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Faculty outlines salary concerns

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The University Senate Committee on Faculty presented its annual report concerning faculty compensation to the Senate Oct. 11. The report outlines concerns with faculty compensation in comparison to similar institutions, Professor of Physics and committee chair Pat Boeshaar said.

According to Boeshaar, the report serves an advisory purpose and looks at where faculty compensation stood before the 1991-92 salary freeze. It gives suggestions concerning how to help determine which direction compensation should go in the future. The report presents information on faculty compensation at Drew in comparison to other schools and raises four general faculty concerns.

The questions the report enumerates involve: Are the faculty at Drew really appreciated? Are the benefits as bad as faculty think they are? Is the administration prepared for the dearth of Ph.D.'s in the latter 1990s? Why are the faculty not offered alternative pay packages?

Boeshaar said comparisons between universities present difficulties because, from school to school, the meaning of the statistics varies widely. To allow for more concrete comparisons the committee converted the numbers to inflation-, location-adjusted dollars. "This year, I took a different approach with my committee," she said. "It was a little harder, but I tried to put the information in set 1982 dollars."

When the real earnings of Drew's faculty

in 1970-71 are compared to the real earnings of 1990-91 the report shows that Drew's willingness to pay higher salaries has not kept up with the economy's growth rate. "We found we didn't even break even," Boeshaar said. "We have to understand why our averages are so high but we really come in so low."

Boeshaar said University President Tom Kean indicated that consideration of these problems will be one of the top priorities when the budget is discussed. "We are working at various differentiations between the faculty," Kean said. "Some members are paid highly, while some rank behind. We have to put the benefits and salary package together and see what we can come up with."

Kean said the differentiations are between the junior and senior level faculty. "Last year was the beginning to address these inequities," Kean said. This explains why some faculty members received five to six percent increases, while others zero, he said.

Boeshaar said there is a need for more institutional research detailing who gets paid what at Drew. "Even our benefits are not outlined." Good bookkeeping may help eliminate or at least illuminate some of the faculty's financial concerns, she said.

Assistant Professor of Sociology Roxanne Friedenfels heads the Fringe Benefits Subcommittee. Presently the subcommittee is preparing to distribute a survey to all Drew faculty, staff, and retirees eligible to receive fringe benefits. The survey will obtain feedback on benefits currently offered such as health insurance, tuition remission, life

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—Pat Boeshaar

Chair, University Senate Committee on Faculty

insurance, childcare, and retirement plans. "We'll use the survey as a way to think systematically about this," Friedenfels said. "It will be used merely to make recommendations to the Senate Committee on Faculty."

According to the faculty report on compensation, as professors rise from assistant to associate to full professorships at Drew, the base salary at which they were hired increases a certain percentage. At other schools, however, as professors advance in rank, their salaries leap up to the set minimum for that rank, Boeshaar said.

Although salaries are tied to the initial base, according to the report, the faculty said despite budgetary pressures, a minimal 2.5 percent increase above inflation would be acceptable compensation. "The faculty's flexible. We want to be reasonable," Boeshaar said.

Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs Mike McKitish said the deficit problem needs to be recognized, but the faculty report is a starting point for upcoming budgetary considerations. "I do think

there needs to be a discussion on an increase this year because of the salary freeze last year," he said.

University Senator Tom Morgan also said the question of faculty compensation is a legitimate one to ask in light of the freeze last year. "Drew talks about how important faculty is, but when they do something like this, you begin to wonder," he said.

Boeshaar said the questions raised by the faculty also tie into student concerns. "Right now we're hiring competitively, but it may be a big problem after 1995," she said. "I don't think Drew was prepared for the dearth in freshmen. Maybe planning for the future will help us deal better with these problems."

Faculty morale is also at issue. When the atmosphere changes to one of low morale, an institution risks losing some of its good people, Boeshaar said. "There may be good reasons behind the number discrepancies, but it's the not knowing that makes people feel bad," she said. "I think Drew faculty teach because they really love the students, not because of what they are paid."

Retreat rewrites statement of purpose

Yesha Naik
Assistant News Editor

Forty-two representatives of the University community convened in a planning retreat held Oct. 25-26 to revise the University's mission statement and to discuss Drew's long-term ideals.

"The retreat was felt to be necessary because we wanted it to be a University-wide meeting," President's Planning Commission Chair Perry Leavell said. "We wanted to have everyone included in the planning process so when we came out of the retreat we had a mission statement and a set of goals that we had everyone supporting."

The participants were divided into six groups. Each group was initially given a copy of a draft version of the statement and charged with making additions and corrections to it. Friday evening a committee consisting of one person from each group met and formulated a new mission statement from the six groups' suggestions. On the second day the revised statement was reinforced by measures designed to fulfill goals outlined by the statement. Each group was assigned one goal to discuss.

The six goals are: To achieve excellence in liberal education; to achieve a responsible stewardship of resources; to improve community life and ethos; to increase Drew's recognition; to promote international education and global learning; and to promote an effective role for technology in the learning process.

"What we wanted to do was quantify the

The Drew University mission statement:

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values outlined in the mission statement," College of Liberal Arts representative Jason Kosnoski said. "We wanted to state specific goals by which we can measure

how well we were fulfilling the statement of purpose."

He said his group focused on the goal of stewardship of resources. "We decided we

needed to somehow get a full detailed cost analysis and revenue flow analysis for the University. We need to know this and we also need to educate the Community concerning these financial aspects."

Leavell said implementing ideas has been a problem in the past. However, he said it is different now there is a set of specific goals and the President's Planning Commission is responsible to achieve them.

Another planning retreat is scheduled for next year to report on how well the University is achieving its goals, according to Leavell.

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Constitution Committee update

The Student Government Association Constitutional Committee has proposed to the senate the idea of automatic impeachment when senators exceed the maximum number of absences. A poll will be taken Monday to determine how many senators are in favor of the issue.

Constitutional Committee Chair Joel Krantz said the senate has been discussing the impeachment question and this poll will be the final sense of agreement.

The committee is testing how the S.G.A. would react to the proposal as well as examining the current structure and ways to improve it.

"We're trying to do things one problem at a time," University Senator Tom Morgan said. "If the Senate likes the idea, we'll set it aside, and try to pass everything at once."

The proposal for automatic impeachment mandates a senator cannot miss more than two meetings, unless they provide a proxy. Then, the senator could miss an additional meeting, according to Krantz. Before the senator misses the last meeting, the senator's constituency will be notified.

Currently, to impeach a senator, 30 percent of the senator's constituency must sign a petition asking for the senator's removal.

Krantz said the issue is important to ensure a quorum, which became a problem last year.

The committee has been talking in general, abstract terms about S.G.A., the ways it is functioning and the ways it could function, Krantz said. Other issues that have been discussed, he said, are the roles of committee chairs, and how committees should report to the Senate.

S.G.A. President Sodan Selvaretnam said the committee has been making progress. "They have been asking valid questions, and have come up with some good solutions."

Krantz said he is still hoping the committee will complete its study by the end of the semester so next semester could be used as a trial for the new constitution. He said a referendum would take place after Thanksgiving.

—Larry Grady

Harris named to University Relations post

Thomas Harris has been named assistant vice president for University Relations, according to Vice President for Development and University Relations Rick McKelvey. The appointment is effective Dec. 1.

"Nothing is more important than the

business of the University and that, of course, is learning," he said. "Few institutions do it better than Drew and I want to help tell that story."

Harris was selected following a national search and comes to Drew with extensive public relations experience, most recently as the director of international public relations for AT&T Network Systems.

Acknowledging that Drew is in a highly competitive educational marketplace, he said his main role is to be a communicator. "I will help to explain what differentiates Drew from other similar universities," Harris said.

Harris is a member of the International Public Relations Society and the Global Public Affairs Institute.

—Acorn News Service

Business Office reminder

Business Office accounts must be below \$300 for students to preregister for the Spring semester. Pre-registration begins Nov. 7. Students are encouraged to check their balance with the Business Office.

—Acorn News Service

Development Office poster stolen

A poster belonging to the Development Office was reported stolen from the Graduate Commons in S.W. Bowne Hall, according to Director of Public Safety Tom Evans.

The poster shows a Greek column with the words, "Historic Mead Hall Restoration—to be completed on August 1992 funded in part by a New Jersey Historic Trust Matching Grant."

The poster is framed with a glass cover, and made especially for the function of use in Development Office presentations.

Evans said, "The poster was left in the room overnight, which might have resulted in someone believing that it was available. I am sure that whoever has the poster did not realize that it was available."

I am sure that whoever has the poster did not realize that it was part of a presentation. The Development Office would appreciate it if the poster was returned, either to my office or directly to the Development Office. At this time I consider the matter to be one of a simple misunderstanding."

Evans said Mischief Night activities were the usual with one reported serious incident. There were several cars moved, and a radiator punctured on one car.

"I understand the egging is going to take place, but it goes too far, and turns into vandalism when it costs someone money," he said.

—Larry Grady

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"I think what it accomplished is it provided the base for community support for going forward in the planning process," Leavell said. "A lot of discussion was process-based. 'Were we doing the kinds of things we ought to be doing right now?' We decided to go along and do that—not just talk about budget problems."

Kosnoski said he felt each participant was respected and able to voice his or her concerns. "It really was an environment where everyone was predisposed to honest communication," he said.

Others echoed this response. Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology Robert Corrington said, "I thought it was very well run. I think we were able to speak our mind without holding back, and I think we came up with a list of solid goals that we all agreed to. I feel now more strongly that Drew is in pretty safe hands. Some of us had an anxiety going into this, but a lot of that anxiety I think has been removed. I think whatever cuts will be made will be done very carefully. I think we are experiencing a democratization of the whole process."

There was a great awareness of the impact the final mission statement would have on the budget, Kosnoski said. "In a practical sense this statement of purpose is going to be the main engine fueling the budget process for the next few years."

Leavell said, "The proper way to go about balancing the budget is to set priorities first; then to use those priorities to make the kind of decisions you have to make to balance the budget."

Corrington said, "It was encouraging that from now on we will have a transparent budget. Everyone has theories about where the money goes but no proof; now we will have a clearer picture."

According to Kosnoski, a covert budget deal seems unlikely this year. "I think that everyone, especially the administration, has made a commitment to make sure everyone will be heard."

Professor of Mathematics Alan Candiotti said he was glad to see the focus on academic matters in the statement. Candiotti said he would have liked to have seen an action plan dealing with declining enrollment discussed.

Corrington voiced a similar concern. "We hope the enrollment picture improves because we're all in the same boat."

According to Candiotti, the issues discussed were general in nature, such as what the University's focus should be.

Candiotti said though the second day's discussions were more specific, they too,

did not attend to details and particulars. "For example," he said, "our group talked about things like faculty-student programs. We said things like 'our programs should exceed national norms' and 'we should take measures to make sure of that' and 'we ought to be careful to evaluate things periodically.' We didn't talk about any specific programs. We talked in very general terms. We talked about the need for library support for academic progress, but we never looked at a particular program and said whether there was enough library support for that; just that we really need to have it."

Candiotti said though he realized the planning sessions were intense and long, he thought more would have been accomplished if there had been an additional day to discuss specifics. "We spent a very long time on the mission statement and then we didn't have a lot of time to discuss action plans—ways to implement it," he said. "But even if we did that, there would be no way in that setting that we could be very specific and talk about specific programming. I think more would have been accomplished if there was one more day, or if the mission statement was already there before we started."

There was some concern about various constituencies being represented adequately. Candiotti said, "I think every faculty member has a stake in this. I talk to people. I try to be conscientious, but I don't represent every faculty member. On the other hand if you have to involve every single person, in every single position, then you get into some paralysis so you have to draw a line someplace."

Leavell said there was some concern about student life. "There was some concern from the student life staff that not enough attention was paid to the quality of student life and community." He said the language of the new mission statement was changed from 'academic excellence' to excellence in liberal education in order to accommodate this concern. "This may not sound like much, but several people at least think this new way of saying it allows for community-wide issues to have a higher priority," he said.

C.L.A. representative to the planning commission Eric Jones said he felt that students were adequately represented. There were two students from the College of Liberal Arts, one graduate, one theological and three alumni at the retreat.

"If somebody who has to make decisions, budget decisions, program decisions, keeps the mission statement in mind, that's probably the best you can get out of it," Candiotti said. "What it says is each time you make decisions, you have to think about it."

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Student-trustee issue nears answer

Larry Grady
News Editor

A decision by the Board of Trustees may be reached before the February trustee meeting on the question of a student-trustee.

The Board is currently divided on the issue of a student-member, according to University President Tom Kean. "It is not a question they are unanimous on," he said. "Some are supportive, and some are worried."

The Student Government Association has made the addition of a student-trustee position a priority this year, S.G.A. President Sodan Selvaretnam said. "It's something we have wanted for a long time," he said. "We pay \$23,000. We want to know what is going on."

Selvaretnam made a presentation to the Board in a forum prior to the Oct. 18 meeting. According to Kean, the presentation impressed a number of trustees.

"We are just trying to take it one step at a time," Selvaretnam said. "Last year the S.G.A. sent a letter demanding a student-trustee, which I think set us back a little. We just want to get a foot in the door."

Selvaretnam said he would be satisfied with a student-observer, who would be invited to sit in on Board meetings on an informational basis.

The issue may be brought to the Executive Committee before February.

Kean said he has been supportive of the idea since he was first approached by Selvaretnam last spring. He said it is the responsibility of the Nominating Committee to

approve new trustees and there has been some informal discussion on the matter.

"There is a suspicion that things go on behind closed doors, when actually much of what goes on is dull, housekeeping," Kean said.

Selvaretnam said communication between students and trustees will break down the barriers that currently exist. "It will allow us to further trust our trustees rather than be affected by preconceived notions," he said.

"It will allow us to get first-hand, not third-hand information, which would clear up misinformation."

—Sodan Selvaretnam
S.G.A. President

is experience in the past at other institutions where students on Boards did not work out and questions with regard to personnel, Kean said. Selvaretnam said another problem is concern that a student would not be a long-term member.

Kean said an answer should come from the Board this year. "Under Sodan's leadership, there has been a strong push by the S.G.A.," he said. "If it's going to happen I'd love it to happen under this group."

Another idea proposed by S.G.A. is to invite a few trustees to town meetings. According to Selvaretnam, the trustees were receptive to the idea.

S.G.A. Treasurer Dan Rose said a town meeting with trustees would be the next best thing to a voice on the Board. "At a town meeting the entire school can express their opinion to the trustees," he said. "It is a more direct situation than relying on one person who may not be the best communicator."

Kean unmasked



University President Tom Kean and Vice President for Development and University Relations Rick McKelvey were caught in the act of switching masks Wednesday at the Open House for 120 Madison Avenue. The administration's Halloween Party also took place during the open house. Photo by Heath Podvesker

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Minorities should set example in fight against racism

To the Editor:

The road to diminish racism is a two-way street.

Persons identifying with a particular culture or heritage, or specific aspect of one (language, music, food, ideals, history, or otherwise), will naturally bond with and befriend those who are similar to themselves. That is why African Americans, Latinos, Asian Americans, and others at Drew stick together. They do not find as much in common with the larger white community as with their own racial, ethnic, or cultural brothers and sisters. There is absolutely nothing wrong with this togetherness. In fact, it is necessary and plays a vital role in preserving the concepts and consciousness of our non-mainstream cultural heritages. I fully support these associations. However, at Monday's Student Government Association racism discussion, several non-white students expressed that they felt unaccepted by and compelled to compromise their heritage in order to really befriend white students. I believe we all (whites and others) need to be loving and accepting of all people; in true friendship and camaraderie, no one need compromise his/her heritage. It's sad to hear this, but I still believe that the road to end racism is a two-way street and does not lie in remaining only in culturally-alike circles.

Several people mentioned the importance of education to diminish racism. I agree wholeheartedly with this idea, and believe that each and every non-white student can and should do his/her part to educate the entire community. Yes, there are people who will not want to be educated. They will want to wallow in their blindness

of humanity's diversity. But I cannot believe that no one will want to learn. And as fellow human beings, they ought to seek this education out of their own initiative. But we cannot honestly expect the white community, historically oppressive of other ethnicities, to take the first step in seeking to abolish racism. (For example, whites did not start the Civil Rights Movement.)

Therefore, as non-whites aware of our own cultural backgrounds, we must be the first to make the strides. If we do not do it, who will? Successful people don't stop their efforts after the first, second, or third failure. Once we start sharing our ideas publicly, and continue to do so in an assertive, yet non-offensive manner, people will listen. It could happen in the classroom (with discussions on our histories, cultures, etc.) or even through a friendship, just an acquaintance. Which of my friends does not know I am Puerto Rican, or know something about Latino culture because of me? Intercultural education must not be initiated by us. If we don't start any discussions, or write the textbooks from which to teach everyone, who will do it for us? We must make our voices heard. It is a slow and risky process, but who can argue its result is not priceless? There are people who are willing to learn, and we must give the others reason to learn. And the non-white community must also be willing to learn. If we are not, then racism will continue to the end of the earth.

Signed honestly as someone who could not be more proud of her Puerto Rican heritage,

Priscilla Ortiz
Senior

College Republican Day was not attack on Alliance

To the Editor:

The Drew University College Republicans have come under fire for declaring "College Republican Day" two weeks ago in response to "Blue Jeans Day." As a member of the organization, I would like to explain our motivations for doing so, and comment on some of the hypocrisy surrounding rights at Drew that has followed.

The protest was directed at the concept of Blue Jeans Day, not the Alliance or individual homosexuals. The Alliance forced students to make a choice on a complex political issue. The Alliance basically said by wearing jeans one definitely supports gay rights and the special privileges often mislabeled as "rights." By not wearing jeans you are opposed to said rights, and are therefore a homophobe. Blue Jeans Day allows no middle ground.

The D.U.C.R. wanted to give another option, after our members expressed reluctance and resentment at being forced to commit to either side of the issue. We created "College Republican Day" so our members could ignore the whole "blue jeans" issue by wearing slacks and a tie to support the Republican Party. By doing this, they made no statement on the issue of "gay rights" whatsoever.

Let me reiterate this was not an "attack" on the Alliance or any of its members; it was a protest of forcing students to embrace a political viewpoint simply by getting dressed in the morning. We are sorry if anyone on the Drew campus took offense at our clothing, but I feel we are all free to wear whatever we want, even on Blue Jeans Day. Unfortunately, many on this campus seem to disagree.

When D.U.C.R. President Lawrence Morris

first received word there was a controversy, he called Alliance Co-Chair Chris Withers in hopes of clearing up any animosity between the clubs. "I thought Chris and I worked out any misunderstandings" said Morris. Withers said the Alliance would not seek any "vengeful" punitive measures, and Morris thought the incident closed.

Meanwhile, the original message, sent only to College Republicans, was forwarded to Dean of Student Life Denise Alleyne, no doubt in the hope she would place the D.U.C.R. on "double secret probation." She called Morris and asked to meet with the executive board; a meeting was scheduled for the next week.

Then, at last Thursday's Extracurricular Activity Board meeting, Alleyne questioned whether the D.U.C.R. could lose their funding because of the message. Forgetting for a moment the whole idea of being punished for speech which reflects the wrong viewpoint, where was our due process? The D.U.C.R. were not even asked to defend ourselves. Alleyne did not even invite D.U.C.R. representatives to the ECAB meeting, let alone wait one week to discuss the issue. She made up her mind without all the facts, and proceeded to launch an attack.

The D.U.C.R. will accept anyone of any sexual orientation; we are not "anti-gay." Indeed, the real danger, to gay and straight students, is administrators and students who seek to suppress free speech and free exchange of ideas to advance their own political agendas.

Jason Schuck
Sophomore



Letters to the editor due Monday 8 p.m.

Hostile attitudes miss point of original article

Kevin Cioppa
Opinions Editor

In the past three weeks, I have watched silently as my article "Radicals should return to roots" was dissected, torn apart, and psychoanalyzed. I read interesting interpretations, talked to numerous students, and digested a wide range of opinions on the issues I raised and the points I discussed.

From their actions, it seems that both sides of this debate have failed to grasp the crux of my argument. Anybody who uses my article to increase hostilities, as some are now doing, has obviously missed the main point of my piece—urging students to be open-minded.

Of course, I know there are people out there who are laughing at me right now. How can I complain of hostility, considering that I made the original personal attack? But that is my point. Although many may have interpreted it as such, my original article was not a personal attack.

To that end, the following paragraphs

will carry a brief elaboration of my original points. Instead of responding to various interpretations of what I wrote, I would like to make apparent my thought processes, and show how my argument was one of healthy criticism and nothing more.

First of all, I never stereotyped Women's Concerns. I never said that every member of the Women's Concerns House, the Women's Concerns Club, or the Women's Studies program was close-minded. I never even said that a majority were like that.

When I criticized Women's Concerns (yes, I did not specify which as I perceived the actions of all three sets as partially guilty) I was criticizing the actions of the organizations themselves.

The key word here is "actions." When a Washington reporter criticizes Congress as being ineffective, it is implied he or she is not talking about every single member of the institution. It is obvious that the reporter is talking about the actions of the institution as a whole.

And just as importantly, the use of



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Student criticizes editorial policy, handling of debate

To the Editor:

I wonder how inappropriate it might be if you actually edited. In the note following Dan Schantz's letter, you openly admit that it is your policy to print all letters and opinion articles. You propose that you do this in an attempt to represent all points of view. It seems quite apparent then that anybody with the volition to pen his/her thoughts will get them in print just by submitting them to you! Whilst I admit that every voice should be heard, I think that a well-written and intellectual voice is more likely to leave an impression.

In reference to the ongoing Women's Concerns battle, I agree with Dan Schantz's critique of Kevin Cioppa's "Roots" article and the veritable mess of responses. The article left much to be desired and perhaps it would have been better if editor Cioppa and Kevin Cioppa had met on a more objective basis. As to the sixteen reactionary, repetitive responses, I expect that the Acorn could do more justice to their case by writing an intelligent catch-all argument toward what Mr. Cioppa states.

I do not infer that either debating party had qualitatively bad opinions. However, any debate that is handled in the way that the editors of this newspaper are handling the current one is bound

to fail. This is the fault of the newspaper and should be amended in the treatment of this and other issues. Any attempt to the contrary will make this newspaper the sensationalist piece of crap that it is becoming.

By the way, Schantz is spelled Schantz, not Shantz as you profess in the header. Hurrah for editing!

Stephen Arbour
Sophomore

Editor's note: How would you have felt had we not printed your letter? Transmit this feeling to other people and you may understand the dilemma faced by the editors when editing.

Whose letters should we have omitted? If you can answer this wisely, you can certainly have our jobs. As for Mr. Cioppa's original article, while it contained opinions that differ from many on the subject, it was the Acorn's estimation that it possessed neither libelous nor sensationalist information.

We do apologize for misspelling Mr. Schantz's name in our headline. Mistakes happen. We do hope, however, that you appreciate the corrections we made in your letter.

First Amendment protects College Republican reply

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to the numerous items in last week's Acorn concerning the College Republicans' response to Blue Jeans Day. Let me say first that I am certainly not a Republican and I support gay rights. However, I also strongly believe in constitutionally guaranteed free expression, and am therefore compelled to speak out against its suppression.

Wearing suits or dress pants clearly does not "create a hostile atmosphere" for persons of different sexual orientation. Moreover, I am convinced that their actions were in protest of the concept of Blue Jeans Day, and not of gay rights in general.

Devika Singh, co-chair of the Alliance, said in

her letter to the Oct. 25th edition of the Acorn that Blue Jeans Day is meant to show that "recognizing these fundamental human rights should come as naturally as wearing a pair of blue jeans." I agree that it should. However, Blue Jeans Day has another purpose.

This other purpose was even publicized in a previous year in an Acorn editorial written by a recent Drew alumna who was a member of the Alliance. He stated that Blue Jeans Day is valuable because it shows how many people are "homophobic" because they go out of their way to wear something other than jeans.

In reality, the protest is about the concept of the day itself. Many on the Drew campus see it as a

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Once we let healthy criticism degenerate into personal battles, pitting friend against friend and student against student, we violate the very concept of a liberal arts institution. How can we convince anybody to listen to us in a respectable manner if we do not act respectably ourselves?

Women's Concerns as an example was intended to be just that—an example. Never did it once cross my mind that I should use more generic terms to disguise a particular attack on them.

When I wrote my original article, one of my main points was to illustrate that some members of the Drew Community have shut a large segment of the student population out of the social and academic process. These "shut-out" students fear being labeled sexist or racist if they voice legitimate disapproval to the theories and/or actions (they are not one and the same) employed by leftist groups on campus.

This was a criticism born of experience and knowledge. As the editor responsible for researching and writing the lead editorial, I looked into the International House incident quite extensively, talking to many before the Acorn commented on it in an earlier issue. As president and founder of Drew Pro-Life I have dealt with many feminists on campus, and I am fairly versed on their attitudes and beliefs. And as an active senior on the Drew scene, I have a fairly reasonable knowledge of how this school operates.

In other words, I had every right to criticize the actions of the Women's Concerns Club, House, or the Women's Studies program—or anybody else. Just as the Acorn as a whole has the right to criticize the administration or any student group—such as when we took issue with the Residence Hall Association some weeks back for actions we disagreed with. And just as any group or individual has the right to send a

letter to the editor, criticizing the actions of any particular group on campus, including the Acorn. This is what is known in the real world as healthy criticism.

So why am I writing a second article? And why am I aiming it at those on the left and right? The reason I am talking to those on the left should be self-evident—I feel they have taken undue personal offense to my original article, and have not accepted it as the healthy criticism that it was.

As for conservatives, some have interpreted what they perceive as the harsh tone of my piece as an encouragement for them to do the same, to open fire on the liberal community. While this has not been the case in the Letters to the Editor, it has become apparent in some inter-personal relations. Instead of building on the principle of healthy criticism, which would make for more open and constructive debate, many have resorted to personal attacks, letting their frustration blind their better judgment.

Once we let healthy criticism degenerate into personal battles, pitting friend against friend and student against student, we violate the very concept of a liberal arts institution. How can we convince anybody to listen to us in a respectable manner if we do not act respectably ourselves?

All of us at Drew—conservative, liberal, or anybody else—stand at a very dangerous juncture. We can escalate this war of hostilities, watch what is left of our Community fall apart, and accomplish nothing. Or we can work, understand, and respect each other—even as we strongly disagree.

What will it be?

Students defend Women's Concerns' role on campus

To the Editor:

We do not believe that Women's Concerns has the great power that some claim they possess. We agree that international students got screwed over, but it was not by Women's Concerns, but by the administration. We do not believe the issue is that Hamon House was given to Women's Concerns because they are powerful, but that International House residents were neglected; they were the easiest for the administration to neglect. That is the real issue we should be arguing. Before we point fingers at Women's Concerns, what other house will claim that they will give up their theme for International students? No one wants to lose their house, especially when they have fought to have that theme and believe in its merit, including Women's Concerns.

Once it is thought that women are gaining a little bit of power, a fraction of what they should have, people get scared and say they are powerful. Women's Concerns is not powerful because the administration caters to them and their "ism," but because they are a united group of women who aren't afraid to voice their beliefs. United women are feared; united women who speak up are even more feared. No matter how much they speak, what they say will be ignored and not taken seriously. Perhaps the real fear is that Women's Concerns won't be on that far edge of campus, but closer and more visible.

Shawn Sullivan claims that our society is in tune to "isms," yet after the Senate debates, we really wonder. If our country cannot take sexual harassment seriously, can the Drew campus? Women have much at stake because the stigma follows women (not men) in the words of "bitch," "man-hating," "uptight," "unfeminine," etc. If racism and sexism didn't exist then why are white men running our country? Why are white men making decisions that affect the majority of the globe, women and nonwhites? Why do women earn 78 cents to the dollar compared to men? Women and non-whites are not blaming anyone, but calling it as it is.

We would also like to argue that Drew is not a "liberal" campus. Colleges like Bard, Macalister and Sarah Lawrence blow us away in liberalism and if you want to see women with power go to Smith, Bryn Mawr or Mills Colleges. We always considered Drew to be a mix of liberal and conservative, a balance. Yet if Drew is so liberal, then why is this kind of finger pointing B.S. going on?

We do not think that Women's Concerns are "stereotyping" residents of the suites, but acting on a supported fear that they will be harassed. Last year, when we were residents of the suites, we were sexually harassed.

Furthermore, Heath Podvesker claims that he understands being "stereotyped" into one leftist radical group yet he says "Women's Concerns prefers to live their 'alternate' lifestyle." We would like to know what definition Heath was using; we never considered anyone's lifestyle in the House as so different that they were labeled "alternate."

According to Brian Gregg's definition of radicals, maybe we are radicals since we are voicing our opinion about what we consider to be unjust. Perhaps because we are not males in a position of power we are labeled differently. History was written by those in power who wrote what they considered important. Left out of history is the majority of the world, women and non-whites. Why are their histories and lifestyles less important than white males, because they have less power, perhaps?

In response to "brainwashing," we are brainwashed everyday by our culture, yet we don't call it brainwashing because most accept it as natural. There are no "facts" or "truths," rights or wrongs, but different views and lifestyles. We need to be aware of others and their differences because they enlighten our own thinking and make us question our actions and assumptions.

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Theme houses deserve protection

Joel Krantz
Staff Writer

The fate of the international students this semester has made us painfully aware of the continuing debate over the role of theme houses at Drew. The fact that the administration is contemplating further reductions, including the possibility that none will remain after this year, should be enough to ignite student opinion and the Student Government Association.

We as students should be actively defining why theme houses are important and what the alternatives to closing them are. Unfortunately, past history shows us that developments need to reach crisis proportions before any action is taken.

Theme houses contribute to our campus in a variety of different ways and space limits me from listing them all here. One of the most important, however, is recruitment. The administration wants to eliminate theme houses because of declining enrollment, but this would only cause a further loss of incoming freshmen. When I went on my initial campus tour, I was shown around the Francophone House and thought I might decide to live in a language house one day. After all, it is a good way to become fluent in a foreign language.

That fact leads me to another positive attribute of theme houses: Their contribution to academics. Many of the theme houses have close ties to the particular department with which they are associated and the activities they sponsor benefit everyone involved. They provide a place for club activities that relate to their theme. Many admissions offices in graduate schools take into account the fact that a student has lived in a theme house relevant to the field in which he

or she would like to study. It shows motivation and a keen interest in the subject.

The intimacy of theme houses also adds to their uniqueness. They provide valuable alternatives to dorms, which is important because of the lack of fraternities and sororities at Drew. The list of their contributions could go on and on.

But what about our financial crisis? How can we offset the extra costs that theme houses bear?

The best way to do this would be to close Haselton Hall. The Office of Residence Life has already communicated a possible desire to close a residence hall to the S.G.A. Housing and Residence Life Committee, and if this were done with proper student input, we would not repeat last year's crisis.



If all the theme houses were closed, an additional 75 students will be infused back into traditional housing. Unless the next freshman class is extremely small, I think this action would preclude closing a residence hall.

Why Haselton? In short, Haselton is in dire need of repair and renovation. While enrollment is low, why not take the opportunity to complete the work now? If the administration takes the short term view and closes all of the theme houses, they will miss the chance to perform these improvements before demographic changes, and we get an influx of new students. If this occurs and the improvements become necessary while students are still living in Haselton, where does the administration propose to put them

then?

It should also be said that converting theme houses to administrative or faculty offices may be expensive as well. For example, many of these houses must be completely rewired if they are going to support the extra demands for electricity. Certainly some additional ornamental changes (such as painting, wallpaper, furnishings, etc.) will also have to be made. How much money would Drew really be saving?

Closing Haselton under this plan would necessitate most of the theme houses currently housing students to remain in that capacity. However, arrangements could be made to convert one or two spaces if the housing need is that dire. In case changes must be made, we should start looking into which themes can best accommodate themselves into suites or a floor in Welch and act accordingly.

Clearly, students and administrators have to keep lines of communication open and both need to start thinking in long-range terms. One good example of this was the retreat held recently that drafted a new mission statement for the university. In that statement, the committee asserted that Drew is an "intimate" University and one committed to academic integrity. They also stated that Drew would strive towards its goals through various programs, and one of those ways was through "residential" means.

At a time when we are trying to attract new students, including those from around the world, we cannot allow ourselves to repeat the mistake that was made over the summer. We must remain committed to diversity, intimacy, and academic excellence. We can do that by retaining the theme houses. To do anything else, according to our mission statement, would be hypocrisy.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Proper distinctions need to be made in discrimination

To the Editor:

I am writing to clarify my comment on the Alliance panel from Multi-Cultural Awareness Day, and likewise, in response to Peter Staller's letter concerning remarks I had made previously.

First of all, I am not only an African-American female but I served on the Alliance panel last year as the bisexual female. I am, needless to say, well aware of discrimination in its various forms. Unlike Mr. Staller I have experienced discrimination since birth as an African-American female. But I have only experienced overt discrimination due to my sexual orientation since I was 16, because although I was born bisexual, no one knew until I told them. Which is precisely my point. There are many gays and bisexuals that aren't "out" and therefore don't face overt discrimination. Regardless of whether closeted gays are offended by displays of "slurs, jokes, and other blatant forms of discrimination," it is only indirectly addressed to them. Discrimination against African Americans in their presence is obviously and overtly directed toward them.

Second of all, I am merely making a distinction on either type, I am merely making a distinction. It would be rather hypocritical of me to rate the discrimination I receive as an African American against the discrimination I receive as a bisexual woman. But I make the distinction because they are different. Perhaps the "relativity of discrimination" is not the "right question to address" for

Mr. Staller but for me it is important that the proper distinctions be made considering I live with both of them every day.

Finally, what appears to be "petty possessiveness of the experience of being a minority" on my part, is actually a statement of awareness for people like Mr. Staller. I feel I have the right to defend the minorities to which I belong by keeping them as distinct as they are. Because Mr. Staller's experiences are not those of African Americans, I must beg to differ that likewise, his struggle against oppression is also not the same. The basis of discrimination, our experiences and our fight against oppression are quite different, although they may appear to be similar. There seems to be confusion about the general idea of fighting oppression with the specifics on which that oppression is based. It is not only relevant, but important to those of us who encompass more than one minority.

I don't assume or expect people to necessarily know these particularities of minority discrimination. That is why I wrote these letters—to make people aware of the importance of mutual respect that is necessary between the various minorities in the United States. Only after that is understood can we "help each other conquer oppression where ever it may be."

Chanel Cook
Junior

REPUBLICANS: Krantz supports freedom of speech

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"trick" to "trap" people into making a statement that they may not even be aware they are making. I do not argue that this is true, but it is a valid representation of some people's perceptions. The College Republicans' true purpose was outlined in the quote Singh offers in her own letter: "We are being forced to make a statement or take a stand by being forced into not wearing jeans by a certain organization on this campus."

I was appalled to learn that these actions were being construed improperly, especially by the body that controls their funding. This whole experience is valuable because it shows the danger of the ambiguity in our Human Rights Statement and how it can suppress free speech.

The Alliance has every right to have a Blue Jeans Day. This should be a given. However, it

should also follow that we must allow other people to freely express their opinions about it. Blue Jeans Day is in part an attempt to divide students on campus.

I would suggest that the Alliance forgo this divisive event in the future. In order to promote their worthwhile goal, why not hand out "Silence=Death" buttons and encourage everyone to wear them? This would not only help achieve their aims but it would also improve their image in the rest of the community.

In short, we all must be aware of any suppression of fundamental human rights, including that of free expression. We must not let our zeal to defend one set of rights compromise another.

Joel Krantz
Senior

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Ceile Club celebrates Irish culture

Susan Doolittle
Staff Writer

The Ceile Club has formed this semester in hopes of bringing Drew "a sampling of Irish Culture and to show what the Irish people are all about," junior Kym O'Neill said. In the past few months she and other students have worked with Professor of Sociology James O'Kane and Mike Meagher, aide to University President Tom Kean, to organize this new club.

O'Kane was approached over the summer by the Irish-American Political Action Committee who wanted to help Drew start an Irish group on campus. "Since I'm interested in my own heritage," O'Kane said, "and I thought other people of Irish ancestry might be also, I ran the idea by Mike Meagher who was very enthusiastic about it."

O'Kane said there has been an overwhelming response among Irish and non-Irish faculty, staff, and students since meetings began in September. O'Kane and Meagher have taken back-seat roles and now function as club advisors. Members formulated a constitution and appointed an executive committee of student officers.

The group received probationary status as an Extra Classroom Activities Board club and will seek regular funding at the end of their probation period. They do not, however, feel restricted by a lack of funds since they



Irish and non-Irish students, faculty, and staff have formed a new club that will examine Irish culture and influence in America. Photo by Pedra O'Reilly

have been inundated with offers from Irish singers, performers and lecturers willing to perform at Drew free of charge.

"We want to make first ourselves and then the Drew Community aware of Irish history and Irish influence in America," O'Neill said. She said the name of the club sums up perfectly the club members' goals.

Ceile is a gathering of music and dance, a way to bring people together and to foster a sense of community.

The club's first event this semester will take place in November. The event, a lecture on the great Irish Famine, is co-sponsored by the club, the Sociology Department, and the Irish-American Culture Institute.

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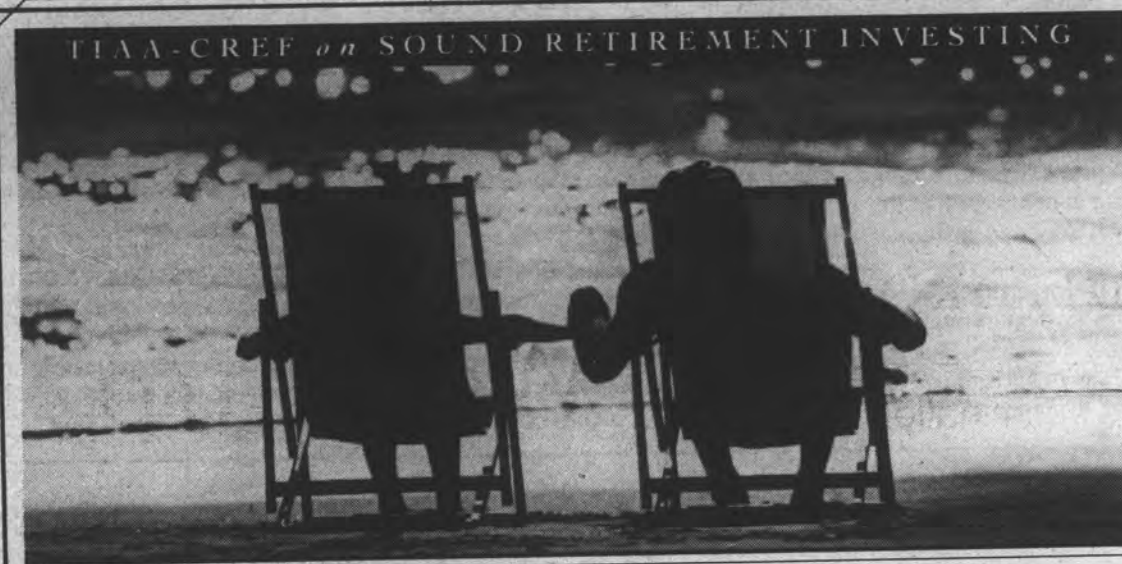
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Forum discusses Thomas confirmation

Senate hearings may have raised country's awareness of sexual harassment

Two local authorities on women's politics discuss how the addition of Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court could lead to the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*. They spoke of how forthcoming cases involving abortion rights may be decided and the effects the decisions will have on women throughout the country. They suggest people further women's rights by taking more active roles in politics.

Kelly Wieme
Paste-up Manager

A forum dealing with how the recent confirmation of Clarence Thomas may affect the future of women's rights in the United States entitled "After the Thomas Confirmation: Women's Issues and the Supreme Court" took place in the Welch-Holloway Lounge Tuesday, Oct. 29.

The two speakers, Mary Segers and Bobby Francis, are both authorities in women's politics. Segers teaches political science at Rutgers-Newark, while Francis is the director of the New Jersey Division on Women. The forum was moderated by Director of Women's Studies Wendy Kolmar.

Francis said one of the most important results of the Senate hearings may be the raising of peoples' consciousness of what sexual harassment actually is. She said the country finally is acknowledging it as a serious issue. "On the whole, it was a very



Members of the Drew Community joined Mary Segers and Bobby Francis for a discussion on women's concerns following the appointment of Clarence Thomas as a Supreme Court Justice. Photo by Wendy DeCordova

positive training session for the entire country," Francis said.

According to Segers, one result of the hearings may be that they fomented anger among women who are again being forced to confront painful memories about past events. This anger brings women from opposite ends of the political spectrum together, due to the common experience of sexual harassment.

Segers said the result of this anger may come to light at the polls next year. "I think it will affect the voting at next year's polls. I think that anger will stay and influence their vote," she said.

Francis said, "On the other hand, there were many women—more than I would like to see—trying to pick Clarence Thomas apart, trying to find flaws in his testimony."

These women give evidence to the in-

credible socialization that women go through, which teaches them they are at fault for attacks against them, according to Francis.

Segers also said for herself, as a political scientist, she became much more aware of the faultiness of the confirmation process. There were many problems concerning fairness for both the accused and the person making the allegations. Although in this particular case she said, "you couldn't have staged a better public investigation," the Senate Judiciary Committee over the past five years was a failure.

In response to a question by Kolmar concerning what effect the Thomas confirmation will have on the Supreme Court itself, both women discussed the current cases expected to come before the court this term, including a Pennsylvania case, and

more strict cases from Guam, Utah, and Louisiana that could overturn the landmark abortion case *Roe v. Wade*. Segers said a distinction may arise among the justices between laws that ban and laws that regulate.

Currently, the *Roe* decision allows states to regulate abortions beyond the first trimester. If the Supreme Court upholds the Pennsylvania law, Segers said states will become like a patchwork quilt, with each having its own regulations.

Francis said if *Roe* is overturned, there is likely to be a movement in Congress to pass some type of "Human Life" legislation prohibiting any type of abortion.

"I am afraid that if we have one more decision in the direction that the court has been leaning, I picture the battle and the focus going straight to Congress," she said.

Responding to a question about the future of women in politics, Segers said since the Thomas confirmation, there has been a great upsurge in donations to organizations such as the League of Women's Voters and the National Organization for Women.

The final question posed by Kolmar involved the issue of what women can do to help. Francis said if people "take seriously taking women seriously, it will turn the world upside down."

On a more practical level, Segers offered several suggestions such as writing to Chief Justice William Rehnquist, writing to the senators on the Judiciary Committee, writing Democratic Party chair Ron Brown threatening to withdraw support, and writing to Senate Minority Leader Strom Thurmond and voicing opinions on Senators Arlen Specter (R-PA), Alan Simpson (R-WY), and Orrin Hatch (R-UT).

"The only things they listen to are money and votes," Segers said. "So make them pay attention."

"If everyone who is feeling the way we do were to vote that way, there would be massive changes," Francis said.

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Roddenberry remembered Trekies lament

Georgia Harellick
Staff Writer

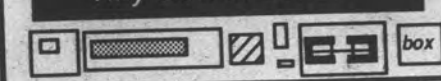
Gene Roddenberry, creator of *Star Trek*, died Oct. 24 of a heart attack at age 70. Roddenberry will be remembered fondly by cast, crew, and fans alike.

There are not many people in America, or perhaps even the world, who have not heard of Mr. Spock, Captain Kirk, and the voyages of the *Enterprise*.

Roddenberry went up against network executives in the '60s to get *Star Trek* on the air. Here was a show produced in the '60s which had a black female officer on the bridge showing that prejudice and discrimination would be a thing of the past (hopefully) in our future.

Let us all hope that Roddenberry's dream of a positive future will someday become a reality. As long as the *Star Trek* universe is a part of our lives, Roddenberry will be very much alive.

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Li'l Box of Poetry

(It's Hemingway Week!)

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"Oh, go to hell."

"I lost it in the war."
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Nada. We could fish or kill ourselves.

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'Respectful Prostitute' probes race and gender issues

Jamie Lee
Staff Writer

Question:
What do you get when you mix darkness, "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," and the obnoxious roar of a Hoover vacuum cleaner? Give up?

Answer:
The beginning of Jean-Paul Sartre's "The Respectful Prostitute."

Sartre's play in one act is a scathing attack on racism. "The Respectful Prostitute" packs a powerful intellectual punch that takes hold of its audience and wakes them up.

Although the play is a powerful commentary on racism, it also addresses the issue of choosing between standing by your morals or compromising them.

Senior Julio Irizarry does an exceptional job in directing this powerful period piece. He brings out the fear, tension and ignorance of the time.

"The play is powerful by being extremely honest," Irizarry said. The text deals heavily with sensitive topics, and flings about nonpolitically correct words like "nigger" and "slut."

Irizarry asks the audience to enter the theatre "with an open mind and really see it for what it is." He adds that the play asks the audience to think about what they would do if they were in the protagonist's situation.

Irizarry directs a dynamic cast for this powerful production—it was as if the cast was made for the play.

Freshman Rebecca Swanson puts out a wonderful performance as Lizzie, the spirited New York prostitute who must choose between standing by her values or compromising them.

Sophomore James Lemon gives an incredibly unforgettable portrayal as the innocent African American running for his life from a lynch mob of ignorant white politicians. There were times in the play



Greg Derelien forces Rebecca Swanson to sign a statement of innocence. Steve Gausepohl watches intently as the 'Respectful Prostitute' is spat upon. Photo by Keith Bronsdon

when I wanted to stand up and shout, "I'll help you! I'll hide you from them!"

Sophomore Greg Derelien is passionate as Fred, the senator's son, who wants Lizzie

and attempts to save the political reputation of his family and his cousin's life from destruction.

The moments Lizzie and Fred share are

intense—a definite chemistry exists between them.

Senior Steve Gausepohl is convincing as John, the policeman.

Michael Barret Jones accurately portrays the aged Senator Clark, the "sweet talking," well-mannered Southern gentleman.

Minor characters include sophomores Todd Carlstrom and Brian Platt and senior George Krubski as lynchers who reflect the anticipation of the town to catch the scapegoat. The cast does an excellent job consistently using Southern accents.

Physically intense scenes may make some audience members nervous. The violence becomes so real that every time a character (usually it's Lizzie) is pushed, shoved, or shot, I winced.

Senior set designer James Vreeland creates a room in a Southern town. White walls, creamy pink and purple trim, and beautiful French doors surround "the bed of sin."

Junior Scott Slater, sound designer, cleverly frames the action of the play with the patriotic "Battle Hymn of the Republic," emphasizing the cyclical nature of racial problems due to its support from political leaders and their constituents.

Junior light designer Chuck Cameron cleverly defines the setting, especially in the second scene with the magnificent moonlight peeking through the French doors.

The costumes designed by Junior Keith Bronsdon (who also plays James) reinforce the conservative mind set of the town with gray and brown pinstripe suits.

Lizzie's colorful robe reinforces her boldness and her position in the town as an outsider with a voice separated from the town's ignorant Southern pride and tradition.

As the lights go down and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" rings through the sound system, the audience asks itself how much of "the truth is marching on," and how "respectful" is this prostitute?

Replacements rub Buddha's belly in Oklahoma

Andy Fenwick
Asst. Entertainment Editor

I saw two Buddhist monks walking down Canal Street. The sun had set and the cars sped through Chinatown, spraying shiny reflections and headlight beams across their robes and shaved heads. New Yorkers sped by, selling, showing up, and buying, all the while looking dirty and tired.

I couldn't tell if the monks were men or women. But what I could tell was their happiness. They held hands. Smiles broke out on their faces, unlike any other smiles I'd ever seen. They were smiles of contentment, smiles from the ability to block out the rest of everything and relax in bliss. I had a record under my arm.

It all began on a November night in Oklahoma City, 1984, when the Replacements took the stage at the Bowery. Took the stage? Well...okay, they stood and played, but if they took the stage anywhere it was into their garage, forgetting the fact that people out on the floor had paid to be there.

This was the tour. This was the time. The final show of the tour for the album *Let It Be*.

A critical favorite, it went on to be ranked in the top 10 of the best 100 albums of the '80s picked by the critics of *Rolling Stone*.

Meanwhile, a band from Ireland was slowly becoming another critical favorite, accumulating the same heaps of critical hype as the Replacements. Both bands fell under the burden of "big things" being expected of them. Neither band knew how to live up to these hopes. One tried; the other admitted its weakness and plowed on. Can you, true believer, pick the band who was honest enough to admit failure?

Circle one:

- A. The Replacements
- B. U2
- C. have no idea

If you circled "B," stop reading. You picked the band from Ireland which tried to save the world instead of making good records. If you circled "C," read on because the answer is "A."

How do I know this?
If I said I was at the Bowery on that Oklahoma November night, I'd be lying.

This concert lay hidden in the grooves of the record I was carrying on Canal Street. No video of the show, no wonderful record cover—not even a true label. The bootleg is aptly titled *The Shit Hits the Fans*.

Don't look for sincerity in the packaging. On the label, the band is named "The Place Mats," hardly a self-flattering title.

Name a guitar grunge classic of the '70s—awful, vomitous material—and you've got "Iron Man," "Misty Mountain Hop" (good God, not Zeppelin), and Thin Lizzy's "Jailbreak." Include "Takin' Care of Business" and the horrifyingly classic "Can't Get Enough of Your Love." Sounds like a "Guitar Rock" commercial.

Why would the Replacements do such a thing to their fans?

Lead singer and songwriter Paul Westerberg states in the liner notes, "Ever wanted to be popular, the life of the party (just plain liked, even)? Well, we did. And now that that absurd dream seems within reach, we've come to the sobering realization that we don't f---kin' know how to pull it off."

And so they opted for the Zen thing. For

at least half an hour they responded to requests and covered their favorites, from R.E.M.'s "Radio Free Europe" to the Stones' "Jumpin' Jack Flash," changed to a glorification of booze titled "Jumpin' Jack Flash." The songs ended incomplete most of the time.

Some bands see covers as the kiss of death. On the first side of the album, the band delivers their compositions "I Will Dare" and the yet-unrecorded "Can't Hardly Wait," but really doesn't care enough about them as anything other than songs.

At one point Westerberg says, "Once again, we're the Surfaces from Chicago." The Replacements are what they are, not a band on a musical journey.

The Replacements were Buddhist monks that night, rolling in their own abilities, their own happy selves, breathing the thick incense of their own religion.

The simple things bring greatness, eliminate failure, and enable one to walk away with a smile. Truth is greater than fiction.

Right now, the Replacements are doing just that. U2, on the other hand, has bills to pay.

Chocolate Cake; a slice of life

Laura Mastrosimone
Staff Writer

Chocolate Cake, one of this week's presentations by the Drew University Dramatic Society, was written by Mary Gallagher and directed by senior Elizabeth Timperman. The two-person cast stars sophomores Susan Saunders (Dehlia) and Shannon Wandell (Annmarie), both newcomers to the Drew stage.

While on the surface the play revolves around eating disorders, the themes raised by this production go much deeper. It explores the reasons behind problems with food; the sense of loneliness, inadequacy, and the need to fill a void.

Due to Gallagher's ingenuity, the audience is not spoon fed conclusions about the characters. They perceive the emotional struggles of Annmarie and Dehlia through facial expressions, vocal inflection, and unsaid cravings and anxieties.

The action begins as the characters sit in their rooms of a small-town hotel. They have gathered for a conference on women's careers. Annmarie sits in her bed watching TV in robe and slippers, making her "small-town girl" characteristics instantly obvious when juxtaposed against Dehlia with her exercise bike, leather boots, and mink coat.

In the background, commercials for numerous diet plans intermittently contrast against ads for rich, enticing foods. Although the characters hail from two different worlds, the use of commercials enables the audience to see how they unite in the struggle against society's perceptions of weight and eating behavior.

Eventually, Dehlia decides to pay a visit to Annmarie, and the two end up having an intimate conversation. Through this interchange, the audience discovers both women suffer from low self-esteem. They feel stagnant in their lives and marriages. Their worlds may be different, but they share a common bond when it comes to food. Both women use food to fill the emotional void in their lives. As Dehlia says, "Food has always been my drug... it is the only thing I can count on."

Although they have not known each other long, the characters continue to open up to one another. They are relieved to finally talk to someone who understands their situation. As Annmarie and Dehlia work at "being themselves" and accepting food addiction as a part of their identity, questions arise as to what the future may hold. Can they continue to live this way? In an interesting



Shannon Wandell and Susan Saunders swap edible stories and deep, dark secrets. Photo by Keith Bronsdon

conclusion, Annmarie makes a pivotal choice about where her life is headed.

Chocolate Cake brings to its audience a sense of closeness. The play's interesting mix of humor and serious issues draw the spectator in. As Dehlia and Annmarie reveal their need for intimacy and understanding from one another, audience members feel more like friends to these women, rather than observers. Both actresses give impressive performances, as they must project both the outer aspects of their characters as well as the emotional turmoil that lies within.

The themes of this play do not associate solely with food addiction; they present a clear picture of the pressure society places upon people, particularly women, to live up to a certain standard. As Timperman stated, "Everyone has an eating disorder in some degree," due to society's strict rules as to what is physically acceptable.

This production brings home the importance of a positive self-image; emotional stability can only be attained when an individual learns to accept and love the person who they happen to be. Yet, as demonstrated in this play, this is one of the hardest lessons in life to learn.

Chocolate Cake has something that everyone can relate to. We all battle with food at some point; we all struggle to achieve an unattainable standard, and we all strive to gain self-acceptance.

Not only worthwhile because it's entertaining, *Chocolate Cake* teaches us all a little something about ourselves.

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Acorn 1991-92 NBA Season Preview

Trailblazers to burn Bulls' rush; Barkley league MVP

Scott Moody
Staff Writer

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

1) *Boston Celtics* (55-27)
Larry Bird is an old 34, but his ability to perform in the clutch is still unquestioned (ask Chuck Person and the Pacers—game five of 1991 Eastern Conference Playoffs; 32 points, nine rebounds, seven assists, and a win). Throw in a crew of young talent (Dee Brown, Brian Shaw, and Reggie Lewis) and the old guard (Kevin McHale and Robert Parish), and the possibility of another NBA championship banner hanging from the rafters of "the Garden" exists.

2) *Philadelphia 76ers* (52-30)
The 76ers will finish ahead of the Knicks because they have the best non-guard in the league (Barkley), a solid backcourt in Hersey Hawkins and Johnny Dawkins, and a good, young trio of big men (Charles Shackleford, Armon Gilliam, Jayson Williams). Sixth man Ron Anderson remains a consistent offensive threat.

3) *New York Knicks* (45-37)
Patrick Ewing, though much maligned, can lead a team to the NBA title with the proper supporting cast. But it won't be with this year's Knicks. General manager Dave Checketts should be commended for adding Xavier McDaniel and Greg Anthony.

4) *New Jersey Nets* (39-43)
The Nets are improving. Kenny Anderson's presence will lead the Nets to at least ten more wins provided they get consistent play from enigmatic forward Chris Morris.

5) *Miami Heat* (33-49)
The Heat led by the Syracuse duo of Sherman Douglas and Rony Seikaly, need two more good drafts to become a playoff contender.

6) *Washington Bullets* (30-52)

With all twelve players healthy, the Bullets can challenge the Nets for fourth place. Michael Adams and Bernard King are two of the league's better players, but the improvement of Pervis Ellison and Harvey Grant are the keys.

7) *Orlando Magic* (29-53)
Led by gutsy point guard Scott Skiles, the Magic won more games (31) than the other three expansion teams last season. To further improve, the Magic need inside scoring punch from rookie Brian Williams.

Central Division

1) *Chicago Bulls* (60-22)
The Bulls will not relinquish their crown easily thanks to great team defense and role players John Paxson, Horace Grant, and Cliff Levingston. Michael Jordan will be able to rest more this season due to the emergence of Scottie Pippen as a legitimate star.

2) *Detroit Pistons* (58-24)
The Pistons should keep a trail on the Bulls throughout the season. They lost Vinnie Johnson, but gained a better all-around player, unheralded Darrell Walker from the Bullets, adding to the league's best backcourt duo of Isiah Thomas and Joe Dumars.

3) *Indiana Pacers* (45-37)
The Pacers are solid on the perimeter with jet-like Michael Williams at the point and pure shooters Reggie Miller and Chuck Person on the wings. The play of inconsistent center Rik Smits' play will determine Indiana's fate.

4) *Cleveland Cavaliers* (41-41)
The Cavs will improve on last year's sub-par performance as long as Mark Price returns from injury soon. They have a solid core consisting of Price, Brad Dougherty, Craig Ehlo, Larry Nance, and John "Hot Rod" Williams.

5) *Milwaukee Bucks* (38-44)
The Bucks present no marquee players, but have unknown leader Jay Humphries

and all-around star Alvin Robertson in the backcourt. Moses Malone, picked up as a free agent from Atlanta, played well in the preseason. Can he hold up for 82 regular season games?

6) *Atlanta Hawks* (37-45)
The Hawks are in a transition year. Rumeal Robinson, Travis Mays, Rodney Monroe, and Mo Cheeks replace Spud Webb, Doc Rivers, Sidney Moncrief, and John Battle in the backcourt. The Hawks will have a difficult time trying to make the playoffs, but the future looks promising.

7) *Charlotte Hornets* (34-48)
There's isn't a plethora of talent in Charlotte, even with number one draft pick Larry Johnson on the scene. This is a critical season for both Rex Chapman and J.R. Reid, who need to prove their status as high expansion team draft picks.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

1) *Utah Jazz* (54-28)
The Karl Malone-John Stockton duo is unparalleled and the Jazz surround them with a good supporting cast led by Jeff Malone and Blue Edwards. Utah still poses no threat to win the NBA title, however, because of a scarce bench aside from Thurl Bailey.

2) *San Antonio Spurs* (52-30)
The Spurs are strong in all areas, led by the league's best center, David Robinson. The only thing holding them back from a Western Conference, or even an NBA, title is the immaturity of point guard Rod Strickland.

3) *Houston Rockets* (50-32)
The Rockets are capable of finishing ahead of both the Jazz and Spurs. Hakeem Olajuwon and Otis Thorpe comprise the best rebounding big man tandem in the league, with all due respect to Ewing and Charles Oakley.

4) *Dallas Mavericks* (36-46)
The Mavericks have talent at all positions, but

Drug-plagued Roy Tarpley has been banished by the league for life. What remains is an excellent guard trio—Fat Lever, Rolando Blackman, and Derek Harper. The Mavs are hoping that young forward Randy White can eventually fill Tarpley's shoes.

5) *Minnesota Timberwolves* (34-48)
Minnesota is a team on the rise. Pooh Richardson, Ty Corbin, and Tony Campbell are solid but center Felton Spencer must improve his numbers this year or he'll be pushed by rookie Luc Longley.

6) *Denver Nuggets* (32-50)
Dikembe Mutombo was a steal with the fourth pick in the draft. This will be a long year in the Mile-High City, but look for Chris Jackson to become a very good player.

Pacific Division

1) *Portland Trailblazers* (63-19)
The Blazers possess no true weakness. They play good defense, rebound well, and score a lot of points. Is this the year that Clyde Drexler leads his team to the title?

2) *Los Angeles Lakers* (60-22)
Ageless wonder Magic Johnson makes his teammates on the floor better. The Lakers should challenge the Blazers, and don't be surprised to see the Lakers playing in June again.

3) *Phoenix Suns* (55-27)
Phoenix lost talent (Xavier McDaniel) in hopes of improving its team chemistry. Dan Majerle steps into a starting role while Kevin Johnson will continue to improve.

4) *Golden State Warriors* (45-37)
"Run TMC"—Tim Hardaway, Mitch Richmond, and Chris Mullin—are one of the highest scoring trios in NBA history. However, the Warriors will improve only if they can get some inside scoring and defense from Tyrone Hill, Victor Alexander, and Chris Gatling.

5) *Seattle SuperSonics* (42-40)
The Sonics have talent at all positions, but

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P-Heads earn four-peat

John McGrath
Staff Writer

The Pittsburgh Steelers and the San Francisco 49ers may have won four Super Bowls but their accomplishments pale in comparison to those of the Swingin' P-Heads of the Drew Flag Football League. By defeating the Anchormen 19-15 Halloween night, the P-Heads won their fourth consecutive championship.

The season began with the P-Heads favored to repeat as league champions. The

first week foreshadowed what was to happen just five weeks later. In the opening game of the season, the P-Heads narrowly defeated the Anchormen 12-8. The game ended with the Anchormen driving down field as time expired.

The second week of the season saw junior Tim McGrath return the opening kickoff for a touchdown, but for a losing cause as the Zero's fell to the P-Heads 22-6. In week two the Anchormen won their first game of the season, defeating the Spartans 17-6.

The first rematch between the Anchor-

men and the P-Heads was a lopsided victory in favor of the P-Heads 25-2. The only points for the Anchormen came as defensive lineman Sam Hjab sacked quarterback Billy Connors in the end zone. The P-Heads continued their potent passing attack as Connors connected with split end Rob Denkin and tight end Phil Garbarino.

The Zero's came into their second game against the P-Heads with a vengeance. Once again the Zero's returned the opening kickoff for a touchdown. This time it was sophomore Amos Blinder going the distance for the score. These were not to be the only points for the Zero's, however, as the game ended with senior John McDonough running out of bounds, inches in front of the end zone with what would have been the game-tying score. The Connors-to-Denkin connection came through again for the P-Heads, as Denkin's reception from Connors turned out to be the difference in the game. The final score: P-Heads 20, Zero's 8.

The regular season finished with the P-Heads in first, earning a bye into the championship game and the Anchormen and Zero's earning berths in the playoffs. The playoffs, held Oct. 30, saw the Anchormen knocking off the Zero's and claiming their spot in the title game.

The stage was set for a great game. Connors connected with Denkin early, staking the P-Heads to a 6-0 lead. Following this touchdown the P-Heads did everything possible to give the game to the Anchormen, by incurring several costly penalties and miscommunicating on several plays.

The Anchormen capitalized and took a commanding 15-6 lead. At this point the P-Heads showed what they were made of and took control of the game. Like their first meeting, the Anchormen were driving down the field with what would have been the winning touchdown. This time it wasn't the clock that stopped the Anchormen; rather, defensive back Connors intercepted a pass from Anchormen QB Paul Skilton.

The season was well-played and hard-fought by each of the four teams in the league. Each team was represented on the All-Bagel team. The Most Valuable Players of the season were Connors on offense and Hjab on defense. Connors was the key to the passing game which propelled the P-Heads to victory as well as an all-around team leader. Hjab was a stopper on defense while playing either defensive line or line-backer.

Every player deserves congratulations on a well played season. Special thanks go to the referees who made the league possible. Thus ends the 1991 Flag Football Season. Who knows what will happen in '92: Can the P-Heads 5-Peat?

—John McGrath

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Running Rangers keep plugging

Marnette Colborne
Assistant Paste-up Manager

Poor organization combined with a tough course caused the cross country team to return with only four trophies from its meet at Ramapo College Sunday.

Awards were presented to the top 10 placing men and the top five women. Freshman Gordon Kenny led the men's team with his outstanding second place finish, while junior Jodi Verruso ran her way to a third place finish in the women's division. Sophomore Lee Slaughter and freshman David Haiman received trophies for placing ninth and tenth, respectively.

Due to a conflicting schedule of events at Ramapo College, part of the usual course had to be altered. Consequently, the men ran the women's 5k course as opposed to their normal five mile race. It was the first time many of the men were running a 5k course, and despite this, they were able to take second place as a team. Because the women's team only has four runners, rather than the necessary five, they were unable to score as a team.

Opinions on the performance of the Running Rangers this weekend were mixed. All say they believed the team did well overall, but the men and women seemed to differ in their judgments of their achievements.

"I think it was the best race all year," captain Tom Morgan said, while Verruso expressed her feelings that, "the women weren't too pleased with their times."

Junior Kendra Westberg was disappointed with the way the course was changed from last year and contended that the team's spirit was worn down because of the delay in starting the race. Despite these adversities, she still believed the women would have won if they had a fifth person because they ran the race so close together.

The Running Rangers will have next weekend off and will conclude their season with the Middle Atlantic Conference Divisionals at Widener College in two weeks, and the NCAA Midwest Regionals at Allentown the following week.

Junior John Bleakney predicts that the strong team from Haverford College should win the Regionals. He believes the Rangers will probably place very low, but attributes this poor finish to the team having lost its top four runners.

Drew's runners have a lot of talent, but some members are lacking the experience necessary to make them more successful. The Rangers appear to be using this season to rebuild. They are working on improving their individual times as well as utilizing this season to bond together as a team.

NBA: No surprise for season

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must blend in in order to challenge the Blazers and Lakers. Shawn Kemp is a player on the rise. Benoit Benjamin and guards Gary Payton and Dana Barros must play well for the Sonics to challenge.

6) *Los Angeles Clippers* (40-42)
Like Seattle, the Clippers are very talented but haven't found the chemistry to be a winner. Doc Rivers takes over the point for Gary Grant and forwards Charles Smith, Danny Manning, and Ken Norman are the best trio in the league.

7) *Sacramento Kings* (26-56)
Overrated draft pick Billy Owens is forced to play big guard in the Kings' lineup. Lionel Simmons is emerging as one of the better small forwards in the league. Coach Dick Motta is in for a long year.

NBA FINALS:
Bulls vs. Blazers
CHAMPIONS: Blazers
MVP: Charles Barkley

Field hockey rides momentum into MAC finals

Keith Morgen
Staff Writer

The field hockey team, propelled by an unbelievable 9-1-1 record over their last eleven games, rolled over Kutztown 2-0 Saturday. The Rangers' momentum carried right into the Middle Atlantic Conference playoffs, earning them decisive victories over Gettysburg and Messiah.

Drew faced 12th ranked Kutztown without key starter Tanya Meck who injured her ankle in practice. Coach Dawn Henderson began the game with junior Jessica Platt at center forward and senior Missy Della Russo playing Meck's position at center midfield. But midway through the game, Henderson switched Della Russo's and Platt's positions, looking for more scoring punch.

Della Russo provided that offensive boost when she took a pass from Platt and scored from the right corner at 20:30 in the second half. Senior Kara Schermerhorn tacked on Drew's second goal with 15 minutes remaining in the game.

"We played a really good game," Meck said. "It was amazing how well we played considering that everyone's positions were switched around. Missy and Jessica had to play new positions, and we had a great game from [freshman] Sara Marcus. She was outstanding."

Ranger goalie Tami Hinelein saved six balls, as Drew outshot Kutztown 13-9.

The win emphasized the team's attitude this season. Confidence permeates the Rangers. They already surpassed their expectations, with their youth emerging as a plus for the team. The freshmen were handed a large responsibility and each player knows they are crucial to the team's success or failure.

The Rangers brought that enthusiasm into the first round of the MAC playoffs when they hosted Gettysburg Monday. But apparently, some of that fire was lacking early on as Drew faced a 1-0 deficit at halftime. However, after the intermission, the high-spirited play returned to the Rangers.

Drew opened up their offensive attack in the second half, scoring three times, culminating with the game winning shot by Della

Russo with only 1:22 left to squeak by Gettysburg 3-2.

"The goal was almost the same as my score against Kutztown," Della Russo said. "The ball just came my way and I shot it in from the right corner."

Platt opened the second half scoring barrage when she and freshman Kara Williams took the ball down from the midfield on a breakaway. The ball jumbled through a crowd in front of the Gettysburg goalie before Platt scored from the left corner at 26:48.

About one minute later, Williams drove home a goal of her own with an assist from sophomore Kathy Whelan, to tie the score with 25:03 left in the game.

"We were all able to adjust our game and play out of position again," Platt said. "We were hanging on by a thread and we played real tough."

A positive note was that Meck saw action in the second half of the game. She said she feels she will soon be at 100 percent again. "I played a little slower than usual," Meck said. "I played an OK game. Adrenaline is the best pain killer."

When eighth ranked Messiah defeated Haverford 2-1, the stage was set for the MAC semi-final showdown between the Rangers and Messiah. Messiah, a stronger squad than Gettysburg, had not faced Drew in many years. But the 17th ranked Rangers

were not intimidated by the mystery of Messiah's game, winning 2-1.

"We were hoping for Haverford only because we know their game a little better," senior Susan McNulty said before the game. "Since we don't really know their game it's going to make us play harder. We're two top teams so it's going to be a great game."

Whelan opened up the Rangers' scoring in the second half when she stopped a clear from the Messiah goalie, blasting the ball into the cage at 33:40.

"I was glad I finally made that shot," Whelan said. "I've been working on this shot in practice for a while."

Williams also scored for Drew, on an assist by Platt. Hinelein saved five balls on 12 shots, while Drew outshot Messiah 23-12.

Drew utilized their small passing game and big down field hits to beat Messiah. The Rangers' own a reputation for working a small passing game involving only two or three players taking the ball downfield. This season, that style of play proved to be effective.

Drew will ride their intense momentum into the MAC finals Saturday against Lebanon Valley, who beat Johns Hopkins 4-0. The Rangers' home-turf advantage should be a major factor considering Drew will once again face a squad they have little experience against. Communication and the Rangers' precise, small passing game put



The offense of Jessica Platt and Missy Della Russo have paced the Rangers' run for the MAC title. Photo by Heath Podvesker

them in the finals, and if they play their style of field hockey, they could be MAC champions and possibly earn a NCAA tournament bid.

"There was definitely a lull in our season," Whelan said. "Our losses to Scranton and Trenton State got us down, but we rebounded and ended our season 13-3-2. We'll play our brand of play and we should beat Lebanon Valley."

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Women's soccer vanquishes Vassar

Jeff Bathurst
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The women's soccer team ended their season this past week with a victory over Vassar College. It also signified the final home game for the team's five seniors—Lin Bardusch, Tiki Hartshorn, Melissa Morgan, Erica Runyon, and Dawn Zebick. Coach Dan Jones made a presentation to each Ranger playing their last game and all received a warm ovation from attending Drew parents and students.

Drew went on to roll over the Vassar Bruins by a final tally of 4-1. Zebick celebrated her final game in Ranger green and blue by scoring the Rangers' first goal. Vassar answered back quickly after a bit of a Drew letdown, but with 15 minutes left in the half, Zebick netted another score. It was a fitting way for the excellent wing to bid a fond farewell to the fans.

"Dawn always plays with such intensity and aggression every time she goes on the field," Hartshorn said. "She really deserved to end her college career with such a spectacular game."

The other seniors also turned in fine performances, as Runyon stalled many Vassar attacks just behind the midfield stripe and kept pressure on the Vassar goal on Drew attacks. "It hasn't sunk in yet that it's all over," Runyon said. "It was a great way to end things—a winning note, especially against a team we haven't beaten since I've been here."

Junior Danielle Baraty scored roughly five minutes after Zebick, staking the Rangers to a 3-1 lead. Baraty's goal was her 13th



Erica Runyon finished off her college career this week with a defeat over Vassar. Photo by Karl Langdon

of the season, tying her own single-season record at Drew. The Rangers controlled the action for the rest of the first half and the team went comfortably into halftime with that 3-1 lead.

The second half was another great display by the Drew defense. Vassar was only conceded a few brief attacks, including one breakaway that was handled beautifully by goalie Pam Bayha who came out of the net and cut off the advancing Bruin. Baraty added another goal with about 15 minutes left in the game, breaking her own record with her 14th goal of the year.

"We depend on her a lot for scoring," Runyon said. "She's one of the best one-on-one ballhandlers I've ever seen. She can

beat anybody."

Saturday, the Rangers travelled to Stockton State and took part in a fierce battle which extended past regulation play. Baraty notched Drew's lone goal of the afternoon, but the physical Stockton State squad pulled away in overtime with three goals to make the final score 4-1.

"We played a really tough game against Elizabethtown that Thursday, and didn't have much time to recover," Hartshorn said. "We played really well for 90 minutes, but by overtime, we were spent. They were aggressive and physical; they really wore us down."

The Rangers finished the season with a 7-8 record.

Sports Forum

Every little boy's dream come true

Kevin Cioppa will never play in the Major Leagues, nor will he play varsity baseball this spring. But his participation in Fall Ball fulfilled a life-long dream to play the game he loves.

Kevin Cioppa
Opinions Editor

I wandered off first base, one eye fixed on the batter and the other on the base. Coach Masco looked over, probably trying to figure out what this idiot was thinking about in the middle of fall baseball practice. With a flick of the arm, he spun around . . . and threw me out.

I looked at the mud-covered uniform, which was all I could see with my nose to the ground. Why was I staring at the residential district of Womtown, U.S.A.? How did I get myself into such a predicament?

The answer lies in my childhood—and in the countless hours I spent playing the game that dominated my life. If I wasn't at baseball practice, I was tossing a ball with neighborhood friends or hustling up a game of wiffleball.

Baseball has always spun a magical web for me. No matter how stressed out I was, no matter how many tests I had to study for, all my worries disappeared when I stepped onto the baseball diamond.

I loved it. And still do. And ever since cheering Drew three years ago, I wondered what it would be like to play college baseball, to compete at a higher level than I had ever dreamed possible.

But who was I kidding? My high school coach cut me twice; never letting me reach the first level of tryouts. And my performance in the 16-18 year old team my



Kevin Cioppa may not be Roy Hobbs, but this diving catch highlighted a three-week adventure in baseball. Even though he was out, playing the game at such a competitive level was personally satisfying. Acorn file photo

village sponsored was abysmal at best.

But try as I may, I couldn't kill the dream. And when somebody told me the baseball team doesn't cut anybody until after the fall campaign, I could resist no longer. I decided to don a Division III baseball uniform for the first time in my life.

Never before had I been subjected to such an intense regimen of baseball. For two hours a day I lined up to catch line drives and flies in the outfield, scurried the basespaths as our infielders practiced their complex language, and swatted at roundballs in the batter's box.

This was, by far, my weakest point. I never could hit, and I quickly discovered that my propensity to poke weak ground balls at the second baseman was as prevalent as ever.

I also realized my inability to touch any pitcher with real heat was only compounded at this level. In my six fall plate appearances

I struck out three times, all against pitchers who seemed to hit the inside corner before I had even dug a hole in the box.

And then there was my fielding. Although I could always move in on a fly ball, it was the ones over my head that seemed to cause problems. I usually had no idea where the fence was, or the baseball for that matter.

As time went on, it became obvious I was not going to last beyond the first cut—and that I was going to spend a lot of time on the bench. Of course, I didn't realize this was going to be an enriching experience in itself. In Little League, sitting on the bench bores you very quickly. But on the college level, where you have a certain degree of latitude, it becomes a fascinating study in human behavior.

Where else can you find a group of players trying earnestly to imitate the bench in the movie *Major League*, crossing their legs in a synchronized manner to the beat of the outs? Nowhere else can you hear those most wonderful words uttered at an erratic opposing pitcher: "Put a helmet on those worms." And nowhere else could you find a group skit that would have put Abbott and Costello to shame, once again aimed at a hurler who had the audacity to throw a couple of balls to one of its batters: "Where'd the plate go? Is it over here? I checked under the bench. Is it by the water fountain? Not here!"

And where else could you find a college senior with no Division III experience staring at the ground, wondering how he could have gotten picked off in the middle of baseball practice? Where else would this senior have gotten the chance to wear a baseball uniform and even get a little dirt on it, the hallmark of any real player?

I was in heaven. Through all the blazing fastballs that flew untouched past my bat, all the fly balls that soared majestically over my awkward gait, and all the baserunning blunders that a practice coach could offer, I could not shake the feeling that I was having the time of my life.

I fulfilled a dream. And there is nothing more important than that.

Gridiron Guesses

As the NFL season reaches its mid-point, it is time for a midseason look at the potential playoff teams.

In the AFC, there are already a couple of locks. The Buffalo Bills, with their dominating offense, will win the East hands down. The Houston Oilers, with their run-and-shoot offense and surprising defense, will have an even easier time in the Central. In the West, there may be a tougher battle, but the Kansas City Chiefs should be able to beat out the Denver Broncos through their spectacular defense.

With the introduction of an extra wild card team last season, three more teams will enter the playoff picture. One wild card should go to the New York Jets. They have already achieved a strong 4-4 record and their schedule is relatively easy the rest of the way. The Broncos should also be able to hold on to a spot, although they are not as strong as their 6-2 record. The final spot may come down to the wire. The Los Angeles Raiders and Seattle Seahawks both have legitimate shots as do the rejuvenated Cleveland Browns at 4-4 who could surprise people. But expect the Raiders veteran defense, led by Ronnie Lott, to earn them the last playoff berth.

It may be even easier to pick the division winners in the NFC. The Washington Redskins' offense has dominated their opponents and led them to an 8-0 record. They have the East locked. Similarly, the New Orleans Saints have wrapped up the West. Their defense is simply incredible and keeps them in every game. The Central is a close race now with the Chicago Bears and Detroit Lions tied for the division lead, but don't expect that to last for long. The Bears' surplus of playoff experience and the Lions' loss of QB Rodney Peete for the season should assure Chicago of a division championship.

The NFC wild-card teams are up in the air. The Lions should be able to hold on for a playoff berth, but there will be a battle for the other two spots. The San Francisco 49ers are on a roll and must be considered the favorites for one of the spots. The last spot should come down to the Dallas Cowboys, the New York Giants, and the disappointing Philadelphia Eagles. The Eagles and Giants have superior defenses, but the Cowboys' young, energetic offense should allow them to overcome their tough schedule and wrestle the last spot from their divisional foes.

And when all that boils down to the last game of the year, do not be surprised if Native Americans are once again up in arms on the eve of one of America's biggest sporting events. The Redskins offense will beat out the Chiefs defense and once again earn the Lombardi Trophy.

MIDSEASON AWARDS

Defensive Player of the Year:
Rickey Jackson, LB, New Orleans Saints

Offensive Player of the Year:
Barry Sanders, RB, Detroit Lions

Most Valuable Player:
Warren Moon, QB, Houston Oilers

Rookie of the Year:
Harvey Williams, RB, Kansas City Chiefs

Coach of the Year:
Joe Gibbs, Washington Redskins

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Christian Okoye, RB, K.C. Chiefs

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Men's soccer changes; charges ahead

Kelly Campbell
Staff Writer

The men's soccer team continued its season this week with a variety of changes, some in attitude and others in the team line-up. Either way, the changes resulted in both triumph and defeat.

When the Rangers squared off against Swarthmore Saturday there were two visible differences. First, sophomore Mark Stewart returned from his roles in the field and replaced junior Bill Geyer in goal. Secondly, sophomore Mike Clark was moved to striker from his usual midfield position. Both changes made a beneficial difference in the outcome of the two games the past week.

"One of the biggest and best decisions made this year was switching Mike Clark to striker," junior Kevin Leitner said. Clark offers more scoring punch—something the Rangers have lacked most of the year.

Unfortunately, it took until the end of the season to find a line-up that worked as well as the one that faced Swarthmore Saturday. Both teams entered the game with their own set of incentives. The Rangers needed a win to help push them back over the .500 mark; Swarthmore, on the other hand, hoped a victory over Drew would help them receive a NCAA tournament bid.

Drew's team unity was evident on the field. When Swarthmore scored 17 minutes into the first half, Drew remained calm and focused. This effort was rewarded when Clark passed a ball through the Swarthmore defense to fellow sophomore Andy Scaer who tied the game with 17:26 left in the first

half.

The Rangers took the field in the second half with a more aggressive attitude. Play became more physical, as both teams struggled for the decisive goal. The Drew defense once again played exceptionally well and Swarthmore was unable to score. With sophomore Aran Madden at sweeper, Leitner at stopper, and seniors Jim and Rich Martin playing at outside back along with freshmen Peter Bruckmann and Drew Lochli, the Drew goal was defended with superb ability.

As the second half progressed, Swarthmore began to dominate. With 17:26 left in the game, Swarthmore scored the last goal of the game to win 2-1. Stewart finished his first full game of the season, saving six of the nine shots he faced.

But even in defeat, the team was pleased with their effort. "The Swarthmore game was our best team effort yet," Scaer said. "The whole team played well, not just a few players."

Drew headed to Stevens Institute of Technology Wednesday in hopes of finding the victory they had fought so hard to find earlier in the week.

"Let's win this one guys," Jim Martin said before the game.

With this simple but powerful statement in the minds of each player, the Rangers took the field with a focused attitude. It did not take long for Drew to make their intentions known—they wanted the win.

An opportunity for Drew to take the lead arose when the Stevens goal-keeper fouled senior Dimitris Spiliadis in the penalty box. Clark took the resulting penalty kick and



The men's soccer team hopes to end an up and down season on a high note at Messiah Saturday. Acorn file photo

scored, giving the Rangers a 1-0 lead.

Stewart played superbly in net, picking up eight saves on eight shots faced. The rest of the game was played mostly in the midfield, with excellent performances by sophomore Mario Ferraro, Scaer, Rich Martin, and Lochli. As time ran out, the Rangers could claim another victory.

The win was more impressive in that the Rangers had to overcome some non-game factors—powerful winds that made the direction of the ball unpredictable, a less than smooth playing field, and sickness that had been plaguing many of the players.

"Against Stevens, we overcame many obstacles," Scaer said. "It felt really good to get another win."

With the defeat of Stevens, Drew's record moves up to 9-9-1. They travel to Pennsylvania this weekend to play their last game of the season against Messiah. The Rangers have never lost to Messiah, and hope to continue that tradition on Saturday.

"We are on a high from winning," freshman Ramsey Salameh said. "Hopefully we will beat Messiah and end the season with a winning record. I think we owe it to the seniors."

WonderTwin power—form of . . . soccer players

Shawn Sullivan
Sports Editor

Did you ever get the feeling you were seeing double when you attended your first men's soccer game? Well don't feel bad—many have been in the same boat. Even die-hard fans still have trouble at times telling seniors Jim and Rich Martin apart on the field. That is one of the drawbacks of playing as twin brothers.

But being twins has big advantages as well—both on and off the field. On the field, it allows them to constantly know what the other is doing.

The Martins began playing soccer in fifth grade when they joined their local town league in West Hartford, CT. They fell in love with the game. At Hall High School in West Hartford, Jim and Rich teamed up in the backfield. As juniors, they both played outside back. As seniors, Rich moved to sweeper and Jim shifted to stopper.

At Drew, the brothers continued to be paired as four-year starters. This year, Rich patrols the mid-field while Jim once again starts at stopper.

In every game, evidence of their constant play together shines through. Both Jim and Rich know what the other is going to do, what move the other will make, and where the pass is heading. Everything just seems to click when they work together.

But that has nothing to do with some mystical E.S.P. between twins. The Martins just see their great teamwork as a product of their situation.

"It's not so much because we are twins," Rich said. "It's just we've lived together so long and played together so long that we know what the other is doing."

Jim agreed. "We can almost communicate without thinking," he said.

That teamwork becomes most evident when they cover up for the other's defensive mistakes. It's almost as if they want to protect each other. But the brothers would not agree.

"It just seems to be that we cover up for each other," Jim said. "Our positions are such that we have to cover for each other. But we have to cover for the entire team as well."

This season, the Martins have received even more responsibility on the team. When



Jim and Rich Martin have provided leadership on the soccer field in the form of an aggressive, hard working duo. Photo by Wendy DeCordova

the season began, Jim, Rich, and Dimitris Spiliadis were the only seniors on the team; all three were elevated to tri-captain status. The difficulty in the job arises in that the team is so young with only three seniors and three juniors.

"There are so many freshman and sophomores on the team that it brings up the question of how much to push them—how much to expect," Rich said.

But Jim and Rich have adjusted to the task—even if they are not the most vocal players on the team.

"It's not so much what we say," Jim said. "It's more of an attitude. We go out and play hard all game."

Actually, "hard" may not be the word. Day-in and day-out, the Martin brothers are the most aggressive and intense players on the soccer field. In fact, as a result of their aggressive play, both usually near the top of the list in fouls for the team.

"We really like to set the tone," Rich said. "Our positions allow us to do that," Jim added.

The hard play actually developed as a

result of another sport—hockey. "We played hockey in high school and we really liked the aggressiveness," Jim said. "We've carried some of that over to soccer."

His brother agrees. "The contact and hitting is definitely the best part of playing soccer," Rich said.

Jim took that even one step further. "There is a fine line between aggressive play and what would be called cheating," he said. "We like to cross it at times."

Hearing them say such things contradicts the easy-going, laid-back personalities most perceive them as having off the field. They are the first to admit that away from the game, they just like to hang-out and "chill." And in most cases, they do that together.

"We have the same interests so it's natural for us to be together," Rich said. Roommate of three years Glenn Dreyer agrees: "They don't get any closer than these two."

But do not think "brotherly love" constantly fills their lives. Remember, they are brothers.

"We get along great, but we can get on each other's nerves," Rich said. "We probably quarrel more with each other than with other people."

"It's true," Dreyer said. "I've seen them argue over a quarter. But they don't go so far as to fight."

That makes them sound just like typical brothers. But something a little more atypical is that they have lived together for three of their four years here; most brothers would pay to get away from each other.

However, there does exist a little more to it than that. Although they have lived together, they have not actually lived in the same room. "We still like to live together," Jim said, "but we couldn't live together in a double. We'd get on each other's nerves."

Besides living together, playing together, and socializing together, Jim and Rich also share the same major—political science. And although it may seem like they take classes together on purpose, they assure you that is simply a result of courses offerings.

But in sharing so many aspects of their lives, it often makes it hard for others to tell them apart. After getting to know them, however, one realizes they are two different people who just happen to have the same

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