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Slim margin continues 4-4 study

Faculty also votes down general education cluster model

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Assistant News Editor

The College of Liberal Arts faculty voted to continue the exploration of the 4-4 curriculum plan by a slim five-vote majority at a meeting Friday, March 5, indicating divided opinions among faculty concerning the proposed curriculum change. In a second vote conducted at the same time, faculty voted down the cluster model for a general education program.

A non-binding straw vote also took place to gauge support for the three general education options. Of the models under consideration: "flexible menu," "core," and "cluster," as well as the current system, faculty indicated strongest support for the cluster and flexible-menu models.

The 4-4 vote was intended to determine whether there is sufficient interest among faculty to continue research into the curriculum change, and not to mandate the implementation of 4-4. Under a 4-4 curriculum, four courses a semester counting for four credits, rather than the five three-credit courses required under the current system.

Proponents of a 4-4 system believe it enables students to pursue their studies in greater depth. Detractors of the plan maintain that such a concentration requires a corresponding and detrimental sacrifice in

the breadth of learning. To actually instate a 4-4 curriculum, a second vote will have to be held and a two-thirds majority must come out in favor of 4-4.

According to Student Government Association Vice President Peter Wyckoff, such a vote "will probably come no sooner than fall of next year."

believes the close correspondence in faculty and student reactions is a positive sign. "The student and the faculty votes are virtually the same, it shows the students and faculty work together; they are not adversarial."

According to Adjunct Assistant Professor of Art Michael Peglau, "The faculty

Most faculty were aware of the student vote; they voted to continue looking into 4-4 because we don't have enough information.

—Steve Kass

Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science

If 4-4 is approved, it is "unlikely that it would be implemented before the fall of '95," Dean of the College of Liberal Arts Paolo Cucchi said. Supporters of the change had hoped to implement it by Fall 1994.

The narrowly divided results of the faculty vote seem to parallel the results of the student referendum which SGA conducted last month, in which 49 percent of students voted in support of continued effort on behalf of 4-4, and 51 percent voted against it. SGA President Arielle Lawson said she

showed real concern for students sentiment concerning 4-4." He was echoed by Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science Steve Kass, who said, "Most faculty were aware of the student vote; they voted to continue looking into 4-4 because we don't have enough information."

"I'm glad that if only by a bare majority, faculty are willing to keep up a discussion," Cucchi said.

The general education vote indicated a need for further discussion as well. According to Cucchi, "the cluster model was not acceptable because faculty felt as though there hadn't been enough thought concerning the other two [models]." The general education committee will continue to explore all three educational structures. It is possible that a new combination will be devised combining some of the features of the flexible menu and cluster models.

In a straw vote designed to measure faculty support for the different models, 41 faculty members voted for cluster, while 10 voted against it. Forty-one said "yes" to the flexible-menu model, while 18 said "no"; 20 said "yes" to the core model, and 30 voted against it; 20 voted in favor of the

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Theme houses to stay open

Jenny Frazier
F. Brett Weigl

A preliminary meeting Wednesday of the special committee formed to deal with the theme house and space allocation crisis decided all theme houses will be kept on-line next year in their current form, according to Student Government Association Theme House Senator Barbara Yale.

The main reason the decision was made to keep the theme houses as living spaces is that the cost to convert the houses from living spaces to office space is approximately \$3 million. This cost would be incurred by renovations required by Borough of Madison fire and handicap access codes.

These codes were instituted after the theme houses were established. In addition, no faculty would be able to move into the new office space until April, because no formal plans have been made for renovations.

The committee still has to solve space problems, including finding suitable space for the economics department and for new biology labs.

"The committee has not determined whether or not we will keep looking into abolishing theme houses at a later date, but they will be on-line next year," Yale said. "There is a lot of support from students and faculty to keep theme houses in existence."

A proposal was made by the President's Cabinet the week before Spring Break to abolish some of the theme houses and replace them with faculty offices.

The proposal was met with fierce protest as many members of the Drew Community mobilized immediately after the proposal was announced with sit-ins, armbands, and visits to University President Tom Kean.

Board of Trustees votes to allow student representative

F. Brett Weigl
Assistant News Editor

The goal of student representation on the Board of Trustees was attained when the Board approved a Student Government Association proposal Friday, March 12, creating a permanent student position on the Board. The vote to include a student representative regularly in trustee debate is the culmination of several years of effort by SGA administrations past and present.

According to Student Government President Arielle Lawson, who attended the meeting as an observer, the proposal for student representation on the Board allows the representative access to both general Trustee and Executive Committee meetings, as well as meetings of other committees which address issues which the representative considers vital to student interests.

Lawson, who will serve as the student representative until the end of this presidential term, said the position allows students to voice concerns and become familiar with issues the trustees deal with, but holds no vote.

Starting next fall, the position will alternate on a yearly basis between a College of Liberal Arts representative and one from either the graduate or theological school. "The representative does not have to be a member of the cabinet," Lawson said. "There are no restrictions on which students can and cannot serve. It's up to students to decide how to best choose."

Chair of the Board of Trustees Heath McLendon said the proposal to include student representation in Board discussion was

formally made last fall by then-SGA president Gabe O'Hare. "[O'Hare] and I had an understanding that the issue would be brought up this semester," he said. McLendon said he and O'Hare discussed various ways in which the student voice could best be heard in trustee meetings.

Asked about future prospects of the student representative becoming a voting participant on the board, McLendon said he opposes such a move. "I think it is undesirable—it wouldn't be fair to the students, considering the [legal] liability the trustees have for the University." He said the possibility exists that trustees could be sued if decisions they make have legal ramifications, since they are responsible for the financial welfare of the University.

McLendon also said trustees must be on the Board quite a while before they can vote responsibly and with a wide enough view of the University, a factor which might weigh against a voting student on the board being instituted.

University President Tom Kean said he was pleased with the Board's decision. "This is something I've been expecting for a long time. A student voice at trustees' meetings will be invaluable to the students and also to the University."

According to Kean, he has worked with SGA presidents on this issue since he came to Drew. He said the students and trustees have come to know each other much better since student demonstrations over South African divestiture caused some antagonism between the two groups three years ago.

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Twister tangles up students



Junior Brian Platt and friends indulge in a Twister contest sponsored by the University Planning Board in the Commons Concourse last night at 8 p.m. First-year student Kara Norton took first prize in the event.

NEWSBRIEFS



ADMISSIONS HOUSE PARKING CHANGED

In order to support the College of Liberal Arts admissions, the parking regulations have been amended to state that only visitor parking will be allowed in the Admissions House lot Monday-Saturday from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. —Jenny Frazier

MARTIAL ARTS IN SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION

The Student Government Association is sponsoring a sexual assault prevention workshop Wednesday, March 24 at 7 p.m. in University Center Room 107. Two martial arts experts will talk about sexual assault, rape prevention, and how to master basic martial arts. The event is open to all men and women. Call the SGA office at x3450 for more details. —Jenny Frazier

WOMEN'S HISTORY EVENTS AT FRANCOPHONE HOUSE

The Francophone House is sponsoring several Women's History Month events in its house the next two weeks. Wednesday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. there will be an open discussion on "Role of Women in Modern Society."

Monday, March 29 at 7 p.m. they will be showing the film, "Sans Toit Ni Loi" followed by a discussion led by French Instructor Marie-Pascale Pieretti. —Jenny Frazier

HEALTH SERVICES ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Drew University Health Service is offering the 620-page book, *The New Our Bodies Our Selves*, 1984 ed. at a special rate of \$8.

In an additional health note, Health Services reports that Drew women are incorrectly diagnosing yeast infections and self-treating themselves with over the counter medications as seen on TV advertisements. Health Services recommends that students who think they have a vaginal infection contact the Health Service for an appointment before treating themselves. —The Acorn News Service

JEWISH STUDIES SPEAKER

The Jewish Studies Organization and B'Nai B'rith Hillel Foundation will present the annual Pincus Lecture Monday at 8 p.m. in Great Hall. Dr. Eric Goldman will be speaking on "The Jewish Vision of Woody Allen." Goldman is an expert on Yiddish, Israeli, and Jewish film. He also directed the Jewish Media Services for almost a decade.

The event is sponsored by the Marjorie M. Irwin National Pincus Foundation. —Jenny Frazier

Beach volleyball court proposed

Benita Jain
Staff Writer

If everything goes well, Drew students may enjoy sand volleyball on an outdoor court complete with lighting before the end of this year, according to Director of Intramurals and Recreation Dave Steffano. Last fall, President of the Volleyball Club Dave Rosenberger approached Steffano with outdoor recreation ideas, mainly sand volleyball. "I told him to see if there was any interest, and he came back with a letter of interest which also had many other signatures," Steffano said.

Steffano has since spoken with the Student Government Association and the Residence Hall Association. On February 24, SGA passed a motion with a 21-2-1 vote encouraging Steffano to pursue the idea of having an outdoor volleyball court built. He also received "overwhelming support" from RHA.

The idea has also been brought to the attention of Director of Facilities Operations Jim Maloney, who has prepared cost and site analyses.

Initially, the Tolley-Brown Circle was suggested as a possible place for the construction of the proposed volleyball court because of its proximity to the residence halls. However, the major obstacle with this area is that the court would have to be fairly small to include a proper safety zone. The size of a legal court is 30 feet by 60 feet. "Optimally, we need a space 60 by 90 to make it fit. That would be very safe. You could get large groups of students, it would be a fun place, and our injury liability would be limited and certainly minimized," Maloney said.

Other suggested sites are the south lawn of Holloway Hall near the infirmary and the east and west sides of the tennis courts. The principal impediment to the Holloway proposal is that trees would have to be removed,

incurring greater expense and construction time. Steffano said if a volleyball court is erected near the tennis courts, it will not be used as much because of its remoteness from the center of the campus.

The chief location being explored is the Tolley-Brown Hall parking lot, where the topography is relatively level and the pavement would make a good base for the sand. Additionally, the existing electrical poles would make the installation of lights a much easier and more rapid task. "It's a nice, central place to hang out during warm weather months and play. It would transform that part of the campus; there's not a lot out there now," Steffano said.

Concern has been expressed over the parking spaces that would be lost should a volleyball court be built on the Tolley-Brown parking lot area. According to Steffano and Maloney, 16 or 17 spaces would have to be eliminated from that lot. "But with the expansion of the back lot behind the Suites this summer, there would actually be two or three more parking spaces [in that area]," Steffano said. There will also be 50 additional parking spaces added elsewhere on campus this summer.

According to Steffano, volleyball is the biggest intramural sport on campus. Over 240 students participated in intramural volleyball last year. He said a volleyball court, especially one near the residence halls, would be a welcome asset to the Drew Community. "The more increased the recreation, the better it is for students, especially one that is unstructured like this that students can use anytime they want to," he said.

According to Maloney, the proposed court would take about one week to build and cost about \$7,500. Steffano announced that he would be willing to partially fund the project out of the Intramurals budget. "RHA has unofficially said they would support part of the cost, and we could also get money from elsewhere," he said.

"[Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs Mike McKitish] knows that it's there, but to the best of my knowledge, he has not been told that it's a high priority for students. If you guys say, 'we want it,' I'll put it in for you, as long as McKitish says it's a priority," Maloney said. He said that he supports the idea. His only concern is how it will be managed. "The students' voice has to be heard. We've heard what we think is a representative view, but not an official one; only after we hear that will it move forward," he said.

Paley to visit Drew



World-renowned writer and poet Grace Paley will visit the Drew campus the weeks of March 21 and 28 as a writer in residence. The event is sponsored by the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Writing Fellows Program in 1992-93, which is administered by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellows Organization.

Paley will be participating in several writing workshops in poetry, creative writing, fiction and non-fiction writing, Jewish and women's studies classes. Her visit will culminate in a major reading Thursday, March 25 in Great Hall at 7:30 p.m. in celebration of Women's History Month.

Paley has published three collections of short stories including *The Little Disturbances of Man*; *Stories of Men and Women at Love*; *Enormous Changes at the Last Minute*; and *Late and the Same Day*. She also wrote *New and Collected Poems* in 1992. —Jenny Frazier

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SGA elections to take place today

Jenny Frazier
News Editor

After three weeks of campaigning, students will be able to vote for their choices for several Student Government Association positions today. The three registered candidates for president, juniors Jason Schuck, Angela Savino, and Peter Wyckoff, have stopped campaigning and will be awaiting the results with the rest of the Drew Community which should be available late tonight.

Last Tuesday, *The Acorn* and SGA co-sponsored a debate in which four editorial board members posed questions to the candidates before the floor was opened to the audience for questions. Savino and Wyckoff and their running mates, juniors Angela DeVita and Gitesh Pandya, were both there but Schuck and his running mate, junior Brenden Langendorfer, were conspicuously absent.

According to Schuck, "We were busy—we scheduled our alternative to the debate at the same time. We had a 'Meet the Candidates' in our suite which was more effective than a debate. I think it went well, and we were able to get our word out."

According to several sources who attended the forum, who wish to remain anonymous, the forum consisted of beer and a stripper.

Schuck did not fully deny these accounts, saying, "It was actually a campaign rally with a stripper."

At the debate, which took place in University Center Room 107, the presidential and vice presidential candidates opened with their own speeches, answered questions from *The Acorn* staff, then fielded questions dealing with parking, technology, diversity, and others from a crowd of over 50 Drew Community members.

Wyckoff said he believed the debate was helpful for the students, but said he wished Schuck could have been there.

"It would have been more interesting if the other candidates could have been there," Wyckoff said. "I also wish there could have been more interaction with the other candi-



Candidates for SGA President and Vice President Gitesh Pandya, Peter Wyckoff, Nikki DeVita and Angela Savino discuss pertinent issues at the SGA debate.

dates. But while I was walking through freshmen and sophomore residence halls many of them told me that they had heard the debate or seen it on Drew-TV, so I think overall it was effective."

Savino also said she thought the debate went well and believed she was able to get her message out to students.

"I was glad that a lot of people asked me

a lot of questions, people really seemed to ask about questions they weren't clear on, and I was able to clarify," she said. "I also thought I was able to make the point that I wanted students to be involved; that is a really big point in my campaign that I want to make. Student involvement is really essential."



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Women's Health program planned

Jessica Papin
Assistant News Editor

In the spirit of Women's History Month, Health Services will present a two-day workshop on women's sexual health.

The lectures and seminars will address such issues as sexual awareness and response, sexual choices, relationships, disease, and dysfunction. The program comes in response to a University-wide health survey conducted last year that indicated a need for and an interest in such programming.

It is part of a concerted effort to combat the spread of H.I.V. and sexually transmitted disease through education. Twenty-four percent of women infected with the H.I.V. virus live in N.J. One out of every 250 Americans test positive for H.I.V., while one out of every 100 college students carries the virus.

Peggy Brick, president of SIECUS (Sex Information and Education Council of the United States), and internationally recognized sexual health educator, will serve as keynote speaker.

The schedule of events include: Wednesday, March 25, noon "Positively Sexual: Affirming Women's Sexuality Through the Life Span," conducted by Brick and from 1:10-2 p.m.

"Female Sexual Responses: Great Potential, Infinite Possibilities," with Brick in University Room 107.

Also from 1:10 to 2:00 "Partnerships: Developing Relationships that are Good for You," with Ruth Goldsmith will be held in Brothers College Chapel.

Thursday from noon-1:10 "Sexuality For the Sandwiched Generation," with Brick will be held in Learning Center Room 28.

From 1:10 - 2 "Safe Encounters: Saying Yes to Pleasure and No to Unsafe Sex," with Martha Rodriguez will take place in Welch-Holloway Lounge.

At 4 in the Spanish House, Yvette Murry will conduct a seminar entitled "Women of Color: Unique Sexual Health Issues."

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Lead Editorial Student/Trustee Victory

Amidst the theme house controversy, a momentous event quietly occurred two weeks ago. The Board of Trustees voted to allow a student representative to sit on the Board giving students a direct voice to the power brokers of the University. The move was long overdue, but we applaud the Board for finally doing the right thing. The hard work of the Student Government Association this year and the past few has finally come to fruition. This is an achievement—a position that will only help student involvement in University matters. We cannot, however, afford to rest on our laurels quite yet.

The representative position will alternate between the C.L.A. and the grad/theo schools every year. This means the C.L.A. will not have a student representative on the Board every year, but every other year. Not to suggest that the grad and theo schools representative would do a bad job of representing C.L.A. students, or vice versa, but such an arrangement ignores the fact that the schools each have different agendas, and each deserves to have a representative every year.

While a student representative will sit on the Board and be allowed to comment, he or she will not have a vote. Although this form of representation is a good first step and will give students a much-needed voice on the Board, the SGA should continue to push for voting power.

The manner in which our representative to the Board will be chosen needs to be decided. Since the Board of Trustees is the most powerful decision-making body at Drew, it is conceivable our representative on the Board could be more powerful than the president of the SGA. Thus, our representative to the Board should be elected by the entire C.L.A., not just a small segment of it.

Perhaps the most important thing to keep in mind is just how important a step this is. It took a long time for students to get a representative on the Board, and some time for celebration is warranted, but now it is our job to use this position wisely. By having a student's voice on the Board, we can now begin to establish a meaningful dialogue which will hopefully make Trustees more aware of our concerns. This will not happen, however, unless we take our responsibility seriously and voice our concerns in responsible and thoughtful ways.

Pass Harassment Policy

It has been over two years since the University first began discussing a formal Sexual Harassment Policy, and to date, no policy has been officially adopted. The Sexual Harassment Committee, which was formed to write the policy, expected it to be in effect no later than September 1992. The committee has been extremely thorough, going to great lengths to ensure the policy is fair to all parties—faculty, staff, and students—and should be commended for its efforts.

Unfortunately, however, numerous problems have delayed the policy's implementation. The SGA approved the draft form back in February 1992, and the faculty passed the draft in May. The C.L.A. faculty then passed the formal policy last September, but it was rejected by US/A, the staff organization, in November. The staff felt it would not be sufficiently represented under certain scenarios. After revisions, the policy has once again come up for a vote. However, at the last faculty meeting, the faculty failed to vote on the policy because of time limitations during the meeting.

The Acorn feels it is time the Sexual Harassment Policy is accepted. Until this policy goes into effect, students who are victims of sexual harassment and who do not want to go through the Judicial Board process are left with no course of action. The Sexual Harassment Policy offers more support for those involved in harassment cases, deals with the situation in a more humane way, and provides for both formal and informal complaints.

The policy needs to be put in place as soon as possible so that individuals can take advantage of its merits. The committee has gone above and beyond its duty to accommodate the entire Community, so that everyone would feel positive about approving the policy, and no one group is to blame for the lengthy delay. Nevertheless, it ought to be implemented immediately.

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READER'S FORUM

University should restructure space planning process

To the Editor:

Rather than personally blaming our administration for the way space and housing problems are handled at Drew, it's time we begin to look at fundamental issues of governance. Whether the recent discussion to move the theme houses was a decision, a proposal, or a speculation, the fact remains that the President's Cabinet is unable, in the time of two weeks, to turn from a discussion of the recent budget proposal to an informed decision to move anything when it comes to the complex space dilemma at Drew.

The decision is the Cabinet's, but a preliminary summarizing of the picaresque details of any space decision is obviously beyond the research capabilities of its members. Another process is first required, one which would involve a well-run committee composed of students AND faculty AND facilities managers AND high level administrators, and one which would look at BOTH long and short-term goals.

In fact, when McClintock was closed to graduate students and their families last summer, some of us asked for the same such committee. However, Drew's administrators have not yet done this. Why, you may ask? Okay, now back to fundamentals. Instead of having one well-run, diverse, and highly authoritative committee looking into space problems, we have a Cabinet consistently making short-term, reactive "proposals" and a President's Planning Commission making long-term, proactive, yet sorely anemic "plans." The P.P.C. has little actual authority, and ironically, it is the place where some of the most vital discussions take place. The C.L.A./T.S.A./G.S.A. recently placed student reps on one of its even more anemic subcommittees on

housing. Who follows up on the P.P.C.'s work? The President? I wonder. If that is so, then why hasn't the Graduate School been officially charged with augmenting its Graduate Assistantship program as the P.P.C. recommended after an exhausting, animosity-provoking discussion last Spring, which, incidentally, leached out a great deal of time from some of our graduate students, and for what? In addition to a P.P.C. discussion on space allocation, I'm sure the debate rages on, quite inappropriately, in several other governing bodies, each of which feels it has the last word. Again I ask the question: where is a governing body which can effectively discuss the space/housing problem? Nowhere, at least before 2/26/93.

I propose that we re-evaluate the use of the President's Planning Commission. Why do we need a special committee to look at long-range planning when this is something we should be doing all along? Would it be responsible for a student, anywhere in the University, to focus only on an upcoming paper and forget about what happens after graduation? What does it say about our administrative abilities if we cannot exercise both short and long-term judgment without separating them with administrative smokecreens? We should either empower the P.P.C. and use it correctly, or perhaps dissolve it.

Drew cannot finance lackluster decision making. We must make the tough decisions regarding governance, and now. Otherwise, administrators will continue to be the recipients of much antipathy, where little is accomplished.

David Morris

Graduate Student Association President

Article on gays in military ignores some basic facts

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to Jason Schuck's Feb. 26th article ("Gays should not be able to serve in U.S. armed forces").

The issue of whether or not gays and lesbians should be allowed to serve in the military has been a controversial one since President Clinton's inauguration, and almost everyone has an opinion. Be that as it may, I think Mr. Schuck is blinded by his own ideology and is therefore missing the point of Clinton's action.

First of all, there are already gays in the military and always have been. These people have, for the most part, served their country with as much—if not more—distinction as heterosexuals. Rarely has a gay person been discharged for inappropriate behavior; almost every discharge of a gay person has been simply because the person decided to tell someone s/he was gay. People with 10 and 20 years of nothing but commendations have been unceremoniously kicked out of the military for letting a careless word slip. Is that a good way to pay back people who have given many years of their lives to their country?

Second, it seems as if the only people who care anything about the issue of gays in the military are men. Now why is this? Are men so uncomfortable with their own sexuality that they are afraid of other men hitting on them? To paraphrase an article I read recently, one would think from all the commotion that military men spend more time in the barracks and showers than they do protecting our country.

Third, Mr. Schuck, did you ever think about the fact that men are now, for apparently the first time, thinking about the prospect of being sexually assaulted? Surprise, Mr. Schuck—women have to worry about this every day of their lives! It was Navy men who perpetrated the Tailhook incident, in which at least 26 women were forced to run a "gauntlet" of drunken soldiers who forced them into various sexual acts. Another example is of the female cadet who quit the Naval

academy at Annapolis in 1990 after male classmates tied her to a urinal and took pictures...and the list goes on. Incidents like this which involve gay people are very rare, but sexual harassment of women by men has become commonplace in the armed forces. In light of this, I seriously doubt that military men should have anything to fear from their homosexual counterparts; however, I do find it amusing how you and the military men react to something most women in this country have to deal with every day on a much larger scale—indeed, something very much like what many of the same men who are complaining about gays in the military do to women so frequently that it doesn't even make the news anymore.

Fourth, no one is proposing allowing "practicing" homosexuals into the military. The same rigid sexual conduct rules will apply and will be as strict as strictly enforced as they were before. This is as it should be. The only difference between keeping and lifting the ban is that gay people will not have to fear being dishonorably discharged from the military if they tell someone. Many will weigh the risks and not tell anyone at all, if their situations are such that they think they will encounter difficulty because of it. However, at least the pressure of knowing that the least word will get them kicked out will be off.

And finally, I think there is something fundamentally wrong with the military and our society if we cannot accept people for who they are. The people who serve in our military should all be commended for making our country a safe place. Who cares if they prefer to sleep with men or women? As long as they don't rape or assault anyone (and as I pointed out, it is the heterosexual men who are really known for this), we should just be grateful they're serving our country. They're not out there to have sex; they're out there to protect us. Who are you to deny people the right to serve their own country?

Tina Mancuso

Senior

To the Editor:

This is a letter to Jason Schuck, candidate for SGA president, who in last week's Acorn wrote an editorial explaining in his infinite wisdom why gays and lesbians should not be allowed to serve in the military. For anyone who actually believed that we, as a country, were beginning to make progress in terms of equal rights for all of our citizens, needs only to read Jason's editorial to realize how bigoted, prejudiced, and ignorant some people still are.

You start out, Jason, explaining how in 1982 our wonderful actor/president allowed a Defense Department initiative formally declaring homosexuality incompatible with military service to become official policy. Then, amazingly, you attack President Clinton for deciding "to buck a half-century of military tradition by lifting the military's ban on gays." Let me take you back about 40 years, to when Truman "bucked" about two centuries worth of military tradition and stopped the segregation of blacks and whites in the military. If he hadn't had the courage to stand

up to the military generals of the time, the Civil Rights movement would have been severely hampered.

I find it ironic (and not to mention a little scary) that in today's political climate, people like you are still using the same arguments that were used over forty years ago. At the time, there was a very vocal group that claimed that allowing blacks to serve alongside whites would "build suspicion and resentment among troops who must trust each other with their lives, followed by a breakdown in cohesion and morale," to use your own words. In fact, there were very few disturbances after integration took place, and morale was hardly affected. Today, we look at the arguments that were used against blacks and other ethnic races and we are appalled to think that someone could be so prejudiced and so ignorant about another human being. I wonder if in 40 more years we will look back at you and be surprised that someone could be so bigoted and prejudiced. Jason, you also address the fact that if we allow

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gays to serve openly in the military, then we will lose soldiers now and it will "put a damper on future recruitment." Frankly, if anyone who is thinking about joining the military is so stuck in the backwoods that they condemn all homosexuality and other alternative lifestyles, they probably condemn other things, like women's rights and racial equality. Do we want these people serving in our armed forces? You claim that openly gay servicemen will not be able to control their sexual desires. Well, I hate to repeat what has been said over and over again, but right now there are gays in the military. They don't seem to have a problem "controlling" themselves, and actually seem to do a better job than many heterosexuals, at least those heterosexuals in the Navy (as can be seen from the recent Tailhook incident).

Jason, it is obvious that you are severely homophobic. I know that homophobia has been denied by every conservative who has come out

against equal rights for gays and lesbians, but there is really no other explanation. You are afraid to face a lifestyle that you are unfamiliar with, and so instead of attempting to understand it, you have denounced and ridiculed it. I find it hard to believe that you are running for office here at Drew. Maybe the first question that you should be asked is "What other biases do you have?" Even if you have none, the fact that you actively oppose homosexuality shows that you are unfit to serve a diverse community in any function whatsoever.

Jason, I think that you need to seriously sit down and consider what it means to hold the views that you do. Maybe you will be able to realize that it is pure bigotry and prejudice, and that there is no other word for it, but I doubt that you could become that enlightened. Personally, your views make me sick.

Andrew Scott

Sophomore

Sending money back to government makes no sense

To the Editor:

Geoff Gerhardt has a clear picture of the problems facing our country, but unfortunately needs a reality check when it comes to solutions. In his article "Every American must heed Clinton's call to arms" (2/26), he shows his "patriotism" by sending his tax refund check back to the government. Not only does his interpretation of patriotism look more like deference to the whims and wishes of our government, but his supposed sacrifice will do absolutely nothing to help the deficit.

First, sending your tax refund check back to Washington would only worsen the leakage of capital out of our sluggish economy. By not spending that money, even for CDs and movies, Mr. Gerhardt makes the private sector (Clinton's "real engine of economic growth") even weaker. Furthermore, if everyone were to follow Mr. Gerhardt's act of martyrdom, our economy would simply collapse. And we think the Clinton Plan "his business and the middle class too hard." The Gerhardt Plan would obliterate both! The end result would be a society with a handful of ultra-wealthy Americans thriving among a nation of poverty, which would require the government

deficit to grow even larger to support this mass of "deserving" citizens.

Perhaps I don't have enough faith in the Clinton administration to use the returned checks in a way in which deficit reduction would be maximized. Then again, this is the same man who uses the phrase "investment of contributions" to disguise the same old liberal theory of "spending our taxes."

I truly believe that a large majority of those receiving tax refund checks will agree with me in viewing Mr. Gerhardt's solution as utterly ridiculous. REALITY CHECK: Americans cannot afford to forfeit their tax refunds for deficit reduction! There will not be a significant number of checks returned this year, or in any year, so why not put those funds to better use? The choice is an easy one—to spend the money and help businesses to thrive and reduce overall dependence on government (and cut the deficit as a spinoff), or to "send it back" and surrender it to wasteful government programs. I'm keeping my check—and I'm no less of a "patriot" for doing so.

Donald Bruce

Junior

AIDS awareness more than just the latest fad topic

To the Editor:

In response to "Plastic male parts not necessary for AIDS awareness" I believe that AIDS is not simply a "fad topic"; rather, it is sexually transmitted disease that should be taken seriously.

I participated in "National Condom Week," as a peer educator, with one goal in mind: education. Education is meant to eliminate the misunderstandings and stereotypes that arise from any issue as frightening as AIDS. Granted, the best way to protect oneself from a sexually transmitted disease is through abstinence, but there are other methods which should be recognized by the sexually active community. At some time in our lives either ourselves or a loved one will become sexually active. The point of distributing condoms, handing out information pamphlets and giving programs was to help people form a well-informed decision about how to be responsible when sexually active for themselves and others.

The crystalline penis was displayed during "National Condom Week" because nine out of ten times when a condom fails it is the user who has failed to put the condom on properly. During programs the model was used for demonstrating the proper technique for putting on condoms, to hopefully eliminate the possibility of a future mistake from happening, simply because someone just didn't know. Yes, the plastic penis served a purpose.

Ms. Draeger, the author of the letter I am responding to, describes students on the Drew campus as, "overly aware of AIDS." Frankly, you cannot be overly aware of AIDS. AIDS is increasing drastically in our age group. During 1993 AIDS will be the leading cause of death among all people between the ages of 17-55. In fact, one in every 500 college students will test

positive for the H.I.V. virus.

It is ignorance of AIDS which has led to Ms. Draeger's conception of the "terrified" public. No one would postpone surgeries, for fear of getting AIDS from blood transfusions, if they knew that since 1984 all blood donations are screened for the H.I.V. virus. Information such as this is not meant to be a "scare tactic." It is meant to reveal the ways that the H.I.V. virus can and cannot be spread.

If people knew how the H.I.V. virus was really spread there would be little need for fear. For then, you would know how to protect yourself if necessary. You could dispel any rumors. You could educate others so they too would not be fearful. You could stop the ignorance which causes so many of us to alienate people that are H.I.V. positive. Note that I have used conditional tenses, for this is all based on the condition that we understand AIDS.

I agree with Ms. Draeger that New Jersey state laws need to be created. I urge anyone to write their senator, congressman or local official. Not only that, go one step beyond this and tell the people you know the truth about AIDS. But before that, you have to know the facts to speak intelligently about the H.I.V. virus.

AIDS is much more than a fad for the Drew community. As one of the many peer educators, we put a tremendous effort into "National Condom Week" with the hopes that people would have a greater understanding of what to do and not to do about AIDS. We aimed to educate and spread an awareness of a disease which is increasing rapidly in our age group. To anyone who was offended by our efforts remember, "better to be safe than sorry."

Anne Zanzucchi

First-Year Student

To the Editor:

Cheryl Draeger, Second-Year Theological Student, needs a serious reality check.

Her protests of the University's "tasteless sensationalism and fad topic," namely AIDS awareness, are nothing short of insane. Firstly, AIDS is a serious, deadly disease which is escalating to epidemic proportions, and discussions and education about it can by no means be deemed merely "fashionable." Draeger states that college students are "overly aware" of AIDS. May I ask, then, perhaps, why are there so many people she seems to know who are ignorant of how this disease is spread, who fear hand-holding and kissing? Why do people who need surgery still fear blood transfusions if they know so much

about AIDS? If anything, we need more education to let people know when they are in danger. And as far as this "mass media" discussion goes, it is sad but true that the only way to reach someone, indeed many people, is through sensationalism. If we don't make this problem known, if we don't display posters and have education about condoms, many people will not know how to protect themselves.

The truth is, many people are still not using condoms to protect themselves, and some of those who are aren't using them correctly. It is quite difficult to approach someone, especially a sex partner, and inquire into the proper procedures for using a prophylactic. Mass education and awareness about safer sex can by no means

be called "tasteless." I'm sorry if Draeger wants to keep it in the closet, if she can't "deal with the topic of sex as openly as we have witnessed this year," but would she rather see more and more people dying because they were too embarrassed to ask about safer sex?

Draeger also suggests that we fight to change the New Jersey laws to include an AIDS test in the procedures for getting a marriage license, because "most people" don't like going to public clinics. I will admit, this is a good idea. However, contrary to her belief, not everyone in this country marries, and those who do may not be wise to wait until they are about to wed to get tested, especially with the incubation period involved in some cases. Also, how many homosexual couples are there who live in states where homosexual marriage is not legal? Besides, some people are in a financial situation where they have no other recourse than going to a clinic, and for one could certainly get over a few "intrusive questions" when it's a matter of life or death. AIDS testing should really be included in yearly checkups, for

those who can afford doctors. And how does Draeger know what "most people" think anyway, as she repeatedly invokes them as backup? (Oh, and by the way, Ms. Draeger, syphilis, unlike AIDS, is curable.)

Everyone is entitled to his or her own opinion, of course, but I am simply suggesting that Draeger open her eyes and notice how many deaths are happening, stop assuming that everyone knows what's going on. I know that I considered myself a fairly aware person, and I even learned a few things during National Condom Week.

AIDS is a highly communicable killer. STDs range from minor annoyances to maiming or even fatal illnesses. Unwanted pregnancies are higher than ever. Maybe I'm crazy, maybe I'm just tasteless or the follower of the latest trend, but I personally believe that it's time for everybody to be as open about sex as possible. After all, what are we more afraid of? A little bit of embarrassment? Or death?

Kamela Hutzley

First-Year Student

To the Editor:

Cheryl Draeger thinks that we are overly aware of AIDS? Then why aren't we listening... is it that the people at Drew don't need to be bothered with something that can't touch them?

I am not sure where she got her information on "reported statistics," but I'd like to share some information (from the CDC Report and the Hyacinth Foundation) with her. First of all, it typically takes eight to 10 years from infection to full blown AIDS, and the fastest growing age group in New Jersey being diagnosed with AIDS is 30-35 years olds. This would mean that these people are being infected with the virus between the ages of 20-27, and there are signs that this age group is being lowered to include 18-27 year olds, which would include most college students. According to Deb Manning, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Minnesota, there are reports that have estimated one out of 200 college students are infected with H.I.V. Theoretically, this would mean that five or six undergraduates on THIS campus are infected with the virus.

Ms. Draeger, are you aware of how sexually active some people on this campus are? It is very disturbing to me to hear people like you say talk about AIDS is a fad. I wish it were, but let's enter reality. It will affect everyone reading this article in some way, either personally, in the work place, or perhaps one of our close friends will contract

the virus. Not everyone believes that either. If people don't believe that AIDS will touch their lives in some way, how can they believe they are at risk? Hopefully everyone is already practicing safe sex (if there is such a thing), but I highly doubt it. By the way, the state of New Jersey has the highest rate of AIDS cases for heterosexual women, does that make you feel any better? There are many states which do not require an AIDS test for a marriage license—do you think that this will prevent AIDS babies and other tragedies? Mandatory testing is not the answer to a problem of this magnitude.

It is so easy on this island we call Drew to think that we can't be harmed by the vices of this world, and that is exactly why we may be at a higher risk than those in the "real world."

As for the comments about young people not dating due to their fear of AIDS, or people postponing operations due to their fear of contracting AIDS, or your male friend who jumps through the ceiling when he puts your arms around him (are you sure he fears AIDS?)... these comments all lead me to the conclusion that people still do not know enough about the disease. Ignorance is destructive, and when we are talking about disease such as AIDS, our society has been ignorant for too long.

Nicole Smith

Senior

Easter is important; attack on Northeast men unfair

To the Editor:

There are a few issues which came to my attention while reading the letter to the editor, February 19, concerning the lessons that Northeastern men need to learn from Midwestern and Southern "gentlemen." Not only was the attack on dating "practices" of Northeastern men unfounded (the author includes New Jersey as part of the Northeast), the generalizations concerning the other two portions of the country showed the regional-centric viewpoint of the author.

The first issue which I will address is perhaps better addressed by a theologian: the significance of Easter. The author seems to feel that Easter, along with Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day, is insignificant. Although not a theologian, it is safe to say that Easter is one of the most important days, if not the most important day, of the Christian calendar. It could be argued that without Easter, meaning the death and resurrection of Christ, Christianity may still exist; however, if Easter, does exist, and is celebrated each year as a time of remembrance and celebration. Those Christian communities which do not celebrate the holiday, do respect the fact that others do. Events have evolved out of the respect for Easter, including Mardi Gras. Easter has become a focal point for Christianity. This stresses the extreme significance of this "holiday."

To digress for just a second, I must point out that the word "holiday" is a conjuring of the words "holy" and "day." Holy days were set apart in order to commemorate certain people or events which were significant to the Christian church. Considering that Easter is one of these days, this should lend some credence to the idea that Easter is in fact a significant holiday.

The second issue concerns the importance which the author places on the differences between the men in the Northeast with those in the Midwest and South. The author states that, "When dating back home men will bring surprises!" The author claims to be from the Midwest, Illinois. I am from Wisconsin, the North, or Northern Midwest, and find that what she has had to say is full of holes. "Back home" when men bring presents, it is usually during the initial part of the relationship; after awhile, the couple gets used to each other and most often these "surprises" slow in coming or stop altogether. My roommate is engaged to someone from North Carolina and states that this is also the case in their relationship. The author digresses into discussing what it is that

men do bring to the first date. Her experience is that they bring their blood donor cards to "prove" that they don't have AIDS. What proof this is, considering the length of time in which it takes for the H.I.V. virus to show, I am not sure. In discussing this point with a few New Jerseyites presently in the dating scene, they deny ever having done this, or of knowing that this kind of practice actually occurs. This is not to deny the possibility that it has happened, only to bring to question the validity of this being a "dating practice" as the author assumes.

The third issue deals with the author's references to the "job" of "gentlemen" and the "role" of "ladies" within a relationship and in relations to one another. The author's complaints center around the gentlemanly virtues which are apparently lacking in the Northeast, but so prevalent in the Midwest and South. The author allocates coats and doors, and anything remotely related, as the domain of men. In other words it is their job to help the poor, defenseless women with these particular difficult tasks. Another particularly difficult task for a woman, apparently, is having to carry her own books across campus. This concept of the feminine is so outdated and male-oriented it makes me sick. Helping with a coat, opening a door, or carrying books is not, and should not be, the sole domain of men. Let's take one of these items and examine the intricacies of what the author destroys by putting it under sole domain of men: doors seem to fascinate, and frustrate, the author, so let's use this.

The last century produced a large number of books of etiquette. Unfortunately, many of these "rules of conduct" have been accepted as hard and fast, with no exceptions or alterations possible according to changing times. It was expected that a man would want to act "gentlemanly" and hold a door for a woman. The interpretation of this act needs help. No where in these supposed hard and fast rules does it say that a woman cannot open a door for herself, or open a door for someone else. Coming from the Midwest, according to the author, I should be following along with these rules as well. This is not the case. My father taught me that doors were not prime concern for men, instead of prime concern for people. To be civil and polite you hold a door for the person behind you, regardless of gender. I know many women, myself included, who do

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SGA Desk

Education, defense can prevent rape on campus

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Arielle Lawson

Last Friday night Jenny went to a suite party. She hooked up with that guy with the brown hair who always wears that baseball cap. Anyway, she was pretty drunk, and he walked her back to her room. When they got there they started to mess around, but then Jenny passed out. In the morning she woke up naked. She was raped.

Last Saturday Michelle went out to dinner with a guy she met during Spring Break. After dinner they went back to his house to watch a movie. He said that since he paid for dinner, she owed him something. She said "No." He laughed at her attempt to be modest and took off her shirt. Then he told her, as he pinned her down, that they both knew what they were doing when they went back to his house in the first place. Michelle was raped.

One out of every four women are victims of attempted rape. One out of every 10 men has raped a woman. Rape affects us all. Chances are that you or someone you know has suffered attempted or completed rape, tried to rape, or committed rape. Surprising? Not since most people do not recognize rape even when it happens. For some absurd reason, most people think that rape occurs only when a masked stranger leaps from behind the bushes and forces someone to have sexual intercourse at gunpoint.

FBI statistics, which many see as underestimated, claim a rape occurs every six minutes, between friends, acquaintances, couples, and yes, between total strangers. (Note that this is based only on reported cases, which estimates say is only 10 percent of all rapes.) Unfortunately, because of this misconception about the nature of rape, only 27 percent of women who have been raped, under the legal definition of the word, believe that they have actually been raped. Even more ridiculous, 84 percent of men in jail for rape do not believe they have committed a crime. Why is it that people refuse to recognize rape for what it is?

People get raped at Drew. It is a tragic but

real fact. The problem is that the administration ignores it and most students don't recognize what rape is. Consequently, women aren't aware that they have been raped, and perpetrators are unaware they have raped. This leads us to conclude that education on the subject is lacking. At this time last year, there was a judicial board hearing about sexual assault, and a man was sanctioned with required withdrawal from campus as a result. Since then Drew has not offered any new programs to address the topic.

Drew simply reflects our society's self-protecting attitude of telling the rape victim to shut up and deal. As if the physical and psychological violation of rape were not enough, this society subjects victims to a further disintegration of self-worth by insisting they must have done something to provoke their assailant. How many times are women told to lock their doors, never walk unaccompanied at night, and not wear flattering clothing? By some sort of mental gymnastics, women are blamed for men's violent actions. Women are forced to carry the burden of rape alone, under the constant questioning eyes of society. What were you doing alone at night? Are you in the habit of wearing short skirts to attract men? This society is programmed not to empathize with rape victims.

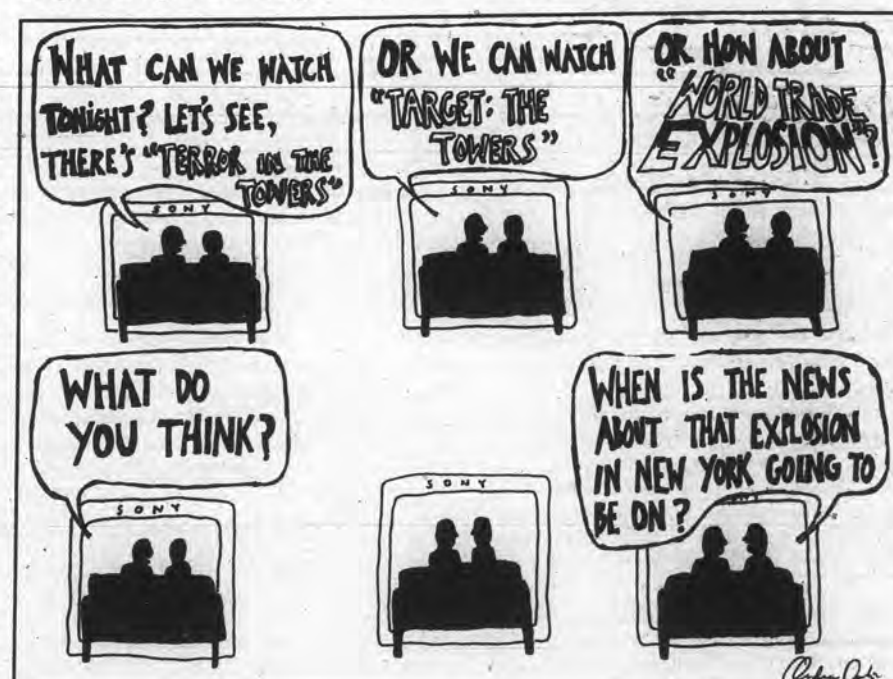
The public blames the victim because they need to believe this could never happen to them. By assuring themselves that the victim provoked the crime by not taking the proper precautions, they can keep believing that, if they're careful enough, they will never have to endure the pain of rape. People need to realize that rapists are not looking for sexual gratification. Women in short skirts do not provoke their attackers any more than women in baggy sweats do. Rape is not a crime of sex, but a crime of violence. People rape because of a need for power.

Drew, like the rest of society, is emotionally illiterate when it comes to rape. We lack the social conventions, even the vocabulary, to ease the pain of rape survivors. Even worse, we lack the knowledge and courage

to prevent possible attackers from becoming rapists. Ignorance, and lack of courage to inform ourselves, has led to bewilderment and loneliness for victims and silence on the part of society. This means that the women on the victim list grows, as do the men on the assailant list, and many still have their eyes closed. Unfortunately, it seems as though it is only when rape survivors empower themselves, both physically and politically, that people will finally respect women enough to help them stop rape. Women are not the only ones who should work to end rape.

This Wednesday in U.C. 107, Creative Helpers will give a date rape and self-

defense class. Afterward they will give a martial arts and defense demonstration. This demonstration is being given in the hopes of teaching men and women proactive techniques for preventing rape. SGA is also trying to get a 10-week self-defense class started for next semester. We will be sitting at a table in the U.C. Wednesday: come, get some information, and sign the petition. Since the administration is denying there is a problem of sexual assault on this campus, it is time for students to stop this epidemic. Come to the class, become educated, and educate others. Only when we take the power and empower ourselves will women and men be safe from the evils of rape.



SGA fails to provide enough leadership

The theme house controversy that mobilized portions of the campus just prior to Spring Break is fading into a jumble of committees, and students and faculty are relaxing until the next time the administration attempts to formulate policy without consulting us. However, a larger issue still lurks beneath the surface: the Student Government Association seems to be afraid to lead students if there is any chance that the "powers that be" might not approve of their actions.



IN THROUGH THE OUT DOOR

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SGA has two main functions. First, it must work with the administration and faculty on behalf of the student body. The current SGA has done a tremendous job in this area. There is now a student representative on the Board of Trustees and new and existing committees are routinely asked for student input. SGA has done well in this area, and must be commended for its success.

The second thing that SGA needs to do is lead. The theme house controversy illustrates the dilemma facing SGA. The President's Cabinet made a decision (now termed a proposal) and attempted to force it on the campus community. The Cabinet did not consult students or SGA, and broke rules that it had established. Many of us were angered, and in an SGA-conducted poll, 89 percent of the students who responded to the survey said they supported the theme house program.

A small number of students planned several protest actions to try to gain a voice in campus matters that affect students. SGA was generally supportive of the actions; cabinet members, senators, and President Arielle Lawson all participated at the protests. But, they still need to do more. The

Student Government Association is needed to rally the student body behind student causes. Lawson, as president, needs to speak out and use her office to shake the student body out of its apathy and into action. During the theme house controversy, she refused to speak publicly in support of the protests because she said she didn't want to jeopardize her position with the administration.

This attitude is twisted and wrong. The administration effectively rejected student input on the future of the theme houses by issuing their decision first and asking questions later. The administration broke the rules that were established. When students are ignored in that manner, SGA's position with the administration is already slipping. Apparently, the SGA has forgotten how to lead students.

Lawson's style is in direct contrast to the style of former SGA President Matthew Lateral. Near the end of Lateral's senior year, the University attempted to enact a budget that would have severely damaged Drew on many levels. The budget was formulated without any student input. Lateral and his cabinet mobilized the student body to protest the budget and the manner in which the budget was formulated. The administration was angered by Lateral's actions, but were forced to listen. The student body was heard, the budget was changed, and a student is now part of the budget-making process.

The current SGA has apparently lost its focus. It has made invaluable contributions in the areas of student representation, however, the theme house issue shows that the administration still feels it can consult students only when it is convenient. SGA can not sacrifice its obligation to lead students in order to appease the administration. When the administration makes a decision that harms students, SGA must speak out loudly and publicly on behalf of those students.

Theme house issue must be re-examined

There is something about controversy that forces people to take a closer look at what is generating all the trouble in the first place. This is exactly what happened several weeks ago when the whole theme house controversy became the hot topic of conversation around campus. Like many faculty, administrators, and students, I have taken a closer look at theme houses and their role at Drew; I am sad to say that I don't like what I see.



DEVIL'S ADVOCATE
Geoff Gerhardt
Opinions Editor

Master, Slave, or Individual—free yourself from human bondage

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Bondage is an all-time human favorite. Whether you are the Master, Slave, or an Independent, one can never deny that these three have been the driving relationships in human history. These relationships form when two or more people interact and all basis for interaction is confrontation. How these are played out in every day life is based on our core self and on those we surround ourselves with.

On the most basic and intimate level of human mixing, one-on-one relationships take on an almost inevitable competition for control of oneself through the other person. To do this, motives are sometimes hidden, situations manipulated, violence employed, and subjugation attempted. These represent the darker sides of confrontation, and are prevalent even when two people attempt open understanding and communication.

When dealing with relationships between groups, the problems are no less complex. No matter what form of human self-organization is examined, two common instruments are used for harnessing other people: withholding education and restriction of movement. The extremes are found in places like Yugoslavia and Somalia where people have turned on themselves and the value of life is even less than that of a slave.

Slavery has been around since humans' initial steps away from nature. It is also an undeniable link to the decline of our civilizations. From capitalist and worker, to government and citizen, to parents and children, to master and slave, structure and authority is created, maintained, and self-justified.

Confrontation turns into conflict when the hypocrisy of words, our most direct tool

of conscious communication, becomes evident to all. Every one of the icons, institutions, tender moments, and soft friendships are ripe for smashing because of the hollowness of each. The Chinese student uprising, the L.A. riots, and the World Trade Center bombing, are all reactions against perceived injustices.

History has been littered with such revolutions. Yet as in all flawed human endeavors, the utopian ideals are always compromised so that the Masters' self-confidence is not completely stripped. For example, in the United States in 1860, a 13th Amendment to the Constitution, protecting slaveholder's rights, passed Congress and went on to the states for ratification. The Civil War preempted the state's votes and eventually changed the wording of the 13th Amendment completely, but the underlying relationships after the war were greater than any mythical, cowboy western land rush. But like the Phoenix rising from its own (and others') remains, the Masters never die. They only pervert themselves more.

But does hope exist for this cyclical death spin of human history? Why, yes, I think. To free the individual from the oppressing horde, two realities need to emerge: unrestricted access to the tools for self-education, and a global transportation system that allows anyone to go anywhere for under \$50 (\$1.25 anywhere in the continental U.S.) Oh, and also a complete leveling off of our population growth would help.

But on a more basic level, can individuals, in pairs, transcend the "give and take" game and find an equality that can be taught to the whole world? And can we ever accept freedom is never found in another but only within ourselves? I don't know, I'm a little peggklept. Discuss amongst yourselves.

Before going any further, however, I want to make one thing clear: the way the administration decided (or proposed to decide) to phase out the theme houses was stupid and wrong. Wrong because the administration should not make decisions that affect students without inviting some form of student input.

To demonstrate how stupid it was, consider this: a small group of supposedly intelligent administrators made a decision which they had to know would outrage a group of vocal students less than a week before a Board of Trustees meeting. It doesn't take a political science major to figure out you shouldn't do that sort of thing.

So the process by which the decision was made was bad, but the decision itself was not. First, take it from a purely logistical point of view. For whatever reason, this campus is currently cramped for space. Some departments are busting out of their seams and need somewhere to go. This time it is the computer science department, which has received a grant to build a computer lab, meaning other academic departments currently in Hall of Sciences need to be displaced. Where should they go? Haselton is scheduled to reopen soon, maybe we should put the math department there. Then again, maybe not.

Which brings me to the theme houses themselves. As should be obvious, there are two kinds of theme houses. The language houses and the political/cultural houses.

Theoretically, the language houses are supposed to be places where students who are studying a particular language can live with other people who also want to learn that language. The hope is that this situation will create an environment where people become so immersed in the language they have an easier time learning it. While in theory this seems to be a good idea, for the most part it doesn't work. At this point the lan-

guage houses serve simply as a place for people who don't want to live in the dorms to escape to. If the school does decide to continue the theme house program, which for the time being they have, then the language houses need a major overhaul.

The purpose behind the political/cultural theme houses—the Womyn's Concerns House and the Umoja House—is somewhat less clear. Regardless of what they were originally set up to do, today they seem to do little more than promote certain, rather narrow, political and cultural ideologies.

The Womyn's Concerns House, for instance, was designed to make people aware of issues that concern women. But not all women on campus are concerned with the same issues of those who live in the Womyn's Concerns House. I would even venture to guess that many women on this campus outright disagree with the positions that the Womyn's Concerns House promotes.

What we really have in the Womyn's Concerns House is a group of people who all promote similar political and cultural ideology, but who don't want to live in the regular dormitories. This in itself represents a kind of elitism designed to include some people and exclude others, based on a certain set of cultural and political biases. For instance, I doubt that a person who holds very right-wing or conservative political values would be accepted at the Womyn's Concerns House. Frankly, this kind of elitism and separatism smacks of the fraternity and sorority systems of less progressive colleges—the major difference being in political orientation.

One wonders what this campus would be like if every political/cultural interests at Drew wanted to form their own theme house. After all, if women have a house to make people aware of their concerns, why shouldn't other interest groups be allowed to do the same? How does the idea of a Men's Concerns House, Jewish Concerns House, or Pro-Life House sound? Once the Pandora's Box of separatism is open, it's hard to close.

The point is that separatism and elitism in any form, regardless of political orientation, is bad. Having some people living on one end of campus and some people living on the other cuts down on communication and undermines the whole idea of Drew as a Community. Only by eliminating separatism can we conduct an effective exchange of ideas and learn to overcome the racial, cultural, and gender differences which divide us. So while living in one of the cinderblock palaces for four years may not appeal to everyone, it's part of what we all signed up for when we decided to attend Drew.

READER'S FORUM

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just fine opening a door for themselves, and rarely felt slighted or somehow degraded because they have had to do the task themselves. In the case that a door happens to be too heavy for a person, there is nothing wrong with asking for assistance. The idea that this "job" is carried out more frequently in other parts of the country is unfounded. I have experienced just the opposite. We are approaching the twenty-first century, I hardly feel that the rules which applied to the colonial or Victorian person is appropriate or valid for today. Politeness, however, is always in style.

The author's use of the term "militant woman's libber" in this context is loathsome. If a "woman's militant libber" is someone who opens a door for herself, then I guess I have been one for a long time. I do prefer to do as much for myself, by myself as possible. It is not often that a woman is given the chance to do something for herself without castigation. A door is certainly no problem. The author admits that she doesn't mind opening a door for herself, but obviously prefers a man to do the job for her. This is not the general attitude of all women, whether from the Midwest, Northeast, or South. The author's use of "militant woman's libber" in opposition to supposed required acts of "gentlemanly" behavior is totally inappropriate. Women lose a voice in their own futures when attitudes such as this are expressed in these terms.

The fourth issue deals with the relationship

between the genders. The author asserts that women used to set the pace in relationships, yet today it is set by mutual consent; however it is up to women to set the rules. The idea of a relationship, at least how I was brought up (in the Midwest), was that it was something at which two people worked. Compromise was key. The author apparently feels that the rules she sets is what should be followed by her opposite in a relationship. The idea that marriage in the Midwest is "more serious" is ridiculous. Marriage is serious, regardless of where you live. However, her statement that relationships (including common-law marriage) are all respected is false. Common-law marriages are not usually well-respected in the Midwest.

The author, in my opinion, was basing her arguments on ethno- and regional-centric viewpoints. It was irresponsible of her ever to imply that such centric views are prevalent among all members of a particular region, and that all women want the same things. It is irresponsible to use these which can lead to animosity between people. I hope that it is clear that ideas such as these do not exist among the entire populace of the Midwest. In conclusion, I do not agree that Northeastern men should "think about these things and learn to be gentlemen," instead people should think constantly about the people around them and how, and in what ways, they affect others with their actions and words.

Cindy Hendricksen
Graduate Student, Religion and Society

Objection to calling Easter an "insignificant holiday"

To the Editor:

As a student of the Theological School I take exception to Cheryl Dräger's letter published 2/19/93. It disturbs me that she would represent Easter as an "insignificant holiday."

Easter is the most significant day in the Christian year. It is the day the Church celebrates the great mystery of our faith—the empty tomb. Easter is the day of Resurrection; it is the day Christ attained victory over sin and death. It is no accident that the Passion and victory of Christ

Jesus came at the season of Passover. The Passover hallowed the central event of the old covenant, the deliverance of the Hebrews out of Egypt. The crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the central event and the establishment of the new covenant, the liberation and deliverance for all humanity from sin and death. Easter celebrates our hope in Jesus Christ.

Lorene E. Eldredge
Theological Student

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The Acorn is now accepting applications for editorial staff positions for the 1993-94 year.

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Hikers raise money for AIDS



Princeton University students will climb Mount McKinley in order to raise money for AIDS research and education.

The Acorn News Service

A nine-member team of Princeton University students will climb Mount McKinley in June to raise a minimum of \$250,000 for AIDS research and education to call attention to the fact that AIDS cases have increased 62 percent in two years among 13-24 year olds.

The students, headed by Climb For The Cure Founder and Director Alexander S. Friedman, will begin their climb in mid-June. The climb is expected to last approximately 30 days.

"Mt. McKinley is the tallest peak in North America, and climbing it symbolizes the challenge of conquering AIDS," Friedman said. "We are making this climb not only to raise funds for AIDS research and education but to also let people our age know that AIDS is a serious problem. We want our peers to realize that there are many creative ways to combat the problem. Climbing Mount McKinley is one of those ways."

Climb For The Cure has already raised more than \$150,000. Two major contributors include Time-Warner, Inc. which contributed \$25,000 and the Equitable Founda-

tion, the other major sponsor, which also contributed \$25,000 to the effort.

"The Equitable is always eager to support the efforts of people coming together for a worthwhile cause," Kay Carlson, president of the Equitable Foundation, said. "We saw this project as an effective way to heighten awareness about AIDS among college students while also raising money for research."

Dr. Mathilde Krim, AmFAR's Chairman, said the nine students undertaking the climb "represent what is the very best about this country, once again demonstrating the universal and eternal spirit of youth. Their compassion and leadership are admirable."

Climb For The Cure was conceived and organized by Alexander Friedman. Its Board of Advisors includes Senator Bill Bradley, Princeton President Harold T. Shapiro, author John McPhee, country-and-western singer Bonnie Raitt, and Stacy Allison, the first American woman to climb Mt. Everest.

AmFAR is the American Foundation for AIDS Research (both basic biomedical and clinical research), education for AIDS prevention, and sound AIDS-related public policy.

Five vote margin in faculty's vote

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current system, and 40 voted against it. "The whole faculty vote was schizophrenic," Kass said. "Faculty voted against cluster model, but gave it the most support. It has a lot going for it, but I think faculty would like to see it worked out a bit further."

This sentiment was shared by Professor of Philosophy Tom Magnell, "It's not surprising faculty voted that way. Just as in the 4-4 vote, it is a difference between voting to adopt it, and deciding to give it further consideration," he said.

The cluster model, which has been the

subject of the most exhaustive research, is designed to emphasize the interrelatedness of knowledge. Under this system, students would take an interdisciplinary approach to studying a particular theme. The flexible menu model maximizes students' options, although "it can certainly include some common requirements," Magnell said.

Common requirements are the foundation of the core model, which would expose students to a structured common body of knowledge. All three models will be the subjects of further research by committees.

Student on Board of Trustees

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"We started to invite a student to sit in on board meetings when Sodan [Selvaretam] was president of SGA," Kean said. According to Kean, the systematic inclusion of a student voice in trustee matters may influence decisions much more than if administrators voice student concerns second hand as they have in the past.

"It's been a long process... this came about because students have made it a priority for a long time," Kean said.

O'Hare said a proposal was formulated by the Student Affairs Committee of the University Senate during the presidency of Matt Luterell ('91) two years ago but "it became sidetracked by the budget crisis that year."

While researching his own proposal this year, O'Hare said he could find no private colleges or universities with a voting member on their Board of Trustees.

O'Hare said he applauds the decision made by the Board, but thinks it is only a

first step. "Most of the trustees' work is done in committee, so it's essential to get maximum student participation in committees, although it's also good to have a voice in general meetings so votes are influenced," he said.

O'Hare said previously the trustees had been making a lot of decisions without a clear idea of students' views.

Lawson said, "The trustees aren't leery of student input." She said her main focus as student representative will be to make students aware that they have a voice on the board and to voice students' concerns on budgetary and academic issues such as funding the athletic facility and the proposed 4-4 credit system.

McLendon said he thinks SGA has a good chance of choosing representatives who will truly voice the opinion of the whole student body. "Students should choose their representative in the way they feel most comfortable," he said. "We have a lot of positive things happening at Drew, and students should be part of that."

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Thursday, April 29

1:30-9 p.m.

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- **Fr. Daniel Berrigan:** Jesuit priest, peace and civil rights activist, and Lamont Poetry Award recipient from New York.
- **Dr. Maria Serena Diokno:** Human rights and peace advocate, history professor, associate dean of the College of Social Sciences and Philosophy of the University of the Philippines, and member of government negotiating panel in peace talks with the National Democratic Front.
- **Rev. Dr. Marta Benavides:** Baptist minister, grassroots development activist promoting a peaceful, and negotiated solution to the violent conflict in El Salvador.
- **Dr. Hizkias Assefa:** International relations and management professor, consultant in conflict resolution, and Nairobi Peace Initiative executive director.

The Drew Community will have the opportunity to converse and interact with these international speakers in **afternoon seminars (1:30-4:15 p.m.)**, each led by one of them. Participants can explore issues related to peace and violence in depth and have the chance to follow up on concerns and questions that will be raised.

The evening program (7-9:45 p.m.) will present all the international speakers in a panel discussion on the main topic of peace and violence, global understanding of peace and violence, and what peacebuilding mechanisms and peace processes can be engendered. Respondents to the presentations will include one student and one faculty member. Dr. Eric Gould, Drew University vice president for academic affairs, will deliver the opening remarks. The Rev. Victoria Erikson, university chaplain, will be moderating the panel discussions.

Sponsored by the University Programming Board through its Lectures Committee. It is an activity designed by and for students. It is one way in which students can participate in Drew's global education thrust.

Calling for respondents

At least 19 students and seven faculty members from the three schools from the University are invited to become respondents to the seminars. Papers presented in the seminars, including selected student and faculty responses, may be published.

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Friday, March 26, 7:30 p.m. in U.C.
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The Metropolitan Museum of Art is
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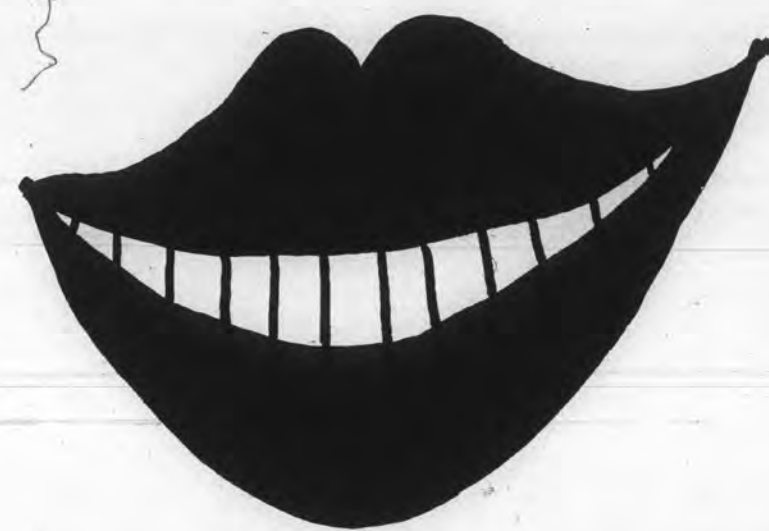
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This Bad Lieutenant is real

You wonder why the world is ending. I
won't tell you. No one will tell you. They
refuse. Think clearly and consider events in
the past few days.



SPINAL COLUMN

Andy Fenwick
Entertainment Editor

The World Trade Center almost fell over.
A blizzard nailed the East Coast. Eric Clapton
won more than one Grammy because his kid
died. There's a persecuted man in Waco,
Texas, who probably sent that blizzard. He
was waiting for a sign.

Yugoslavia gets worse and worse. More
crime everywhere. There were no murders
last weekend in our nation's capital. Be-
cause of the snow. Murderers hate the cold.
Death is dictated by the weather. Guns don't
kill people, the weather does.

But I really am suspicious. Is this it? Is
this that screaming civilization, that Roman
empire, close to a swirling trip down the
historical toilet?

What do we have to look at, to tell us? The
world. But so few of us make it out into that
part of reality that we must turn to the arts.
The arts, not television. That's different
sociological territory.

Bad Lieutenant is frightening because it's
plausible. Harvey Keitel—remember the cop
who chased *Thelma & Louise*—is the lieuten-
ant, a crack-smoking, heroin-shooting,
coked snorting, alcoholic, gambling, atheist,
sexist, racist Catholic cop in New York City.
His performance will never be nominated
for anything because of the nature of the
film (and because the academy is a bunch of
gutless puritan geeks, each about 100 years
old). But whoever wins the Oscar for best
actor will not be better than Keitel. No
matter what.

The film is totally irresponsible, the way
good art should be. I was almost offended a
few times, and for any film, that's very, very
rare. As a cop, NYC is Keitel's Rome and he
is Caligula. A scene in which Keitel mas-

turbates on the car door of two girls he has
pulled over fully supports the film's NC-17
status. But to hell with the Motion Picture
Association of America, and to hell with the
theaters which won't carry an NC-17 film.

The film seems totally plotless for the
first half hour; more like a documentary
about the son of Satan than a focused work
of fiction as it traces the lieutenant's roll in
the excrement of New York City. The shift
comes with something more shocking than
The Crying Game could boast of—the
graphic rape of a nun by two Latino youths.
The "shock" of *The Crying Game* was easy
to get over. *Bad Lieutenant* leaves the
viewer reeling. Mostly because the nun for-
gives these youths. And that is what leaves
the Lieutenant reeling.

Tapping into the lieutenant's Catholic
sensibilities, like the Mameet film *Homicide*
tapped into its hero's Jewish roots, *Bad
Lieutenant* tackles morals with anger. What
gives the nun the right to forgive her as-
sailants? Why does this enrage the lieuten-
ant? Would God forgive the lieutenant? If he
would, is everything forgivable? And, in all
its cheesiness, is there any hope for the
world? The lieutenant's confrontation with
a vision of Christ is harrowing and climatic,
and powerful, and its open-endedness leaves
the viewer hanging.

But that's good. One leaves the film feel-
ing brutalized. The world makes sense. It
doesn't feel nice, but it feels normal.

The world is probably ending. Maybe by
shining a magnifying glass onto it, we can
discern the signs, maybe even the causes.
Bad Lieutenant is less a movie and more a
step toward a cure for the evils of society.
This is a real man, this is a real world on film.
What makes it NC-17? Truth. Disaster is
made unreal in our minds so we can deal
with it. It's the reason why televised violence
ceases to shock us.

Anyone who says *Bad Lieutenant* exag-
gerates reality is distancing themselves from
the violence in the world around us. See the
blizzard for what it is. See the man in Texas,
see the bomb in NYC. This is our world.
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The Unauthorized Schwarzenegger story

Andrew Gerber
Staff Writer

Once in a great while one film comes
along that is so creative, brave, and just plain
awesome that it utterly defies anything that
has come before it.

Just imagine a young Austrian gap-toothed
body builder named Arnold Strong in tradi-
tional Greek garb in sandals having a
boxing match with an unusually erect bear
in Central Park. This is one of those stunning
moments in cinematic history and a hint of
the huge star to come.

"Arnold Strong" was, of course, the
pseudonym of Mr. Universe, Mr. World,
and Mr. Olympia Arnold Schwarzenegger.
Director Arthur Allan Seidelman used an
all-American voice over his then-unintelli-
gible Austrian accent. *Hercules in New York*
(1970), sometimes shown on late-night
television as *Hercules Goes Bananas* or as
Hercules—the Movie, launched what would
become a film career most actors wish 10
times Schwarzenegger's training would kill
for. Schwarzenegger's résumé was so ex-
pansive that some friends of mine conducted
ARNOLDFEST, a celebration of the man
and his work. We polled some people for
their top five Arnold movies. We rented
almost all of Schwarzenegger's films in
chronological order, except for these five
flicks which we rated highest.

ARNOLDFEST was, in essence, an ad-
miration of the man who could beat Henry
Youngman for the title of King of the One
Liners. His most famous lines include: "I'll
be back," and "Hasta la vista, baby," but our
personal favorite was what he said on *The
Merv Griffin Show*—"Pumping is good as
humping."

After Hercules we viewed the documen-
tary, *Pumping Iron* (1977), which
chronicled several body-builders, most
prominently Arnold, preparing for a male
beauty contest. This was the public's first
real introduction to Schwarzenegger's per-
sonality. He told the interviewer about the
sexual gratification he received from
pumping up and flexing for the audience—
"I'm coming day and night!"

We then watched *Conan the Barbarian* (1982)
which established Arnold's partnership with
Dino De Laurentiis, a partnership which would
turn ugly three years later. John Mills' and
Oliver Stone's screenplay began with a quote by
Nietzsche—"That which does not kill us makes
us stronger." Conan is asked by his mentor,
"Conan! What is best in life?" Conan's virile
response, "To crush your enemies, to see
them driven before you, and to hear the
lamentations of their women."

Conan the Destroyer (1984) grouped the
warrior with Grace Jones and Wilt Cham-
berlain in a film which had fewer annoying
ultra long shots but less of an attempt to
explain the complicated plot. *Red Sonja*
(1985), Schwarzenegger's next movie for

De Laurentiis, was perhaps the nadir of
Arnold's career, especially considering that
the successful, now classic sci-fi flick *The
Terminator* was released the previous year.
Red Sonja did not feature nearly enough
Arnold. Young black belt Ernie Reyes, Jr.,
of *Sidekick* fame probably had more lines.

Commando was the first Arnold movie to
showcase Schwarzenegger's ability for
monotone one-liners and his love for cigars.
We estimated that Arnold killed 48 in the
smash-'em-up finale.

In 1986, Schwarzenegger's contract
forced him to return to De Laurentiis Enter-
tainment Group for *Raw Deal*. An awk-
wardly slick Arnold starred in this mediocre
action film.

We all grew restless during *Red Heat*
(1988). It's hard to believe that the first
American film to be filmed partially in Red
Square was yet another cop buddy movie
featuring Jim Belushi. *Red Heat* was not
Arnold's worst movie, but we were all im-
patient to watch the Top Five Arnold count-
down.

But first we had to watch Arnold's two
movies directed by Iven Reitman. *Twins*
(1988), Arnold's first big-budget comedy,
had as many jokes as the ads for it did—one,
and a lame one at that. The joke was that
Arnold was Danny DeVito's long lost twin
brother. Ha ha.

Arnold's next Reitman comedy was far
more enjoyable. Schwarzenegger showed

how much his acting abilities had grown in
Kindergarten Cop (1990).

Finally we arrived at the Top Five Count-
down, the greatest Arnold movies of all
time.

Number Five: *The Running Man* (1987),
based on a Stephen King/Richard Bachman
novella. To avoid execution, Arnold must
play a futuristic *American Gladiators*-type
game show which no contestant has ever
survived. Richard Dawson of *Family Feud*
fame gleefully played the show's evil pro-
ducer and host.

Number Four: *Total Recall* (1990), based
on the Philip K. Dick story "We Can Re-
member It for You Wholesale." This movie
has a fascinating plot, which I will withhold
for anyone who hasn't seen it.

Number Three: *Predator* (1987), the ul-
timate male-bonding movie, full of meta-
phors about blood and hunting. A small U.S.
battalion in Central America becomes in-
volved in a survival-of-the-fittest
environment, battling a mysterious alien force.

Number Two: *The Terminator* (1984), a
fairly low-budget but a very entertaining
science-fiction movie.

Number One: *Terminator 2: Judgment
Day* (1991). T2 featured some of the most
spectacular special effects and action se-
quences in the history of cinema, and I'm
not being sarcastic. The action worked so
well, the audience didn't mind the fact that
all the human characters were obnoxious
and the screenplay was pretentious.

We haven't heard the last of Arnold by
any means. This May NASA will be releas-
ing a rocket with a portrait of Arnold as an
advertisement for this summer's heavily
hyped *The Last Action Hero*, a spoof of
Arnold's action movies. Schwarzenegger
will also be singing love songs to his muscles
in the upcoming *Hans and Franz: The
Girlyman Dilemma*.

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 2. The Drop 19's—*Your Aquarium EP*
 1. Living Color—*Stain*

Robyn Hitchcock returns with this earned Respect

Todd Carlstrom
Staff Writer

Those of you who, like myself, have voraciously devoured each and every Robyn Hitchcock recording you could get your grubby little mitts on, needn't read this article.

If, however, you aren't a fan yet, it's about time you were. Go get the latest release from Robyn Hitchcock and the Egyptians, entitled *Respect*. Then thank me.

Respect finds Robyn sailing folkier seas off the shores of *Perspect Island*. Almost every track features acoustic guitars over electric, which is less typical of his collaborations with Egyptians Morris Windsor and Andy Metcalfe than of solo efforts like *Eye* and *I Often Dream of Trains*.

One of the great things about Robyn is that he never loses touch with his roots. Take U2. I like their new music, but they'll never write another "I Will Follow." However, the first (and best) song on *Respect*, "The Yip Song," could have easily been on one of the LP's by the Soft Boys. Hitchcock's first band back in the 70s. It fades in with this Norman Bates string part. Then the band bursts in, whirling like a maelstrom over a string of outrageously happy "yips." The guitar part is signature Robyn, floating and jangling about and against the chords. His lyrics are, as ever, inspired lunacy. "This old man, he was flesh; They wheeled him in upon a trolley/Vera Lynn, Vera Lynn/Draw a window on his skin." You won't figure out what he's singing about, don't bother trying. Just enjoy.

The frantic first track belies the overall softer textures of it. The next song, "Arms of Love," is more indicative of the rest of the album. This soft, lilting quasi-ballad features a soaring lead guitar part that brings it to a convincing climax outro. What's more,

"Arms of Love" reflects another step in Robyn's growth as a songwriter—he has written a quality potential single. I guess his relative inexperience with the commercial scene is what prompted him to release "Driving Aloud (Radio Storm)" first.

Don't get me wrong. "Driving Aloud" has plenty going for it. With a neat little bass riff under a keyboard-based rhythm that leads into a chorus driven by acoustic guitar and percussive sauce pans, it is the only other track that approaches the energy of "The Yip Song." A primo song, but a questionable choice as the first single.

As for the rest of the album, I am tempted to utter four syllables that I would never equate with music I generally like: Van Morrison. Robyn's been listening to a lot of him, methinks. Songs like "Serpent at the Gates of Wisdom" and "The Wreck of the Arthur Lee" seem to invoke Van's latter-day melodic easy-listening stuff. However, fear not. *Respect* is above and beyond that unnecessarily cruel comparison. The lyrics to "Serpent" are simply too cool, and "The Wreck" honestly owes more to *Eye* than to the dreaded Van Morrison.

But it is undeniable that Hitchcock seems to be getting a little softer. His predilection for jarring discords does not manifest on this album but for one tune. That song, "When I Was Dead" is an uncanny resemblance to an earlier Hitchcock composition, "When I Was A Kid." With its jerking beat and subtle Indian flavor (someone plays a shawm on it), it ranks number two on the disc.

The most interesting track is "Wafflehead," the instruments of which are a vocal bass drum, a cheese grater, and a water jug. The lyrics are fantastically tasteless. "A sea of cream is what I beam into her as her eyeballs gleam." It would be a neat novelty item if it didn't drag on for four

minutes. He would have done better to include the outtake "Alright Yeah" that's down in the WMNU studio—request it.

Enough respect hasn't been paid the Egyptians. Sure, Robyn writes everything, but Windsor and Metcalfe, also Soft Boys alumni, have the musical flexibility and dead-on harmonies that give the eccentricity a professional gloss.

The only thing missing from this album besides a few electric guitars is Peter Buck. The R.E.M. guitarist has been an unofficial

Egyptian for a few albums now. His sweet jangle-and-chime complements Robyn's eccentric, inventive chord progressions quite handsily.

It may be that Buck is what this album needs to move it from the "hip" category to the "latterly hip" category. Sure, it's definitely worth your money, but if you're new to Robyn, buy the measurably superior *Perspect Island* first. *Perspect* spans more tones and styles, and generally has more fun than *Respect*.

Three tiny reviews for you

David Mandel
Staff Writer

The Young Disciples come from the James Brown/Whitney Houston school of music. Their extracurriculars include the Arrested Development club (every three tracks they take a break from jazz/soul to put down a mellow beat and some liquid rap) and I would guess they're dancers too, though the demo has no photo attached. Exceptional jazz brass solos peek out in pockets between the soul croonings which this unpinable album showcases (to its downfall) as in the 15-minute long Freedom Suite—standard soul—the mellow "Get Yourself Together Part I & II."

In general, the lyrics lack originality and oomph, like "When your eyes met mine tangles went down my spine." There are some surprises, and the fluttering delivery of the soprano is par with most gospel/soul singers on the charts these days. As in George Michael's "Too Funky," The Young Disciples seem to be casting a vote to drag that word back into hipdom. Funky. Say it. Now sing "Funky Yeh Funki (Mek It)." You're now a Young Disciple. Time to give it up: the car, the clothes. Time to tie. Get busy.

The Disciples do rap, some scratch, a lot of soul, and very often some decent jazz.

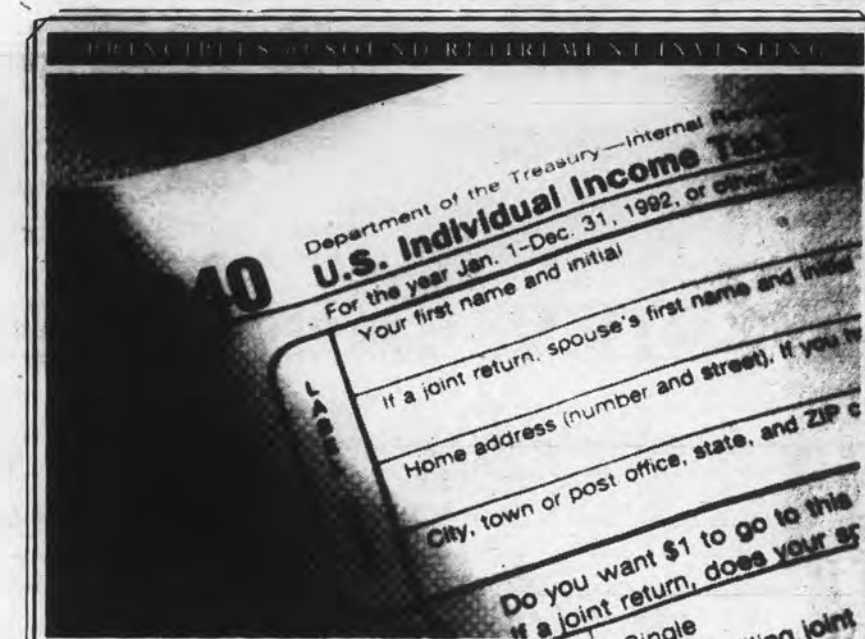
They're eclectic.

Chris Kowanko is a freak. The songs on the album, *Kowanko* are stupidly titled "My House," "Wallflower," "Vigilante," "Co-star," "Love Monster," "Murder Girl," "Turn Me Down," and my favorite, "It's Alright."

I agree. It's alright. Nothing special, but Chris Kamikaze Kaka-kaka has an interesting voice: a sort of chilled-out Paul Westerberg and a knack for melodic, tight-reined songwriting. Some strings (which reminds me to plug Elvis Costello and the Brodsky Quartet's *The Juliet Letters*, a real album), a great deal of muted piano, and some fair harmonies make this a harsh album. You might even call it pleasant.

For no extra charge, here's an aimless review of a new age techno CD by some bored and boring Brits—the Orb—who spent good money on a four-track but didn't have anything to plug into it (i.e. instruments).

Don't buy this even if it is a double CD whose package is fun to play with. Sure it's...what...three days worth of technowage (nonmusic to sleep to and have dreams about gluing quarters together) but you're not getting more for your money. Example: "the blue room" is 40 minutes long. It doesn't go ANYWHERE. Your brain rots faster if you watch *Melrose Place* and hum "Shake your Body" during the commercials.



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Spring training return to baseball nirvana

Seventeen days until opening day. Yes, baseball fans, the countdown has begun, even though Drew students probably won't see the green grass for maybe another week. March Madness is here to comfort us until then, of course, but Office Pool Mania can't compare to the first crack of the bat April 5. And in Florida and Arizona, teams are whittling away at their rosters in anticipation of the coming season.



PERFECT SPIRALS
Jeff Bathurst
Assistant Sports Editor

Which brings me to my tale. It started two weeks ago. Spring Break, time for spring training once again. The original foursome plus one set out for the untamed lands of Florida with nothing but enthusiasm.

Gord was babbling breathlessly about possibly seeing Doug Drabek or Greg Swindell, big-time free agents, pitch for the Astros. Mark counted his hat collection and sat quietly, contemplating the different styles of Florida Marlin hats that awaited us. Kevin was already making plans to see Juan Gonzalez if it was at all humanly possible. Mike didn't know what to expect, but hoped the Florida women would accept his bald head.

Finally, I chimed in on the excitement. "I thought we said we were leaving at one o'clock," I announced impatiently at 1:03 p.m.

We packed up the Small Blue Van, a minivan that would have to carry one extra person this year in less space. And then, cramped but comfy, we were on our way.

We arrived in Florida about 11:30 Saturday morning, tumbled out of the van, and slept or lounged around the rest of the day.

A Yankees-Mets game was our first destination, but fortunately we had the good sense to call ahead Sunday morning, only to find out the game was sold out.

We went to Plan B, which was an Astros-Dodgers game in Vero Beach. The game was very entertaining, with the Astros winning 9-4 as Chris Donnels and Eric Anthony hit round-trippers. You'd never know it from the crowd, though. Maybe they were just trying to enjoy the game, or maybe they were just quiet, but I've never heard a stadium so quiet.

It was time for action. The Dodgers were pitching Greg Hansell, a Double-A pitcher trying to make the squad. His chances dwindled rapidly that day, as he gave up seven runs in two innings. I took it upon myself to announce to Hansell that he would have plenty of work to do in Albuquerque. There were snickers and a few sideways glances, but that's it.

Eric Davis hit a home run for the Dodgers,

and when he returned to left field, we all saluted him with a standing ovation. I think the guy behind Mark asked him to sit down. It was hopeless.

The next day was West Palm Beach. The Yankees shut out the Expos 2-0 as the New York pitchers turned in a fine performance, led by Jim Abbott. The most exciting part of the game was when Expos pitcher Chris Nabholz resorted to throwing a curveball to strike out Abbott, who only has one hand. He was soundly booed. At least Yankee fans have pulses.

After the game, it was back on the road. We had set up plans to stay in West Palm, but the lure of Fort Lauderdale only 45 minutes away took its toll and we were on our way. The next 24 hours were dedicated to indulging our Spring Break activities: going to a club, lying on the beach, staying at someplace called the Bikini Motel. Well, you get the picture.

Tuesday night, after lying on the beach all day, we decided to head for our next destination: Port Charlotte, on the Gulf Coast. Kevin decided that driving 3 1/2 hours across the state was worth it to catch the Texas Rangers in action.

So, after almost running out of gas, we made it to Port Charlotte, whereupon we remembered we did not have a place to stay. No matter. We occupied ourselves by trying to deliver a pizza to Juan Gonzalez. It didn't work.

We called fellow Drew student and Texas Ranger fan, Rich, in Sarasota, but he seemed to think we were intoxicated and therefore didn't offer lodging. There was only one place to stay, after we thought about it.

We rolled into the Charlotte County Stadium parking lot at about midnight, and parked the van. Kevin and I would sleep under the ticket window, and Gord, Mike and Mark would try to find sleeping space in the van. But we couldn't just sit there and look at the outside of the stadium. Mark and I soon found a willing fence by the bullpen, and then we had free roam on the field. We marveled at the outfield grass, sat in the Rangers dugout, and contemplated playing on our field of dreams.

But Mark and Kevin were easily spooked, and fearing whatever baseball ghosts lurked in the stadium, we returned to our sleeping quarters. We later left a letter to Juan Gonzalez taped in the dugout; we're pretty sure he got it, but we don't know if he understands English. We settled in for a long winter's nap in rapidly decreasing temperatures.

During the night, Kevin and I were almost run over by countless newspaper delivery men; we had inadvertently set up camp next to several newspaper boxes (incidentally, there's nothing like waking up with headlights coming right at you). I also saw a raccoon during the night, at which point I decided to stay awake and defend our turf.

Finally, about six in the morning, Tom, the stadium concessions manager, found Kevin and I and invited us inside the stadium for coffee to get warm. We found ourselves an hour later lugging barrels of soda premix into storage for Tom and pretty much inspecting the stadium in and out.

I found my way to the press box where I heard a voice from the radio booth that sounded suspiciously like Norm Hitzges from ESPN. And wouldn't you know, it was Norm Hitzges, doing his Dallas morning talk show. I introduced myself to Norm as an Eagles fan, but he invited me to stay and watch the show anyway.

After about an hour, during which time some guy sold Mark third-row box seats for the game, there was some clamoring in the press box, and I heard cleats down the hallway. Jose Canseco walked right past me, to get interviewed by Norm.

I was quickly expelled from the premises by an ugly fat man who told me that the room was now private. I argued with him but left after some, well, some choice words. I hate Jose Canseco.

Canseco notwithstanding, we watched the Rangers practice that morning; I got Bucky Dent's autograph, and we saw rookie Dan Peltier swat a homer to win the game for the Rangers in the bottom of the ninth.

Tom the concession man made us sandwiches for the game and gave us hot dogs afterward as well as his address (if we ever needed anything in sports, he said). We were busy making plans after the game to work in Florida this summer, at our personal paradise, Charlotte County Stadium.

After a day at Disney, we spent Friday watching an Indians split-squad demolish the Florida Marlins, 7-2. The Marlins are just a bad team, but they draw fans like crazy. The game we saw was their fourth sellout in a row.

After the game Friday, we hurriedly packed the van for the trip home. Somehow, after driving through six hours of the most treacherous conditions I've ever seen, we were back at my house.

Sunday, we were back at Drew, along with about 100 of our closest friends. We should have stayed another week, but we were low on cash. But we also couldn't have equalled what happened to us in the week we spent in Florida.

Once again, spring training somehow made me excited about baseball. But the players sure didn't do it.

It was sneaking onto the field at Charlotte Stadium, it was the ballpark hot dogs, Tom the concession man, the closeness of the ballparks, and the crack of the bat in the bottom of the ninth that made the trip special for all of us.

I love baseball.

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8. The Dead Pollacks Society
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Drew considered for World Cup training site

The Acorn Sports Service

Monday, Drew was named one of 10 locations in New Jersey that United States World Cup officials are considering as a possible training site for a visiting soccer team in June 1994.

Ultimately, it will be up to the visiting teams to select four sites of their choice. That will take place in December.

Teams will train at these sites for approximately one week before beginning World Cup competition about June 18, 1994.

The other sites named as possible training sites include: Rutgers University, Princeton University, Trenton State College, Kean College, Montclair State College, New Jersey Tech, Pingry School, Blair Academy, and the Lawrenceville School.

The initial list consisted of 42 locations in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut.

Teams training and staying in New Jersey would play their games at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford.

According to Assistant Vice President for University Relations Tom Harris, "Drew is a very attractive location for a visiting team. We have everything they want. Our grass fields are in excellent shape. We'll have outstanding indoor training facilities available in our new William E. and Carol G. Simon Forum and Athletic Center."

"We're close to first-class hotels and shopping and Madison Borough is an attractive, secure community. The Simon Center is scheduled for completion five months before the teams arrive."

Harris added that Madison Mayor Donald Capen and Police Chief John Salmon support the idea of a World Cup team training at Drew.

World Cup officials who visited Drew last month at the invitation of Director of Athletics Vernon Mummert were visibly impressed with the quality of the University's facilities and the beauty of the campus.

"They told us that they had no idea that Drew had so much to offer," Harris said. If Drew is selected, the University would be paid for use of its facilities.

The World Cup is the premier event in the sport of soccer and takes place every four years. The 1994 competition marks the first time the World Cup will be held in the United States.

Bring the Cup to Drew

Roy Opochinski
Sports Editor

The World Cup is coming. With under a year before the teams arrive in the United States for World Cup 1994, final details are being taken care of.

Tickets for the various venues have been on sale to the soccer community for the past several months and the demand has been so great that the organizing committee has shifted some tickets from the general pool to the advanced sale pool.

One of the final details is the selection of training sites in the United States for the teams involved in the tournament. This week it was announced that Drew was one of 10 sites (out of an original 42) in the running to host one of the teams that will be playing in Giants Stadium.

Drew would benefit greatly if selected, not only monetarily but prestige-wise, as well. Think of the publicity that would be generated if the powerhouse Italian National Team were to practice at Drew.

At this time, the official seedings for the tournament have not been determined. Also unclear is whether Drew will have a chance to lobby the teams seeded in the region, or whether the teams will make their selection based on the recommendations of the organizing committee.

Drew has much to offer and, should it have the opportunity, must spare no expense to court the teams. The school will gain immensely if it is chosen as a practice site.

College basketball picks: the tournament edition

March Madness. The Big Dance. The Show. The field of 64. The Road to the Big Easy. The Battle on the Bayou.

All of these clichés mean the same thing. It's Dick Vitale's favorite time of year, the NCAA Tournament.

There is no better time of year than the next three weeks when every game means something to those of us in pools, when every pick can mean permanent humiliation. (Not only have my friends still not forgotten that I picked Louisiana State University to go to the Final Four last year, but they remind me of that fact every time I make a prediction.)

Still, there is nothing more gratifying than picking an underdog to go to the round of eight and having that team get there.

So, what does this all really mean? Well, stunningly enough, I'm still floundering in last place in our little office situation here. Of course, I am always looking for a way to pick a few more games in the hope that I will somehow get on a run and win enough games to overtake the leaders.

Against the objections of Scrooge (I mean our favorite Editor-In-Chief, Larry G.), we're going all out—or at least, partially all out—and picking 16 (count 'em 16) games from the first and second rounds.

Now some of you who know how we operate here at *The Acorn* know that we don't publish until Friday, a full day after the tournament starts.

For the sake of honesty, we all got our picks in before the tournament started Thursday.

The way this will work in the standings is that each contestant will receive one win for each team that makes it to the Sweet 16 (almost forgot that cliché).

STANDINGS

Name	W	L	T	Pct.	GB
Jeff B.	11	8	0	.579	—
Keith M.	10	9	0	.526	1
Kelly W.	10	9	0	.526	1
Roy O.	9	10	0	.474	2

EAST REGIONAL

Jeff B.—North Carolina, St. John's, Virginia, Cincinnati
Keith M.—North Carolina, St. John's, U. Mass, Cincinnati
Kelly W.—North Carolina, St. John's, Virginia, Cincinnati
Roy O.—North Carolina, St. John's, U. Mass, Cincinnati

MIDWEST REGIONAL

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Kelly—Indiana, Louisville, Duke, Kansas
Roy—Indiana, Louisville, Duke, Kansas

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL

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WEST REGIONAL

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Keith—UCLA, Georgia Tech, Illinois, Temple
Kelly—Michigan, Georgia Tech, Illinois, Temple
Roy—Michigan, Georgia Tech, Illinois, Temple

SHOT OF THE WEEK: Through the Arboretum, over the naked Rugby players, off the keys, into the Suites, between the flying fists, past the Jello Shots, near the stripper at the "rally," nothing but the bottom of the net.

Men's lacrosse opens season, 0-2

The Rangers opened up the 1993 campaign against fierce competitors Colorado College, who finished number 17 in the nation last season at the Division III level, and the Air Force Academy. After the cancellation of the Drew Invitational, the team awaits the rest of its difficult schedule.

Dana Michelle Spinola
Staff Writer

Times have changed for the men's lacrosse team.

The 28 members returned from Colorado Tuesday, after spending Spring Break playing two competitive teams. The Rangers played both Colorado College and the Air Force Academy during the trip and returned frustrated, after being defeated by both squads.

The two divisions in the Middle Athletic Conference, the Eastern Division and the Western Division, which include schools the Rangers have previously played and often beaten, have decided to form a new league including only schools in Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Drew, of course, was not included in this new league. This means that in future years, Drew's reputation may suffer because they will not continue to play schools such as Franklin and Marshall, Dickinson, Haverford, Swarthmore, and Washington College.

Things look even worse, because in 1992 Drew tied for second place against Swarthmore and Haverford, behind Washington College. Beginning next year the Rangers will not have this opportunity. The conference playoff in coming years will include a single round robin in a four round conference.

Coach Tom Leanos said that winning the conference championship this year would really mean something.

A positive outlook does not always mean a victory, though. Although the Rangers dropped both games in Colorado, the games were close.

They were tied with the Air Force at halftime. Colorado College was ranked number 17 in the nation at Division III last season.

The Air Force Academy, however, is a Division I team. Leanos said the two schools were examples of the kind of tough competition awaiting the Rangers.

Unfortunately, the cancellation of the Drew Invitational Tournament may prove to be detrimental to the Rangers.



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The Drew Invitational Tournament, which was to pit the Rangers against Potsdam State, was cancelled because of last weekend's blizzard which caused the artificial turf field to become unplayable.

After returning from Colorado the team will have to find a way to stay sharp until their next contest against Widener College Wednesday night.

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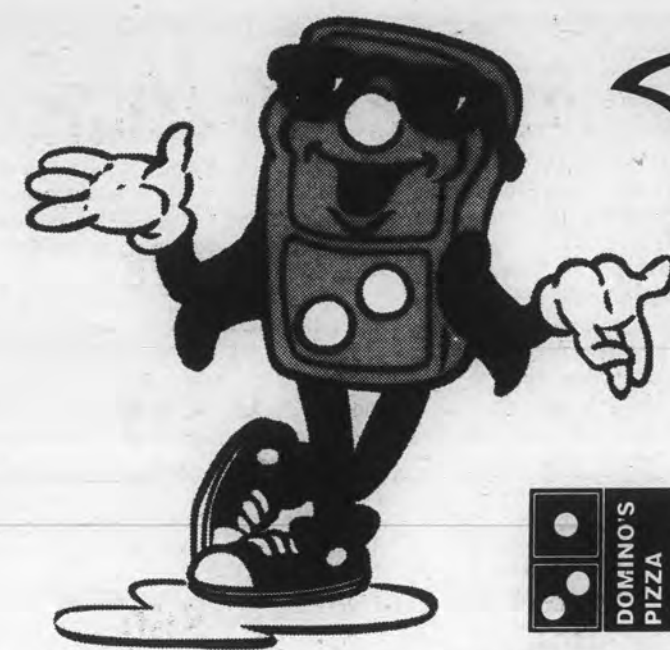
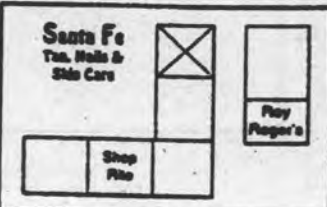
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Fencing finishes with impressive postseason

Rangers end season with third-place finish in conference, four advance to NCAA

Jeff Bathurst
Assistant Sports Editor

The fencing squad completed its wildly successful season with a plethora of team and individual awards at the Middle Atlantic Conference Fencing Association and NCAA regional competitions. As seniors Ted Rotunda, Brian Madison, Jeff McCaffrey, and Eric Jackson finished their careers, the team celebrated a 14-2 season with a third-place finish in the MACFA tournament on Sunday, February 28.

On its way to a bronze medal at the 16-team MACFA tournament, the Drew squad had many key individual performances. The epee squad finished first in the conference, pulling a big upset over favored Johns Hopkins University and tying the College of William and Mary for the title.

The epee squad was led by Madison, who also finished first in the MACFA on the day. Also contributing to the squad's impressive finish were sophomore Mark Wilcox, who finished eighth, and junior Jim King, who fenced well on the C-strip.

Many factors went into the team's MACFA trophy-winning performance, according to Madison. The other schools that comprise the MACFA are mainly Division III or club teams, and don't have any real depth within their individual weapon squads.

For example, said Madison, while a team's A-strip fencer may be an excellent fencer, their B-strip may be passable and the C-strip even worse. The key to Drew's success was its depth on the epee squad. "Our A- and B-strip fencers [Madison and Wilcox] are top quality, and even our C-strip [King] is as good as most other teams' B-strip fencers and even some teams' A-strip fencers," Madison said.

Despite the squad's triumph at the MACFA's, the Johns Hopkins and William and Mary squads were selected to advance to the NCAA Regional competition from the MACFA. The team was not surprised that Johns Hopkins was selected, despite finishing third, because during the season



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The fencing team capped off a great season with more success in postseason action.

the Hopkins squad fenced many Division I schools. The selection of William and Mary, however, disappointed the team, which felt its epee squad was at least as good as the squad from William and Mary.

Instead of having the entire epee squad advance to the NCAA Regional, the team was pleased to have four individual fencers selected.

After reviewing individual records, strength of schedule, and the MACFA tournament, Rotunda, Madison, Wilcox, and sophomore Jason Wilson were invited to the NCAA Eastern Regionals last Sunday at Goucher College.

The competition, according to Rotunda, was top quality at the Regionals. The region includes teams from New Jersey and Pennsylvania and extends along the East Coast down to Florida. Included are Division I schools such as the University of Pennsylvania, Penn State University, and Princeton University.

"There were very few Division III pro-

grams represented," Rotunda said. "The quality of the fencers at the Regionals was phenomenal; it was close to pro fencing. Just to win a match, you feel like a million bucks."

Although no Drew fencers qualified for the NCAA national tournament, the four some did very well in relation to the size of Drew. "Considering Division III schools, we had a strong showing," Rotunda said. "We had the highest number of fencers qualified out of Division III."

Both Wilson and Madison were eliminated in the second round of the foil and epee competitions, respectively.

Wilcox won an extra round and advanced to the third round of the epee competition before falling. Rotunda suffered an injury in the first round, when his knee buckled in the first match.

The knee, which Rotunda battled bravely all season in an effort to continue to fence, hampered him enough to cause him to lose five of his first six matches, which eliminated

him early in the competition. It was a disheartening end to what was a courageous season in which Rotunda gamely fought to remain on the A-strip.

Had Rotunda advanced, he still faced a tough fight against a Penn State sabre squad that has been ranked number one in the nation for the past 10 years, typical of the top-level competition the Rangers fought against all day.

The four fencers benefited greatly from the experience of competing in the Regionals, especially the sophomores. "Competing in this tournament would be like the men's basketball team competing in the Division I basketball tournament," Rotunda said.

"Just the experience of competing with and learning from the fencers that compete for the Olympics was enough; we learned a lot just by going," Madison said.

Looking ahead to next year after such an excellent season, the Drew fencers might face a slight dropoff in performance. Or they might not.

The team is losing five seniors and four starters in Madison, Rotunda, McCaffrey, Jackson, and Adam Koch, equalling about half the starting squad. But with the likes of Wilson, Wilcox, and King returning, there is much experience left. Add in sophomore Taylor Huttner, who fenced very well in his first year, and the team may have a solid nucleus.

In addition, according to Rotunda, the team is looking to recruit several fencers who would help the team restore the great depth it had this season. Madison might return, as well, but this time as assistant coach.

Assistant coach Pieter Roos left the squad for Rhode Island, and Madison indicated that he may return to take Roos's place on the coaching staff next season.

Whatever happens, the team can be content with what it has achieved this year both individually and as a team. If it can acquire a deep squad comparable to this year's team, next year should again be a success.

Softball prepares for successful season in MAC

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The softball team will have a group of new faces, a new assistant coach, a new outfield fence, and will confront a new challenge in entering the Middle Atlantic Conference. But the Rangers still have the same old confidence they displayed in years past. Having lost only two starters from last season's 13-5 squad, the Rangers appear prepared for another successful season.

The only hindrance to accomplishing that goal seems to be getting the season started. The team was originally scheduled to compete during a Spring Break trip, but outside factors prevented that. Further delaying the season was last weekend's blizzard. A season scheduled to begin tomorrow now seems at least a week away.

"The delay has been kind of disappointing," senior Danielle Baraty said, "but the team has been dealing with it well. It's a long time to be practicing though."

The real effects of the delay may not be apparent until the season begins, however. Because of the recent inclement weather, the squad has been forced to practice indoors, thereby limiting real-game experience both offensively and defensively.

Coach Chris Parsons is not worried about the delay. "It won't do anything but make them more excited to play when they finally get out there," he said.

The strengths of this team undoubtedly begin with defense, especially in the infield. The cornerstones of the infield are the double-play combination of shortstop Baraty and Becky Lish at second base. Baraty, a senior and the team captain, and Lish, a junior, both have great range as well as strong bats.

Baraty, last year's Most Valuable Player,

batted .439 while leading the squad in runs scored (28), stolen bases (7), and on-base percentage (.566). Lish led the team in hitting at .476, good enough for tenth in the nation in Division III. She also added 17 RBIs.

Completing the infield, junior Samantha Hajjar returns at first base after hitting an impressive .316 last season and sophomore Sandy Pimentel, a solid defensive player, holds down the hot corner. The infield will also be bolstered by the return of senior Linda Herbert, who proved herself a solid hitter and run-producer two seasons ago.

Parsons said the play of both Pimentel and Herbert will be a key this season. "Hopefully Linda will add some punch to the lineup after losing Mel Morgan," he said. "I'm also looking for Sandy to step it up offensively."

Pimentel batted only .158 last season, but she is capable of much brighter stats and appears to have the inside track on the fifth spot in the batting order.

Behind the plate, the Rangers will once again see junior Alma Molato, another good defensive player and the team's leading run producer. The cleanup hitter for the squad, Molato produced a .360 batting average with two home runs and 19 RBIs.

If there is a weak spot on this squad, it will be found in the outfield, where two starters were lost from last year. However, Parsons prefers to downplay the situation.

"I wouldn't call it a weakness," he said. "It is simply a place where we have to develop. We have young players there and we will have to spend time with them and stabilize that area to the point we were last year."

The only returning outfield starter is junior Angela Savino. Parsons expects her to

step up and be the leader of the outfield this year in center field. Sophomore Laura Rachmiel appears to have the inside-track on left field, having played eight games in right field last season.

"Laura had a fair amount of time in the outfield last year," Parsons said. "This spring she has been working very hard and has shown a lot of improvement."

The final outfield spot appears to be a battle between three individuals—sophomore Wendy Menendez, first-year student Becky Morris, and senior Jen Edwards when she is not pitching.

With Edwards and sophomore Marissa Maziarz returning to the mound and first-year student Tracy Challies also joining the rotation, the pitching staff is the Rangers' other major strength. Maziarz led the team with an 8-3 record and 2.69 E.R.A. Edwards was 5-2 with a 4.43 E.R.A. and went the distance in six of her nine starts. Although those numbers are impressive, Parsons expects both women to improve this season.

"Marissa had no preseason last year, so this year she is getting a headstart," Parsons said. "I'm also looking for the same consistency out of Jen. She's a year more mature and I expect her not to struggle with her control as much. She doesn't throw overly fast, but if she throws strikes she's successful."

If Challies can produce, as Parsons expects, the Rangers will be in good shape, especially in light of the fact that the recent snow will force games to be rescheduled and make for some busy weeks.

"Having three quality pitchers is really going to help us in MAC games," Baraty said. "With a lot of doubleheaders, it will be a definite advantage. One or two pitchers will not have to carry the load."

Another advantage for this squad has been the addition of assistant coach Jill Herman, a three-time All-American at Trenton State, who also coached there for two years.

"Jill is wonderful," Herbert said. "She seems to know everything—the little things we have to do. For the first time we are having the catchers call pitches inside or outside. She has really helped us."

By strengthening those minor aspects of an already talented team, the Rangers seem poised for success. And by entering the MAC this season, the team can now set its sights on higher degrees of success than years past.

"There's a lot more to play for this year," Herbert said. "Our first year as a varsity team we played to prove ourselves. Last year was frustrating to the players because they had a good season but couldn't go anywhere beyond that. Now we have the playoffs to look forward to."

Although conference play will present more of a challenge to this squad, the players seem more than ready to face it.

"I think we will be right up there with the better teams in the conference," Baraty said. "We have the capabilities to go far this year. I'm looking forward to good things."

Such confidence by the players has not gone overlooked by Parsons, who expects this squad to be "every bit as strong as last year's team."

"The players have very high expectations of themselves," he said. "It's nice when the players have higher expectations than the coach."

Barring any major injuries, this team appears to have all the talent needed to make such high expectations a reality for both players and coaches.