home, and reluctantly accepted Hannon House as a compromise.

It has been asserted the Madison House residents did not want to move to Tolley third because house residents complained their lifestyles are too "delicate" for the Drew population. This notion is also absurd. The people I know in Madison House are among the strongest I have ever met. They have been subject to harassment and phone threats because of their politics. Yet, I do not know of one Women's Concerns member who has not spoken against sexism when placed in a threatening situation. The Women's Concerns Club and the residents of Madison House are among the most courageous people I know, and are hardly "delicate."

The Women's Concerns Club has also

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been accused of using its "power" to interrogate members of other campus organizations. Specifically, they have been charged with attacking the rugby team two years ago at a panel discussion on pornography. Madison House resident Dawn Williams said, "I was there, and I saw no interrogation." Also, Madison House Resident Assistant Amy Penkin recently spoke with rugby players who agreed with her that many left the panel positively. Regardless, the alleged incident took place two years ago. THIS year, Women's Studies and the rugby team voluntarily co-sponsored the Sex 101 presentation by Jackson Katz. No matter what has taken place in the past, there now exists an

apparent spirit of cooperation between the two organizations.

Perhaps the saddest part about the attacks on the Women's Concerns Club and Madison House is that the attackers have rarely attended a meeting or event sponsored by the house or the club. So, I challenge you: If you plan on attacking the "radical left" on campus, get your facts straight and then attend a meeting of Women's Concerns, Peacemakers, the Alliance, or any other group you consider "radical." Keep your mind open, and if you disagree with what you hear, speak out. I guarantee that if you present a reasonable point, and back up that point with facts, the "radicals" will listen.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Supporters of Madison House residents strike back

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Women's Concerns House and as the Resident Assistant, I feel that I must address some of the ideas presented in the opinion piece, "Radicals should return to roots." I recognize that there are various opinions held by the members of the Women's Concerns House, and I am attempting to reflect the consensus of the community based on the ideas expressed at our

most recent house meeting. Following this letter are those individual opinions which I encourage everyone to pay attention to.

Just as the residents of the house have various opinions, so do the members of the Women's Concerns Club, a distinct yet affiliated organization. The other unnamed "radicals" also individually and diversely express their own opinions. An "open-minded person" with an "attentive ear" would be conscious not to lump people and their specific interests or issues.

Before the Women's Concerns House, Women's Concerns Club, or any other "radical" group on campus is accused of "shackling their minds" and adhering to certain stereotypes, the accuser needs to be mature enough to understand what each group is all about. The issues of Women's Concern and the house are diverse.

Because we are a theme house and lead an alternative lifestyle, we do feel the need to live in our own self-contained space. Our issues are sensitive and "delicate" to the extent that we

need our own space to focus on our issues without fear of unnecessary harassment. We welcome anyone interested in women's issues to experience this environment.

We give an open invitation for anyone to come to any of the Women's Concerns meetings Monday nights at 6:30 in the Madison House lounge, or any of the co-sponsored events, like the films on Saturday nights to understand what our issues are.

The Women's Concerns House and all the theme houses have much to offer the Drew Community. I suggest we use our time, energies, and efforts toward a positive dialogue and increased awareness on this campus and move our focus away from the negative and destructive attacks on any individual or organization who wishes to express their opinion. Let us all work together toward creating a "truly free world" and an enlightened, open-minded, and positive community.

Amy E. Penkin
Resident Assistant of Women's Concerns House

Ed. note: This letter was signed by all residents of the Women's Concerns House. These are the opinions of the members of the Women's Concerns House as expressed by the Resident Assistant. They do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Office of Residence Life.

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to a trend that has arisen on this campus which is ever so poignantly reflected in several of last week's opinion pieces. The trend I am referring to is leftist bashing. I use the term leftist as a reluctant generalization, mostly because I can't pin down exactly which faction of the Drew Community these writers are attacking. The amorphous segment of the campus, whose evils they are attempting to warn your readers of, is called by many names including: "Scary radical groups," "liberals," "P.C.," and "Women's Concerns." These generalizations are plagued with several problems.

First there is an inherent language problem in the assumption that liberalism and radicalism are synonymous concepts. The debate over their definition and differentiation alone could fill several issues of the Acorn. Also there is a recurrent tendency to assume that Womyn's Concerns, Womyn's studies, and the Womyn's Concerns home are interchangeable labels to be randomly affixed to a common community of individuals. Not only do these ambiguities of labeling undercut the possibility of a logical discourse, but there are intrinsic problems in this system of generalization. Rather than "blindly" perpetuating "certain stereotypes" the author of the editorial about "radicals" should take the advice offered in the idealistic but eloquent lead editorial. If he did so he might realize that his attempt to homogenize a group of diverse individuals and their respective causes has produced nothing but gross and inaccurate generalizations that when viewed through the "prism" of his own pre-conceived notions serve to demonstrate his inability to separate the "category" from the

"individuals" he has placed in it.

I take no "shame" in the tenacity or militancy of my response to this article and other similar ones, nor do I feel it necessary for any of the groups assaulted by these pieces to apologize for their pride in whatever mainstream acceptance or recognition their causes have received. As co-chair of Peacemakers, an active member of the Womyn's Concerns community, and a vocal member of what has come to be stereotyped as Drew's "radical" element I feel I can express my resentment that the opinions page is fast becoming a forum with in which to attack me and that which I hold dear.

My last and by far most heart-felt plea is that the vilification of the Madison House community cease. To us Madison House is not just our "building" as it was called on last week's opinions page. It is our "HOME" (a linguistic courtesy accorded, by the author, only to the international students)!! Our community is not happy about what has happened to the international students, and similarly we are not exactly thrilled that our home in going to be used as office spaces. We were not "awarded" Hannon House. Determined not to become "victims of our own silence" we mobilized on less than 24 hours notice to fight to save our home. Only when we realized our struggle was futile and when the promise that the international students would be afforded the same courtesies we were did we accept the Hannon House solution with which we were presented. Thank you.

Kenneth Kisselman
Women's Concerns House resident

To the Editor:

Kevin Cioppa states that he is open-minded and listens to "alternative" viewpoints. Kevin called me before he wrote the article to get my opinion, however he neglected to do so. He asked me about the International House controversy and more specifically about what occurred in the meetings last summer. Instead, he could have asked me how I define liberalism and/or radicalism. I may have clarified the difference between Women's Concerns Club and the Women's Concerns House. He could have asked me, as a women's studies minor, a feminist's conception of women's power on campus or in society. I could have told him why I felt the house may be subject to harassment on campus or how I define "conservative male hierarchy," because if he had asked any number of the people in or outside of the house he may not have appeared so ignorant of all of these concepts in his article. It is my opinion that if Kevin really had an open mind and wanted to know what I thought he would have taken advantage of the opportunity to ask me, and I would have gladly expressed my views. Since he chose not to ask, now I will tell him.

Kevin claims that he feels "used and betrayed" because he has an open mind and Women's Concerns have "shackled" their minds. Perhaps when Kevin heard what women were saying, he discovered that many women are not satisfied with the same solutions he may suggest.

Many women are tired of being fed information through formal education that enforces strict

gender roles that consistently devalue what is said to be "feminine." Many of us have had enough of studying a history (and psychology, science, philosophy, etc.) that categorically excludes and disenfranchises women (and other groups) of our past and our struggles and our triumphs.

Many feminists refuse to accept imposed constructed gender roles dictated by TV, magazines, the educational system, the government, etc. Many of us wish to open our minds to new ways of viewing the world, a world defined by women. We have heard "your" history, and we have listened to what "you" have had to say since day one; since we were taken out of the womb by a man, with an M.D., who decided then that we were girls and whose forefathers decided and imposed what that meant. Many of us want to know how "you" feel about a woman-centered lifestyle; we ask ourselves and each other how you fit into such a vision. Ultimately, that is for you to decide.

Kevin, you may listen but you make no attempt to understand. If you tried to understand, if you let go of your privilege (if only for a moment), and were truly open to a perspective different from your own, I think you would not feel so threatened by the women and men of the Women's Concerns House and Women's Concerns.

Jen Edwards
Women's Concerns House resident

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

In response to Kevin Cioppa's article from the Oct. 11 issue of the *Acorn*, I would like to emphasize that most sweeping generalizations are as false as they are absurd, under any circumstances. When we start talking about "groups" rather than "individuals," lumping people together and judging them, we devalue them, and the consequences are destructive.

If we permit ourselves to view Drew as a microcosm of the world, how can we talk about understanding each other, and making peace with other groups internationally, if we aren't even communicating here on campus? If a person has a problem, or disagrees with another's point of view, Drew is small enough to enable that conflict to be resolved on a personal level. If Cioppa would have attended a Women's Concerns

meeting, or even spoken to any of the house or club members individually, we could have met as adults and discussed the issues he brought up in his article.

I don't know if the pen is mightier than the sword—perhaps it is. But I do know that blows dealt by words can be just as sharp and hurtful as those from fists or physical weapons. I would like to think that we're all here with the same goals in mind—to learn and grow as people. I feel that I can speak for the rest of the House saying that none of us have mean intentions, or power-mongering ulterior motives, and we were all cut, and saddened by Cioppa's article.

Sarah Fabry
Women's Concerns House resident

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to Kevin Cioppa's article in last week's *Acorn*. It saddens me to have to respond to such unfounded accusations and misleading statements. Women's Concerns is a group of very different women and men with their own thoughts and opinions. We can be lumped together into one neat category no more than DEAL, the Alliance, or Hyera can. By assuming that we are all a bunch of ranting, leftist, radicals he is being as closed minded as he accuses us of being.

I am confused as to how he came about his knowledge of Women's Concerns. When is the last time he has been to a Women's Concerns meeting? Certainly not this year. Before anyone makes rash judgments as to who we are, I would suggest they at least make the effort of coming to a meeting. Contrary to popular opinion we are not a radical group of manhaters. We meet once a week to discuss issues pertaining to women, educate ourselves, and celebrate womankind.

We are also not the Women's Concerns House, and it is sheer ignorance that he would have assumed that we were. We frequently work together, and many of us who live there are active in the group—still we are two separate groups and expect to be regarded as such. Contrary to Cioppa's attempt to simplify the situation, we did not wield our massive influence to push the international students from their home. We were "awarded" Hannon House not because the campus couldn't handle our "delicate" lifestyles (out what?) and not because the administration trembled at our wrath, but because we are a strong, active community that contributes a lot to

the campus. That does not make us more important than the International House, as each theme house contributes its own unique perspective to the greater Drew Community. It seems that many are wasting their time and efforts in criticizing the fact that the Women's Concerns House will be moving to Hannon House when their anger should be that *any* theme house would be terminated.

Since I am a sophomore and was not around for the infamous rugby incident, I am only vaguely aware of what happened. What I do know is that what happened two years ago hardly seems relevant to the here and now. We as a group are not responsible for the past actions of members no more than the rugby team is. It is also important to realize that language is amazingly powerful, and derogatory statements towards anyone should not be trivialized.

Cioppa states "In short, I have matured. I now call on Drew radicals to do the same." I suggest to Cioppa, you hold yourself in too high a regard to assume that we should work to attain your superior level of open-mindedness and maturity. Listening to others is not enough. We all need to work to understand each other and work towards acceptance even if we don't agree on certain issues. I will not apologize for holding strong opinions. If you do not feel comfortable enough with your opinions to express yourself without fear of criticism that is your own problem, not ours.

Colleen Fox
Women's Concerns House resident

To the Editor:

I am writing this in response to Kevin Cioppa's article "Radicals should return to roots." While there are several points that Cioppa made that I strongly disagree with, there are two facts that the campus should be aware of that Cioppa fails to point out.

As a three year member and second year co-chair of the Drew University Anti-Apartheid Movement, I question the lumping of all liberal activity on campus under the heading "Women's Concerns." Women's Concerns, although active and very vocal, is only one part of a very large group of active Drew students working for equality. This equality that we are all struggling for is not just for women, but for people of color, homosexuals and bisexuals, people of different ethnic backgrounds, and other oppressed and misunderstood groups.

I question also the negative focus on Women's Concerns activities. Citing an event that took place two years ago and mistakenly interpreting it as "the Drew version of the McCarthy hearings" does not give an accurate picture of the positive, educational events that Women's Concerns, the Women's Concerns House, and the Women's Concerns minor work to sponsor. Jackson Katz, a pro-feminist speaker, talked on

the subject of what men can do to stop rape. This event, sponsored by the Athletic Department, rugby team, and Women's Concerns, was informative and positive for all people attending. Rape Awareness Week was also purely educational, and in no way was a method for Women's Concerns to "install [our] own version of supremacy." Other Women's Concerns activities and projects include working with Kathy Nottage to improve health care for women on campus, showing films based on the lives of women to provide a format for discussion, and sponsoring a cabaret for women on campus to showcase their work. None of these activities are radical, nor do they "shackle [our] minds." They add a different perspective; they do not denigrate other view points.

The extreme generalizations and misinformation featured in Cioppa's article disturbed me. We cannot learn about others by erroneously combining them into one group, and we cannot hope to bring about change or open minds by accusations based in stereotypes and misunderstandings.

Juliet Francoeur
Women's Concerns House resident

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to Kevin Cioppa's editorial entitled "Radicals should return to roots." First of all, I would like to make a distinction between Women's Concerns and the Women's Concerns House. The Women's Concerns House is a living community made up of people—men and women—of diverse interests who are brought together by their underlying interest in and concern for women's issues. Many of the residents of Madison House are co-chairs of various organizations on campus, and we work extremely hard to provide good educational and recreational programming for the entire Drew community, both as a theme house and as members of our individual organizations.

Women's Concerns, on the other hand, is a separate and distinct entity in which anyone on campus who also has an interest in these issues,

and who would like to work toward educating the rest of the Drew community, may participate. As a group, Women's Concerns is about much more than merely "fighting against" the "conservative male hierarchy." We are about much more than "equal pay for equal work." We work to educate the rest of the campus about women's issues, as we did during Rape Awareness Week, and to empower all Drew women so that we may be strong and so that we may be proud of who we are—whatever our ideology or our lifestyle.

I am uncertain as to which other "radical elements" on campus Mr. Cioppa was referring, since he only mentioned Women's Concerns. Perhaps his next editorial will enlighten us further.

Sue Gilliam
Women's Concerns House resident

To the Editor:

I am appalled and offended by Kevin Cioppa's unfounded statements and accusations in his opinion article entitled "Radicals should return to roots," printed in the Oct. 11 issue of the *Acorn*.

This article is poorly written for a number of reasons. First, Cioppa mistakenly refers to the residents of Madison House and the members of Women's Concerns as the same group of people. While many people are involved in both Madison House and Women's Concerns, these two groups are separate entities and should be regarded as such.

Second, Cioppa uses the phrase "certain radical elements" on campus. Besides Women's Concerns, there are many other groups on this campus, such as the Alliance, Peacemakers, and DAAM, who would also fall under Cioppa's blanket term "radical groups." Yet he fails to mention any of these other groups in his diatribe. If Cioppa has a problem with Women's Concerns or Madison House, he should be up front about it. He should not try to disguise his attack by using the phrase "radical groups" and then only single out Women's Concerns as his target.

Third, Cioppa refers to an event co-sponsored by Women's Concerns and the rugby team two years ago. This event was part of a disciplinary measure taken in response to a highly misogynistic voice-mail message sent around campus by members of the rugby team. I was present at this event, and contrary to Cioppa's statements, there was no "90 minute interrogation" of the rugby players. If Cioppa had taken the time to find more factual information before writing his article, he would not have made such a fool of himself by making so many false assumptions and state-

ments.

In addition, I believe Cioppa has no concept of the term "radical," a word which he uses repeatedly to label "radical" any beliefs, opinions, or actions which are a threat to his white male privilege and authority. He even uses the word "scary" twice in his article. I believe this is an indication of how threatened Cioppa feels by the strength of our women-oriented, women-loving community.

Maybe he is afraid women will decide that they don't need men like him to survive and there will be no women left in the world to be his secretary, maid, sex partner, or child-bearer. Who will take care of him then?

The atrocity of such a poor piece of journalism as Cioppa's article can only be the result of sheer ignorance and lack of truth-finding on the author's part. If Cioppa was truly as open-minded as he claims to be, I would have seen him attend an Alliance meeting or a Women's Concerns meeting during the course of the last three years. I would have seen him make an effort to have a dialogue with members of these groups before making them targets of his unfounded, close-minded, and false accusations.

Margaret A. Healy
Women's Concerns House resident

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to Kevin Cioppa and Sodan Selvetrem's articles in last week's *Acorn*. I am furious at their ignorance and hypocrisy. For example, in Sodan's article, "Closed minds could lead to Drew's collapse," the Student Government Association president preaches open-mindedness and an end to blaming everyone else for Drew's problems. He then goes on to accuse Women's Concerns of influencing the administration so that they could get Hannon House. The Women's Concerns House, not Women's Concerns, was not given any choice in the matter.

In "Radicals should return to roots," Kevin Cioppa speaks as if he is an expert on Women's Concerns. First of all, to my knowledge, he has never attended a meeting or anything else sponsored by Women's Concerns. Yet he seems to

know what they stand for and try to achieve. Secondly, he acts like he is blaming other groups on campus for anything "liberal" happening at Drew, yet he only speaks about Women's Concerns. I am wondering what these other groups are! Lastly, he too confuses Women's Concerns and the Women's Concerns House. Although they do have a lot in common, they are two separate entities. For someone who is so "open-minded" and knowledgeable about these two groups, he certainly did not seem so.

To both Kevin Cioppa and Sodan Selvetrem, I believe that you are both entitled to your opinions. But, until you learn all of the facts and stop being so hypocritical, I suggest that you stop publishing these one-sided articles.

Noreen Johnson
Sophomore

To the Editor:

Last week I picked up a copy of the *Acorn* to read over my dinner hour on Sunday. When I turned to that opinions page, I found there an article entitled, "Radicals should return to roots" that grated deeply on my nerves. The question, "What does this person mean by 'radical'?" first raced through my head. Off the bat, I think I am not acquainted with what the article's view of radical was. In no apparent way did the article clarify what was meant by the term "radical." Such a hole really generalized the article to a point at which I almost threw down the paper in frustration. My brain was taxed.

Not knowing what "radical" meant added to my general confusion about what exactly the article's fears were. Is Women's Concerns the only radical group on campus? Are we talking about the House, or the club? There is a distinction. I found it very poor on the part of the article to include only one example of what was considered "radical." If Women's Concerns is the only "radical" group on campus, what ever happened to diversity of opinion? Really, if the focus of the article was truly on a general view of "radical groups," the article should have included other examples so that no sole group bore the entire burden of proof. Instead, what I read was a cluster

of scattered complaints only weakly threaded together by a cloudy definition.

I agree that opinions should be expressed in the *Acorn*. Yet I believe too that the one writing the article should more carefully define his/her terms. In addition, the article must have a clear and definite focus to its argument. Over-generalizations and loaded words such as "delicate" and "scary" should be defined concisely for the benefit of a general campus audience. I am NOT a mind reader. Without the writer clearly stating what he/she is worried about, I cannot simply absorb the gist of the article.

To all those students who express fears and concerns I issue advice. Learn as much as you can about the problem before passing judgement. Make sure you know what you oppose for knowledge is power. Lack of knowledge gives that what you fear the power over you. Be clear about what bothers you and make sure that your arguments are solidly based on the problem. Over-generalizing and over-specifying can hamper the expression of one's opinion. Thank you.

Theresa Myers
Women's Concerns House resident

To the Editor:

After reading Kevin Cioppa's article "Radicals should return to roots," I find it necessary to point out a number of false statements made.

1. Women's Concerns and the Women's Concerns House are two separate entities and should be treated as such.

2. The so called problem with the Rugby Club and the Women's Concerns Club occurred two years ago not last year. Since then the Rugby Club and the Women's Concerns have co-sponsored a number of events voluntarily.

3. The administration, not the Women's Concerns House, took Hannon House away from the international students. It seems that the magnitude of Cioppa's anger about this injustice is appropriate, but unfortunately as with many other

students' anger, it is misdirected. The important thing here is to not allow the administration to take any of the other theme houses.

In conclusion, I felt it was important for me to point out these blatant mistakes. If I do nothing but keep up the integrity of the *Acorn*.

Dara Jolly
Senior

Opinion Editor's note: There was one factual mistake in my article last week. The rugby incident that I described did take place two years ago, not last year. Although I am sorry for the mistake, it does not detract from one of my overall points, which was to illustrate a long-term trend.

Thomas hearings turn into glorified circus

Jeff Bathurst
Staff Writer

As I sit here and write this, Clarence Thomas has been an associate justice of the Supreme Court for two hours. After a long week of titillating testimony, perjury allegations, and many accusations, the Senate approved Thomas' nomination to the highest court in the land by a 52-48 margin. It was expected a week ago that Thomas would be approved by about that margin, but the American public has seen in the seven-day hiatus the good and bad of a bureaucracy at work.

The Senate Judiciary Committee managed to turn Professor Anita Hill's allegations into a glorified circus. By parading a long line of character witnesses in front of the committee, the conservative and liberal forces in Washington canceled each other out while America was left wondering who to believe. Was Hill, this woman who seemingly came out of nowhere, a pawn of the Democrats who needed some kind of stop-gap to prevent a vote on Thomas or was

Thomas really guilty of sexual harassment earlier in his career? Hill's continued allegations of X-rated movies and "pubic hairs in my Coke" were categorically denied by Thomas, and the Committee was no closer to the truth early Monday morning.

But somewhere along the lines in these hearings, certain senators lost their focus. What was supposed to be a hearing on the competence of Clarence Thomas turned into a sort of criminal trial, and then a crusade against sexual harassment.

As Senator Robert Dole (R-KS) said in

the final debate over Thomas, "This vote is not a referendum on sexual harassment. Were it so, I'm sure that the tally would be 100-0." He was correct in his assessment—this vote was a referendum on Thomas, and despite the attempts of the Democratic senators, that was how the vote turned out.

The entire Thomas affair marks the struggle between the White House and the Senate. George Bush knew going in that the Democratic senators would try their hardest to prevent Thomas from being confirmed, and the acceptance of Thomas became a personal victory for Bush, a symbol that he was still on top. The Democrats on the Senate Judiciary Committee failed in their repeated attempts to discredit Thomas, as the nominee angrily delivered denials to their allegations last Friday night.

Meanwhile, the Republicans on the committee, especially Senators Arlen Specter (PA), Orrin Hatch (UT), and Alan Simpson (WY), tore apart Anita Hill's testimony and managed to raise questions about her credibility, an obvious victory from the heart of the White House.

In short, the hearings on the nomination of Thomas degenerated from a fact-finding investigation to a political struggle. And again, Republicans flexed their muscle and outlasted the Democrats. The whole series of events involving Thomas ended up affirming that the Republicans still control the political inner circle, and that was not the point. But such is the American system—and it probably shall remain that way. I just hope the Senate takes this episode into account the next time a nominee is presented.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the article "Radicals should return to roots" by Kevin Cioppa in last week's *Acorn*. The statements made about the Women's Concerns House and Club are very misleading. According to Cioppa, Women's Concerns has "installed its own form of supremacy," has a "strong influence among certain members of the faculty and administration," and has "disproportionate power on this campus." I am very disturbed by Cioppa's use of such loaded words as "supremacy," "influence," and "power." He uses them as frightening and derogatory terms.

It is my feeling that the Women's Concerns House is a very powerful group on this campus, just as Cioppa states. But my definition of power is extremely opposed to his. Marilyn French, a radical feminist, makes the distinction between two different forms of power. "Power-to" refers to ability, capacity, and comotes a kind of freedom. This is a very positive kind of force that the members of the Women's Concerns House pride themselves in. On the other hand, Cioppa accuses us of "power-over" which "refers to domination."

To have "power-over" someone or something ultimately leads to exploitation and oppression. This is certainly not what the Women's Concerns House is all about. This is what it fights against.

Ann Wallace
Women's Concerns House resident

And through this struggle the residents of Madison House have developed the "power-to" fight for freedom and recognition. It is the strong sense of community, ability, and, yes, power which energizes the members of the house. It is this positive force that made the residents of the Women's Concerns House come together as a group and oppose the loss of their house. And it was this force which gave the members the "power-to" stay together as a group until a new home was found. This does not mean that the community stayed together knowing that some other group would eventually be displaced. At no point was that our goal, and we certainly do not feel that we were "awarded" Hannon House.

This simply means that the members of the Women's Concerns House take our community seriously and will go far to preserve it. We made it clear to the administration that we would not rest until suitable housing arrangements were made for the community to stay together as a whole.

I hope that I have clearly differentiated between the positive forms of power which the Women's Concerns House prides itself in and the oppressive form of power which Kevin Cioppa accuses us of.

Florio fails once again with Quality of Education Act

David Briggs
Staff Writer

In today's society, education is a major concern among the public, and rightly so. Once again, national test scores are on the way down as we struggle to compete in a global economy with the least-educated work force in the industrial world. But substantive education reforms are rare. When they exist, they are often inept or incapable of changing the status quo.

New Jersey Governor Jim Florio is the latest in a long line of officials to weaken the educational system by attempting to correct it. With the recent Quality of Education Act (which was passed by the state legislature in record time, since no one bothered to read or analyze its contents), Florio entered a new realm of funding hypocrisy.

The act bases itself on the premise that education funding in New Jersey is unfair, because the rich districts receive the most money. To correct this, Florio set a goal of raising \$1.1 billion for poor school districts. But raising taxes alone did not cover the bill, so Florio resorted to educational cannibalism by cutting the funding for rich districts in order to finance the 30 poorest in the entire state.

This Robin Hood-ism overlooks a key point. By building up these lowest districts, a new set of 30 lowest districts will be created. That assumes the districts will actually improve; throwing money at poor districts does not solve the deep social problems that prevent children from receiving a good education in the first place (and with no state plan for regulation of the money, the administrators could frankly pocket it without anyone noticing). The idea that money equals performance is a typical big-government belief which has been proven wrong time and time again.

As for the "rich" districts, plans for the future will reduce funding even further, until they eventually receive no money from the state. The irony is that schools still must follow state regulations (such as going to school 180 days)

even though they receive no state money. Thus a rich district is forced to raise its property taxes through the roof to pay for the same school system, and they must make many cuts in faculty, courses, and extracurricular activities. The possibility also exists that the state will put a limit on how much a district may raise from local taxes, effectively destroying whatever kind of good education prevailed there.

Instead of the Q.E.A. actually helping the poor districts, it strives to pull down all districts to the same level of mediocrity. The "Quality" of Education Act has nothing at all to do with quality and very little to do with education. It was originally designed to make education funding fair, but forcing a wealthy district to support everything locally is just as unfair as keeping money from a poor district.

The only fair solution (since the use of local property taxes does give an unfair advantage to rich districts) is not to gut the rich districts but to provide equal funding to all students. The state should support the average cost of a basic education for each student, leaving the local districts to support anything else they might choose to pay for—sports, theater, extracurricular activities, etc. In this way, all students would have the same advantage, but the local districts could raise their standards or create special programs if they wanted to and if they could afford it.

Already, the Q.E.A. falls short of its original purpose. So many people have complained about taxes that Florio has given a large chunk of the money back to the counties for property tax relief (amounting to the whopping sum of maybe \$50 per person in the richest areas), leaving the Q.E.A. with a paltry \$600,000 to fund the poorest districts.

Now the act, a train-robbery band-aid method of funding education, does not even live up to the cheap promises it made when it passed the legislature. Florio, who has become New Jersey's little dictator, has once again managed to elude common sense and practicality in his policies.

To the Editor:

The ignorance shown in Kevin Cioppa's piece, "Radicals should return to roots," enraged me. My views on particular issues have already been expressed in the other letters. However, one specific gripe I have with the article is that he has lumped everyone together, labeling them as "radicals." I am a member of the Women's Concerns and a resident of the Women's Concerns House, but I am not radical. Groups like Women's Concerns have the image of being

"radical" not necessarily because of their beliefs, but from attitudes like his that promote those stereotypes. Many people who live in the Women's Concerns House are not radical and are offended by Cioppa's generalization.

Veronica Stigeler
Women's Concerns House resident
Christopher Shorr
Women's Concerns House resident

To the Editor:

As two year residents of the Women's Concerns house, and three year members of the Women's Concerns Club, we are listening. We are not involved in reverse discrimination. We believe in listening and communicating with everyone—both those who agree with our views and those who challenge them. We believe in listening to understand, not listening to criticize.

We have chosen our living community. It gives us the freedom to educate ourselves and the

confidence to listen to others. We are not perfect, but we are growing together.

Our community welcomes all people. We feel that the future lies in positive dialogue, and invite all interested people to our home to share.

Heidi Lynne Stewart
Women's Concerns House resident
Dawn Renee Williams
Women's Concerns House resident

Letters to the Editor are due Monday 8 p.m.

Books—some complain, others dream

Gina Santorelli
Staff Writer

What a book I just finished! I can't wait to start on another. I think I am going to have to wait on it because I have so much to read for my classes; although, I'd rather be reading a good novel.

Books! I can't stand having too many of them. They are heavy and cumbersome, not at all convenient to carry. Hey, I could always listen to them on cassette. Have you seen them yet in any well-known bookstore? You name the book, and they probably have it. I wonder if they sell copies of my Biology book. That would be great.

If I think through all that I am actually saying, I would realize that reading is not all that bad. As a matter of fact, I think that it is kind of fun. Where would you be if you didn't know how to read? Think about how bad you would feel if you couldn't even read a child's book. It is pretty hard to imagine. Some people don't have to imagine it, they live it. If they had the opportunity, they would love to read 1000 pages. To them this would be a dream come true, a dream that allows them to be more than they ever thought they could be, a dream that could give them a better job and even a better ability to understand.

I'm not really sure what has prompted me to write about this particular problem. I think it has something to do with the fact that I saw a public service announcement about a man who couldn't read. He was so sad and discouraged, just watching it made me crestfallen. It just made me think of how lucky we are to have the opportunity to function normally in society. It is so hard to survive in daily life if one does not know how to read.

Illiteracy is just one of those problems that many people do not give much thought to. It is thought that illiteracy is really a problem of the past, but it is not yet. It is a

problem of our society today. The least we can do is become aware of it and try to comprehend how it will affect us. Just because we are literate does not free us from the problems that are occurring all around the country. As literates, it is our job to read and discover what is wrong. No matter what people say, there are repercussions to everything, and it would be better not to have to suffer them. If we are aware we already are fighting half the battle of ignorance. Ignorance and illiteracy are two very different things and one has nothing to do with the other.

Ignorance is something that almost everyone possesses. No one is well learned in every discipline, nor in every world matter. Our ignorance could decline as we begin to listen and to read about what is wrong in society. When we realize what is wrong, we can try to help in any way possible. One can help by donations, volunteer work, or just spreading, by word of mouth, there are places where people can go for help. If you find someone who needs your help reach out to them. They need you to provide them with guidance and respite from the harshness and intolerance of a society which is in a hurry for no particular reason.

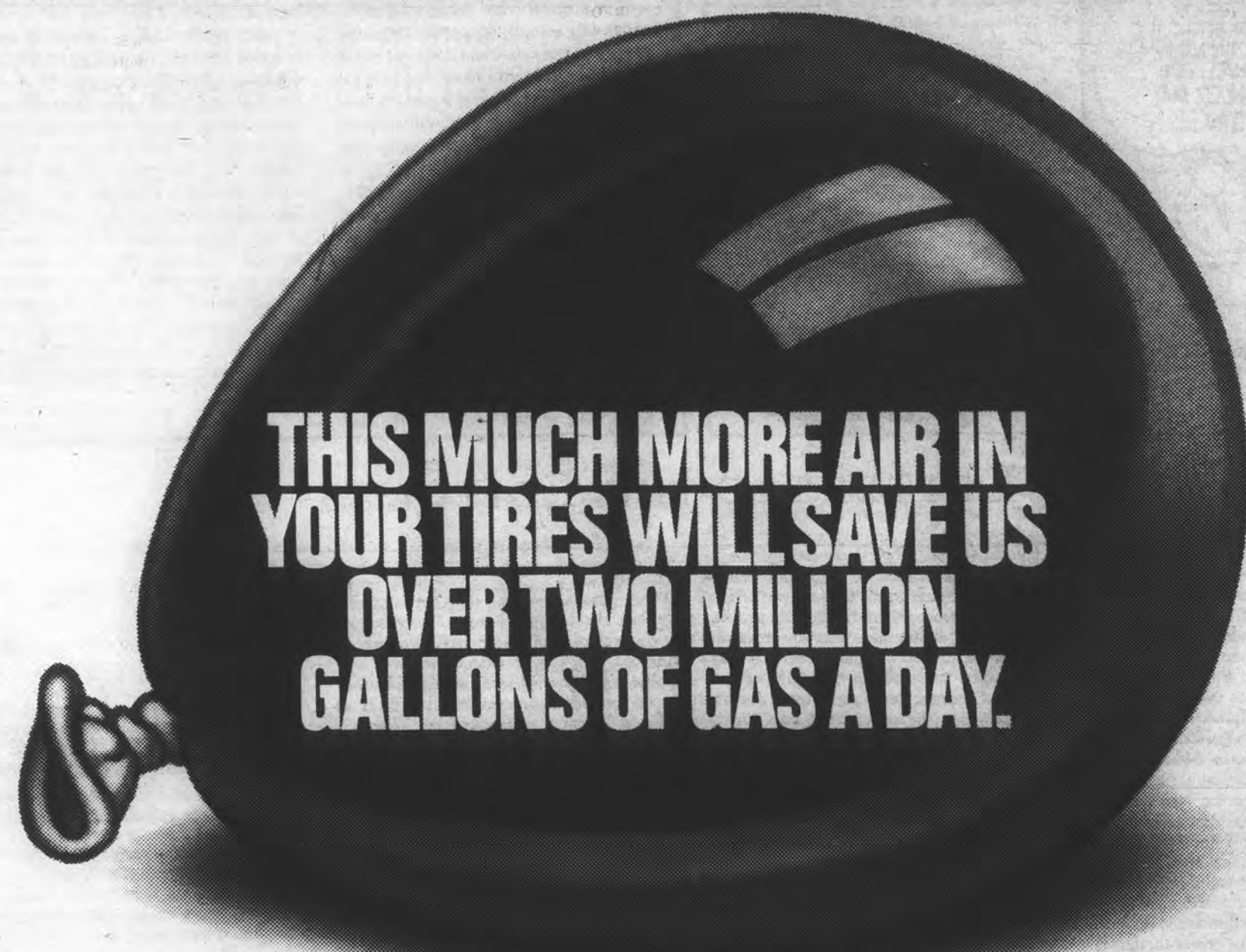
This commercial did a lot for me. I finally realized that a problem exists that I never gave thought to before. I looked into it and discovered that it is predominate in the inner-city and in areas of secluded, rural areas. If you know someone who seems unable to read very well, just ask them if you can help without hurting their ego. Ask them if there is anything they need. Never accuse anybody of being something they are not.

Instead of opening up to you, they may take offense to it and never talk with you again. I don't think we could ever understand the frustrations that come from the inability to read and write. This frustration leads these people to drugs and other hasty actions, because they feel that they are not

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good enough. They are and we have to let them know that. Life is one big learning experience for all of us. By helping others, we become educated, we become aware and we learn more about ourselves. In teaching others, we are

bound to learn a little more about our own lives. Being aware of these problems and helping give the world a little bit more to work with, eventually we may be able to decrease the incidences of illiteracy and other problems to an insignificant number.



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Peer Helpline listens seven days a week

Jen Downey
Staff Writer

Drew's GOOD Helpline was established by the student-run service known as PAR, Peer Assistance and Referral, which is associated with the counseling center. For the past four years the Peer Helpline has guaranteed a fellow student willing to listen to any Drew student in need of someone to talk to. This year PAR members are anxious to make their valuable service better known around campus.

"We want to make it known that the Helpline is not just for the person on the verge of suicide, but for anyone with an every day problem," PAR Co-chair Cornel Plebani said. "It can be utilized for a diverse field of problems, ranging from test anxiety to relationship difficulties to general loneliness."

The Peer Helpline operates seven days a week from 5-9 p.m., which are the hours the counseling center is not open,

and can be reached by dialing 408-GOOD.

Every night a primary person receives calls as well as a back-up person who assists in case of emergencies or just fills in should the primary person be temporarily unable to answer the phone. Students who staff the help line are sophomores, juniors, seniors, and graduate students who receive weekly training and supervision from Director of the Counseling and Psychological Services Marianne O'Hare, and counseling center members Ann Silver and Colleen Schaefer.

"The PAR program consists of trained, caring students who really invest a lot of time, energy, and compassion for the people they help," Plebani said. Another member of PAR who wishes to remain anonymous said, "Everyone in the group is so caring and so dedicated. We want students to know that when they want someone to talk to they can anonymously call the Peer Helpline."

MAIL: Personnel changes made

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Steps have been taken to ensure similar situations do not occur again, Pogue said. Control logs are now being kept to show each day's activity. Pogue said he will only be satisfied with no backlog every day.

McCachren said new printouts were made last week, and his staff is currently going through all the boxes, comparing the lists with the mail in the boxes, and labeling boxes with the appropriate names. Students with mailboxes in dorms will no longer be listed as having a box in the U.C. This will keep mail from going to the wrong place, he said.

"If [the administrators] act like they sounded, things will get done," Mancuso said. "They sounded serious."

McCachren said a study was done the

week of Oct. 10-16 to determine the amount of incorrectly addressed mail. According to the report, a little over 30 percent of all mail brought into the central mail operation were incorrectly addressed items. The primary problem was the failure to list P.O. Box 802, 803, 804, or 805, the report says.

Another report made by Mail Services that same week tracked the postmark of each incoming item. For the five days studied, the average first class letter, between postmark and arrival at Drew, was three days. According to the Madison Post Office, northern New Jersey delivery should take only one day, and all New York and New Jersey delivery should take two days. "The staff we have now is good," McCachren said. "The U.C. is cleared out every day."

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Frugal Gourmet speaks of cooking, community, God

Tom Fowler
Assistant News Editor

Jeff Smith, (T' 65), a Drew alumnus University President Tom Kean called "more popular in the American kitchen than the Pillsbury Doughboy" spoke before an audience of parents, students, and faculty last Saturday in Baldwin Gymnasium.

Better known as the host of one of public television's most popular weekly shows, *The Frugal Gourmet*, Smith's lecture, entitled "Food, Love, and Learning," combined theology, humor, and history to bring about what he says is an essential message for American culture: "We either share or we perish."

Smith began by talking about the connection between the Old Testament and food and its importance today. Smith said food talk is really "God talk" because of the symbolic importance of food, four products in particular, to the ancient Hebrew speaking people.

"Wine, to gladden the heart, the oldest medicine, was called the classic prose of the wisdom of the creator," Smith said. Bread gave strength and stood for God's wish for his people—the Jewish people who had been starving in the desert for many years—to "come unto me and delight yourself in fatness," or health and prosperity, according to Smith.

Olive oil was a symbol for the light of God, Smith said, for people used to put the oil on their faces to make it shine, to let others see the reflection of the light of God. "We are all Puritanical now," Smith said. "We powder our faces instead, so no one can see the content of our souls."

The fourth important food symbol was salt which signified friendship. "If you have a conflict with your neighbor, you have a rose garden and she had a bulldog that likes to visit your rose garden, what do you do? In the old world you would take a dish of salt to your neighbor and you would both dip your fingers in it and taste it. Then all would be healed between you. All of this food imagery and symbolism pointed to something we

could not speak about before or express, and that was God."

Smith explained a distinction between Old Testament views of community and the Hellenistic or modern views. In the Old Testament there was a rule of hospitality that said one had to feed a stranger when they arrived at your doorstep hungry. This was to accept them as a friend, for the table was a symbol of community, Smith said. Today, that value has been lost. Even the English translation of the story of Moses lacks the mention that he "eats and drinks with the king of the universe," Smith said.

Smith talked about the values of modern America and how they have changed drastically from ideas of community to ideas of individuality. He pointed out how the first white settlers of America were nomads who were taken in a by people still working with the rule of hospitality, the American Indians, who fed them, showed them how to plant and grow crops, and to survive.

The quest for the ultimate American dream soon began, according to Smith; success became defined as the ability to separate yourself from as many people as possible. He pulled out of his coat pocket an example of this form of separation and individual isolation, a Swanson's Frozen Dinner tray.

"In 1957 these came out on the market and changed American eating habits," Smith said. "It helped to create a supermarket culture that destroyed the meaning of community. What happens in a culture where food is not used to communicate? T. S. Eliot once said that the sign of a culture in decline is a lack of interest in the preparation of food," Smith said.

Smith closed by encouraging students to take advantage of a campus such as Drew's where there was no limitation on the sorts of things one could study or teach.

"Unless a student is held, nurtured, cared for, they are not going to absorb their education and they will just see it as leftovers," he said. "In education there are no leftovers. That course in statistics you can't see any use for now will sooner or later become terribly important."

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'Some Kind of Love Story' investigates crime, sex

Kevin Schaff
Staff Writer

As the drama of our lives unfolds, most find there is one aspect of the world that helps us to cope with the daily stress and occasional traumas of our existence: Our relationship with other people.

Such a relationship is featured in "Some Kind of Love Story," a play by Arthur Miller and a current production of the Drew University Dramatic Society.

The first technical detail that strikes us as we walk into the theatre is the lighting, beautifully designed by junior Andrew Hancock. Effectively creating the time of day in which the play is set, the lighting creates a warm and strangely romantic mood.

The set is small and confined. The floor is well-painted and has the appearance of real floorboards. Designer Jeff McCaffrey presents the set from an acute angle. The modern art paintings and various items on the dresser and desk give us some insight to the nature of the house's occupant.

Senior Jennifer Shenker has bravely taken on the complicated and lengthy script. Through strong directorial choices and appropriate casting, she produces this quality production in the Commons Theatre.

The play is about a woman, Angela, and a detective, Tom O'Toole. During the course of the play the woman suffers from serious delusions and often slips into different personalities when upset. She was a victim of rape as a child. These multiple identities seem to help her cope with the stress that occurs in her life, but unfortunately it doesn't help the detective. He is trying to get straight answers from her about a case on which he is working that hopefully will get a man named Felix out of jail.

Torn between maintaining a professional attitude and showing his real feelings for Angela, Tom keeps coming to the house for new information about the case—and winds up attracted to her, even though he has a wife. Angela uses information as bait, realizing that if she gives all the information to him right away she will lose one of the few



Nicole Ricciardi and Jack Mingus create Arthur Miller's "Some Kind of Love Story." Photo by Keith Bronsdon

loving relationships she has ever known. The script is indeed very difficult to produce and is even a little difficult to watch. One tends to get bogged down in the confusing subplot instead of focusing on the real intent of the play, which is the nature of the relationship between the two characters. The crime does have some function in the

play: You begin to wonder if Tom will ever get the information that he needs out of Angela and that alone creates suspense. The play is lengthy, and the plot is not easy to digest.

Shenker explains the relationship in the play begins "on a business level" but after time becomes a loving partnership because

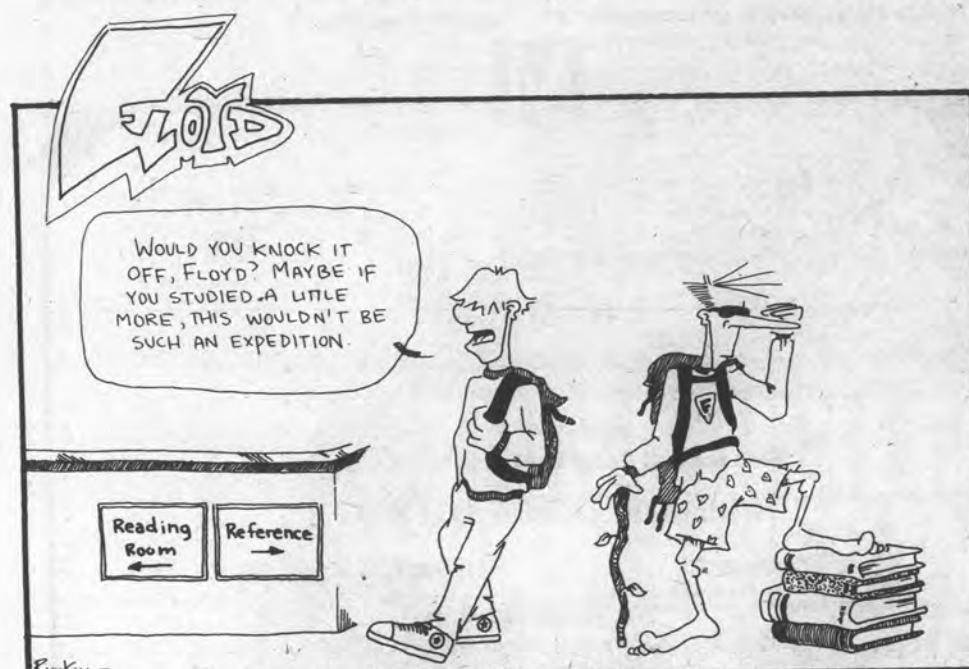
the characters "need each other for trust" and need to have "another person who they can believe in. I knew the play was going to be hard," she said. However, the actors have done a commendable job.

Senior Nicole Ricciardi presents a delusional Angela with fluidity and brilliance, showing us the sheer terror she experiences while being a victim of multiple personality disorder. She realistically achieves a variety of personalities. Her exceptional portrayal is powered with the high energy level needed to carry out the extreme emotional intensity of the play. At some points in the production the intensity must be exhausting. Ricciardi plays a traumatized Angela so well that it is easy to sympathize with the character and empathize with her feelings. We actually felt desperation when she was desperate and a drop in our stomachs when she let out anguished sobs. No emotions in her performance were overacted, however.

Senior Jack Mingus plays Tom O'Toole with talent, also. He effectively gives Tom the frustration needed in the role along with the rough compassion that would be typical of a detective in this type of situation. At some points, however, some of his motions were slightly awkward and unbelievable. However, in playing such a difficult role he shows sound acting ability and skill in performance.

Shenker shows her talent as a director in this production. She is able to tap the emotional intensity of the piece and channel all the energy effectively. Some of the physically violent scenes in the play must be timed and blocked to fit the interpretation of the play, and Shenker is successful in doing this. She seems to have handled the script well, thankfully not focusing on the horribly confusing details of the crime. She directed the play with the human touch it deserves.

This play presents a relationship that is indeed unusual but still includes caring and trust. Lengthy as it is, it's still a drama that's interesting because it brings out the "humanness" in all of us.



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'Here we are now entertain us'

Andy Fenwick
Asst. Entertainment Editor

Clarence Thomas is an associate justice of the Supreme Court. How many of us will care in three weeks? Despite his dangerously conservative views, I'll still watch TV. I'll still buy new CD's. Today I bought *Nevermind* by Nirvana. I didn't watch much of the hearings, and don't know many who did. Perhaps I should feel guilty. I don't.

Our little group has always been and always will until the end.

An old but new issue has been brought to our attention—sexual harassment. Anita Hill claims she was verbally attacked by Thomas when he was her boss 10 years ago. Thomas denies it. Someone is lying. To be safe, especially with women's rights dominating the courts, one would think Congress would deny Thomas the position. No go. And I think that I'll still be attracted to beautiful women and have to be self-conscious about what I say, but then I really don't have the guts to say anything anyway.

with the lights out it's less dangerous.

How do other people know what I'm thinking? How did the government, how did Hill and Thomas know we'd watch the hearings out of interest, yeah, but a little more for the scandal of it? Everything is getting crazier, good music is sounding harder, bored people are getting angrier, and the out of touch ruling class is getting more

conservative, giving us more smut.

here we are now entertain us,

I feel bad now for any "dirty" thoughts I may have, for any sexual jest I may have shared with an equally flirtatious female, for the embarrassment of the men I voted for. Oh boy, these politicians must really know what's what, and I feel disgusting. Sexuality is a disease? Is it? Somewhere, in Nirvana, I know what I feel.

I feel stupid and contagious.

Rather than watch all the proceedings anyway, I watched some of the baseball playoffs which CBS figured were more important, because who watches baseball, mostly? And who plays it? NBC made a decision also, to dare not disturb the morning soap operas, because daytime viewers need their daily dose of clean sex. The government's sex was disgusting. How could they say "penis" on national TV?

here we are now entertain us,

The craziest thing was 14 fat, old, white men deciding on the testimony of an African-American woman. Sexual harassment has happened to all of them, they say, in one indirect form or another. We just haven't caught them yet. A jury of peers was nowhere in sight.

a mulatto, an albino, a mosquito, my libido, yay, yay, a denial,

Orin Hatch read from *The Exorcist*. Strom Thurmond is a horny octogenarian. Joe Biden steals speeches. Ted Kennedy had to keep his mouth shut the whole time.

I'm worse at what I do best and for this gift I feel blessed.

The truth is what we all wanted, the flat sharp truth, and the dirtier the better. We want to dance, we want music to move us, we hate boredom, and God knows there happens to be a dreadful overflow of just that. We even get bored of the stupid rituals of middle class rebellion, the madness that comes from reacting to the horrors of high school and college years. It smells like teen spirit, it does, it stinks, and all the bad things about modern culture have stagnated to the point where escape mechanisms have gotten boring too. I can't go to concerts. After two songs I want to see another band. I can't watch the Thomas hearings. After fifteen minutes of public hairs and huge male members, I need to switch through the channels at light speed. I'd rather throw on *Nevermind* by Nirvana and forget the boredom, but even after five songs I get tired of that, so I repeat the first song, "Smells Like Teen Spirit," because that song knows, knows the confusion about the whole schpiel and a lot of apathy and undirected fury at everything going down the toilet without any fun to be really, really had. I think.

I found it hard, it was hard to find, oh well, whatever, nevermind.

Dramarama headlines concert at Drew

Linda Martin
Staff Writer

"...and I haven't got a clue."

Dramarama. I dig these guys. Those of you who have heard them probably do, too. If you haven't heard them, listen to their new album. Then pick up their first album, *Box Office Bomb*. Then get the albums in between.

Concert Committee's fall concert will feature Dramarama and will be held on in Baldwin Gymnasium Nov. 13. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are cheap—five bucks for C.L.A. students and \$7.00 for off campus people. You can't beat that with a dead bunny, so c'mon and check it out.

Dramarama originated in Wayne, NJ in the early '80s but their albums weren't getting the recognition they deserved so the band packed up, moved to California, and were signed to Chameleon Records. Their first album, *Box Office Bomb* sparked interest but nothing more.

The second album, *Cinema Verite*, was an

underground hit with the song "Anything, Anything" which can be heard in the movie *Nightmare On Elm Street Part 4—The Dream Warriors* (the scene with the guy practicing with the nunchucks).

If you want to relish the pain of a failed relationship, listen to this album. Sometimes it's comforting to hear about someone else's pain.

Stuck In Wonderland follows and was the one that put the band on the radio with the song, "Last Cigarette." For a taste of live Dramarama check out their EP *Live At The China Club*, put out a year ago after they got a new drummer.

The new album, simply titled *Vinyl* on the pre-release cassette, but tentatively titled *I Haven't Got A Clue* has the potential to take this band somewhere—Dramarama is now bound for glory and it's about time. They have always had a relatively strong following but I have a gut feeling that they are going to go far with this album.

When asked what they sound like, I have trouble describing them. They don't have the raw garage sound like early Replacements but they are not a boring standard bar

band. They are a rockin' guitar band with a special originality showing through in the melody, the lyrics and the music.

The first time I tried to see Dramarama was last October at the Marquee. Unfortunately, I never made it past McSorley's. I was so determined to see them that I trucked down to City Gardens in the pouring rain the next evening.

The rest of you have it easy, just come out to Baldwin Gymnasium. Leave your night class early, turn off the television, and stop picking your toes.

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'Passion' prefers peace to petty, preposterous politics

David Mandel
Entertainment Editor

It's Easter. Some yo-yo just dropped a bomb. The crucifixion of Jesus Christ is booked. Do you know what your government is up to?

Take a wild guess.
British playwright and political satirist Edward Bond's "Passion" is a stream-of-consciousness fable that screams for nuclear disarmament and the proverbial "peace in our time."

Bond argues, "As a society we are destroying ourselves through violence. We keep surviving wars so society thinks the worst won't come, but it will. A competitive society must destroy itself."

Senior Lisa Berté's production for the Drew University Dramatic Society is exciting / vivid / dialectical / a grim reality / sure to make you laugh / catharsis / keep you on the edge of your seat / hum a little tune / all we are in the wind / wake up, smell the coffee, and rub a Buddha's belly / apocalyptic / rip-roaring / damn serious piece of art. Please select the appropriate phrase and delete the others.

Berté directs an energetic cast in a tragicomic production that is sure to make some Drew theatre-goers say, "Hmmm. Bizarre."

A queen, her prime minister, and a magician parade about, indulging in their limitless power which is founded only on whim and gobbledygook. If you thought laissez-faire was bad, wait till you get a load of this regime.

Berté (also the set designer) drapes the Commons black box stage with a gigantic collage of *The New York Times*, so the audience is informed of all the sales at Macy's in the past two weeks. Moreover, the paper signifies the problems of the day, and expands the space of the play to include political systems outside of the English monarchy.

Berté describes the characters as a "cross-section" of the different levels of society. The monarchy is paper-pushing bureaucracy at its tunnel-visioned finest. And one dead



Veronica Stigeler and D.J. Blouin witness the second coming and miff it in British satirist Edward Bond's one act play "Passion." Photo by Keith Bronsdon

soldier is none too pleased with the way things are going. Peace is the message of this piece.

It's easy to dismiss "Passion" as wacky and over-simplified. But honestly, the topics of nuclear disarmament and peace and love and religion and pigs and all that have been discussed so much that in any other format, the audience probably wouldn't be interested. Like the Old Woman in the play, we see the technological horror of our desensitized governments and Bond's whittled down stock characters refresh the subject and make us to laugh at their actions.

Original keyboard music by junior Bill Padilla (especially his pomp and circumstance; courtly processional) takes the societal critique into the realm of music. His opening piece underscores gently pizzicato violins with full, tragic cellos.

Costume designer Jennifer Leigh Potts doesn't specify any particular locale. The Dead Soldier dons anonymous black and white camouflage, and the Magician sports

a lab coat and a red clip-on bow tie. The most dazzling of these costumes is the Queen's, a plush red floor-length gown complete with crown with gold brocade. The Prime Minister gets a red tie and a bureaucratic grey suit. Christ and Buddha are not only the founders of Bond's Hair Club for Men; they're also clients.

Wrapped in a shawl, freshman Trondell Lee Dupree (Old Woman), as the token living oppressed member of society, grieves over her son's death in the military. Sophomore Christopher Shorr (Dead Soldier) has the task of breaking to the audience that this play is not all fun and games. In a heartfelt poetic plea for peace and the realization that the madmen are the fallen, Shorr sheds a tear for all the innocent members of society who suffer the injustice of death for the sake of technological advancement.

Junior Jason Smith, as the Magician (I think you could safely nickname him Oppenheimer), has a ton of epiphanies / revelations / breakthroughs / plutonium /

dust. Yes, he can play with two yo-yos. As the smartest scientist in the land, he scribbles in the dirt and is out to beat his rival magician (who can play with three yo-yos). Just when we think he's getting the point about peace, Smith's eyes pop out of his head, and we go "uh-oh" and realize he's figured out how to build a better bomb. Thus, he symbolizes wasted technology. Smith plays this mad scientist to the hilt.

Prime Minister D.J. Blouin (sophomore) sets agendas, gives orders, and is right at home in the bureaucracy of the court. As the Queen's right-hand man, Blouin is a sort of Polonius: He thinks he's brilliant and all-powerful, but without his files and bits of paper, he is "lost."

Sophomore Veronica Stigeler is the all-powerful queen, in the style of Walt Disney villainesses. Her haughty-taughty dialect turns slightly German or Russian when she gets angry. She crinkles up her nose and stalls while mixing up the country's domestic and foreign affairs in her pocketbook.

The politicians are so lost about humanity, that it seems even if Christ descended, they would miff it up somehow. Well, Christ, played by freshman Victor Alexander Afanador, doesn't know where to begin. His conscientious objector speeches communicate only to his comrade, Buddha, portrayed innocently by senior Tom Fowler.

"Passion" flings all sorts of junk at us: There's a little bit of vegetarianism for everyone / The concept that pigs are lambs too / Last chance to order your new life / It's a sitcom that says: Sorry, this show is not long enough to solve the problems of the world. It does, however, bring a ton of complaints to the surface.

The "lack of communication" between the virtual caste system of societies will inevitably kill us all. With Bond's powerful one-act, Berté sends out a thoughtful message. In the world of "Passion," nobody has any time to change, to leave the world any better than how we found it. Competition makes us forget that listening is the key.

Don't be tunnel-visioned. See "Passion" and experience enlightenment. Peace, man.

Woes continue for Riding Rangers

Poor choice of riders for points hinders success

Acorn Sports Service

The Riding Rangers had another disappointing day Sunday at the Centenary horse show. Finishing sixth, the team was hurt by a large number of missing team members.

"Our main problem was that so many riders were missing," Co-captain Jessica Macieski said. Due to illness, only thirteen of the team's twenty riders made it to the show.

The missing members left many riding classes with no Drew representatives. One whole division, novice flat, was left empty by absences.

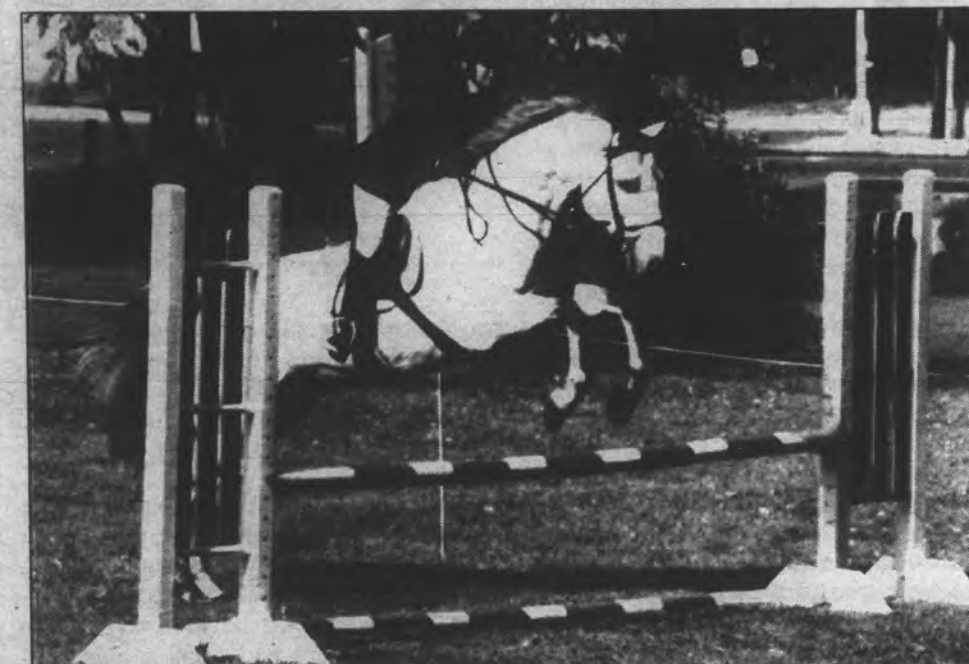
This opinion was shared by co-captain Karen Heroy, as well as other members of the team. "I think we were really hurt by the fact that a lot of people weren't there," she said.

Sophomore Katrina Elliot voiced the same sentiment. "I think we didn't do so well because first of all we were missing a lot of team members," she said. "Second of all, because we have so many new members, it's hard to point people."

The problem of picking point riders presented another difficulty. Each team can only select one rider from each division whose points will count towards the team total. The other team members serve to block riders from other teams. Each rider also uses their own personal points in order to advance to higher show levels.

Junior Sue Moroso summed up the pointing problem. "I don't think we did badly because we rode badly," she said. "We were missing a lot of riders that we wanted to point and, as usual, I think we pointed some of the wrong people. That just has to do with chance."

Although the team performance was disappointing, individual members did very well. There was a large improvement from the last show in this area. "Individually we



Bonnie Lewis clears a fence in an exhibition at Drew on Parents' Weekend. Photo by Heath Podvesker

did much better than at Pace," Heroy said.

"Although the team had a bad day, individual riders did really well," senior Alyssa Duffy said.

In the Open division, Moroso had a great day, finishing second place in her jumping class and a third place in her flat class. Also in the open division, junior Kristin Schneider received a second place in her flat class, and Heroy and freshman Robin Moore each received a third place in their fence classes.

Other riders also did well Sunday. Junior Jennifer O'Boyle earned a fourth place in her advanced walk-trot-canter class and classed up to the novice division.

Duffy received a second place in the advanced walk-trot class; junior Jenn Plitsch was awarded a second place in the advanced walk-trot-canter class and in the beginner walk-trot-canter class Elliot finished third.

The team's next show is at the United States Maritime Academy Nov. 9, and the team is looking forward to a comeback. "We're looking forward to U.S.M.A., especially since half the horses at the show will be from our barn," Heroy said.

Team members are hoping the time between the meets will help them get to know the new members and be better prepared to pick point riders at the next show.

Macieski summed up the hopes for the future.

"Within the next couple of weeks, we'll get to know the new team members better and this will help us point more effectively," she said. "We're also anticipating full participation from the team at U.S.M.A. Hopefully, these two factors will get us back on track."

Sports Shorts

WOMEN'S TENNIS—This weekend Drew competed in the New Jersey Nine tournament against New Jersey Institute of Technology, Upsala, FDU-Madison, and Stevens Tech. The Rangers had winners in two of the four categories.

At first singles, sophomore Sharon Cohen took the trophy. Drew was represented at second singles by freshman Lara Lee who, although defeated, turned in a respectable performance in her first intercollegiate match.

In doubles action, the first doubles team of juniors Jen Riek and Stephanie Saunders were defeated 6-1, 6-3. The second doubles team of junior Amy Petrone and sophomore Vanessa Donadio collected the victory for Drew.

MEN'S SOCCER—The Rangers' chances to repeat as MAC Northeast champions were all but ended as they tied inter-division foe Kings College 0-0 Saturday.

It was a physical match in which both sides received numerous yellow cards. Drew had numerous opportunities to garner the victory, but could not capitalize.

The Rangers faced NJIT Wednesday, and once again battled to a scoreless draw. Drew's best chance came in the second half when sophomore Eric Beiter's shot beat the Highlanders goalie but ricocheted of the post.

Junior Bill Geyer posted consecutive shutouts with superb performances in the net.

The Rangers travel to Minnesota this weekend to play in the St. John's Invitational.

—Acorn Sports Staff



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Rugby stuns SUNY-Stonybrook, ties for second

Acorn Sports Service

Saturday, the Drew Rugby Football Club turned in its best performance of the season defeating SUNY-Stonybrook by a score of 19-13. This victory gave Drew a share of second place in the division with Stonybrook, coming on the heels of a disappointing loss to SUNY-New Paltz the previous weekend.

Oct. 5, D.R.F.C. faced off against long time rival SUNY-New Paltz in what would turn out to be a very physical and frustrating afternoon. Drew took the field with the absence of many key players due to the Law School Admission Tests and previous engagements, leaving less experienced players to fill their positions on A-side. From the opening kick off, a much larger SUNY team took advantage of Drew's lack of experience. Drew showed moments of brilliance, but were unable to pose a sustained offensive threat against an impressive Division I squad. Drew's efforts were in vain as both sides were defeated unceremoniously.

"Green Death" took the field Oct. 12 ready to avenge a previous loss to division leading SUNY-Stonybrook. The tempo of

the game was quick from the beginning, setting the stage for a high scoring match. From the opening kick off, Drew dominated all aspects of the game with outstanding lines in the backfield and an aggressive push from the scrum.

Following a questionable call, Stonybrook converted a penalty kick to take a 3-0 lead into half time. The three point deficit did not discourage the Drew A-side as they dominated the momentum of the game, keeping the ball in SUNY's half of the field for the majority of the first half.

The intensity of the game continued to increase as the momentum began to shift towards the Stonybrook side. Although Drew continued to dominate on both sides of the ball, defensive lapses allowed Stonybrook to score twice taking a 13-0 lead early in the second half.

Although disheartened, Drew bounced back with tries of their own by freshman Nate Tucker and back captain Frank Moyes. Tucker snatched a deflected kick out of the air and scored in the corner of the try-zone, while Moyes scored an impressive four points by diving beneath the Stonybrook

Both teams played excellent rugby. The support of the crowd and the attitudes of the players helped us to win one of the toughest games of the season. Hopefully this will continue for the remainder of the season.

—Sam Hijab
Scrum captain

forwards off a penalty play inches from the goal line. These tries were to prove crucial in the outcome of the game as they sparked an impressive come-from-behind drive with less than ten minutes remaining in regulation time.

With a relentless offensive surge at the Stonybrook goal line with a little more than a minute remaining in regulation, Drew closed the gap to 13-12. Match secretary Greg Gordon scooped the ball from behind a well-formed ruck and swept around the weak side, putting the ball in the try-zone. Only moments later, D.R.F.C. took a two point lead on an impressive 55 meter penalty kick by team president Paul Skilton.

With about three minutes of injury time remaining, the forwards set up Gordon for yet another four points by rucking the ball inches from Stonybrook's goal. The match would end with Drew victorious, 19-13.

When asked to comment on the last minute win Skilton said, "Hey, if it weren't for the last minute, nothing would ever get done."

The "Killer B's" also ended the day successfully, with a win over the SUNY B-side team. The game started off quickly with a try by Stonybrook, giving them a 4-0 lead.

Throughout the remainder of the first half Drew established itself as the clearly dominant team, both in the scrum and the backfield, but were unable to place the ball in the try zone.

The play in the second half proved to be more effective for the Drew B-side. While controlling the field in the second half, a breakaway by freshman Ian Breslin gave the

B-sider's their only try of the day.

This lead to a successful conversion kick by Michael Scarafie, making the score 6-4. A strong Drew defense helped guide the B-side to victory, keeping the SUNY team from scoring again.

Scrum captain Sam Hijab was very happy at the outcome of the day. "Both teams played excellent rugby," he said. "The support of the crowd and the attitudes of the players helped us to win one of the toughest games of the season. Hopefully this will continue for the remainder of the season."



Paul Skilton kicks the ball to safety.
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Sam Hijab turns up-field after emerging from the scrum with the ball. Acorn file photo

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Sports Forum

New NHL instant replay rule receives icy review

Roy Opoehinski
Staff Writer

The National Hockey League, in another one of its seemingly endless fits of ineptitude, has established an instant replay rule for the 1991-92 season.

Unlike football's instant replay, which is constantly used, the NHL's replay rule will only be used to determine whether or not a goal actually crossed the goal line. Last year this replay would have been used on only fifty goals; that is, less than one percent of all goals scored last year would have been reviewed.

Therefore, the replay rule wastes time because the situation where a replay would be needed occurs so infrequently that there really seems no justification for a delay of the game.

Another reason the replay rule is a joke is that the replay comes from the home team and the referees watch the replay on the overhead scoreboards. The replay rule gives the referees only two minutes to make a decision. Since the home team is supplying the replay, there is the chance for impropriety.

For example, suppose the New York Rangers were playing the Philadelphia Flyers for the Patrick Division Championship at Madison Square Garden. The Rangers are one point ahead in the stand-

ings. The score is tied 4-4 as time runs out in overtime when the Flyers score the apparent division winning goal.

But wait... the referees want a replay. They send word to the production truck to cue up a replay. The director in the truck gets a replay showing that the Flyers did indeed score the goal. Now he has a dilemma.

Does he show the replay that proves the Flyers scored? If he does he is hurting his employer since the home team owns the production. Will he lose his job for being honest? Or does he say that he can't find the replay or just stall for a few minutes until it is too late? The producer is put into a very bad situation.

The NHL has plenty of other problems. They didn't sign a national television contract until five and a half hours before the season began. The league is selling expansion franchises for \$50 million while the most valuable team is only worth 31 million. On top of all of that, the league is operating without a collective bargaining agreement.

Still, the league is concerned with instituting a rule that will come into effect only one percent of the time that a goal is scored. Maybe their next rule will be instituting a speed limit for Zamboni drivers.

Gridiron Guesses

KANSAS CITY at DENVER

After last year, who would have thought the Broncos would be battling for first place in the AFC West? But with a surprising 4-2 record, Denver has earned a showdown for the top spot with the 5-2 Chiefs.

Everybody expected K.C. to be where they are. After a rough start, the Chiefs have rebounded to win four straight. They have the best defense in the AFC and the offense has exploded in back-to-back games, as was evident in last week's romp over Miami.

Defensively, K.C. just has to keep playing like they have recently. The linebackers are strong, the pass rush is decent, and the defensive backs are very talented. That has all combined to limit opponents' passing games. After shutting down Jim Kelly and Dan Marino the past two weeks, Denver's John Elway should be no problem.

Offensively, the Chiefs only need their muscle offense, the diverse running attack featuring huge backs Christian Okoye and Barry Word along with speedy Harvey Williams. And Steve DeBerg is competent enough to run the passing game.

Denver has a good record this year, but they are still not great. With a lack of size on the defensive line, the Broncos have some holes they will have to patch them up if they are to stop K.C.'s running attack.

On offense, the Broncos have done better than could be expected. With RB Bobby Humphrey still AWOL, the slack has been picked up by Gaston Green. He will need to have a strong performance to free up Elway in the pocket. If Green is stopped, Elway could be in for a long day. Last week's bye may have enabled some players to recover from injuries, but it will not be enough.

FINAL: Chiefs 27—Broncos 17

DETROIT at SAN FRANCISCO

Can you believe it? In a strange case of role reversal, the Lions are leading the NFC Central at 5-1 while the 49ers are last in the West at 2-4. As a result, this game has big playoff implications. If Detroit wins, they will be well on their way to a berth while San

Francisco might start packing their bags.

Coming off their bye week, the Lions run-and-shoot offense should be well rested. Barry Sanders, the top back in the league, should exploit the 49ers' weakened run stopping abilities. QB Rodney Peete may have trouble, though, passing against an aggressive defense on natural grass. Defensively, Detroit is nothing spectacular. However, they can make the big plays when needed. Against San Fran, they will have to keep Jerry Rice under control.

The 49ers seem ready to explode. They have tons of talent, but few wins. It can't remain like that forever. On offense, they can still put up the big numbers. QB Steve Young, although no Joe Montana, possesses endless talent. He will have to get the ball to Rice and John Taylor on the flanks. But the 49ers' can't afford to have Young leading the team in rushing again this week.

Even if they do score, San Francisco is not assured a win because of their questionable defense. They scored 34 points last week and lost. Someone will have to step up and shut down Sanders. But with tensions growing, the 49ers should be looking to take them out on somebody. After this game, the Lions should be tamed.

FINAL: 49ers 34—Lions 20

—Shawn Sullivan

NY JETS at INDIANAPOLIS

Unless you are a Jets or Colts fan, this is a good game for catching up on your English journals. Whenever these two hook up, no matter how good or bad the teams, they play the most boring games in NFL history.

And make no mistake about it. The Jets are good and the Colts are bad. The Jets have a much improved offense. The Colts have a head coach with a 1-31 college record and the worst offense west of Philadelphia.

Look for the Jets to dominate time of possession, but fail to punch it in. Look for the Colts to play worse than your little brother's Pop Warner squad.

FINAL: Jets 9—Colts 3.

—Kevin Cioppa

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Women's soccer splits matches

Rangers experience elation, pain from 5-0, 6-0 shutouts

Keith Morgen
Staff Writer

Luck made a quick visit to the Rangers this week, blessing them with its presence against Haverford, but leaving them out in the rain against Georgian Court.

After consecutive victories against Wilkes and Bryn Mawr, a new sense of enthusiasm and confidence flowed through the team. As a result, the Rangers were pumped for the game against Haverford Saturday, beating them 5-0.

"Coach [Dan Jones] really psyched us up for the Haverford game," tri-captain Dawn Zebick said. "We had lost a couple of games, but after Coach talked to us, we realized we can win and that we can do it."

Zebick sparked the team when she trapped the ball off a direct kick and shot it into the net. Later, she took a high direct kick and headed the ball in for another score.

"We played a very well played game," Zebick said. "Our chemistry was really working for us today. Our passing was sharp, and we were communicating constantly out on the field. We were really aggressive out there."

Junior Danielle Baraty demonstrated the Rangers' aggressiveness by beating out a defender to the ball, and smashing the ball past the goalie for a score. Also scoring for Drew were senior Tiki Hartshorn and sophomore Carrie Reilly.

Defensively, sophomore Sam Hajjar played a stellar game in goal in the place of injured starter Pam Bayha. With four saves on four shots, Hajjar earned the shut out against Haverford in only her second start in net.

"I'm really very, very proud of her," Bayha said. "She gave it her all."

Hajjar credits Bayha's help during the practices with her success in the Rangers

net. "Pam helped me out tremendously during practice," Hajjar said. "I was really nervous because I hadn't played goalie since high school. Together we worked on balls shot high up, reaching for them, footing, she just taught me everything I needed to know."

"During the game and in practices she was a constant pillar of support. She would tell me what I was doing right and wrong, and we would work on my mistakes. She was just great."

Drew felt the other side of a shutout when they hosted Georgian Court Tuesday, losing 6-0 in torrential weather. The rain created a slick ball and poor field conditions which disoriented the Rangers' aggressive style of play they had exhibited against Haverford.

"The rain just really complicated things," Zebick said. "Ball control was a nightmare. It was so slick out there, every little thing we did required extra effort."

Zebick stressed that the Rangers played a well executed game, both offensively and defensively, but the poor conditions helped contribute to many shots just missing their mark.

"Luck just wasn't with us today," Zebick said. "We played them neck to neck offensively, defensively, and aggressively, but it just didn't happen."

Hajjar again patrolled the net for the Rangers and, despite the 6-0 score, stopped 11 balls on 18 Georgian Court shots. Hajjar credits Georgian Court's offensive skill and ball control with their victory.

"Most of the time the ball was completely out of control on the field," Hajjar said. "The slick ball had us a little confused, and most of the game the ball was in our defensive area. We played a good game, but we could have definitely played better."

The Rangers communication and ball control are the keys to their success thus far, earning them a 6-5 record. With the strong



The offensive contributions of Danielle Baraty have been an integral part of the Rangers' drive toward a winning season. Acorn file photo

possibility of Bayha being back in goal by Saturday, Drew can make a serious run through the last four games of the season.

"We are a well balanced team," Baraty said. "Everyone is really working together

now, and we just know that we can win." **RANGER NOTES:** The Rangers travel to Swarthmore Saturday and then host Elizabethtown Thursday at 7 p.m.

Field hockey defeats Del Val

Rick Allen
Staff Writer

The field hockey team captured their third straight victory Saturday against Delaware Valley by a score of 5-2. With this win, the Rangers' record has now climbed to 8-2-1. However, the victory did not come as easy as they had expected.

"This is the best team Delaware Valley has had in a while," tri-captain Tanya Meck said. "I don't think we were quite ready to play to our potential and perhaps underestimated them."

"With the game tied 2-2, we became inspired and knew we had to put more points on the board," tri-captain Susan McNulty added. "It wasn't intentional, but I don't think we were in game mode that day. In other years Delaware Valley just wasn't a competitive team."

The game started out well for the Rangers when freshman Cara Williams scored early in the first half to give Drew a 1-0 advantage. That lead was increased when tri-captain Missy Della Russo scored the first of her four goals on the day. However, Delaware Valley fought back to score two goals and tie the game at two. But the Rangers found themselves up 3-2 at halftime after Della Russo continued her offensive scoring surge.

Drew dominated the second half by shutting down Delaware Valley with a well executed defense as well as a strong, controlling offense. Della Russo put two more points on the board for the Rangers and goalie Tami Hineline disallowed all attempts by Delaware Valley to score in the half.

The women will now focus its attention on this weekend, hosting Lynchburg Friday and Southern Maine Sunday. The Rangers are really psyching themselves up for the Lynchburg contest in order to re-enter the national rankings.

"We're really excited about Friday's game



The leadership of upperclassmen has played a crucial role in the Rangers' quest for a national ranking and MAC championship. Acorn file photo

against Lynchburg," McNulty said. "They are ranked number 11 and, if we win, that should help us get back into the national rankings."

The Rangers were ranked 13 earlier in the season before their two key losses. "We're still trying to bounce back from the bad week against Trenton State and Scranton," Meck said. "We're really playing like a well grooved team now and the next few games are important to get us back into the national rankings." The team is excited going into these important games and are optimistic about the future outcomes.

More importantly, the team will be playing away on grass at Moravian next week. The game was previously scheduled for this past Tuesday, but it was rained out. Drew, currently ranked number one in the Middle Atlantic Conference Northeast division will finish their conference schedule with this contest.

The rain delay may be a good thing be-

cause they also will be playing Glassboro State later in the week on grass. This will help the team get acclimated to the different style of play associated with grass, having become so accustomed to their home turf.

"Overall the team morale and intensity has improved since our two losses," sophomore Kelly Ahern said. With improved attitudes, the squad has now been working in practice on three major aspects to help ensure a similar improvement in their performance.

"We've been working on communication skills, marking in the opponent's circle, and our passing game," Meck said. "It's good because we've been applying practice skills to our games."

The Rangers hope this will help the team maintain their number one MAC Northeast ranking as well as pull their national ranking back up to their convincingly competitive standard of play.

Cross country race results

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The Running Rangers continued their season at Loantaka Park this past weekend, hosting the annual Drew Invitational. Drew managed to finish seventh in the nine team field, but the team's results were more impressive than the finish indicated. Although Upsala ended up victorious, the Running Rangers still gained some satisfaction in the end.

"We all improved our times," co-captain John Bleakney said. "Some of us even recorded personal records."

Freshman Gordon Kenny again placed first for the Drew squad, finishing fourth overall, first among the New Jersey Nine. Overall, the Running Rangers finished third out of the New Jersey Nine. Women's team member Suzanne Lein ran a strong race, earning a medal for ninth place.

"We were pleased with the race," coach John Kaltner said. "It went smoothly and everyone made significant progress."

This weekend the Running Rangers head to the Allentown Invitational for what should be a tough race.

"It will be a strong field for us," Kaltner said. "And it will give us a chance to prepare for the NCAA's."

The NCAA regional cross-country race will be held in Allentown Nov. 16, so the team will keep an eye on the future and utilize the opportunity this weekend to test themselves on the tough, hilly course. The team should continue to improve and high hopes are held by all for the future.