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Committee proposes activities restructuring

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Staff Writer

A committee formed last Spring at the request of University President Tom Kean to address problems with funding and organization of student activities recently reached a tentative proposal which would significantly change the current structure.

The proposal would include: An expanded activities fee; the merging of University Center Board and Social Committee; and a one-time fee collected from each senior to cover yearbook, senior week activities, and commencement fees.

According to Dean of Student Life Denise Alleyne, the committee was formed to look at ways of consolidating funding in hopes of bringing the entire Community together more frequently.

The committee consists of Alleyne, Director of Student Activities Pat Naylor, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts Paolo Cucchi, Assistant Dean for Academic Advising Edye Lawler, Vice President for Administration Peggi Howard, Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs Mike McKitish, Professor of English Jim Hala, Professor of Economics Dorene Isenberg, Professor of Computer Science Steve Kass, Extra Classroom Activities Board chair Todd Gareiss, Student Government Association President Sodan Selvaretnam, and U.C. Board Chair Sandra Hall.

"After listening to problems that existed with ECAB funding, the President's Office formulated a list of problems that needed to be dealt with," Naylor said. "The system which was put in place needs to be revised."

Some problems the committee sought to resolve include the insufficient funding for events such as the First Annual Picnic, the special needs of communications, and the indefinite revenue resources of U.C. Board.

The committee has met several times this year and has formulated a proposal to realign funding sources and restructure exist-

Student Activities Fee Allocation

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The expanded activities fee would allow allocations for class dues, ECAB, a University program board, Student Governments of all three schools, media, the Office of Student Activities, the U.C. fee, and multi-cultural fee.

According to the proposal, "The fee structure would be paralleled in all three schools with the ECAB and student government fees remaining in each school for distribution and the other areas being funded collectively by all three schools."

Alleyne said, "We looked at some of the areas where we've had problems in the past with insufficient or inadequate funding and tried to address those concerns. What we've attempted to do is come up with a proposal

that is comprehensive and addresses all those needs."

Naylor said the student activities fee might have to be increased somewhat to cover these proposals, but that having the fee spread across all three schools would not make the changes as extreme on the College of Liberal Arts.

"We don't have dollar figures yet. We're looking at this as a theoretical proposal which hasn't been flushed out in terms of dollars," Naylor said.

Selvaretnam said the proposal is a good idea, but that the logistics have to be ironed out. "It brings the University together to work as one, but I don't know how it'll work," he said. "My fear is money-wise. Fees are being raised everywhere in the

University. We should be looking at efficiency. If this body is efficient, it should be able to work with the same amount of money and allocate it better."

Alleyne said the committee is now receiving input from different groups and their constituencies on how the proposal now stands, and will then make revisions. "I hope the end result is something all our groups can live with," she said. "Then we'll put some dollar figures into the skeleton model and see what we come up with for a student activities fee that will be comprehensive."

The U.C. Board and Social Committee allocations would be merged together to make a large programming board, Naylor said. Underneath that programming board would be Academic Forum, the Concert Committee, the FAP Committee, and the Film Committee. "So we would cover all of the programs that are taking place on campus, but in a more organized sense."

The makeup of the University programming board has not yet been determined.

Hall said the tentative proposal would ensure proper funding for events. Currently the U.C. Board receives all its funding from revenues generated in the game room and vending machines of the U.C.

"The proposed structure would keep groups from overlapping programming," Hall said. "Negatively, the tradition of U.C. Board would be lost, our uniqueness as a board will be gone, but it is in the best interest of the University."

Naylor said the S.G.A. would get their funding separately under the proposal. "This way, they would not have to go to a board and ask for funds. They would be given an out-in-out allocation."

According to the proposal, communications would be funded by all three schools. "Under the proposal the newspaper and radio station would be funded as media, and would be free and available to everyone," Naylor said.

She said the Office of Student Activities would also get a portion of the allocation. "We'd be interested in having student reactions to the proposal," Naylor said. "We need to go forward with a proposal of some sort—either this one or a similar one. Because this would mean changes in the constitutions of S.G.A., U.C. Board, and ECAB, we would like that to place in the spring so the new system, whatever it finally is, can be in place by the fall."

Registration changes for spring

Jenny Frazier
Assistant Opinions Editor

The Office of the Registrar plans to send information concerning spring semester registration through E-mail to students and faculty to reduce paper cost, University Registrar Ken Cole said. He also announced new class times which will be instituted next semester.

The information sent on E-mail will include course schedules, exam schedules, and notices concerning deadlines.

"This does not mean that the only way people will be getting [registration] information will be E-mail," Cole said. "We will still be attempting to have hard copies available at a number of locations on campus."

For instance, Cole said, the spring class lists would be sent to each dorm and other copies would be available in the University Center, Brothers' College, and the University Commons. The office will also provide commuters and faculty with copies.

The changes were implemented in hopes of reducing paper usage, enabling the office staff to focus on other issues, and putting registration information at the students' fingertips, Cole said.



Ken Cole announced E-mail will be used to distribute registration information. *Acorn* file photo

"Since [the students] have had the computer training, it ought to be relatively easy to retrieve it," Cole said. "We've got a marvelous tool here in the network, and

we're just trying to make better use of it."

Cole said he anticipated some bugs or unforeseen consequences, but the office is prepared to listen to suggestions and keep its options open.

"I hope that the students will give this method of distribution a chance, and more than just one, because it may take us several times to get it done right and well," Cole said.

One rumor Cole said he wanted to dispel is that students will register by E-mail. He said it would be beneficial to have individual on-line computerized registration, but it is a very complex procedure, and would take several years for the University to attain that point.

"Other than [E-mail registration information], people should still expect the same sort of service they have been getting," Cole said. "There will still be the same policies; the actual registration period should not feel any different than it did this fall or last spring."

Cole said he will use voice mail to inform students the registration information is on their E-mail, as well as displaying information in the Commons.

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Panel discusses racism at Drew

Clustering, economics, education dominate participants' focus

Rebecca Salay
Staff Writer

Issues concerning racism were brought into the open Monday night in University Center Room 107 during a Student Government Association sponsored panel discussion on racism at Drew.

"People go back and forth at each other in the paper, not talking personally," Selvaetnam said. "This way we can get everything

out in the air, maybe talk some things through. We're not preaching political correctness or anything. We just want to help everyone understand each other's views."

Much discussion focused on the observation that people of minority groups at Drew tend to "cluster." Other topics included the role economics plays in racism, and the need for Drew to better educate students in different cultural perspectives.

Panel member Sandra Rodriguez, vice-

president of Ariel, said members of minority groups "stay together because we understand each other better."

Rodriguez said she feels the white people she knows do not understand her ideas and feelings.

"I can't attempt to communicate with a white student if they don't know where I'm coming from," she said. "We have different ideas. Many times they're scared. They lead their lives in such a neat package, that if I try to influence them with my ideas, then I'm messing the package all up. I'd rather not risk conflicting someone else's mind when I have my own mind in conflict."

"I stay with the people that understand me," she said. "When you start speaking your mind and when you start asserting your thoughts, people confuse assertion with aggression, and people get scared."

Senior Kim Minattee said this clustering was simply the result of common interests.

"We have so much in common," she said. "Not just our race and our backgrounds, but our views and things that affect our lives daily. People who play sports tend to stick together, it's just a bonding of common interests."

"There is strength in unity," panel member Mike Plugh said, "and when you're not a member of the powerbase it's important to be unified and that's often mistaken as alienating yourself from the community when in fact you're trying to become a better member of the community by making yourself stronger."

Many questions focused on how individuals are ignored by people of other races despite attempts to interact. Numerous first-year students said how people of other races did not approach them during the first few days. A person can only open himself or herself up to rejection so many times before he or she begins to build protective walls around himself or herself, according to audience members.

Another recurring observation was that whites often expect their African-American friends to conform to the white culture, again, making it difficult for the two groups

to integrate.

"It was too hard to be friends with the Anglo Americans on this campus," freshman Kim Williams said. "I had to give up too much of myself to try to assimilate."

Economic conditions were blamed as one source of racism. Professor of Anthropology Phil Peek said that during difficult economic times people look for someone to blame for their troubles, and often the blame is placed on minority groups.

"We have to remember there is only one race—the human race," he said.

According to panel member Carla Guerriero, a large percentage of African Americans and Latinos start out at a low economic level, which gives them an "immediate disadvantage" compared to whites in upper-class neighborhoods.

Guerriero cited her own experience as an Italian growing up in a low income, mainly African-American neighborhood with a poor school system.

"I felt cheated educationally when I got here," she said.

Another common problem cited at Drew is the lack of diversity within the curriculum, and the faculty itself. Professors without much knowledge of African history teaching African history is one such problem.

"I took a course on Modern Africa... the professor was a European History major and had only dabbled in African history, and he taught the class from a very eurocentric perspective," Plugh said.

Panel member George-Harold Jennings, assistant professor of psychology, said, "the curriculum, faculty, and administration all reflect European values."

"Drew needs to restructure the curriculum," Hyera Co-chair Nichole Peggins said. "There is too much of some things and not enough of another."

Plugh suggested changing the format of the First-Year Seminars to focus on "culture, race relations, the environment—things that are very relevant to us all."

"Education is where racism begins to end," Peggins said.

In Memoriam: John Mulder

Tom Fowler
Assistant News Editor

Friday Oct. 18 John Mulder, professor of English at Drew for over 18 years, died of AIDS related lymphoma. He died in the company of friends in a New York City home. Mulder was 59 years old.

Mulder is remembered by his students and colleagues in the College of Liberal Arts and Graduate school as an inspired and inspiring professor of renaissance and comparative literature.

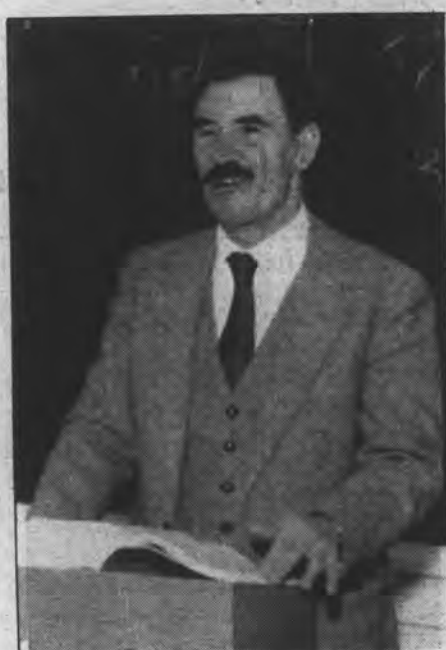
According to Junior Andy Fenwick, Mulder was one of the most challenging and intelligent teachers one could hope for at Drew. Fenwick said he was amazed by Mulder's ability to conduct lectures and field questions on Milton without notes or even a text. "It was nice to come across a nice professor who gave a damn," Fenwick said.

"He was very intense in the classroom," Lecturer in English Jill Fritz-Piggott said who had taken several courses with Mulder in the Graduate school as well as worked with him in the C.L.A. "He taught me how to read and write in a way I couldn't before. He was such a master of prose."

Professor of English Robert Ready was a close friend of Mulder and remembers his intellectual intensity as well as his unique presence.

"He had a quiet yet powerful elegance about him," Ready said. "Style is the word most would use. He had an extraordinary love of language and a real ability to read poetry, to speak Shakespeare, read Wallace Stevens aloud, with such meaning that was rare. He was the real thing."

Mulder was born in Holland in 1932 and attended the University of Nijmegen in the early '50s. He attended the Univer-



John Mulder. Photo courtesy of Oak Leaves

sity of Western Ontario in Canada where he graduated with an M.A. in English in 1960 and received a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from the University of Michigan in 1963. In 1964 he began to teach literary criticism, renaissance, and modern poetry classes at New York University. In 1969 Mulder published his major piece of scholarly work, *The Temple of the Mind: Education and Literary Taste in Seventeenth Century England*. In 1973 he came to Drew where he continued to write countless reviews and articles.

A memorial gathering will be held by the English department and the chaplain on Monday at 4 p.m. in Great Hall. Any donations or gifts in memory of John Mulder should be made to the Coalition for People With AIDS, in New York.

News Briefs

Relocations set

The offices located in Tilghman House have recently been relocated to 120 Madison Avenue, a building newly leased by the University.

Tilghman House is undergoing renovations before the offices from Alternate Mead-A, such as the Registrar, Business, Financial Aid, Residence Life, Income Properties, and Purchasing will move in mid-January, according to Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs Mike McKitish.

Following that move, the offices in Alternate Mead-B will relocate to Madison House, Mail Services and Administrative Computer will move to Pepin Services Center, and graduate and theological school admissions will move to Wesley House.

These moves are planned to be completed by Jan. 31, according to McKitish, and the area where Alternate Mead stands will be completely restored by March 15. The renovations to Tilghman House

involve improved handicapped accessibility, and some deferred maintenance items will be done to both Tilghman and Madison House.

—Larry Grady

Tibetan Events

Celebration of the International Year of Tibet continues at Drew with two events next week:

A program on the "Treasures of Tibetan Art" is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 28. Barbara Lipton will give a slide lecture at 4 p.m. in Brothers' College.

Wednesday, Oct. 30, a colloquium will address "Compassion: Contemplation and Action in Tibetan Buddhism." American and Tibetan Buddhists will be among the panelists speaking about ethical issues stemming from the Dalai Lama's commitment to nonviolent protest versus the need for strong action to save the Tibetan people. The program will begin at 7 p.m. in Brothers' College.

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Retreat begins budgeting process

Larry Grady
News Editor

The budget process begins today as members of the Board of Trustees, administration, faculty, staff, and students from the three schools gather for a two-day retreat to identify the key objectives of the University and to rewrite its statement of purpose.

Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs Mike McKitish said the statement of purpose is a critical element in the budget process. "The retreat allows us to look at who we are, or what we want to be, so that we make sure we strategically invest the limited resources we have in pursuit of that mission," he said. "When we put a dollar into something, we want it to be in the right direction."

The participants will split into smaller groups for discussion, then the groups will reconvene and evaluate what was discussed in the smaller groups. "Hopefully, from all these meetings, we can come up with something coherent and cohesive," a representative said.

Following the retreat, McKitish said each key budget manager is responsible for three things: A reduction contingency plan, priority additions, and revenue enhancement ideas, in hopes of dealing with the University's \$1.6 million deficit.

McKitish said he is asking each department for 10 percent reductions in two percent increments with identification of how each two percent will impact the individual programs.

In the area of priority additions, McKitish said each budget manager will present the highest priority program, its cost, and its impact on the Community. "I will measure these programs against the mission, and will back those which are in pursuit of that mission," he said.

McKitish also is asking for revenue enhancement suggestions. "I've heard great ideas in terms of raising more money, but this will force them to put the pen to the paper, to think through those ideas more,

and see what it means in terms of cost."

The President's Planning Commission is responsible for selecting a revenue committee and an expenditures committee. These committees will consist of faculty, students, and staff, according to McKitish. The names for these committees are forthcoming, he said.

These committees will determine how much money is available for the University and its needs.

McKitish said he hopes both processes will culminate their activities in the second week of December. "They'll be some reflection, questions, and we'll try to refine what's going on," he said.

In middle to late January, the proposed budget will be taken to the committees. "We'll have an idea of how much money we have, what kind of additions, and cuts we'll have to make, and it'll fall back on the budget managers," McKitish said.

From the end of January to the middle of February a time for comment will be set aside for questions and suggestions from the Community. This could be done in a budget hearing in Baldwin Gymnasium, according to McKitish. The budget will also be circulated on E-mail with a summary of additions, cuts, and assumptions such as tuition increase and housing, he said.

"If there is responsible comment, we will adjust the budget," McKitish said. "Since the Community is involved throughout the process, there probably won't be anything we haven't considered, though."

The budget will be taken to the Board of Trustees in the middle of February before going to University President Tom Kean for final approval.

McKitish said the current economic condition of the University and the nation is a problem. "I would be remiss if I didn't say we're trying to get a balanced budget," he said.

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—Mike McKitish

Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs

"The cycle of unbalanced budgets hurts in terms of development, recruitment, and in getting investors to look closer at us; they're not going to invest if they see their money is not being managed properly," he said.

McKitish said drawing off the endowment would be the beginning of the end. The endowment returns 5.85 percent to the University, one percent higher than most universities, according to McKitish. "I think

we'd have to be hard-pressed to see that increased," he said. "We will look for opportunities to increase the endowment."

McKitish said the key to the process belongs to the cooperation and commitment of the Drew Community. "It is important that the individuals on the groups work hard and understand the issues facing the University," he said.

CHANGES: New class times

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Another change for College of Liberal Arts students next semester will be that classes will begin on the half hour Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, instead of on the hour, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday classes will begin at 9 a.m. and will still last for 75 minutes.

"Faculty were not using the eight to nine period on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday because they had difficulty getting students to class at that hour," Cole said. "There was thought that by moving it ahead half an hour it would make it more possible to have classes at that hour without losing a period during the day."

Cole said the times at the Snack Bar and Commons will not need to change because food service hours are sufficient for students to get food even if their classes run into lunch.

"We currently do schedule classes during

the noon hour, so in that respect it will be no different next semester than it is now," Cole said.

There are problems with the new class hours, Cole said. Few professors want to schedule the 3:30-4:30 p.m. slot under the new schedule because they did not want to be at Drew until 4:30 Friday afternoons, and the class also runs into meeting and athletic time. Therefore, there are few classes scheduled for that period.

"I am likely to propose at the next faculty meeting that that time period be changed so that the 3:30 class on Monday and Wednesday will become the same length as classes on Tuesday and Thursday, so that the class period will not meet on Friday," Cole said.

There is still some concern among the faculty about the 8:30 a.m. time, but Cole said it needs to be given a chance to work.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Alliance co-chair questions College Republican Day

To the Editor:
In my past year at Drew, I have encountered vast extremes of public support and reproach towards political, ethnic, and social organizations on campus. The atmosphere on campus this semester in particular has been fervently abrasive in reference to "radicalism," discriminating among these houses, multi-cultural strife, and most recently an attack against Drew's gay, lesbian, bisexual, and straight person's Alliance (yes, I consider it an attack—thank you).

B-GLAD (Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian Awareness Days) week was successful up until Blue Jeans Day. The Alliance promotes Blue Jeans Day as an opportunity for the campus to show their support for gay, lesbian, and bisexual rights. Recognizing these fundamental human rights should come as naturally as wearing a pair of blue jeans. Friday morning was quite literally a rude awakening. As a I entered the Commons, there were several men wearing suits and ties. I was then informed by a member of the Alliance that Friday was declared College Republican Day. Mind you, this was not a coincidence that it fell on Blue Jeans Day. Rather, the president of College Republicans had sent out a message urging members of the group to collectively go against Blue Jeans Day. The message was as follows:

"... We are being forced to make a statement

or make a stand by being forced into not wearing jeans by a certain organization on this campus. So therefore, wear a tie, dress up in slacks... this is our response to an issue we are reacting to..." College Republican Day brought much attention to their position on homosexual and bisexual rights, which to me appear quite negative. Furthermore, I question how the Republican Party at large would look upon this stand. Republicanism doesn't by nature advocate this viewpoint. I urge them to be very cautious and avoid potentially detrimental measures to their own organization—I wonder what would happen to their funding. Regardless of what the College Republicans' intentions were, it is unfortunate that the participating members (and non-members) brought much hurtful publicity to their own organization. All they really accomplished was promoting a divided environment of the enlightened, the indifferent (those with neither jeans nor suits on), and the discriminatory.

In all sincerity, I am greatly disappointed and saddened with the seemingly homophobic stand taken by the College Republicans. The Alliance, in my view, doesn't ask terribly much of the campus. Very simply, I'm not asking you to understand. I'm asking to you to accept.

Devika Singh
Alliance co-chair

Response to blue jeans day shows poor judgment

To the Editor:
Last Friday some College Republicans let their bigotry get the better of them. Drew's Alliance had designated that day as "blue jeans day," a day on which people of all sexual orientations wear blue jeans to show their support for gay, lesbian, and bisexual rights. The College Republicans organized a counter-demonstration and encouraged their members to wear slacks, ties, and sports jackets. The most important aspect of this counter-demonstration—that some people are so mean that they organized themselves to promote the oppression of others—I will not discuss here because it is surrounded by long-standing, complex questions to which I have never heard or thought of truly satisfying answers.

I will, however, discuss the poor judgment

displayed by those who organized and took part in the counter-demonstration. Not all Republicans are heterosexuals, and depending upon how much publicity the counter-demonstration received, the College Republicans could have easily alienated many gay, lesbian, and bisexual Republicans. If their action does not meet with disapproval from within their socio-academic club itself, it is because they or their predecessors have already driven Republicans from the mainstream away from their organization. If the College Republicans are really this out of touch with American values, they will continue to be of disservice to their party.

Noah Mark
Junior

Student explains Alliance multi-cultural panel remark

To the Editor:
I am writing in response to the letter Chanel Cook wrote concerning what she perceived as "misleading, inaccurate, and ignorant" remarks during the alliance multi-cultural panel.

As the person who said that being gay is like "waking up one morning and realizing that you are Black," I would like to explain what I meant, and how I have construed Ms. Cook's comments as being concerned more with petty possessiveness of the experience of being a minority, than with constructive criticism.

I would first like to say that my intention was not to offend the African-American community, but to explain my experiences growing up as a gay white male. My point was that I grew up believing I was in the majority as a white male, and I was unprepared for the shock of alienation that I experience as a gay man. Originally unfamiliar with the gay community, I immediately associated my experiences with those of the only minority group I had been exposed to, the African-American community. By following the example of civil rights leaders, it imparted in me a degree of courage and an example to follow. My experiences are different from those of African-Americans, but the struggle against oppression is not.

What is shocking in Ms. Cook's letter is what she describes as, "the relativity of discrimination." She suggests that because ethnic discrimination is nearly unavoidable because of the

physical identification of an ethnic group, it is somehow more important or more significant than gay, lesbian, or bisexual discrimination, because they take the "responsibility to reveal their lifestyles and once they do, they take on the burden of prejudice."

Oppression because of one's sexual orientation is not something that people have to seek out. Whether or not I make my sexuality known I constantly feel, hear, or experience the discrimination, and expectations of people around me. Slurs, jokes, and other blatant forms of discrimination are often displayed before me because people do not know that I am gay.

Perhaps I have, or have not, experienced as much oppression as an African American, I do not know. I do know that "the relativity of discrimination" is not the right question to address, for the same reason that it is wrong when people insist that, "bisexuals should not claim the same stature as gay and lesbians because they are only homosexual half the time."

What we should be concerned with is pooling the resources and energy of people who have been discriminated against, for whatever reason. Instead of being concerned and offended when different minority groups compare experiences, we should be secure in ourselves, and help each other conquer oppression where ever it may be.

Peter D. Staller
Sophomore

S.G.A. puts forth inappropriate, judgmental slogan

To the Editor:
I applaud the S.G.A.'s effort to educate the campus through its panel discussion, "Racism," and I support the invitation that accompanied most of the advertisements, "If you're not part of the problem, be a part of the solution." But I must respond to the statement that was passed along on at least one phone message I received, "If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem."

The first difficulty is the judgmental nature of the comment. Such a tone does little to entice me to attend a discussion from which everyone on the campus could benefit. In the context of an advertisement for a panel discussion, I find this highly inappropriate; it is inflammatory and would be more appropriate for something less intellectual.

The accusatory message succeeded in reminding me of my strong belief that no one is above racism. But this thought took time to surface through the defensive feelings that can only result from such judgmental propaganda.

I hope that in the future the S.G.A. can advertise its valuable programs with more clarity and thought.

Matthew Lightfoot
Sophomore

Letters to the editor
due Monday 8 p.m.

Political indoctrination stifles true education

Brian Gregg
Staff Writer

If advocates of social progress want their arguments respected on this campus, they must reject blind accusations and dogmatic propaganda as means of achieving their goals. We face a war of ideologies and we must not allow this overinflated conflict to divide the student body along ridiculous political lines. We must renounce radicalism in the name of reason.

I trust that Drew's radical demagogues do not accurately represent the majority views of the clubs they claim to represent. Sometimes, while not the titular leaders of these groups, they feel more than entitled to crawl out of their politically corrupt dens to accuse most of the population of being immoral.

The current wave of deconstructionist fanatics maintain history has been written, and from this, truth defined, by the European white male because he has held power for so many hundreds of years. Despite establishing the Western European classical liberal tradition of individual freedoms and equal rights, he has oppressed everyone in his path to world domination. His entire cultural legacy is played by his phallogocentric primal urges that he will not control.

There is a grain of truth to this bloated

argument: Rights and liberties were not universally extended to all citizens. Women and ethnic minorities were often excluded and even oppressed throughout most of our history. Nevertheless, the foundation of a rudimentary notion of equality, from which a more representative version has grown, was laid down in our civilization by European white males. Fortunately, legitimate progressive leaders have fought to cure the system's inequities to create a free and equal society for all.

The system has become more representative due to the efforts of many visionary leaders from Susan B. Anthony to Martin Luther King, Jr. It is critical that we distinguish such progressive leaders fighting against real societal injustices from radical rabble-rousers propagandizing unfounded claims to advance their self-serving power base.

The ills of society these radicals try to expose do exist today at Drew in undetermined amounts. Undoubtedly these ills should be investigated objectively and eradicated where possible.

It is by no means proven, however, that these injustices overwhelm The University or society at large. The mere suspicion of this claim does not entitle radicals to control entire networks of clubs and academic departments to propagandize on the predominance of those ills. It does not, in other

The foundation of a rudimentary notion of equality, from which a more representative version has grown, was laid down in our civilization by European white males. Fortunately, legitimate progressive leaders have fought to cure the system's inequities to create a free and equal society for all.

words, warrant a mass mobilization of power that seeks to rewrite history to conform to its narrow ideology. It does not warrant a "politically correct" witch hunt to probe the inner workings of every mind—"re-educating" away alleged deeply socialized, unconscious racism, sexism, and homophobia. The radicals must no longer get away with trying to brainwash dissenters into believing that if reasonable people contest any element of their fallacious philosophy or the tactics employed to advance it, they must be racist, sexist, and/or homophobic.

I will not accept any argument based on this fundamental distortion of the truth. If anyone wants to discuss reasonably the issues about which the radicals are purportedly educating the campus, I will happily oblige. If these people do not renounce emotional scare tactics and propaganda for the sake of intelligent debate, no social progress will ever come to pass in these halls

of education or in society at large. Finally, it is time to quit the shouting matches, name calling, and finger pointing. It is time to begin a reasoned dialogue on the issues at hand. I am aware of the emotional basis on which these arguments are made, but we are supposed to be in a process of education, where conflicting ideas and competing ideologies are examined and debated rationally, merits and faults of arguments are weighed, and informed judgments are made.

Fanaticism, emotional hype, and propaganda make this precious process impossible. We all must grow up and be willing to discuss calmly and reasonably the values and shortcomings of our arguments. Only then can we carry on the business of learning. Only then can we abandon once and for all the notion of passing off political indoctrination as legitimate education.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Women's Concerns holds degree of indirect power

To the Editor:
In last week's *Acorn*, I was happy to see Women's Concerns House residents react to an article they believed was untrue and stand up for their beliefs. But at the same time, I was appalled there wasn't similar support for Kevin Cioppa's argument. I believe he made some valid points.

In regards to international students being forced from Hannon House, I believe Women's Concerns House residents must take some responsibility. Maybe they didn't suggest Hannon House as a solution, but that hardly absolves them from any blame. Why couldn't such a suggestion be turned down for the reason that international students, more than any group on campus, would benefit from such an environment? Some Women's Concerns residents claim that administrators assured them international students would be treated fairly in the end. Yet Women's Concerns House residents complain about how unfairly they were treated in the entire process. What made any of them think that the international students would be treated with any greater degree of courtesy?

The simple fact of the matter is that Women's Concerns House residents got what they wanted. They protected themselves. Maybe they didn't suggest the compromise. But blindly sitting by and seeing the international students have their house taken from them is hardly excusable. Two wrongs don't make a right.

In regards to the rugby incident two years ago, I believe it's a matter of interpretation. I have heard rugby players on both sides of the argument. But in stating that there is now a great working relationship between Women's Concerns and the rugby team in co-sponsoring Sex 101 presentations, I must raise the question of motives. I attended the Jackson Katz lecture and saw both Women's Concerns and rugby team members present—Women's Concerns members attentively listening at the front of Great Hall, rugby team members struggling to stay awake in the

back. I hardly define that as a great "spirit of cooperation." To me it looked more like appeasement, a simple facade covering up true feelings between the two groups.

I know Women's Concerns members will disagree with these views, but please don't offer me any similar invitations to Women's Concerns meetings. I have tried to have meaningful discussions in the past, but such discourse has never been able to venture very far. At times I may use the word "girl" and I am reprimanded and told to use "women" instead. When I do such things, I mean it in no derogatory sense. I'm simply trying to express my views. But for a simple mistake in semantics, my views become unimportant. And if I continue to use such words, I am told my views are sexist.

And that is where Women's Concerns has so much power. They may say they don't, but it is really there. In a society so in tune to "isms" be it racism, sexism, etc., suggesting such biases give a huge degree of power. If any decision is made against women, they can blame sexism. Such a charge doesn't even have to be proven; just the suggestion causes a certain stigma. So when such decisions are made, the threat of "isms" does play a role. If a white male has a decision made against him, what can he blame?

So, you see, Women's Concerns does have a degree of power. Especially on a liberal campus such as this, controversial decisions can be influenced by the implication of any "ism." Women's Concerns members may claim that they do not influence decisions, but such influence doesn't have to be direct. It can be present in many ways.

Shawn Sullivan
Junior

Do not unfairly stereotype Hurst, Foster residents

To the Editor:
This letter concerns the article written by Kevin Cioppa in the Oct. 11 issue of the *Acorn*. Many of the letters written to the editor expressed their feelings about being grouped into one leftist, radical group. I understand the concerns of being stereotyped and to tell people that the members of Women's Concerns are not all alike, but I believe that they are being hypocritical to their statements.

The representatives of Women's Concerns have stated that they would prefer not to live on Tolley third because of its proximity to the suites. They seem to have felt that they would have been subject to harassment and abuse by the people in the suites. By not wanting to live near the suites, the people at Women's Concerns are stereotyping the suites in a false manner. Let's get one thing straight, Hurst and Foster are two buildings in which people live. They are not occupied by

bad, violent, people. I am sure that the people in the suites would have better things to wish with their time than harass the people on Tolley third.

Do the residents of the Women's Concerns house really think that the residents of the suites are abusive, homophobic, party mongers? If they do, then I am greatly disappointed in the people at the Women's Concerns house. There are people from all walks of Drew life within those cinder block walls. One cannot judge a building full of people by isolated incidents from the past.

If Women's Concerns prefers to live their "alternate" life style in the far reaches of campus then let them do so. All I ask is that they do not project false images of others due to their self-righteous attitudes.

Heath Podvesker
Junior

Onslaught of letters fails to represent Drew women

To the Editor:
As women on Drew's campus, we see the need for Women's Concerns, the Women's Concerns House, and the Women's studies minor. All women have experienced a degree of sexual discrimination and face the realities of a world dominated by men.

However, the letters in response to Kevin Cioppa's article take things too far. Not only is Cioppa personally attacked, but the feelings of many women on campus are misconstrued by the onslaught of letters.

First, in no way does Cioppa show "unbridled anger and hatred." He merely expresses his opinion that the administration was reluctant to help the international students due to the extreme influence of Women's Concerns.

Secondly, it is outrageous to accuse Cioppa of "holding [himself] in too high a regard." If, as the groups profess, they promote equality and understanding on campus, the members would not make such sarcastic statements about other's opinions.

We have "pride and love [for] our bodies" and we show this by taking care of ourselves, physically. Walking around campus topless is an asinine notion. Taking pride in your body is one thing—walking around topless is quite another.

Yes, being topless on campus would be a radical act for a woman, but this action would not show self pride. It would show self acceptance. If being topless is an example of a woman's love

for her body, should a man's love for his body be shown by walking around campus with his pants down?

We agree with Cioppa that Women's Concerns is using power to oppress—to oppress the international students. One resident said, "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." However, in taking part in the administrative process to eliminate a theme house, Women's Concerns has not shown a struggle for equality.

The international students were denied the chance to partake in the meetings because many were overseas. Isn't that the reason the students need their own house? Several of the residents of the Women's Concerns house will be lucky enough to go home for the week-long Thanksgiving break. Where will the international students be?

Women's Concerns calls for equality on campus, but we see no justice in the process that led to the ousting of the International House. Before Women's Concerns calls Cioppa a hypocrite, they should look at their actions versus their statements.

Kathryn Feeley
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Author's message misunderstood by respondents

To the Editor:
As a feminist, a woman, a liberal, and a member of the Drew community, I am writing in response to the letters written to the editor published Oct. 18, 1991. In reading each of the letters written by and for the Women's Concerns House and Women's Concerns Club, I felt more and more frustration build up in my chest.

We need to remember that the *Acorn* is the only forum on campus in which the views and opinions of students can be voiced openly. The article, "Radicals should return to roots" moved me to think because I believed it to be a true expression of one student's beliefs. What disturbed me about the letters in direct response to the article was that some of them appeared to be a direct attack on the author, neglecting to recognize that the author is a person. I feel that to disagree with an argument is valid; however to attack someone personally on the basis of one article is not valid because everyone should have the right to speak their mind.

The author's message was misunderstood. He

was sending a message out to the entire campus, using the Women's Concerns Club as an example. Unfortunately using this example was a mistake since he was misinformed of the group's ideology, power, and action. I do not believe this example to be the heart of his piece. The author calls upon "... the very groups that asked me to listen..." so that "... we can all work toward a truly free world." I interpreted this article as an exposition of one side of conservatism that perhaps the author felt should be heard by all in order to reach his stated goal.

It is very difficult to be critical of one another in our community due to our increased awareness of each other. I feel that the author's intent and journalistic integrity were fulfilled in his statement. Because the choice of an example was one that the author did not fully understand, it is unfortunate that his point was not recognized for its import and insight.

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Let's get back to basics

At this very moment powerful members of the Drew Community are meeting to discuss the statement of purpose of our university. They are taking part in a retreat, an outing designed to re-examine the overall goals of our Community, and the direction in which we should turn.

This is good news. For too long Drew has operated without a master plan, without some clear vision of where we are headed. Since the technology initiative of the '80s we have floundered around, trying desperately to define ourselves in relation to our liberal arts competitors.

While Drew has much to offer the prospective student—computers, great faculty, and a strong commitment to academics—there also exists that mysterious feeling that there is something missing, some amorphous void that keeps many Drew alum from giving their alma mater a blanket of approval.

Ask them about the technology initiative and they speak in excited tones. Ask them about President Kean's inauguration, and the excitement intensifies. Ask about their quality of life as a Drew student and their voice trails off.

As wonderful as these grand designs have been, one can't help but be reminded of the fabled three little pigs. The first two pigs rushed to finish the job. While their houses looked complete, they had no real substance and quickly blew down. The third pig took time to create a strong foundation, and built a structure that stood the test of age, not to mention the Big Bad Wolf.

What we need now at Drew is a strong foundation. Before embarking on any more elaborate initiatives, as eloquent sounding as they may be, we need to take care of some of our more mundane, boring problems, such as the lack of facilities.

We need more space. Academicians cry about our lack of classrooms and faculty offices. Students fight over theme houses. And athletes, as well as those who enjoy recreational sports, battle for time in a gym smaller than a high school locker.

Drew students have no real central place to congregate, a problem that partially explains the dissension and downright hostility permeating many inter-student group relations today. There is nothing seen as common ground by the entire student population—nothing that all students can identify with.

In short, we need a new university center, and have for some time. If students are to truly grow as a community and within the activities in which they partake, they need space. More student clubs should have offices. And these offices should be next to each other, not scattered through the far reaches of the campus. Put Women's Concerns, Drew Pro-Life, Hyera, and AWARE on the same floor. Let these individuals see each other as human beings, and watch the frustration that understandably pervades so much of the campus dissipate.

Furthermore, work on improving the efficiency of the administration. Too many students graduate mumbaling about the Drew Screw, and how their financial dealings have been less than satisfactory. Create more inter-department communication, so workers in each office see the student not as a client of their own department, but of the entire University.

Take care of the academic areas as well. While our library is well-equipped in terms of computer technology, it is sorely lacking in the more archaic area of actual books. We need books in a wide range of categories, not just in the theological field.

Improve the working conditions of the faculty. While more office space would greatly alleviate some problems, it would not solve all of them. Make sure we do not lose some of our fine faculty, undoubtedly the greatest asset of our school, to a university or college willing to pay more money. We should never be outbid for the finest of the teaching community.

Lastly, put a high priority on the "little things." Take a survey of the Drew population, ask them what inexpensive addition they would most like to see here, and act on it. A real outdoor basketball court to play on, toilets that don't back up, and more snack bar coverage on the Vail-Dine card would go a long way toward making the student experience a satisfying one.

Will most of this cost money? Of course it will. But nobody is setting a deadline for next week. The purpose of this weekend's retreat is to re-examine the purpose of this University, to determine long-term goals.

When President Kean first announced his acceptance of the top position in our university, he told a story of a courtier of Queen Victoria's court who left for a few days to found a college at Oxford. Upon returning he said "I have been planting a small acorn, but one day it will be a great oak."

Kean added that Drew was already a great oak, and that he wanted to show everyone just how strong it was. But no tree, as strong as its limbs may seem, will survive long or tower high if its roots are weak. If we continue to embellish the branches of our university, while at the same time neglecting its underground nurturing, our future will be no better than the wilting leaf of a rotting tree.

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Concentrate on students of today, not tomorrow

Shawn Sullivan
Sports Editor

Looking back on my senior year in high school, I can't help but think that I felt pretty important with various colleges paying attention to me, Drew included. They really seemed to care; they wanted me at their institution.

But with two years here behind me, I wonder if that attention was all a ploy in hopes of attracting me to Drew. Did the administrators really care as much as they led me to believe?

That question has crossed my mind quite a few times in the past two years. And each time, I shut the notion out of my head by way of a simple rationalization. When one is in a situation where interaction with another group must occur constantly, there will be moments when some amount of tension exists. I assumed the administrators really did care; I was simply misinterpreting their actions.

But, like a good college student, I have wised up in the past two years.

With the enormous amount of problems existing on campus as a result of budgetary constraints, I realize there will be many decisions made adversely affecting different groups. As a student, many of those

decisions have had a direct impact on me. And, to a large degree, I accept those decisions as a necessity.

My problem goes much deeper than that. Go ahead... make your cuts. But in doing so, show some compassion. At least make students *think* you care. Remember, it's not that hard... you did it when we were high school seniors.

Just think back to last semester when class offerings were going to be cut. No student input was sought, and, if it were not for "The Wake," student opinion would have never figured into the final decision. That in itself was difficult to swallow, but if the cuts were really needed, I could have accepted them.

The worst part was that administrators did not seem to care. Didn't anyone stop to think that students might have some opinion on the decision? Yes, maybe the cuts had to be made. Maybe there was not enough money to avoid those cuts. But the simple fact of the matter is that we are not simply talking money here. Those cuts effect the *lives* of students.

I ask the administrators, who are you to choose what students want? Remember, one of the requirements for a college student is that we be able to speak for ourselves. The only thing I can figure is that you did not care

enough to ask us.

And remember, the economic decline has not just affected the University. Each and every student has felt its brunt in some matter. Yet, in my view, administrators have failed to recognize that.

I personally know of many students who have found it very difficult to finance their education here. The downturn in the economy and the increase in tuition has not made it an easy task to scrape up the needed money. But it certainly doesn't make it any easier when the administrators do not seem to care.

Financially strapped students will discuss the situation with administrators, and all too often, the students are told there is nothing that can be done. At times, someone will work with the student to find a way to overcome the situation. But in other instances, students are told in so few words, "Tough luck!" Trust me; I have heard as much myself.

Does that express any degree of compassion? Hardly.

But at the same time, I hear the same old schpiel given to prospective freshmen about the Drew Community... about how much everybody works together; how everybody cares. C'mon.

And at the last town meeting, I heard

University President Tom Kean explaining the line of reasoning for some of the budgetary decisions. For example, the renovation of Mead Hall. One of Kean's lines of reasoning was that it would be the center of attention. One of the most beautiful buildings on any college campus. It would serve to catch the eye of prospective students and make them all want to come here.

Hey, why focus on students *thinking* of attending Drew? A large percentage of the students accepted will attend another school. No matter how much administrators can make those students think that Drew really cares about them, most will venture somewhere else that made them feel equally wanted.

So why not focus on those of us who are here. Show us you care. I'm not asking for anybody to bend over backwards to appease the students. Go ahead and make your decisions. Just have a little compassion in the process.

Remember, if students are going to just be told the facts with no feeling whatsoever, we always have our computers. Why not just send us E-mail. Or did I forget that such a decision would eliminate administrative jobs? Now we wouldn't want to adversely affect *their* lives.

Respect works in two directions

Jason Schuck
Staff Writer

Unlike Kevin Cioppa, I did not come to Drew with an open mind; my beliefs about right and wrong had basically been shaped beforehand. While I can still be convinced to change my mind, it takes an excellent argument to do so.

I also believe in respect for others. Just as I have my firm beliefs, others are entitled to theirs. I even welcome civilized debate, in the hope of teaching others while learning possible faults of my arguments. I become angered, though, when others refuse to even respect my opinions.

Last year Peacemakers sponsored a table in the University Center expressing their opinions concerning the Gulf War. While I stopped once or twice to argue, I never resorted to *ad hominem* attacks or screaming. While I strongly disagreed with their views, a shouting match would have resolved nothing.

When American Watch Against Restriction of Expression sponsored a table later in the year, they were afforded no such respect. Members (and advisors) of "liberal/minority" groups, such as Women's Concerns and Hyera, shouted at AWARE members and made personal attacks. To differ with AWARE was not enough; they had to violently oppose.

Similarly, my roommate and I put a sign on our door last year giving the location of an organizational meeting for a proposed "Men's Concerns House." Rather than attending to see what we planned to do with such a house, a Co-chair of Women's Concerns and two others barged into our room later that night, while I was trying to write a history paper.

My roommate and I then endured a screaming diatribe about how all men, including us, were responsible for the world's wrongs. They proceeded to attack us personally, saying we had no respect for women. This from people I knew only in passing.

I hate to reopen old wounds, but the Dave Daniels incident last year further illustrates my points. For asking a "politically incorrect" question, the former University Senator was derided and threatened with impeachment by the campus "liberal/minorities." There was no open-minded discussion, just ranting and raving.

Even the *Acorn* has been disrespectful of my, and others', beliefs. Last year, a prominent *Acorn* editor called a student a "fascist" because he was a strong supporter of the First Amendment. This would almost be funny if it was not so frightening. Also, people of Negro descent are referred to as "African-Americans" (with a capital "A"), but those of Caucasian descent are "white" (small "W"). If "black" is racist and inaccurate, isn't "white" equally so? But, the "liberal/minorities" must be appeased, never mind how the rest of the campus might feel.

The above are just personal examples, witnessed either by me or close friends; I suspect that there are other cases out there. But, as usual, the squeaky wheels get the most grease, not to mention press coverage.

I will continue to show respect to those who return it. I will gladly tolerate the opinions of others, as long as they do not try to suppress mine. I will not, however, let the "liberal/minorities" continue to harass and intimidate opposing views without responding.

Drinking students need to clean up after themselves

To the Editor:

If you take your beer into the woods, please take your beer cans out with you when you leave. Last Sunday I helped a professor emerita at Drew pick up 25 bags of beer cans in the glacial dell or ravine in back of Tolley-Brown. These cans were plainly a pollutant in an otherwise natural environment. The glacial dell back there is one of the links we have on the Drew campus to the pre-history of this area, and was created by a huge block of ice during the last glacial period 8,000 to 10,000 years ago. The beer cans don't

belong there.

Please, if you drink back there, clean up after yourself, whether you drink alone or in a party. The quality of the natural environment is a gift to us from previous generations of faculty, staff, and students at Drew; our gift to future generations can be to preserve this wonderful place.

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Did Senate fulfill duties in Thomas hearings?

Yes, they combined just debate over sexual harassment with fair treatment of high court nominee

Geoff Gerhardt
Staff Writer

Americans are a strange group of people. We revel in the knowledge that our country possesses the oldest and strongest democracy in the world; yet at the same time, we love to hate our elected officials.

One area of government that takes more flack than any other is Congress. Americans never seem to be very happy with Congress, but this disdain reached new heights over the Senate's investigation of Anita Hill's charge that Clarence Thomas had sexually harassed her ten years ago.

Time magazine went so far as to call the hearings, "a circus with an ancient history stretching back to the days when people were fed to lions."

The first act of this so-called circus came when Republicans accused Democrats of extorting Professor Hill into going public with her charges. Republicans whined that Democrats had been looking for a chance to smear Thomas, and found the perfect opportunity by pushing Hill into the limelight. The full story behind how Hill's testimony became public remains a mystery, but it now seems apparent Hill's decision had nothing to do with an organized effort to keep Thomas off the bench. Hill was approached by a lone staff member who asked about the allegations, but it was her decision to testify in front of the Judiciary Committee.

Once the charges became public, Republicans said Democrats wanted to reopen the hearings simply to kill Thomas's nomination. A closer look at the facts; however, reveals a different picture.

Parliamentary procedure says that such hearings may not be reopened without the unanimous consent of the entire Senate. Republicans were prepared to vote against reopening the hearings, but gave in because their offices were flooded with calls requesting that the charges be investigated. It was this public pressure, not political partisanship, that eventually forced the Senate to start the hearings again.

Then came the hearings themselves. For one week, the issue of sexual harassment was discussed by what has been called the greatest debating body in the world. Few things can attract the jaded attention of the average American, but the hearings attracted the attention of almost everyone; and better yet, got them to think seriously about the issue of sexual harassment.

And despite the difficult circumstances, no Senator ever acted inappropriately toward any witness or asked inappropriate questions. Every member of the committee treated both Hill and Thomas with the utmost respect and did the best job they could

to arrive at the true facts.

Ironically, the most heated exchange occurred between Senators Hatch (R-UT) and Biden (D-DE) in a debate over parliamentary procedure. But even after all the questions had been asked, affidavits read, and depositions entered, Americans still did not feel as if they knew what really happened.

This should come as a surprise to no one. The facts were extremely difficult to arrive at, since it was a matter of one widely respected individual's word against another's.

As stupid as it may seem, the Senate Judiciary Committee is simply not equipped to determine guilt or innocence. It is not set up to be a court of law, so it should not be a surprise that no one could say for sure who was telling the truth. The committee is designed to review nominees for the Supreme Court and approve or reject these people based on the nominee's legal knowledge, interpretation of the Constitution, and overall qualifications.

Many people then charged the committee spent too much time quibbling over sexual harassment, and not enough time discussing Thomas' legal qualifications. But what these people forget is that this issue had already been discussed in the first round of hearings.

Of course, little was learned from these hearings because White House advisors had told Thomas to keep quiet about any controversial issues. For instance, when asked about his thoughts on the landmark abortion ruling of *Roe v. Wade*, Thomas said he had no opinion.

So with two sets of hearings entered into the Congressional Record, it was time to vote. First the Judiciary Committee split right down the middle, therefore sending Thomas to the full Senate without a recommendation.

Then an unusual thing happened. There was a day of serious and intense debate during which the hundred Senators of the United States actually listened to each other and thought about the issues before voting 52-48 to confirm Thomas.

Was Thomas guilty of sexually harassing Hill? It is impossible to tell with the evidence given. But for one week at least, the Senate got all of us thinking about the issue of sexual harassment.

And by voting so closely to confirm Thomas, the Senate did a brave thing by political standards. It acknowledged the seriousness of Hill's allegations, yet refused to condemn Thomas based on charges that could not be proven beyond a reasonable doubt.

Despite the public's disdain and the media's condemnation I, for one, am proud of the circus we call the United States Senate.

Kevin Hahn
Staff Writer

As the Clarence Thomas confirmation hearings came to a close, the American public finished witnessing a long and at times ugly debate on the Senate floor. After months of proceedings, the focus at the vote was Professor Anita Hill and her allegations of sexual harassment by Thomas in the work place. But ignoring for the moment Hill's testimony, the Thomas hearings raise some interesting questions about the U.S. government today and where it is going in the future.

The Thomas hearings were filled with politics and bickering. Democrats and Republicans split on the issue; the final decision rested almost as much on party lines as it did the actual issues. Somehow lost in the shuffle of Thomas' conservatism, his race, and the issue of sexual harassment was an extremely important question: Was he qualified? Instead of basing the decision on this issue, senators got lost. What shaped many decisions were such questions as race and Hill's statements.

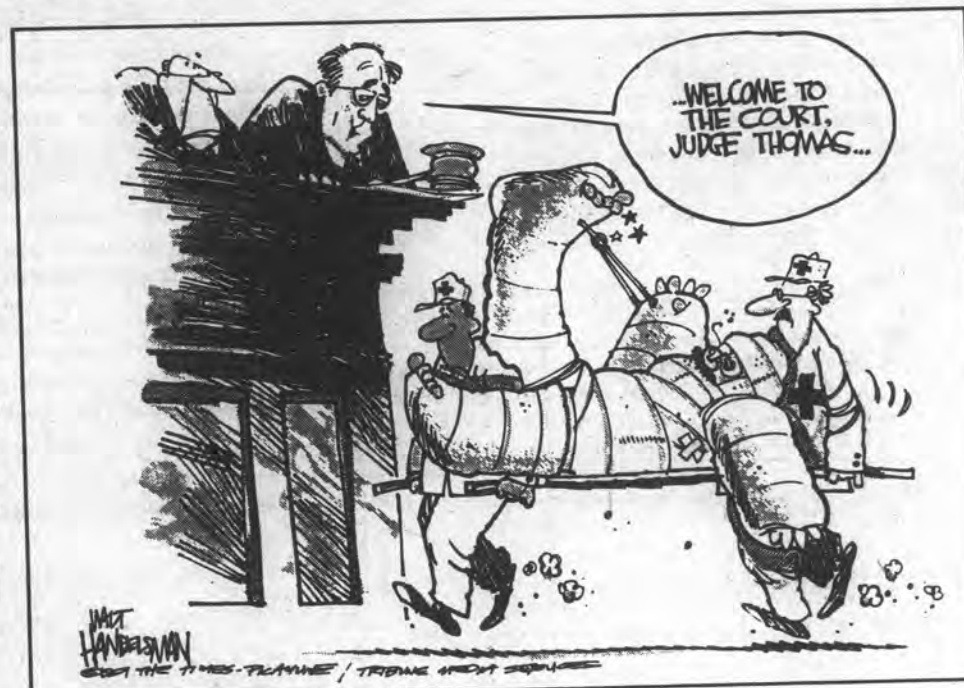
In 1987, the Senate was involved in a similarly intricate and drawn out debate about another Supreme Court nominee. The Robert Bork nomination campaign was filled with the same type of partisan politics and bickering that occurred during the Thomas hearings. Former Chief Justice Burger said at the time that these hearings were filled with more "hype and disinformation" than any before. Senators faced such enormous pressures from voters and from their political party that it was almost impossible for them to reach their own conclusions. In the end, Bork was rejected, not because his

previous actions rendered him unqualified, but because the American public viewed him as too conservative.

Just four years later, the Thomas hearings were even more drawn out than the Bork nomination was. This time, the debate (before Hill) centered on whether Thomas was qualified for the job. Like Bork, Thomas was viewed as too conservative. However, Thomas was forced to defend his qualifications for the position—something which Bork never needed to do.

Last week, Thomas was confirmed as an associate justice of the Supreme Court. We can hope with time he will become a great justice. But his record to date does not justify the risks involved in placing him in such a powerful position. His experience as a federal justice places him well behind many other potential nominees. He has shown no evidence of brilliance or incisiveness in his judgments, nor has he shown exceptional skill in writing his opinions. The mere fact that there were questions in the Senate about his qualifications, while others with impressive credentials looked on, creates doubts about whether he is the best choice for his position.

Perhaps the U.S. Senate was right in rejecting Bork four years ago. They are, however, unequivocally wrong now in confirming a man who is discernibly less qualified. If the United States will accept a man with mediocre credentials to such a position of lasting power and importance, than this is a troubling sign for the future. For how can our nation truly live up to the ideals on which it was founded if we do not strive to maintain excellence in our leadership and decision-making?



Blue jeans day solves nothing, divides many

David Briggs
Staff Writer

As most people on campus discovered from their voice-mail, Friday Oct. 18 was Blue Jeans Day, the "protest" once again initiated by Drew's bisexual, gay, and lesbian Alliance for B-G-LAD Week. As I slipped on my jeans that morning, I actually wondered what such a seemingly innocent act would mean. Would there be a crowd of people proudly sporting blue jeans with maybe a "Silence = Death" button here and there, or would there be a backlash of non-denim trousers?

The more I thought about it, the more silly the whole concept became. My problem was in the political implications, real or imagined, of standard, everyday items of clothing. Where jeans had been one of the most universal, uniting factors of American

culture, now someone suddenly comes along and proclaims them symbolic, an action that can do nothing but cause a rift between jeans-wearers and non-jeans-wearers. (This begins to sound like something out of a Samuel Beckett play.)

There may be a real fear of homosexuals among certain heterosexuals, but the creation of political labels for heretofore neutral items of clothing only adds to the split between the two groups, because it creates a peer-pressure situation, rather than allowing people to deal with the idea of gay rights as individuals. Asking a body of college students to wear jeans to support bisexual, gay, and lesbian rights is like asking a group of Toyota executives to wear ties to work if they support Japanese whaling—they may or they may not, but in any case the protest is irrelevant to the issue.

It makes sense to distribute buttons or

armbands to support gay rights (or any other cause for that matter); such items are recognizable forms of protest or support. But assigning political meanings to everyday items of clothing is ridiculous. It turns normal people into political billboards (either for or against), instead of the thinking individuals that they really (I hope) are.

Jeans are not a clear message of protest or support because they are a generic clothing; an outsider visiting the campus that day who was wearing jeans would not necessarily support gay rights. They probably would not have even noticed what was going on. With the exception of some unusually well-dressed Republicans, I did not notice much of a difference at all in the way people dressed Friday, indicating to me that most people ignored the day's political attire. Perhaps everyone in jeans did support gay rights, but no one had a way of really know-

ing. The whole event seemed a useless method of conveying political messages. So I, remaining as apolitical as possible, chose to wear what I wear every other day of the year—jeans.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

U.S. system abuses Clarence Thomas, Anita Hill

To the Editor:

The political diabolism of the Supreme Court inflicted upon the nominee Clarence Thomas is not surprising or out of character. In fact, this unprofessional political procedure is very characteristic of the depravity of American morality and their corrupt political system. There is a sense of a very carefully manipulated game in which Clarence Thomas has been maliciously used as a pawn. Anita Hill merely enhanced the vicious nature of the game.

I cannot experience any shock from an American system that has a history of leniency when it comes to barbarity and malevolence dating back to the slave trade horrors, brutal segregation, and the Vietnam murders leading to the present uncouth trials of Clarence Thomas. If you can find any security in this system, be secure in the fact that its history does not repeat itself.

I am disappointed in Thomas and Hill for allowing themselves to be abused by this system. These two professionals were so intent on destroying each other that they didn't realize they had both become victims of the judicial system. Thomas, who was once revered as the honored "Bush nominee" is now regarded with much less respect. For too many, Clarence Thomas evokes the image of a lustful, uninhibited sexual violator of women. He will never maintain any credibility with this fiery brand of malignment.

Even though Thomas has been confirmed, he will always be rejected by the masses of people who were affected by the spectacle of the Thomas/Hill hearings. Thomas will never be confirmed by the groups of women, feminists, and other victims of society. They will not believe that he will advocate justice. Moreover, this

outrageous ordeal has agitated division particularly among men and women in the African-American community.

Likewise, Anita Hill will always create an aura of mistrust, doubt, and tension whenever she is present. Her credibility has been marred forever. According to a grand storyteller, despite her televised joyful welcome home, we could not see or hear the angry, disillusioned expressions of many others. Her Oklahoma press conference was a desperate plea to allow things to return to normal. Order will not come out of this chaos. Hill's life and career will feel the effects of this ordeal for many years to come.

After Thomas and Hill have been dragged through the mud, President Bush now wants to look into the matter of changing the procedures. It's illogical he would think of this after more than a week of these humiliating media reports and several days of even more humiliating public hearings. Bush's reaction is much too delayed, especially for a man who purported to be Thomas's main supporter. President Bush could have put a stop to this unethical procedure. He could have cited from the Constitution that the hearings were a blatant violation of the privacy act. He failed to take any such action until now. The damage has been done and that damage is irreparable. Clarence and Anita may be smiling now, but who will smile last? Oh, what a glorious system of truth and justice! Give us liberty or give us the American way (Death).

Ashanti Shakir
Senior

Shantz says Acorn resorts to sensational journalism

To the Editor:

Many times I have read opinions letters and articles and have felt compelled to write responses, at first. Unfortunately, call me apathetic if you will, I never had the time or I realized there were more important things in my life. So my "eloquent" prose was put aside. This has changed, however, with the last two issues of the *Acorn*, one of which contained Kevin Cioppa's article, "Radicals return to roots" and the following issue with the abundance of reply letters. After reading both, I was left with the question: "What kind of newspaper is this?"

Is the *Acorn* supposed to be a piece of professional journalism or a supermarket tabloid? Why do I see the newspaper creating controversy and misunderstanding? Mr. Cioppa's article raised some worthwhile points but at the same time it was poorly written, lacked all the necessary information, and generally was not worth publishing. On the other hand, the entire "Letters to the Editor" section did not have to be devoted to response letters from a specific group or groups. Granted, their letters pointed out the mistakes of Mr. Cioppa's article but do readers need to hear about the same mistake 16, yes 16 times? It seems to me that the "Opinions" section should not have

printed such a misinformed inflammatory article just to create fuel for the "Letters to the Editor" section the next week. At the same time, every single response letter did not have to be published in order to create more controversy that fanned the fires of misunderstanding. The *Acorn* is a free newspaper; it does not have to sell its newspaper by debasing itself to the level of sensationalism and purposefully created discord. I only hope that the newspaper can return to a brand of intellectually informed journalism that most of the campus would like to read. Give your readers more credit; deliver intelligent articles with the correct facts.

Dan Schantz
Junior

Ed. note: The *Acorn* resents Mr. Shantz's implication that by printing Mr. Cioppa's article and the responding letters to the editor we were attempting to cause friction for the sake of increasing our readership. We have a policy of printing all letters and opinions articles, representing all points of view. With his implication, Mr. Shantz not only unfoundedly insults the *Acorn*, but all of the authors involved.

ECAB discusses Blue Jeans Day incident

Jason Kosnoski
Executive Editor

The Extra Classroom Activities Board discussed yesterday whether the College Republicans violated the ECAB constitution and University Human Rights policy by sending a voice message over their distribution list in response to the Alliance's Blue Jeans Day program, which requested members of the Community to wear blue jeans to show their support for homosexual and bisexual rights.

The message said, "College Republicans... Friday is College Republican day. We are being forced to make a statement or make a stand by being forced into not wearing jeans by a certain organization on this campus. So therefore wear a tie or dress up in slacks.... This is our response to an issue that we are reacting to...."

Dean of Student Life Denise Alleyne said the message could be construed as creating a hostile environment for homosexuals and bisexuals within the College Republicans or for a student wishing to join the College Republicans.

"We discussed it at the meeting because this may be an issue that we will have to deal with," Alleyne said. "At this point it doesn't appear there are any violations, but if a group is taking actions which, in essence, tell people that they are not welcome to participate in their group, that group is coming close to breaching the ECAB constitution and the Human Rights Policy."

Both the University Human Rights Policy and the ECAB constitution prohibit University groups from creating or contributing to environments hostile to minorities.

Alleyne and representatives of the College Republicans will be meeting next week to discuss the issue.

Neither she nor ECAB can initiate actions against the College Republicans, Alleyne said, yet if a student files a formal complaint, ECAB will determine if violations exist and possibly take disciplinary actions.

University Senator Tom Morgan, who sits on ECAB, said, "While we were not really sure if there was a violation, we came to a consensus that they [College Republicans] were treading on dangerous waters.... If a club sends a message saying to wear suits and ties on Blue Jeans Day, that implies not accepting people of all sexual preferences. But I haven't talked to anyone in the College Republicans and we're not quite sure."

ECAB Vice Chair Greg Gordon said he is not sure whether any violations occurred. "Being against gay rights is one thing," he said. "But being against Blue Jeans Day is another thing. Yet if an ECAB group implies that gays are excluded, that is not acceptable."

College Republicans President Lawrence Morris declined to comment, saying, "It is of great concern to the College Republicans to not comment any further on this issue until our meeting with Dean Alleyne. The sole reason behind this is to avoid any further misunderstanding between both parties."

Alliance Co-Chair Chris Withers said the College Republicans' greatest offense was the abuse of their club privileges. "People can wear what they want, they can support us or not. The worst thing was the abuse of a club distribution list."

Members of the Alliance say Blue Jeans Day was not meant to coerce or trick students into supporting any issue. "We gave a whole explanation of what it was about on our posters," Alliance member Colleen Fox said. "People don't think about blue jeans and we shouldn't have to think about this [equal rights for homosexuals]. This was not meant to trap anyone into wearing jeans."

Members of the Alliance pointed out that all Republicans do not disapprove of homosexual and bisexual rights. "The Republicans are trying to move away from their anti-gay stigma," Alliance member Chris Weisbecker said. "There are a lot of gay Republicans and they [the College Republicans] are not doing justice to their party."



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Keeling discusses AIDS, self-esteem

Health safety instructions contradict actual practices; society creates conflicts

Alison Simko
Staff Writer

Dr. Richard Keeling, an internationally recognized sexual health educator, spoke Tuesday Oct. 22nd, in Baldwin Gymnasium on "Sex, Alcohol and Self Esteem: Finding Help and Feeling Safe."

Keeling is the president of both the International Society for AIDS Education and the Foundation for Health in Higher Education, as well as an associate professor and director of Student Health Services at the University of Virginia School of Medicine.

According to Keeling, the world is becoming increasingly complicated due to the risks of unprotected sex, drug, and alcohol abuse, and the problems of date rape and sexually transmitted diseases such as AIDS. He said most college students know how to protect themselves from these risks, but a discrepancy exists between what they know and what they do.

"Ninety-six or 97 percent of American college and university students already know what they need to know about AIDS.... We may know that if we don't want to be infected with HIV for example, we either do not have intercourse, or, if we do have intercourse, we use a condom. That's what we know. [However,] only a minority of college students regularly, predictably, repeatedly use a condom," Keeling said.

This discrepancy exists because individuals do what they see; they are raised to watch, imitate, and be part of the majority, Keeling said. "We grow up wanting to be kind of the same as everyone else," he said.

This message is portrayed daily, via images that originate in various sources: Television, VCRs, videotapes, posters, brochures, magazines, billboards, entertainment, rock music, celebrities, and athletes. Keeling said that television viewers see 20,000 commercials on television annually;



Richard Keeling connected unprotected sex and drug abuse with a lack of self-esteem. Photo by Karl Langdon

in one year, there are 14,000 references to sex but less than 175 related to "just saying no."

According to Keeling, the images build "a kind of framework of how we're supposed to be, what we're supposed to seem like, act like, talk like, dress like, if we're going to be approved and accepted."

The images create a specific notion of how men and women should appear and behave, but the notion differs from the instructions men and women are given about how to act. For example, Keeling said, "If you are a woman in high school or college these days, you probably hear a series of messages about health promotion.... They say, 'protect yourself, you decide what's right for you, you stay in control, be assertive.' That's where you find safety."

However, "The image of women in our society is one of great beauty.... What is

supposed to make you powerful is softness, not assertiveness," Keeling said. Similarly, men are raised to be powerful and uncompromising and not to be committed and sharing in relationships. However, "as they grow up and come to college we now say to them, 'Share your feelings. Listen to somebody else. Compromise.'"

Not only are the health safety instructions contradictory to these images, but they are also difficult to follow. "We're supposed to talk to the people we might be sexual partners with. That means that we have to do some uncomfortable investigating."

"It is two o'clock in the morning. One thing has led to another. It is very exciting. Now we're supposed to stop and take a medical history.... We have to ask a lot of embarrassing questions: Who are you? Where have you been? What did you catch? Have you still got it? It might be easier to

have a drink," said Keeling.

The images base human worth on external criteria, (grades, income, attractiveness, possessions), and result in lowered self-esteem. "We are always reminded that we're not good enough by ourselves.... We're always depending on other people to tell us we're okay. We never feel good enough," Keeling said.

The images also relay messages to society members about what to do when their self-esteem is low. "When you feel bad about yourself, have a drink, get something else to eat.... go shopping.... find somebody else to have sex with, somebody else to tell you you're okay," Keeling said.

According to Keeling, a sense of self-esteem is necessary to gain control over personal health and well-being. This self-esteem can be gained by knowing, valuing and listening to oneself; by managing feelings, relationships, and situations; and by knowing, valuing, and supporting each other.

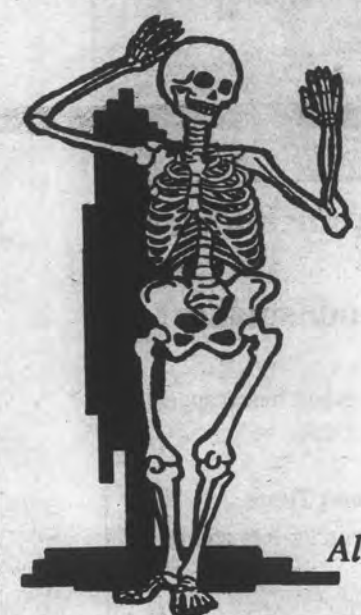
"The most important thing we should be able to say is: 'My health, my life, and my future are all more important than anything that can happen in the next ten minutes.... I know me, I value something about myself, I'm going to take care of myself.'"

Keeling cited self-awareness and decisiveness as effective means of raising self-esteem and becoming both self-supportive and supportive of others. "The better we know ourselves, the more we can be conscious of what is happening to us."

Correction

In the Acorn Oct. 18, the hours the Peer Helpline operates were incorrectly listed. The hours should have read 5 p.m.-9 a.m. We regret any inconveniences this may have caused.

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Food that makes you go hmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmm daka food service satisfies a select few; alienates a select few more

Joanna Lobozzo
Staff Writer

Every morning I walk into the Commons, skip over the hot food (eggs, pancakes, whatnot) and rush to the cereal bar, hoping that the Almighty daka Deity answered my one lonely request.

Yes, I left countless wrinkled napkins tacked to the "suggestions" board, politely requesting that regular Cheerios (as opposed to Honey Nut—yuck) be included in the cereal bar.

And every so often, my spirits soar as I glance at the seemingly authentic fresh new Cheerios. Alas, upon closer inspection, I realize that Honey Nut Cheerios have, in fact, been mixed in.

Ah, the joys of Drew. What would college be if students didn't wrinkle their noses in disgust when asked about the food? But I must admit that no matter how many improvements daka makes, I would probably still complain. In fact, this week, as this article goes to press, daka doubled its cereal bar selection. Oh, well.

I am the Ultimate Waste of a Drew Meal Plan. I bring my own bread to breakfast and eat it with water. I live on the cereal and crackers stashed in my room.

It became necessary to ask a plethora of students their opinions before making any sweeping generalizations.

"Okay, Quazi. What's good tonight?" Shrug. Smile. Shrug.

Hmmm. It must all be good then. Right? Many complaints deal with the main dinner meals. Although adequate food exists, most say that it's just not very appetizing.

The pasta and dry potatoes received bad reviews from some people while others complained about the meat and vegetables. Somebody commented on the fact that the chicken and rice soup lacked one essential ingredient—chicken.

But to the salad—the salad dressing really ought to be more clearly labeled and could we have some Russian perhaps? As long as we've reached that side of the cafeteria, I would like to know what's wrong with the butter here; it just lacks taste.

"Just because I'm a vegetarian does not mean that I eat beans and apples or cauliflower and garbanzo beans," freshman Caroline Williams said. Some suggestions for greater vegetarian selection might include more grain dishes and a greater variety of fresh fruit.

Also, many people were dissatisfied with the small portions given out at one time—five fries or three onion rings at a time. But then, one must understand there are a lot of people

to feed and the Almighty daka Deity cannot miraculously feed the multitudes with one loaf of bread (Biblical allusion? get it? never mind). Freshman Joe Houde sums it up, "The quality of the food is inversely proportional to the numbers you have to serve." Moreover, there are a lot of different types of people to please.

"The food is bland because it must appeal to a variety of tastes. However, a larger selection of spices would definitely enhance the eating experience," freshman Eric Glass said.

Okay now can someone tell me why there is breakfast food in the grill room at dinner? If I have to eat pancakes and omelettes at night, why can't there be chicken parmesan in the morning? Hmmpphh? I thought so.

Also, what is wrong with the soda? Nobody's ever sure what's going to come out. One night carbonated water came out of the cola faucet. Nothing in life is ever what it appears to be, I know, but can't the soda machine be sincere? You know? This might be having severe psychological ramifications on stressed-out students who are searching for truth in life! And to be deceived by food? Whatever. I'm calm now.

Let's be positive. Upon speaking to upperclassmen, I have learned that the food this year is at least as good or better than last year. Apparently, the fruit bar has improved, and so have the chicken patties.

However, according to one senior, the salad bar was better last year. One suggestion was to continue the themes Seiler's promoted (Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc.).

A definite strong point of daka is the attempt to come up with specific themes and follow through with them during the meal and with the decorations. Also, we're all looking forward to the pizza bar.

PIZZA? And everyone likes the workers. For some time, several of us greeted Quazi every night with our meal cards stuck to our foreheads. Well, it breaks up the monotony of the day.

The point is that, as with anything else, there are people that are going to be happy and there are those who will complain. I have gotten such varied responses as "there are enough choices for everyone to find something to eat" to "this is a step up from dog food."

Remember, if you want the Almighty daka Deity to listen to you, you have to write your suggestions on the board.

I know that someday within the next four years, I'll get my Cheerios. So good luck and keep the faith.

Karl Langdon's Wild Kingdom



This photo exemplifies Drew life at its heart. Squirrels are a large part of everyone's day, contributing to tuition hikes and beer drought. We should respect our furry-tailed brothers, for they keep the forest clean and make sure the trees cannot float away rootless into space. Mr. Langdon sets out each week to capture the wild kingdom right in our own residence hall backyards. And he also happens to be a damn good photographer. As you walk the paths of Drew, keep an eye out for the hidden world Karl captures on film.

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Neverending Story ends Big Cheese killed; you no longer have to suffer insipid drivel; read a book

Andy Fenwick
Asst. Entertainment Editor

Everything ends. If not for this, bridges would extend too far, too uselessly, and highways would pour into the ocean and swim underwater. People would grow too old to walk, eat, and sleep. Puppies would decay in the street.

So I end this tale. But not before revealing its key. Not before I put it to rest by resting it through itself—wait—you'll see.

We begin with a character many of you may not remember. In the genesis episode, Big Cheese (rest his soul) recalls his old boss at the meadowlands. Little known is the fact that the neverending story was completely inside that man's mind. Kind of a Bobby Ewing dream-thing.

Mortimer. Mortimer lost all his teeth when he was sixteen to a degenerative enamel disease. Too cool for dentures, he opted for silver teeth, thinking it would give him stature like Jaws from the Bond movies. It made him look stupid. His red hair was actually curly, but he pasted it straight to his skull every morning with water and a brush. Mortimer looked like a tall, skinny, red-headed can opener.

Mortimer weathered it well. He became successful in the garbage industry, and soon after high school he owned seven hills in the meadowlands. He was glad. Very glad. So glad he shined his silver teeth each night before he went to bed, grinning like a maniac in his bathroom mirror.

But Mortimer began to have problems. Maybe it was methane from the dump, maybe there was lead in his teeth. Whatever the case, after the previous episode ran its course through his mind, he found that the story was going nowhere, and only going to get

worse and out of control. Metaphor?

Mortimer, actually, hadn't slept for weeks, which was the chief reason for these stories. At first the lack of sleep was okay, because of the stories. Now he needed sleep at all costs. The stories would only become twisted, diluted, and sanded over with maddening visions hallucinated through insomnia.

He would walk the sidewalks around his Hoboken house, pondering his sleeplessness with the tenacity of a Connecticut tick. The early morning light crept in between the small buildings, and with it came the cold morning air. Autumn was creeping closer. Mortimer fell in love with the sound of his own lonely footsteps.

A Thursday night was born. Mortimer took to the streets once more, creating the frame of the newest installment of the neverending story. He figured he was close to the end. The streetlights were hazy; his vision was getting worse as he lost sleep. He met hardly anyone. Some bodies twisted indoors as he walked by, but other than that Mortimer saw only cats and cop cars.

Three figures crossed the street toward him.

Mortimer walked on, moving his tongue across the smooth silver of his teeth. Tonight the sidewalk felt like a giant tongue, and he the words rolling off it. The three figures drew closer.

They moved behind him. One was small, frail, and walked with red chapped legs inside soiled trousers. The other was a huge man, smelling slightly of cheese, garbage, and cologne. The third figure's skin was made of clay and small weed sprouts. He carried a baby-sized, yellow slug in his arms.

Their presence felt like a woman's arms

around his neck. The three figures were tired, pained, and sleepless also. As if in perfect sync they jumped forward and surrounded Mortimer, screaming vowel sounds at him, and assaulted his cowering body until the sun rose upon the city and sent them back into the cracks and holes of the street.

Mortimer lay there for a while, concentrating on the cracks and close-up features of the brown sidewalk. He rolled over on his stomach and did a push-up to raise himself to his feet. Today would be like any other Friday, he knew, but the night would be altogether different. Somehow, the story was about split of fuse, and which he did not know.

Sleep was something that fell through the deep blue sheets on his bed. He was dark-eyed, his joints ached, and he often found himself standing naked on his apartment floor in the ingrown hours of the evening. His quick dreams woke him up; his nightmares weren't of dying, but of seeing. He wished his dreams would be long again, he wished he was a preserved ice-age man and his dreams would take a day to pass.

The final time arrived; the evening when he tried to exorcise himself, the death of the neverending story. Night floated over the roof like an unsaid word, and Mortimer's joints cracked as he walked to his bed in the dark. He lay on his stomach for a difficult hour, and felt as if a baby wearing barbed wire gloves was crawling across his back. Soon he was falling into the blue sheets, the depths of his bed, the water of sleep.

Mortimer swirled disembodied within the thick fluffy tissue of his mind. And like all things organic and sprouting, a winter comes and the ground receives bodies once again. Reader, completely forget this story. It never existed.

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(It's Romantic Week:
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Scrambled bloody single egg.
(c'est une autre chose)
Je mets-il dans un bol
Et donc, j'ai la plague.

Alas, thou is pretty nifty.
Jump and suffer, whistle Griffith.

Look yonder (over there!)
It's a pumpkin parachute
Atop crumbling potted plants.
We watch the florist paint sick air.

Beware: Those who have not found
Self in backyard, transcended Doogie.
I'm you. You sound. Round mound
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Heads: Searching for that one hairdo for you

Chop it, trim it, spike it, dye it, eat it; Frugal Drewid finds haircutters hiding everywhere

Kelly Scanlon
Staff Writer

As the Drew campus exfoliates its wondrous colors of fall upon the earth, it tends to be a hint that, as primates, it's time to get a haircut. Okay, when school started we all got those neat-o new hairdos and we came to Drew thinking we were sportin' a good look. Well, time has elapsed and right about now we could all go for a haircut, rebuzz, trim, or total makeover.

For those of us who care even the tiniest amount about our appearance, we like to make sure some of our hairs are in place at any given moment. Hair is a vital part of our lives. It creates personality; it adds interest to our features; it comes in all shapes, colors, and (for some of us) sizes. Hey, it kind of sounds like the circus, so like the wild beasts, we must keep our manes tamed.

For many folks this is difficult because they have that funky hair that does not do anything except sit there on one's head. Then there are those poor souls who have that wispy, fly-away hair (and I do not mean toupees), and have to spray Static Guard on it so it does not stick to everything in sight.

Of course there are always those disgusting people who have beautiful hair that goes where they want it to and it always looks "salon fresh." No matter who you are, you eventually have to get that stuff on your head cut.

Did you ever wonder why it is called HAIR? Well, Webster says it is from the Old



Shave and a haircut, two bits. Drew students sport fresh and funky dos this fall. Photo by Karl Langdon

English, even they had hair. Imagine that.

Well, after following the trails of blood left behind from those who dared venture to risk their ears, I found out some good dirt on the hair scene. All right, rumor has it that Shear Image is a cool place to go because they not only give you a styling cut, but an education in hair too. A little advice from an

educated hair enthusiast... buy alcohol-free gels and mousses, but beware of hairsprays that contain S.D. Alcohol. Some say Triolo's in Madison is great for \$11, but it does not come with an education.

The phenomenon of this haircut thing presents questions. J.A. from the beloved Pit ponders, "Why does the barber have the stupidest shows on, like how to make glass?" He also recommends that the bum in Madison gives a great cut. The folk at the Residence Hall of Brown advertise... FOR A DARING DO VISIT CHEZ CHAD (he lives on the second floor). Looking for a bang-trim, visit Erin in Tolley, chez cheap, i.e., she charges na-da.

Where not to go... Warning, "DO NOT, I mean DO NOT go to Guys and Friends the Family Haircutter in Madison," Mr. Anonymous blurted. He also warns to wear safety goggles because the ladies there have hair that sticks three feet into the air! Quick call

Guinness.

Another frightening experience is Hair Core. Uck, gag, foey. According to Ms. Mary, the women found to lurk there are probably the scariest you have ever seen. She described a tragic experience of when she watched her friend go under the scissors of one of those "spiky-haired" women. Besides, they are quite impersonal and assembly-line incorporated.

As for the friend I listened to while he relived the tragic and horrible time he had at Esquire, take heed, he has been wearing a cap for the past month. The entire experience was one like an off-the-wall dream in the 1950's. From the single-edged blade used to correct those unsightly ear hairs to the lineup of older men just craving for a chance to hop in that barber's chair. As the tears began to trickle down his face, I could tell he was not a happy customer. He claims he should have been leery once he saw the spooky medallion around the head-honcho's neck peeking through the forest of raging chest hair.

An ironic twist to the Esquire is that Mr. Gabe O'Hare found it to be "THE BEST place to go to find a great flat-top!" One day, Gabe was searching high and low for the ultimate flat-top shop.

He entered into the salon of Guys and Friends to find a big-haired beautician just aching to give him a flat-top. She looked as if she knew what she was doing until she began to use this goopy gel and snip away at Gabe's hair. To make a long story tragically short, Gabe could pass for Kojak. So, off he went to hide under a rock until his hair returned. On his way he ran into a wise, old man that inspired Gabe to try Esquire. It has been true love since.

Hair is a wonderful aspect of life. It makes us feel rather like a starfish in that we regenerate it if we lose it. Well, okay, for those of us who are balding there are many places to go to seek help, but it is only natural so you may as well accept it. For those unsightly, horrible cuts, it is wise to remember... it will grow back and it is always very stylish to sport a hat.

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Cross Country falters

Keith Morgen
Staff Writer

Drew's lack of an organized track and field program weighed heavily on the minds of many cross country runners as Drew placed eighteenth out of 24 teams in the Allentown College Invitational Meet Saturday.

Drew faced top regional teams like Glassboro State, Delaware Valley, and traditional powerhouse Haverford. These larger schools have track and field programs, which puts the Running Rangers at a disadvantage each season.

"A lot of the teams that placed higher up have very strong track and field programs," senior Tom Morgan said. Morgan placed 119 overall with a time of 37:24. "Since we don't have a strong program at Drew, our recruiting suffers, and we don't get enough top caliber runners, like freshman Gordon Kenny. Many top runners will, of course, go to the schools with the strong track and field program."

Leading the Rangers Saturday was Kenny, who placed 42nd with a time of 28:08.

"Looking back over this run, I did everything the way I wanted to," Kenny said. "I'm happy with my time, and I'm happy with my season. I was kind of hesitant coming into the season because I'm a freshman, but I've had some high points, like coming in fourth at the Drew Invitational."

Also placing were junior John Bleakney who finished 102nd at 33:23, junior Bill Therrien who placed 120 at 39:49, and sophomore Pete Wyckoff at 121 with a time of 40:10.

"I don't think I ran that great of a race," Bleakney said. "Mentally, I just wasn't prepared. I will be next time. Usually I don't do that well on this course, and I get a little intimidated. I have to get over that."

Drew needs to close the gap between their top four runners to compete. Runners such as Bleakney and freshman David Haiman have to step forward and lead the attack.

"We can definitely close that gap," Morgan said. "To do it, we have to stay healthy

and work together. If we do this, we can run a much better race."

Although the women's times did not count due to the lack of runners, the Rangers ran a solid meet. Leading them was freshman Susanne Lein, who placed eighty-second at 22:47. Also placing were juniors Jodi Verrusio, who finished 116 with a time of 24:06, Kym O'Neill who finished with a time of 25:44 placing 139, and Kendra Westberg who placed 144 with a time of 25:55.

Despite the fact the women have not ran a meet that was scored all season, the Rangers still treat every meet like it counts. Intensity is the key improving the team's overall ability.

"We run to have better times and have fun," Westberg said. "There's no pressure, we just go out to do our personal best."

The Rangers are a young team, filled with runners who have two to three years to develop their talents.

"Gordon Kenny and Susanne Lein are both excellent runners," Westberg said. "They both have fantastic attitudes and they really care about improving. Susanne is number one on the team, and she's a freshman. I've got to give her credit. Gordon is always out there in front, but he never puts any pressure on anyone."

Add Haman, sophomore Lee Slaughter, Wyckoff, and Therrien and Drew has a crew who can fill the spots left by the departure of last year's top four runners. "They can definitely do it," Verrusio said. "They haven't even reached their peaks yet."

The Rangers have already begun to take the step to mold themselves into a solid team. Camaraderie is high, and Drew has the strong, young cross country foundation of Kenny and Lein to build upon over the next few years. If the Rangers can close that gap between their top four runners, Drew will improve this year and already will be making great strides towards next season.

"We're a close knit group," Bleakney said. "Right now we're rebuilding, but we'll get the right combination soon. Next season, we will be doing better."

Gridiron Guesses

WASHINGTON at
NEW YORK GIANTS

O.K., I'll admit I'm a bit biased in picking this game. But all that aside, the Redskins are still going to win this game—even if the game is in the Meadowlands. The Giants may have won the past six meetings between the two teams, but that's all in the past. This year Washington is clearly the better team.

The focus of the game should be the battle between the Redskins' prolific offense and the Giants' strong defense.

With "The Posse" running pass routes for QB Mark Rypien, Washington should be able to exploit New York's defensive backs. That should loosen up the 'Skins surprising running game, a tough thing to establish against the Giants' defensive line.

The big question will be how Rypien performs. He has been known to "choke" in big games before.

Defensively, Washington has been a big surprise. They still give up big plays, but the players have jelled as a unit. And Sunday night they have the added bonus of being high on emotion with a key game.

The Giants will rely on their defense, but need their offense to step up. QB Jeff Hostetler has put up big numbers his last couple of games, but one must wonder if he will continue to do it.

Against Washington, that's doubtful. New York will have to rely on their ball-control running attack instead—that is what has led them to victory the past six meetings. That should keep the game close.

Don't be surprised if the game hinges on a big special-teams play. The Giants will not have the services of Reyna Thompson, the best special-teams player in the league; that could be crucial.

FINAL: Redskins 20—Giants 16

SAN FRANCISCO at
PHILADELPHIA

Eagles' fans must be delirious if they believe the return of QB Jim McMahon will lead them to the playoffs. Sure, he has more talent than Pat Ryan and Brad Goebel, but the offense is lacking in many areas. Philadelphia's running game would probably do just as well with Buddy Ryan carrying the ball and the offensive line has about as many holes as Ronald Reagan's tax policy. If that continues, McMahon might make a quick trip back to the disabled list.

But if the Eagles can perform like they did when McMahon was playing at the season's outset, they have a shot at the victory. McMahon may have less talent than other starting QB's, but he is a winner. And so are the defensive players. The problem is that the offense has forced the defense on the field too much lately. Even the Colts could score if they had the ball for forty minutes a game.

San Francisco has had their problems too, but they enter this game on an up note after a 35-3 trouncing of Detroit. But the 49ers will be hard-pressed to repeat that against Philadelphia's dominating defense. Their passing game is sound now that QB Steve Young is getting in the flow, but San Francisco may be the only team with a running game as bad as the Eagles. It certainly won't get any better with pressure from Reggie White, Jerome Brown, et al.

Defensively, San Francisco has been criticized all year long. But last week they proved they were competitors. Their biggest weakness, their run defense, will not be tested by Philadelphia's backfield.

The game may be played in Eagles territory, but coming off an emotional victory, the 49ers should be able to win and stay in the hunt for playoff gold.

FINAL: 49ers 17—Eagles 13

—Shawn Sullivan

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Field hockey—MAC Northeast champions

Roy Opoehinski
Staff Writer

For a team that entered the season without a goaltender and believed this would be a rebuilding year, the overachieving field hockey team captured the Middle Atlantic Conference-Northeast Division title this week with a 3-0 win over 13th ranked Lynchburg Friday, a 1-1 tie with the University of Southern Maine Sunday, and a 2-0 victory at Moravian Tuesday.

Drew's 1-1 double overtime thriller against Southern Maine Sunday was highlighted by goaltender Tami Hiline's two saves of Southern Maine penalty shots. The first shot was disallowed after the Southern Maine player lined up in front of the ball. The second shot was turned back by a beautiful kick save by Hiline.

Tuesday, the Rangers traveled to Moravian to make up a game that was rained out a week earlier. They came home with a 2-0 victory and the MAC-Northeast championship. Freshman Cara Williams scored one of Drew's goals and Hiline made five saves.

"It was a tough game, we were tied 0-0 at the half. Everyone was thinking defense," Hiline said.

One of the reasons that the Rangers were so concerned with defense was because they hadn't won on natural grass all season. Coach Dawn Henderson called a time out in the second half and reminded the team that they didn't need to be so defensive.

Drew did not expect to be as successful as it has been this year. "We came into the season with a young team and no goalie," Hiline said. The MAC-Northeast was not expected to be within their reach. Hiline continued by saying, "We weren't looking that far ahead. We played one game at a time. After we beat FDU-Madison, the notion was still in our minds."

"The young players accomplished more than we imagined possible," Henderson said. "This was supposed to be a rebuilding year."

Commenting upon the possibility of a bid to the NCAA Tournament, Henderson said, "We can control our own destiny. We play number 15 Glassboro State . . . and 12th ranked Kutztown at home on Saturday."

Senior Missy Della Russo said, "People thought that this would be a rebuilding year. This team is playing from the heart. We bonded well. We've had better skilled teams in the past but heart is a big part."

At 10-2-2 the field hockey team is ranked 17th in the nation. Della Russo feels that Drew may not be getting proper respect in the national rankings. "Our size affects our ranking. We don't run up the score against our opponents like some other teams do. That hurts us sometimes."

When asked about her goals at the beginning of the season, Della Russo said she hoped to be able to go off the field and "be happy at the end of each game." With the way that this year's team has performed, she and the rest of the team should be very happy.



The combination of hustle and heart helped Drew claim the MAC-Northeast title. Acorn file photo

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Women's soccer striving to finish over .500 mark

Shawn Sullivan
Sports Editor

After a disappointing 3-0 loss Saturday at the hands of Swarthmore, the women's soccer team faces two important games before season's end. The significance arises in the fact that, with a 6-6 record, the Rangers need at least two victories to meet one of their season's goals; to finish above .500.

Although a win over Swarthmore would have helped, the team's spirit was not dampened by the defeat. The players say that a .500 record is still well within reach.

"We're really shooting for that," junior Danielle Baraty said. "It's definitely reachable, but only time will tell."

If that is in fact the Rangers' aim, they need perform better than they did against Swarthmore. Although the score may tell otherwise, Drew was not dominated. They simply did not do the things that have helped them to victory so far this season.

"We had a lot of opportunities," Baraty said. "We just weren't up to the level we had obtained up to that point in the season."

A key may have been the absence of tri-captain Erica Runyon, the defensive leader at stopper. Without her, the defensive personnel were altered resulting in some key defensive lapses.

But overall, the defense contained Swarthmore's attack. Junior Mary Kate Appicelli turned in one of her best performances of the year on defense and sophomore netminder Sam Hajjar was only forced to face 12 shots, collecting eight saves in the process. Unfortunately, the Rangers only managed 11 shots on the game and did not capitalize on any of



Melissa Morgan's recovery has been instrumental in the Rangers' quest for a winning season. Acorn file photo

them. "It should have been a better game than 3-0," Baraty said. "We should have done better."

But heading coach Dan Jones' advice to keep a positive attitude, the team remained optimistic about the last three games. Entering last night's game against Elizabethtown, the Rangers were still fully aware of the 7-1 drubbing they received last season. Yet the attitude of the team did not even hint at that memory.

Drew heads into the last week of the season with two winnable games. Saturday they travel to Stockton State and Wednesday the Rangers come home to close out their season against Vassar at 6 p.m.

Regardless of their final record, the team has had a strong season. But climbing over the .500 mark would make it that more special.

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Green Death disposes of Manhattanville

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Saturday, the Drew Rugby Football Club traveled to Manhattanville College to play one of its easiest matches of the season. The inexperienced Manhattanville team fell victim to "Green Death" by a score of 34-0.

Knowing that the game would be one of their easier challenges of the semester, D.R.F.C. went into the game relaxed but not overconfident. Drew controlled play during the game in both the scrums and in the backfield, but were unable to put any points on the board. Drew was plagued by penalties, a problem they have been working on all year; however they were able to overcome this. D.R.F.C. was also helped by sloppy play on the part of Manhattanville that set up Drew's first try of the day. A penalty by the opposition started a drive for the Drew backfield and ended with back



Daine Grey paced the Green Death attack against Manhattanville. Acorn file photo

captain Frank Moyes' first try of the afternoon.

This first try set the mood of the game, with continuing drives by Drew. Green Death was able to capitalize on Manhattanville's mistakes with successful rucks and mauls by the scrum and quick hands by the backfield. Continuous loose ball play was cleared by senior Daine Grey who was able to successfully run the ball into the try zone, giving Drew its second try of the day.

Winning every scrum in the first half, the Drew forwards were able to give the ball out to the backs who then ran through the Manhattanville team. One of these drives led to Moyes' second try after dummying the opposing inside-center and running into the try zone. Using his speed, Grey was also able to score again by tearing through the Manhattanville backs. Team President Paul Skilton scored three successful conversion kicks making the score 22-0 at the half.

Drew's success continued during the second half. Injuries, including serious damage to the ankle of their hooker, hurt the Manhattanville team repeatedly. The A-siders were able to capitalize on the their opponent's weakness and kept the ball in Manhattanville's end for the remainder of the game. Drew's first try of the second half came after winning a line-out, ten meters outside the try zone. Excellent passing and mauling ended with freshman Nate Turner diving in for a try. An elated Drew team did not put an end to their excellent performance. Sloppy play by the team from Manhattanville helped in giving Drew another try. Senior Koji Masuda, chased a loose ball into the try zone scoring his second try of the year. The second half ended with "Green Death" scoring once again. A line-out ball was deflected by senior Eric Stofman and passed to hooker Bryan Matsinger who was able to put the ball in for



The Drew Rugby Football Club finishes its fall schedule Saturday at SUNY-Maritime. Acorn file photo

a try. This ended the game victorious for Drew with a score of 34-0.

The Drew B-siders took the field next to play against Manhattanville. The "Killer B's" also dominated the play of the game, but were not as successful in putting points on the board. Winning a majority of the scrums and controlling the ball in the backfield gave the Drew B-side many opportunities, but they were unable to get past Manhattanville's defensive play. The closest Drew came to scoring occurred when freshman Michael Scarafille's attempted penalty kick from forty-five meters away just grazed the left upright and was knocked wide. Drew was able to build one impressive drive after another, but could not get the ball into the try zone. The team was frustrated by the scoreless tie, but felt everyone performed well against a more experienced A-side team. Despite not being able to chalk up a win, the less experienced B-siders feel

confident in their progress thus far. A-side scrum half Rob Rosado who also played in the B-side game put it this way, "I thought the B-side played a great game. They're picking the game up so much quicker than others have in the past." Great games were also played by senior Rob Cirillo and freshman Jayson Liss.

Saturday, the Drew Rugby Football Club travels to SUNY-Maritime to play one of Drew's toughest games of the semester. When asked to comment on the upcoming game, Moyes said, "If the members of the team play this weekend with the enthusiasm they've shown in practice, we should come home victorious."

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Sports Forum

Jeff Blumenthal
Co-Editor-in-Chief

"Jeffrey . . . you forgot something," Mom yelled, as I climbed in Dad's green Nova, preparing for another Philadelphia Eagles football game. She moved fiercely, like a vulture closing in from above on helpless prey, slapping a ski hat on my head.

I despised that hat. I even disliked the way she put it on, pulled way down over my beet-red ears. And of course there was that ridiculous green and silver pom-pom swinging from side to side with my every move, giving me that oh-so-hip Clarabel look.

The Eagles were not the only ones playing games on Sundays; Mom and I fought some classic duels. But unlike the Eagles, I had no shot at victory. Each morning I would wake up at dawn, hide that menacing hat, then go back to bed. Sure enough, she would find it each week just in time.

One Sunday, I took the hat off in the car, thinking I had tasted victory after years of fruitless attempt. But two days later, I came down with a horrible case of the flu and received a Jewish mother's guilt trip; a fate worse than watching a Ronald Reagan film festival.

Once cruising out of the driveway in the Nova, Dad and I headed for the subway, my least favorite portion of the day. We stood in line with a mob of impatient fans waiting for the "Eagles Express." When the train finally arrived, I transformed into Dad's secret weapon, burrowing under all the pushing and shoving, always finding two seats. When everyone finally settled, the train was packed with a slew of obese, middle-aged men with bulbous noses. The stench of alcohol was powerful enough to sedate a horse.

Section 301, Row 10, Seats 8 and 9. That was home for the next three hours, right behind the Veterans Stadium's south end-zone. Dad had a fetish about watching the teams' warmup, and I never did understand

why, since the most exciting bit of activity was the punter practicing his "coffin corner" kick.

During player introductions, the fans welcomed the visitors with raucous boos and empty beer containers, while the Eagles received a much more gracious, but hardly more civilized greeting from the 60,000 in attendance. As soon as "The Star Spangled Banner" finished, the voice took over.

Unfortunately, the voice was in the seat right behind me. It belonged to a behemoth of a man equipped with cigar in mouth and beer in hand. His voice bellowed, overpowering mere mortal voices.

Since *The Flintstones* was my source for intellectual stimulation at the time, I tagged the aforementioned ringleader with the name "Loudrock" after Fred's annoying neighbor. Like Moses, Gandhi, or any great leader, he had his disciples.

One of their favorite cheers (and I use the word "cheers" loosely) was for then-Eagles quarterback Ron Jaworski. Jaworski, nicknamed the "Polish Rifle," might have been booed more than any professional athlete in history. Loudrock and company would chant "ooh sah sah sah, ooh sah sah sah, hit him in the head with a big Kielbasa."

Today, Dad prefers the solitude of his recliner and remote control, but still buys season tickets, swearing each year will be his last. I go to one game a year if I'm lucky. Loudrock, Jaworski, and Dad, all absent from the festivities, have given way to a much more sane cast of characters. Sadly, The Bird is the only survivor from that time.

The Eagles win more games now, but the character of that period is gone. So every time a group of fans shows the nerve to cheer for The Bird, I wonder what Loudrock would think.

resumed, Dad had a penchant for singing the Eagles fight song at the top of his lungs; curiously he was the only one in the stadium that knew the words.

Yet when the Eagles needed some help, it was Loudrock who would waddle down to the bottom of our section, belch, then spell with his arms E-A-G-L-E-S, much to the crowd's approval.

If Loudrock was the most beloved person in the stands, the most hated had to be the mascot, idiotically but appropriately named, The Bird. The Bird lethargically paced around the stadium and was continuously pelted with anything in hand's reach. The only entertainment he provided was a wave or pat on the head to a passing fan. His eight-foot green feathered costume blocked everyone's view of the game at one time or another.

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Men's soccer suffers three losses

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In a disappointing week, the men's soccer team went 0-3, but came up with an unexpected win.

Thursday, the Rangers travelled to Minnesota to play in the St. John's tournament. Friday, the team faced their host, a team ranked high in the Western Region.

Early in the first half, junior Mike Clark scored on a penalty kick and soon after, senior Dimitris Spiliadis kicked in his goal of the day.

The Rangers thought they had the win, however, St. John's was persistent. They kept the intensity of their game through the last seconds of the game.

"I remember counting down from ten seconds," Spiliadis said. "Everyone thought the game was over."

Unfortunately, they were wrong.

With fourteen seconds on the clock, the Rangers had a throw-in, which St. John's gained possession of within four or five yards of the goal.

With two seconds left in the game, St. John's scored by a header off of a corner kick to score the tying goal.

"We were faced with another overtime," said goalie Bill Geyer. "No one could believe it."

The Rangers turned in a good performance in overtime play, but could not score. With a little more than a minute left in the game, St. John's scored, defeating Drew 3-2.

"It was a tough way to lose on Friday," Geyer said. "It was our fourth overtime in a row."

"It looked like things were going our way," coach Vernon Mummert said. "But I had this bad feeling, maybe because of the way we lost last year."

In the same tournament last season, the

Rangers were defeated by St. John's on the same field, in a similar manner.

Saturday the Rangers faced Wheaton College, an Illinois team that is nationally ranked. On a slightly inclined field, the first half was played uphill, with the wind to the players' faces.

"We played very well for 25 to 30 minutes," Spiliadis said. "We pretty much gave up after they scored their goals."

The goals Spiliadis speaks of were brutal. Wheaton converted a penalty within four minutes of the first half. Two minutes later, they put another into the net.

Another penalty kick gave Wheaton their third goal of the day.

"They scored three goals in less than five minutes," Geyer said. "Then they scored within the first minute of the second half. We were stung."

The players say that they did not enjoy their trip to the midwest.

"We had a tough week," Spiliadis said. "We hated Minnesota."

Tuesday night the Rangers faced Wilkes College. Before the game, Mummert presented the players with a surprise.

The Rangers had tied Middle Atlantic Conference rivals Kings, which put the division title out of reach for the 7-8-2 team. However, the game was deemed a forfeit on the part of Kings, and a win for Drew.

The Kings coach and athletic director reported themselves to the National Collegiate Athletic Association because they had played an ineligible member in the game. The forfeit meant that the Rangers had a shot, again, at a repeat of last year's MAC division title.

"We were all fired up," Spiliadis said. "It was an unbelievable opportunity."

The Rangers could not pull together, however. They were defeated 2-0 in regulation time.

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The Rangers travelled to Minnesota this week to participate in the St. John's Tournament. They were defeated in both games they played. Photo by Karl Langdon

fense," Geyer said. "We got bit."

The Rangers say they played the game into the hands of their opponents. Wilkes was a physical team, and played balls into the air. If the Rangers had controlled the ball on the ground, they may have fared better on the field.

"I told them it would be 'Air Wilkes'," said Mummert. "We tried to play to their feet and behind their defense, but we didn't use our heads."

Sophomore Rob Kenyon says the strength of the Ranger's game against Wilkes was their defense. The backfield held this aggressive team to only two goals.

According to sophomore John Simpson, Wilkes had an advantage: "One striker in particular was really good. He scored their second goal. Basically they were just a physical team."

"They were a better team, but honestly we

have beaten better teams than Wilkes," Mummert said. "We let them play us out of our game plan."

The team faces three tough opponents this week, beginning with Swathmore, Saturday. Swathmore is playing for a bid to the NCAA Tournament.

"Swathmore is going to be fired up," Mummert said. "They know that they have to beat Drew to get what they want."

The Ranger's face Steven's Tech Wednesday, and wind up the 1991 campaign next Saturday against nationally ranked Messiah. Both matches will be played on the road.

If they can emerge with a few victories, post-season play is still a possibility.

"We can beat teams that we are underdogs to, and come out with a respectable record," Mummert said. "We still have room to make a statement this season."

Zebick's world of laughter builds strength

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1. Laughter is the best medicine.
2. I always try to treat others the way I would like myself to be treated.
3. All things happen for a purpose, whether or not we know what they are.

Welcome to the world of women's soccer tri-captain Dawn Zebick, a land of athletics, pyschobiology, and behavioral rehabilitation. It is a world where all you need to survive is a positive outlook, a sense of humor, and the ability to bring others up. It is a world where three basic rules serve as a framework for living, a guideline for satisfaction.

"One of the most important things in life is handling it with a sense of humor," Zebick said.

"That is what she is known for," friend Yvonne Diaz agreed. "She loves puns. That [her sense of humor] is one of the things that attracts most people to her."

"She has the most contagious laughter," teammate Mary Kate Appicelli said. "She is the best person to tell jokes to."

"She has a habit where she tells a joke before each game [in the huddle]," fellow tri-captain Erica Runyon added.

It is this very sense of humor that has proved so essential in Zebick's other line of work—the New Jersey Neurological Institute. She uses cognitive tools, behavioral methods, and biofeedback to help the neurologically impaired—a job she thoroughly enjoys.

"I love it," Zebick said. "It's my first job working with patients. The attachment you get to them is one of the most important facets."

"You feel setbacks with them. You are sitting there hoping they'll work harder so it will pay off enough so they will leave with a good feeling. The motivational factor is the most important thing to recovery."

When it comes to setbacks, nobody is more attuned to them than Zebick, who suffered a broken leg two years ago.



Dawn Zebick serves as tri-captain of the women's soccer team. Photo by Heath Podvesker

"I had worked so hard to make it my best season," Zebick noted of her sophomore campaign. "The whole two and a half months I was on crutches was one of my worst experiences. I like to put some pep in my step."

It was to be some time before she took that pep back onto the turf field. Ten months in fact.

"I felt like I was walking out onto some new frontier," Zebick said. "All the doors were opening. There were no boundaries around me. At the same time it also felt like I was back home."

Turning a negative situation into positive is a Zebick trait, one that goes far into her past. "I had danced since I was two," she said. "At the end of seventh grade I got

mono[nucleosis] and I had to rest for eight months. Getting back was hard. During eighth grade all my friends went out for the soccer team. I did it because they did it. It turned out to be one of the passions of my life."

That passion is quite evident in her play; Zebick owns the reputation as the most aggressive player on the team, a well-deserved reputation.

"When I play soccer I forget I have a body and I do what I can," she said.

"She has a very aggressive style. She is more willing to sacrifice her body than anyone I have ever seen," Runyon agreed.

It is this team-oriented aggressiveness and enthusiasm for the game that Zebick carries over into her leadership role as one of the tri-captains. "Dawn's not real loud like Mel [tri-captain Melissa Morgan] and I," Runyon added. "But she is what an athlete should be during the season. She constantly thinks of the sport. She is really dedicated."

Diaz agreed, "She is a hard worker on and off the field, when she's in soccer season, everything is geared to soccer."

Her entire life, however, is not always geared to soccer. In addition to her internship and athletics, Zebick also finds time to serve as treasurer of Drew Pro-Life.

"In high school my opinion was pro-life," Zebick said. "It wasn't as hard there, I was in the majority. I was given a lot of insight by one teacher."

"The reason I'm in pro-life, contrary to what some believe, is not because I'm Catholic. It's my own feeling."

During one's last year in college, it is easy to become flustered with concern over the future. But like the rest of her life, Zebick has kept control with a good sense of humor and a dedication to her studies a dedication that has earned her a GPA of 3.6. She has all but secured a post-graduation job at Berlex Laboratories, a full-time post she will hold in the spring while taking her final class.

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