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Congress plans cuts to student aid programs

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As part of the struggle to reduce the national budget, members of Congress are contemplating cuts of nearly \$20 billion in student aid over the next five years. The proposed plan, part of the Republican Contract with America, will eliminate deferred interest payments on Stafford Loans and raise interest rates on some federal loans. Campus-based programs, such as Federal Work-Study and Perkins Loans, may be cut altogether. Federal aid to students totaled \$31.4 million in 1993-94.

Eliminating Stafford Loan subsidies alone would save the nation \$9.6 billion per year and affect 819 Drew students, costing them a total \$336,000 in interest alone each year. The complete list of programs at Drew that stand to lose money is: the Federal Pell Grant Program, the Federal Supplemental Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), the Federal Work-Study Program (FWS), the Federal Perkins Loan Program, in addition to the In-School Interest Exemption for Stafford Loans.

University President Tom Kean addressed this issue when he spoke before the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Education, Arts and Humanities last Thursday. Responding to a request from President Clinton, Kean articulated his view of higher education in the United States.

"It should give us pause when income, not merit, determines whether a student will attend a community college, a public university or an elite private college," he said.

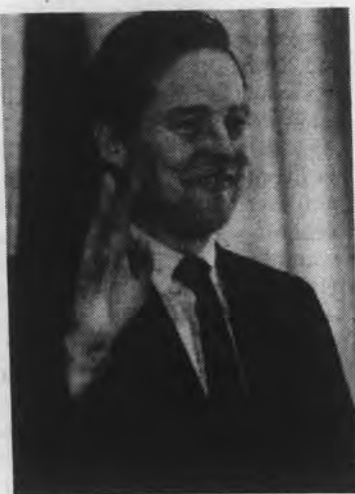
At a press conference following his testimony, Kean released a study which revealed that 89 percent of those surveyed supported continuing federal funding for financial aid. Support for student aid was "second only to [support for] Social Security," Kean said. The study questioned 1,000 people and had a margin of error of plus or minus three percent.

Despite the public support, "we have reason to believe that student aid is in real danger," Kean said. He stated that all federal loan programs to students are "on the chopping block." Based on his discussions with House members, he said that the deferment of interest on federally subsidized Stafford Loans is the program most at risk.

Currently, students can delay paying the interest on subsidized Stafford Loans until they leave their institution of higher learning. The cuts proposed in Congress would force students to pay interest on these loans while in school.

When asked how fellow Republicans felt about his opposition to the cuts, Kean said, "I'm sure that some of them don't like it." He stated that leaders in Con-

gress were not fully informed about financial aid. "[House Speaker Newt Gingrich] talked about lumping in the Pell pro-



THE ACORN FILE PHOTO

Kean advocates federal aid for students.

grams with Work-Study. He seemed to imply that everybody should work," Kean said. "Well, we told him that people who get

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CLA submits Strategic Plan

Joy Ellas
News Editor

After more than five years of work by faculty, a finalized College of Liberal Arts Strategic Plan was submitted to the CLA Board of Trustees Monday. The Plan was written by the Dean's Council and incorporates the recommendations made by task forces on academic programs, admissions, faculty issues, international and off-campus programs and technology, as well as discussions among faculty. It was approved at the Feb. 3 faculty meeting and will be discussed by the Trustees at a meeting scheduled for Feb. 17. The finalized version of the Plan has already been released to all students, faculty and administrators via E-mail.

Student representative to the Dean's Council Patrick Aylward, a sophomore, said that developing the Plan involved a great deal of effort and genuine concern on the part of all those involved. When asked about the feasibility of the Plan's extensive recommendations, he said "I can see [them] happening—I see it as something we're striving for."

The released report focuses primarily on the need to better utilize the unique resources and opportunities offered by the College so as to realize several long-range goals while improving its position in a highly-competitive secondary education market. According to the Plan, the CLA's strengths lie in experiential learning programs, continued innovative use of technology, increases in interdiscipli-

nary learning and strong individual relationships between faculty and students. The report recommends an expansion and a more cohesive use of these components to improve the CLA's academic program and increase its ability to attract new students.

The Plan enumerates several areas of immediate concern to the future operation of the College, ranging from students, faculty and facilities to experiential learning and the use of technology.

The report makes recommendations involving a number of new curricular programs, increased faculty resources and facilities renovations, among others. The Plan also includes several suggestions for raising the resources necessary to implement such plans. For

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Students protest housing policies

John Hwang
Assistant News Editor

On Dec. 16, a group of 80 students and their family members marched in demonstration by the Rose Memorial Library. The group, led by former Korean Caucus President Gye Ho Kim, protested what they claim are racist policies of the University. The protesters specifically singled out Vice President of Administration and University Relations Margaret Howard.

Two years ago, Theological student Joung Rae Park was involved in a car accident; his injuries forced him to withdraw from all classes. However, Park, who lived on campus with his family,

failed to complete the proper forms to officially take a leave of absence from the University. The administration found out only af-

ter the Business Office discovered that Park had not paid the semester's tuition.

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The first snow of winter



DARCY PAGGINS

After the first heavy snowfall of the season last weekend, several snowpeople, like this snowmyn, took up residence on campus.

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NEWSBRIEFS

D.U.C.T.S.
now hiring

The Drew University Computer Training Staff is now accepting applications. Responsibilities will involve educating future first-year students in WordPerfect, Quattro Pro, DOS, voice mail and the Campus-Wide Information System. Applicants must fill out a form over E-mail; interviews are mandatory. Questions? Call Ray Semiraglio at x3846.

Papers due

Students are reminded that Feb. 15 is the deadline to submit a paper or an abstract/summary for the two-day conference on "Women, Health and Development: The Cairo Conference and Beyond."

The essays should deal with issues related to reproductive health, reproductive rights, empowerment of women or gender equity and equality.

The conference will be held March 30-31, 1995.

Submissions should be sent to Kristine Aurbakken, Nora Colton, Dorene Isenberg or Wendy Dolmar.

Women's
Studies
Award

The Bessie Stak Schiffman Award is given annually to a graduating senior for outstanding achievement in academics and campus/community activities in women's studies.

Students may be nominated by a faculty member, a staff member, another student or by the student herself/herself.

In addition to the application, the student should submit a letter of support from a faculty member, a letter about the student's activism from anyone able to speak about the student's work and an example of the student's academic work in women's studies.

Nominations in writing are due to Wendy Kolmar in SWB 112 by March 1. Completed applications are due April 1.

SGA meeting

A Student Government Association meeting will be held Sunday at 6 p.m. in the faculty lounge in the Commons.

Sophomore Pat Aylward, the student representative to the Dean's Council, will give a presentation about the College Strategic Plan to the Senate.

The SGA is also expected to approve the 15 students who will make up the two new SGA committees: the Committee on Student Life and the Student Retention Committee.

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Candiotti explores application of technology

David Cennimo
Staff Writer

Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science Alan Candiotti assumed the position of Assistant Vice President of Technology in May of 1994. This placed him at the head of all the technological departments on the campus. Candiotti currently oversees three separate groups: Academic Technology, headed by Neil Clarke; Administrative Computing, run by Marsha Huber; and Technology Systems, under William Beyers.

Prior to his appointment, Candiotti was the Special Assistant to the Vice President for Academic Affairs. He chaired the math/computer science department for eight years and was also the chair of the College of Liberal Arts Budget Committee, the University Policy and Planning Committee during the 1980's and served as the at-large faculty member on the Dean's Council. In 1992, he was given the President's Distinguished Teaching Award and won a Gold D the following year.

Candiotti has far from given up his commitments in the classroom. "I will continue to advise students and to teach one class a semester," Candiotti said. "I do this because I enjoy the contact with the students and faculty. I do not want to lose touch with the students and their concerns."

Although there was some speculation that being Assistant Vice President would diminish his availability to teach class, Candiotti currently teaches advanced calculus. "I enjoy being in the classroom... being with the students. There is a certain purity to being a

full-time professor and searching for truth. I do have less of that," Candiotti remarked. "I will, however, continue to teach courses as they come up."

Far from losing touch, Candiotti will be responsible for formulating the technological direction of the campus. As a key participant in the negotiations for the computer packages issued to students, Candiotti will be faced with the many questions concerning what software to purchase as well as which computers the incoming class will receive.

Candiotti explained his reasoning for cutting back teaching and moving into the administration by saying, "This project is very important. It will effect the learning process on campus for a long time. I have been here 15 years, and I know Drew and its people. It is possible for me to do this, and it needs to be done."

In his new position, Candiotti will confront several issues that will have a direct impact on the technology used on campus. For example, the current system, whose backbone dates from 1988, often takes a tedious amount of time to download large programs. In addition, the system lacks the capabilities to fully utilize the audio and graphics available on the Internet.

Candiotti was the informal chair of a three-person committee which addressed this issue. In an effort to enhance the quality of this technology, "We are attempting to go into campus networking," Candiotti said.

The ultimate goal is to extend the LAN [Local Area Network] system that currently connects the Hall of Sciences, Brothers College and the University Library so that every building on campus is incorporated.



Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science Candiotti is currently playing a dual role as Assistant Vice President of Technology.

ECAB bans chalk

Ulcca Joshi
Staff Writer

The Extra Classroom Activities Board (ECAB) recently passed two new regulations which will affect the way Drew clubs and organizations carry out advertising campaigns for campus events.

In a vote taken during ECAB's Nov. 28 weekly meeting, regulations concerning the use of chalk as a means of advertising and the policy of advertisement removal after an event were approved.

As early as Nov. 2, concerns had been raised at ECAB meetings regarding the "defacement" of the campus by various campus organizations' advertising strategies.

The use of chalk in advertising was one of the first topics to be addressed, around the time of Parents' Weekend. According to ECAB Subboard Representative Benita Jain, a junior, "people had complained that the campus looked ugly and [they] had a problem with chalk all over."

Such concerns were originally raised during a Student Government Association meeting and were subsequently transmitted to ECAB by University Senators Matt Pacello and Josh Elboim, both juniors, in the hopes that ECAB would be able to effectively enforce policies regarding advertising because of its control of club budgets.

After considering several compromises in which only certain types of chalks in specific locations would have been banned, a suggestion was made to ban all types of chalks on all areas of the campus. This motion was passed by the Board, to the disappointment of some members. Jain explained her view, "[I think] writing in chalk is a good way to advertise; it's different and it's eye-catching... ECAB has always encouraged clubs to advertise, but now we're banning a very good

way of advertising because we think it makes the campus look bad," she said.

Elboim said, "I don't want to infringe on anyone's rights... I just had a problem with writing all over academic buildings and residence halls... [The administrators] spend enough money on the campus image, and advertising shouldn't destroy that image by having graffiti all over."

The chalk ban includes various provisions and applies to all clubs which depend even partially on ECAB for funding. All clubs will be responsible for the removal of advertising done in chalk in their name, regardless of whether or not the club solicited, overlooked or organized the advertisement.

Included in the motion was a suggestion that other campus organizations or offices concerned with maintaining campus appearance impose similar bans, in order to ensure a consistent policy.

In conjunction with the ban on chalk, ECAB passed another regulation regarding advertising clean-up. This was done in an effort to ensure that the campus would not become overcrowded with advertisements for events which had already passed, leaving no space for new advertisements and cluttering the campus' appearance. This policy also applies only to those clubs whose funding is provided, at least in part, by ECAB. If a club or organization has not made a significant effort to remove all major forms of advertising announcing an event by seven days after the event's completion (after five days a first-offense warning will be issued, with a two-day post-warning period), ECAB has the right to impose a fine. The fine, imposed after the second violation, will depend on the amount of funds allocated by ECAB for that academic year. Fines will range from \$50 to \$100 de-

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Admissions courts Class of '99

Ulcca Joshi
Staff Writer

Drew's Admission Advisory Committee and the Office of Admissions have been striving for the last few years to increase the number and the caliber of prospective Drew students. According to Dean of Admissions Roberto Noya and Professor of Theater Arts Buzz McLaughlin, a member of the Advisory Committee, the fruits of their efforts are becoming evident. According to Noya, the number of applications coming into the Admissions Office this year is up by between 11 and 15 percent from last year's figures. In addition, Drew is attracting a higher caliber of student than it has in past years. "Over the last five years we have made significant strides in the quality of students," Noya remarked. "We're reaching out to some of the best students in the country."

McLaughlin agreed. "We've slowly crept up in standards and quality," he said. "We're competing with schools which, ten years ago, we weren't competing with at all—the Vassars and the Swarthmores... We've left some of our old competitors far behind."

This rise in standards is indicative of the administration's desire to see Drew break into the "first tier of selectivity," as defined by guide books such as *Barron's*. However, standards are just one of the many factors considered when placing schools into their respective "tiers" in guide books. One of the traits by which they are inevitably judged—reputation—will probably take Drew the longest to develop, McLaughlin said. Drew's still-developing reputation is undoubtedly one of the more significant factors in the rather disappointing yield of accepted students during the last few years.

"The Vassars and the Swarthmores haven't lost their reputation," McLaughlin remarked of the new "league" of schools which Drew now competes against. "When students get accepted to these schools with a long reputation, they end up going there."

McLaughlin said he was certain that this decreased yield of students was due to a positive trend which is temporarily causing negative results. Noya agreed. "When you attract more and more top students, the yield is going to go down because of their options," he said.

During past years, faculty members have called admitted students to lend a more personal touch to the admissions process. This process often ended in a game of phone tag between the faculty member and the admitted student and sometimes proved to be more embarrassing than enlightening.

"You get a professor on the line and all of a sudden it's very uncomfortable for the student," McLaughlin said. The Phone-a-Thon process will now be run by interested Drew students who contact the Admissions Office.

The faculty will, for the first time, conduct a "Note-a-Thon" in an effort to personally reach out and increase the number of matriculating students. The Committee is hoping for at least 50 percent of the faculty members to volunteer a night in mid-March for the project. Pizza and beer will be served to encourage attendance. Faculty members will meet in Great Hall with student information cards and will write a handwritten note of about five lines to accepted students congratulating them on their acceptance.

"It's a pitch, but the medium is a message," McLaughlin said. "It will be hand-addressed; the student will open it, read a note from a professor

and hopefully get the message that someone took the time to do it. It will be a very personal note to them."

In addition, the chair of each department at Drew will send a more formal letter to students who have indicated interest in a specific major, and University President Tom Kean will send a letter to each admitted student and his/her parents.

"There is an awareness that we have to increase the yield [of accepted students]," McLaughlin said. "We'd like to change things so that the freshman class is around 375 students—what the college is geared for. The trouble [when we have too few students matriculating] is that the budget gets drained and we don't have the dollars to add to the programming or staffing needed to get everything running."

These issues are addressed by the new, as yet unapproved, College of Liberal Arts strategic plan. According to Noya, future plans will be based on this year's results.

"This is the first year [in a while] that we've been able to market all of our assets successfully. The gym is completed, opened and running; the dorms are renovated; Mead Hall is open and there are no trailers greeting visitors. We've really been able to put our best foot forward," Noya said. "The challenge has been balancing the goals of quality and diversity with tuition revenues, but we're glad we've been enjoying an increase in the number of talented students. When we see the outcome of [this year's applications] we'll be in better shape to make the next stage of decisions shaping policies."

ECAB regulates advertising

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pending on a club's ECAB budget and will be imposed every two days after the second offense until the majority of event advertisements have been removed. Any money which a club has to pay for fines cannot be ECAB-allocated, so clubs must find other means for paying fines. Offenses will be taken into consideration during the following year's budget allocation proceedings.

As with the chalk ban, clubs are responsible for removing all advertisements, regardless of whether or not its members were the actual distributors of the advertisements. Again,

ECAB suggested that all offices and organizations concerned with similar advertising problems pass similar policies.

The purpose of these two measures is, as Jain said, "a way to get clubs to do responsible advertising. [Our point] is not to paralyze them. Clubs shouldn't be so restricted that ECAB is making decisions for them and the point is not to pass regulations just for the sake of passing them. If there's a need, do it, but don't make ECAB a big bureaucracy that makes more work for people who want to begin a club."

CLA Plan nears completion

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example, the Plan asks that the College be given a larger percentage of the revenue it generates directly; even a slight increase, like a recommended five percent, would be enough to increase the CLA's operating budget by several hundred thousand dollars, according to Aylward.

Other ideas include reallocating existing resources and searching for ways to increase the endowment, as well as increasing the overall number of undergraduate students.

"I would [urge] every student to read it and talk to their professors about it," Aylward said. "It's not an empty sug-

gestion... It will work."

According to the report, other changes in the CLA's structure, such as the transition to 4-4 and the revised general education requirements also represent a movement toward the long-range goals made explicit in the Strategic Plan.

It is expected that the CLA Plan, together with the reports submitted by the Graduate and Theological Schools and a few other parts of the University mandated by the Presidential Planning Commission (PPC), will be combined to create a University-wide Strategic Plan to be presented to the University Board of Trustees.

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LEAD EDITORIAL

College aid faces axe

Drew is expensive—for students on federal aid the price is about to go up. This time the University has nothing to do with it. If the cost of college education suddenly skyrockets, we have only the 104th Congress of the United States to thank.

Featured in Republican Contract with America's "Fiscal Responsibility Act" are staggering cuts to federally funded and subsidized student aid.

If the bill passes, Drew and every other institution of higher learning will be hard hit by the repercussions. College students (who seem to be suffering from political laryngitis) are about to get screwed on an unprecedented scale.

Like most colleges and universities—both public and private—a significant number of Drew students are dependent on federal aid. 218 students at Drew University receive Federal Pell Grants, 351 students receive Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, and 264 students receive Federal Work-Study assistance. 314 receive Federal Perkins Loan Program assistance. Finally, 819 students receive an "interest exemption" on their Stafford Loans. In 1992-93 this exemption saved Drew students \$336,000.

Clearly, cuts to these funds would be of considerable consequence at the University in the Forest. Stripped of a significant portion of our aid, few students will be able to afford Drew's \$25,000 price tag. When we lose subsidies, Drew will simply lose. Strategic plans and noble goals matter little when prospectives cannot pay.

The issue reaches far beyond the confines of our community: personal financial crisis is only one facet of the Fiscal Responsibility Act. The message implicit in Congress's intended cuts is deplorable. In one motion, they have the potential to place higher education out of reach of all but the upper class. Is college education to be the exclusive privilege of those affluent enough to afford it?

In a nation where our higher education system is accounted to be the best in the world, it is ironic that our government seems determined to destroy it.

Moreover, cutting funding to the higher education system now will exact a far greater cost in the future. In a frenzy of flying "pork" and in the name of small government and a Republican mandate, our nation seems set on suicide.

Students, indeed the country, cannot afford to permit the plan to pass. We need to remind the Congress that for colleges across the country, excellence in a student body is not achieved by decapitating it. *The Acorn* urges everyone—students, administration, faculty, staff, parents—to write their representative.

Finally, this Saturday, a House Budget committee will hold a field meeting at the V.F.W. Post in Manville, N.J.—a town less than an hour away. They will meet again on Feb. 18, in Billings Mountain. We appeal to members of the Drew Community to take a stand and join with students in New Jersey, and across the nation, in protesting these cuts.

We cannot afford to stay silent.

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READER'S FORUM

Student gives his side of rumored UPB/SGA consolidation

To the Editor:

I have written this because it was suggested to me by some fellows that it would be a good idea to defend what I did, why I did it, where these supposedly wrongful accusations have come from, and other things of that nature. I want to start off by saying that on previous times I have refused to mention my sources for information to protect those that have told me what they have, but assuming as it seems now those that I wanted to protect are now trying to crucify me, I feel that there is no longer a need to protect them. I am sure that I made enemies by saying the things that I have said, and I am sure to make even more by naming names, but this time there is no other way around it...

...This article will certainly be a whistle blower if anyone cares to read it through all.

The first person to tell me of this plan was University Senator Matt Pacello, someone who is very strong and opinionated in the SGA. He brought it to my attention in the middle of the Jan Term this year and said that he and some others were coming up with a plan to bring the power back into SGA, something that sounds fine to me. It would give it a little more direction than what it has now, which is supposedly a bridge between administration and student opinion.

Matt Pacello went on to describe how some people in the administration were angry with the way funds were being wasted with certain organizations and that some of the extra fat would have to be trimmed. This was followed up by his comment that RHA and Living Council would be dissolved. He said that RHA does nothing but hand out cups to everyone and Living Council does absolutely nothing at all. He went on to say that ECAB should be reconstructed and greatly reduced, possibly also changed so much that it did not resemble ECAB at all. Thirdly, he said that UPB would be pulled back into SGA like it was long ago and made into a small committee with a much smaller budget. Apparently the small showing at the last speaker was not something that the administration and Mike McKitish thought highly of. I told him that I thought that this entire thing was a bad idea. The school needs programming and it has to stay separate from SGA simply because SGA is busy enough trying to handle its own internal problems.

I personally saw no way that programming could continue at this school if it was based mostly out of what was described to me as a four-senator committee headed by an appointed supervisor chair. Let alone that there would be no more RHA or Living Council, and that UPB would be nothing more than a little and understaffed SGA committee, I felt that this would be a horrible and very unthought out plan. But Matt said that he thought it would be good, and he would have to work it out with the big guy. At that time it was seemingly just a plan, but it was a plan that Matt was discussing in his circle of friends.

He discussed it with some people that I also talked to about the plan, including someone who is down here in Washington with me, and we all thought it would be a bad idea once you thought about it. Sure, it sounds good for the school to save where it can, but it should not be at the expense of the students. It was noted that what Matt Pacello was telling people seemed to be going in one ear and out the other.

...Like I said in my E-mail much more extensively, I did not think that this "Plan" was anything more than a possible plan, not a too serious. I did, however, write President Jason Clark a seven-page memo on this plan and the issues that would come. I suggested that it would be a bad idea for the people of this university to go through and

institute this plan. I also told him that I was thinking about running for a seat on UPB next year and that if he was getting tired of the constant fighting over in SGA that he should join UPB next year as a chair member. I also told Jason Clark that if this plan was instituted, then I would fight it with any means that I could, and that I would like him to get back to me via phone or Email on this issue ASAP. I placed it in the SGA mailbox before leaving for D.C. many weeks ago. I heard nothing about it since, telling me that either he did not think it was a subject worth talking about or it was a subject that he did not want to talk about. Either way, some sort of comment should have been made in response to this memo. I did not hear anything from him until a day after the message had gone through the E-mail system, unfortunately I was not here and did not get the message until late the following night. I still did not think much of this situation, simply because there was still no proof that it was anything more than a strong suggestion within some circles of the SGA and the wishes of some Administration.

Then some time went by and a phone call came in for me down here at Washington. It was from Laura Sarlo. She told me that something was happening at the last big meeting of the SGA... she told me about the issue that I mentioned in both the E-mail I sent out to you as a result of the phone call I had with her, as well as what I have described in this letter. I pressed her to answer my questions concerning the UPB, other programming, and where this was all coming from. She said that UPB was definitely getting reduced, and that there would be a new overseer to make sure of how much money was being spent on what activities, she said there would be no more RHA or Living Council when I asked her, and she said it was because Mike McKitish was angry and not happy with how the money was being spent on student activities that this reducing would take place, and she said that the lack of attendance at the last speaker did not help matters at all. I trust her comments since she shared many issues with me over the semester concerning SGA, and the fact that she has worked closely with Mr. McKitish tells me that what she was saying was all fact. She sounded firm and confident in what she was saying. She knew that I was not happy with the situation, but I doubt that she thought I would say anything about it. I honestly was not going to say anything en masse like I did, until she said what came next. I asked her if this would be something that would be set up down the road some time and she said no. It was going to be pushed through and instituted for next year... She said that it would be in place next semester...

After I got off the phone with her I began to think to myself what a screw job this was. Since being here at this school, I have seen it do many good things, Tom Kean bringing great speakers here, the building of a great new Forum, and other major accomplishments, and I have also seen it keep things a secret until the latest date, such as the canceling of the Summer Orientation for incoming first-years, pushing 4/4 on us hard, and cutting club funding.

Two years ago when I was in SGA I reported many issues over E-mail after I got out of each and every meeting, and sent you voice mail when something urgent was going down at a Town Meeting. Many of the things I reported were not for the students to know about at that time, but I reported them anyway. I figured that I was a senator to the SGA second behind being someone that the students could come to with questions about what was going on. Why should the SGA be keeping things secrets from their constituency. What did they think, this was real politics here?

I would not stand for these apparent secrets and pushing through of a plan. It would not be the first time that the Student Government tried to slip something past the populace, remember the little issue that occurred at the beginning

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The Real World

America's priorities are damaging our nation

John Siminoff
Opinions Editor



America has lost its sense of priorities. Any American who has been watching the news for the past several months should be aware of this; it isn't very hard to notice. From the highest echelons of the federal government on down to the smallest town, that much of America has lost its sense of what is really important.

The federal government's response to the ongoing baseball strike is a perfect example. President Clinton has devoted a good deal of time in the past week to this particular "national" dilemma. Newt Gingrich and Bob Dole are going to be meeting with repre-

sentatives of the baseball sides this week in order to make suggestions about resolving the problem. The president has been calling on Congress to take the time to create and pass a bill forcing the baseball unions and owners to accept binding federal arbitration.

To have the three most powerful political figures in the United States spending their time trying to solve a sports strike while such things as the Bosnian slaughter, Mexico's state of near-bankruptcy (a country which was recently guaranteed 20 billion dollars, a sum that was withdrawn from our currency stabilization fund leaving the dollar dangerously vulnerable in foreign currency markets), and Russia's political problems continue is absurd. The priorities of our political leaders are obviously not in sync with reality in this case. Baseball is an issue that fans

and players should be dealing with, not world leaders.

But this problem seems to be worming its way through many parts of our society. On the news recently, I learned of a whale that got lost itself in the mouth of a river somewhere on the East Coast. The Coast Guard spent more than one million dollars in ship, helicopter, and crew time to insure the whale found its back to open water. This is a fine heart-warming story. Several people from environmental and animal rights groups were interviewed about how they assisted the coast guard guiding this wayward mammal back to freedom. If the coast guard has so little to do that whale navigation has become part of their mission, then I would say mothball the unwanted ships and give the money to private soup kitchens that feed and warm the home-

less. Similarly, I doubt that any of the people involved in the 72 hour whale watch/rescue would do the same thing during a cold snap to help the homeless of New York City.

But it is not just the government and its agencies that are to blame. The American people have seemingly lost their sense of reality. The fact that the O.J. Simpson trial has become the network news does not indicate a population interest in more pertinent news. The explosion of T.V. talk shows about things that are nothing but society's lowest possible denominator drive or those fine news programs like *A Current Affair* or *Hard Copy* that consist of nothing but the finest tabloid journalism, are more than circumstantial evidence of a country that does not care about real problems. This nation, it seems, would rather

drown itself in a sea of useless sewage that masquerades as media.

The next time we are sitting at our televisions and there is nothing on worth watching, then turn it off. If you really like *Hard Copy*, then watch it; after all, it is a free country and you have the right to watch what you want, including whales that need saving, Nazi Lesbian Drug-abusing Transsexuals on Geraldo, and even do your part as a good American to help end the baseball strike. Reality will continue to elude many.

Our political situation should be enough to convince anyone. Half of America doesn't vote, and many of those who do only vote in national elections, leaving state and local government to those of us who care. Americans need a new set of priorities, and they need it soon.

Valentino E-mail causes unnecessary turmoil

Frank Forte
Staff Writer

Over the past few days, there have been conflicting E-mail messages regarding leaked secrets and cuts in campus social funding. Though I am only a first-year student, I feel compelled to add my analysis to the raging debate at hand. If you want to foster controversy, distrust, and separation, Valentino, this is the way to do it. The issue raised immediately is who's telling the truth? A "leaked" memo like this does not unite the campus. One wonders if Valentino's message was part of a personal vendetta against a faculty member. The writer is, after all, off campus until next fall when all this will have blown over. Or, is the response a cover-up? The writers are, after all, on the SGA.

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Joe Houde
Staff Writer

I saw the movie *Disclosure* over break. I also read several articles criticizing it for a "mistreatment" of the issue of sexual harassment. I will grant that the movie does not present itself very well; however, the original book by Michael Crichton does a much better job. I blame Hollywood for the problems of the movie *Disclosure*, rather than Crichton himself. In fact, I think Crichton brings up several valid points about sexual harassment.

First, sexual harassment is about power. This statement was made several times with little subtlety throughout the movie. In this case, a more powerful supervisor sexually harasses a subordinate. The supervisor is a woman, Meredith Johnson, while the subordinate is a man, Tom Sanders. This is what caused the cries of outrage. Feminist groups were appalled by the representation of a woman as a sexual harasser. To them, this is an impossible situation.

tion, as the case may be. Valentino's letter said that he released the information because he did not feel it was right to keep quiet about something that affects people. I guess that's why he re-

isted. You cannot release what does not exist.

I do have a couple comments concerning the original letter. UPB does some nice things on campus. Still, I wonder whether the Univer-

Dec. 7 UPB-sponsored lecture by Robert Zelnick which cost a huge chunk of money and was attended by 20 or 30 people. The letter says this event started the plan by Mr. McKitish which

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vealed the names of those who leaked the information since it affects Vice President of Finance and Business Affairs Mike McKitish.

This does nothing to bring out facts in a manner suitable for discussion. Students don't know who to believe, and something like this "hurts the credibility of all involved. Sometimes information is not released for a purpose. In this case, it seems that the plan never really had a chance, or never really ex-

posed a social life. I can't say that I ever sat in my room on a weekend bored to tears wishing that UPB had planned something for me to do. Personally, between school work, outside projects I do, and, yes, the friends I have, I have never been bored. People who leave a school because there is "no social life" will never be happy because they cannot create one for themselves.

The original letter cites the

was leaked to Valentino a few months ago.

This is only the beginning of February, not enough time to get incensed, draw a plan, submit it at a meeting (the last one with minutes on the CWIS was in November), and have the proposal simmer for a while. This is not possible. If there was concern about the lack of people at this event, good! We have an interested and involved administration. But this is just one of the in-

Sexual harassment a problem for both sexes

Women, who have been the victims for so long, could not possibly victimize others.

The issue Crichton presents is one of power, not of gender. The harassment in this case is simply used as an instrument of power and manipulation, actually a small part of a larger conspiracy, and it has little to do with sex.

Johnson's ultimate was to remove Sanders from the company, so that she could blame him for mistakes she had made. Her arrangement for being sexually harassed would have worked any way she did it; if they did sleep together, she could use the threat of disclosure just as well as her threat of sexual harassment. This threat of an accusation, regardless of truth, is an interesting aspect of Crichton's story. He explains in his book that no man is accused of sexual harassment. An accusation implies possibility of acquittal. Men are simply guilty of sexual harassment, regardless of what any arbitrator decides. A man accused of harassment, accord-

ing to Crichton, suffers greatly. He will lose his job with little chance of being hired anywhere else, he may lose his wife due to the implied infidelity, and then his children because he is now a pervert of some sort. This stigmatization is questionable even if the man did harass the woman, and for someone who did not commit the act, it is a cruel and unwarranted punishment.

Crichton makes an addition to his statement about harassment—as power, one which refutes an argument posed against his story over and over. The argument against a female

as the harasser is that less than 10 percent of harassment cases are filed by men against women. The point he makes in his book refutes that argument is that less than 10 percent of the executive work force is comprised of women. Working on the premise that harassment is an exercising of power, this leads to the conclusion that the chance of a female executive being a harasser is as likely as the chance of a male executive being one. This is a decidedly unpopular view, but not an unfounded one.

So, what can we bring away

from *Disclosure* other than memories of a bad sex scene? The message of the book, and to some extent the movie, is that sexual harassment is not only a women's issue. Men are vulnerable to it in two separate ways: they may be harassed, or they may be wrongly accused of harassment. This accusation does not need stem from a conspiracy; it could be simply a misunderstanding. The issue is of concern to both sexes, and it needs to be cleared up. The ambiguity, subjectivity and stigma involved with sexual harassment make it a dangerous topic in business.

President Kean's next
open office hour will be
Wednesday, Feb. 15 at
11 a.m.

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Campus uproar over rumored UPB/SGA upheaval

Valentino, McKitish, Kean, Reagan—Who should Drew believe?

Michael Barret Jones
Staff Writer

Too, too often we hear the cry of "There's Nothing To Do!" around campus, particularly on the weekends. Students wander paths looking dazed and dreary, forcing themselves to find something in the dead winter nights. Last weekend, we were given a reprieve from the deadly boredom by a wonderful snowstorm which gave Drew's students the chance to go traying (sledding seems an inappropriate word), cross-country skiing and building snow people. We also occupied ourselves destroying, altering and vandalizing said snow people. But this article isn't about snow people. It is about the boredom that led to the destruction of the snow people. You see, something else happened this weekend that got the student body very excited. In fact in many ways, the student body geared itself up for a crisis—that never was. Sometime on Sunday, an E-mail message from junior Al Valentino began circulating around campus on the backs of various and sundry distribution lists. This E-mail maintained that Vice President of

Finance and Business Affairs Mike McKitish was looking into a program to cut the funds of the University Programming Board, or in some way redistribute them to, among other organizations, the Student Government Association. It warned against such a plan and told us to E-mail Mr. McKitish with our opposition to such a tactic. Conversations started around mealtime: "It's February, The Administration is Trying To Screw Us!" Notebooks from the "We Have No Voice" campaign were reviewed, poster slogans were being thought of, the non-apathetic parts of the student body seemed on the verge of another "Save Our (your cause here)" campaign.

Monday was spent planning. Tuesday morning, an E-mail from SGA President Jason Clark appeared campuswide denying that any such plan existed. The students, all too familiar with last year's election battles between Clark and Valentino raised an eyebrow and dropped their posters. Clark's E-mail outlined two committees formed to study student life as the source of the rumors. One committee would study the

"Quality of Life" at Drew; the other, retention of students by Drew. These committees were also described in interviews I had with Dean of Student Life Denise Alleyne, McKitish and University President Tom Kean on Tuesday. McKitish stated, very plainly, "We don't intend to cut student funding at all," several times through our discussion. Alleyne's response to Valentino's suggestions was, "It's all news to me! I don't know!" Kean informed me that Al Valentino's E-mail, which he had read, was the first suggestion he had EVER heard about cutting student funds. In fact, he seemed so generally surprised by this announcement that it reminded me of the benign innocence of Ronald Reagan during his darkest years.

So, it seemed Valentino's E-mail was unfounded and inaccurate. His personal follow-up email to me, however, puts a new twist on the affair. He names three members of SGA who discussed a plan with him, and even quotes one of them as saying that he had "ruined everything." These three students have been thus far unreachable for comment. Perhaps they can shed

some light on our mini-non-crisis? Or is our university perhaps beginning to resemble the Reagan administration? Are John Poindexters and Ollie Norths running through the student government trying to manipulate power? Or, is Al Valentino just, in fact, a creative and extremely charismatic author? Your humble columnist is still working on an answer.

Meanwhile, it is interesting to note that the students actually looked forward to a crisis of this stature. Is it because we ARE bored? Is it because ANY evaluation of student life that looks toward its improvement is a good thing? Is it because we are scared of another 4/4 as Al Valentino suggests? The real question that looms over this entire issue was brought up independently by all three administrators in my interviews with them. Why are students at Drew bored? As UPB's Deb Pierce pointed out, there are events every weekend this semester, without taking into account individual club programming, groups like DUDS, That Medieval Thing!, and spontaneous events. What's wrong with what we have? Why aren't we

going to events we have? Why do we sit in our rooms drinking every weekend? Why are events like Kuumba's Welcome Back Jam so poorly attended? The answers exist somewhere. They may not be answers that the community likes, but in a series of reports, The Lima Bean will try to figure out, as is its mission, how to make Drew better. The real question may be related to our slogan: Drew and You—Who's Boring Who?

This week's award goes to two women who are often seen and felt but rarely thanked for the enormous tasks that they do for the students of this university. Who makes sure, in the end, that we have all we need to graduate? Our advisors don't sit on the first floor of Tighman House. Fortunately for us, Carol Grews and Carol Summers do. As the members of Ken Cole's office who review all student records, they have been hard at work for the last two weeks making sure that no one in the senior class is surprised on May 20. Thank you Carol and Carol!

New Republican legislation endangers Constitution

John Hwang
Assistant News Editor

I was flipping through the Contract With America the other day (okay, I was skimming it up and down; it's a pretty small document considering the number of people it is supposed to encompass). Funny thing about this contract, it seems to have some fine print that's so small that it almost appears as if the Republicans failed to mention it. Certainly I would not want this oversight left unresolved, so here it is: the Republicans decided to leave out the part of the contract that spits on the Constitution and tells you to pack your rights into a little box and ship it to Canada.

Okay, I'm being silly, but blatant ridicule is the only reaction I can think of when a group of legislators consider a bill that would allow police the power of legal search and seizure as long as they act in good faith. In other words, the police can break down your door—or break into your car, your bags, etc.—and confiscate any substances, documents, materials or information that would normally

be taken only under authority of a search warrant. In turn, anything confiscated can be admissible in court.

For those of you who are a little unclear on the matter—all of this is currently illegal. The Constitution guarantees us protection against, for example, the police simply confiscating your car to search it for drugs, or tearing your house apart to find contraband items, or even downloading your computer files to search for seditious material. The authorities have the power to do this only after obtaining a search warrant; a search warrant can be obtained only after establishing probable cause. On some occasions, if probable cause is established, an officer can bypass the search warrant.

However, probable cause is something that is at least somewhat concrete and can thus be proven in a courtroom. This proposed bill attempts to give officers the power to even bypass probable cause—just as long as they think that what they're doing is legal and okay.

In other words, police officers

can break into your house and destroy everything, realize that they read the address wrong and hit the wrong house. According to this bill, it's okay. Therefore, you can seek no compensation through legal measures because the police acted in good faith.

Do any bells go off yet? The fact that this proposal tries to utterly defy the Constitution is bad enough, but what it does is completely throw away the common sense that lead our founding fathers to include the illegal search and seizure law into the Bill of Rights.

The only legal channels a person has to seek compensation for a mistaken search and seizure are obviously legal channels. All legal proceedings are based on evidence. The only evidence that a police officer has to show that he was acting in good faith is his or her own word. This does nothing but create a huge loop hole that nothing can get through.

An officer can, for whatever reason (he/she might simply hate you), call for a search and seizure of your car. The officer can then simply tell the judge that he/she was act-

ing in good faith, or at the very least come up with a reasonable lie to explain how he/she had good faith. Then, the entire search and seizure is legal.

The whole reason that the drafters of the Bill of Rights declared this illegal was that they knew the problems it would cause. It basically protected us from the possibility of corrupt authority. This bill is unconstitutional and

borders on fascism. While trying to make the legal process easier for those in authority, the bill totally forgets that in our government, you always have to consider people innocent until their guilt is "beyond a reasonable doubt".

Hopefully the members of Congress will come to their senses and stop this Constitutional god-plot; there are more important, and legal, issues to discuss.

Community appeals for understanding

Rachel Venier
Joy Tomasko

For eight years, the Womyn's Concerns House has been a presence on campus. Due to a recent incident, we believe we need to reintroduce ourselves and our purpose within the community.

With the arrival of the first major snow, many snow people beautifully appeared all over campus. On our front lawn, one such person was born, a snow goddess.

Snow people are made in fun and ours was no exception. Yet, sometime early Sunday morning, a beer bottle was placed in the region of her vagina and blue paint covered her breasts and pubic area. This can not be perceived as a joke nor even as a joke taken too far. It was a cruel act that desecrated the image of a woman's body in a purely sexual form.

This is especially hurtful considering the Womyn's Concerns House is meant to create a safe space on campus. We do not exude a hostile attitude and do not invite one in return. Hannan House welcomes everyone who will enter it with an open mind. Our goal is not to assimilate the values of "others" to those of "ourselves." Rather, we exist to create a dialogue among differing perspectives on campus

and to raise consciousness by asking questions and listening to various perceptions. Within the house, we recognize that each of us comes from a unique background which our attitudes and perceptions are shaped by. We do not want to deny anyone his or her positionality. The hostility of this recent unprovoked act suggests that either others do not wish to enter dialogues with us or that others perceive us as hostile and isolationist. The latter assumption is clearly false.

Members of the house community have an active voice on campus. We are Emily Keyishian, Joy Tomasko, Sarah Oakley, Kevin Healey, Michael Barret Jones, Liz Kneec, Rachel Venier, Kasten Davis, Jenne Micala, Sara Ehasz, Danielle Lytle, Heather Wright, Nan Turner, and Brenda Koenig. We are involved in Peacemakers, ECAB, TOE, the Pub, DUDS, Dust, WMNJ, the bookstore, the library, the Dance Club, the Alliance, the Young Republicans, PAN, and so on.

You've seen us on campus, you know who we are, you have classes with us. Would you degrade our values in front of us or anyone who shares them? We believe, perhaps optimistically, that you would not want to.

A different set of minutes from last faculty meeting

Jessica Papin
Executive Editor



For those students who have never had the good fortune to attend College of Liberal Arts Faculty meeting and bear personal witness to a 100 or so squirming, occasionally snoring, professors, I respectfully submit my own version of the minutes from the Feb. 3 meeting.

It is customary for professors to arm themselves with coffee and cookies before the meeting gets underway. This is no accident. In providing a generous supply of caffeine and sugar, the administration prevents flagrant displays of disrespect and outright boredom. By remaining mostly alert through interminable hours, professors save face and preserve academic reputation.

Friday's meeting was no exception. Some professors double-fisted coffee cups, leaving a trail of cookie crumbs from bulging pockets. The real business of the meeting did not get underway until everyone was well fortified with cookies and coffee.

And the real business was big. In a flourish of trumpet fanfare, the Dean's Council unveiled the College's brand new Strategic Plan. I liked it. It reminded me of the sort of careful strategic analysis I used to do every December ... except I called it my Christmas

wish list.

Even the timing was right. The College's Strategic Plan was a holiday arrival, that had, with much promise, been heralded by a pantheon of administrative prophets. I've no doubt that a star shone bright in the sky over Madison the night it was completed. Interestingly, this particular plan was not begot by the P.P.C., the entity that

hands shot up. Professors suggested revisions, others revised the revisions, editing for grammar, clarity, and their own particular bias. It's interesting to note that when given the chance, professors profess to one another, as well.

One faculty member was uncomfortable with the fact that the plan did not list students of Hispanic descent among populations

Brilliant. Accurate. Everyone accounted for, no ethnicity excluded.

Barreling along that same vein, someone recommended adding a bit about gender too.

There was more scribbling, crossing out and rearranging. Finally, the new revised, amended and reamended version proclaimed the University's goal to

"We need students; we're broke." Thus the note-a-thon was born. Bribed with pizza and beer, faculty were asked to donate one hour of their time, join together, and send off a thousand or so hand written notes to wealthy prospective freshmen. Apparently, the bottom line is that with the world falling apart, Republicans in office, and a rest stop named for Howard Stern, wealthy pubescents determine the fate of higher education.

I thought was supposed to be responsible for this glorious nativity. Instead the Dean's Council wrote it over Janterm to appease the Board of Trustees who, according to some, have grown impatient in their lofty realms.

The much beleaguered members of the Dean's Council submitted an 18 page report to the faculty for group editing. To recreate the scene, imagine attempting to write a paper with 100 randomly selected classmates, few of whom actually agree with you. Challenging.

And so, wedged behind awkward formica desks, heads propped securely on elbows, seated in ergonomically designed, Hall of Science chairs, the University faculty listened as the revision process began. Various passages were read,

to be targeted for admission. She moved to add "students of Hispanic descent" to the text of the plan.

There was a general feeling of agreement, and everyone in the room bent their heads to their paper, making the necessary changes.

Then another professor raised his hand. Uncomfortable with specifying particular groups, he recommended making the targets more general.

Once again there were murmurs and nods of agreement.

But how to do it? What to say? The 100 or so professors in the room chewed on this a while.

Finally, someone proposed stating that Drew is targeting a class that reflects the racial and ethnic diversity of graduating high school students.

However, there is a huge difference.

At Drew, those of you who are RA's or RD's will understand this well, our RA's and RD's are not

looked up to, and in fact, many times they are avoided like the plague. This is not to say that our RA's and RD's are necessarily bad people. To the contrary, I happen to have befriended some of the RA's and RD's on Drew campus and see them as people who are simply in a position of power that was given to them because of their trustworthiness, honesty, and ability to deal with different people on campus at different points in their life as well as dealing with their own problems. In a sense, at least on Drew campus, this is a blessing as well as a curse.

The way Administration has required these selected few to act is at times no more than warden-like: seek and punish. I know that we have heard many stories in the past where an RA or RD has been nothing but a super sleuth awaiting a chance to nab anyone breaking the infinite amount of rules that the Drew Administration demands be enforced upon students. Sooner or later, these people forget how to be human. They simply follow orders as would a well-trained German Shepherd. And if an RA has the audacity to be human, and is not just a mindless guard-dog, they may be dismissed unless they are quick and quiet enough to get away with "being human."

You may question "What's your point?" And that is good because that is my question to the Administration. Are we not all adults striving to become intellectual superstars after we leave this haven of knowledge? Are we not here to grow as an individual as well as a part of a team? Are we not here to learn how to take responsibility for our own actions? And are not the people here that teach us supposed to guide us in the right path and not blindly slap the hand that pays their wage and provide only dead-ends instead of options?

My question is, does the Ad-

ministration know that if you treat someone like a child, it will evoke a child-like response? If they do know this then stop, dammit! Don't terminate, someone's education because they screw up. To do this in many cases is to terminate their education period. They may lose faith in themselves and in the system that put them here. If a student screws up, you explain how to solve the problem. If you fail a paper, your job as a student is to ask your professor "Why?" The job of the professor is tell you why and give you a way to change that grade into an "A" when you write the next paper. If a child falls off his/her bicycle, do you tell the child to stop riding the bicycle and have the child go to his/her room? No, you give the child advice so that the child will eventually be able to ride alone. So why is it that I only see this mentality at McGill University. Why don't we see this type of mentality here at this repository of knowledge, justice, and virtue that we call Drew. Why are the Administration and people hired to help untouchable? Why are the people of this institution not guiding, but only giving ultimatums?

In McGill, every student looks up to their FloorFellow or Assistant director. Why? Because the administration treats their students as if they were adults. They know their students will drink, smoke, and use drugs, they do not deny it, but they do not hide it or send the students away. The Assistant director or FloorFellow will give advice, real advice, instead of telling the Administration to get rid of him or her. No one wants to fail, so why let them? If they fail, pick them up; if they stray off the path, guide them. But for the student's sake, for the sake of being a "human being," do not hide them, commit them, or condemn them. Teach them, because that is what this institution was built for.

Drew resident advisors need change of attitude

Darren DeMarco
Staff Writer

Recently, I returned from a trip in Montreal, Canada where I vis-

ited a friend who attends McGill University. My friend happens to be an Assistant director, which has a job description similar to that of our Resident directors here at Drew.

However, there is a huge difference.

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VALENTINO, from page 4
of last semester dealing with an issue that Senator Pat had kept from the student body for some time? That is when I decided that the best way to get the word out about what was going on was by way of E-mail, and since there would be no way to get it out over system distribution, I would have to resort to using my and many other persons' lists. I figured that people would read it, understand what I had heard from two heavies of the SGA, and do what every person should do, question what was happening.

The fact that Jason Clark had not responded to my message at all, the fact that I have heard of nothing that the SGA has been doing directly from the entity of SGA itself, and the fact that I have heard nothing from my class senators the entire semester other than that the junior senior semi-formal was going to be held told me that they were not believing in sharing what they were doing, so it was up to an outside source to be a whistle blower on the situation. What ever happened to the SGA newsletter, the informational articles in the Acorn, the video taping and airing of the meetings?

The only way I knew about what was going on in the SGA was by talking with senators in a teeth-pulling manner... So I sent out the E-mail message and wrote the letter to Mike McKitish about how I was concerned about this plan that was in the works. I still have yet to get a reply back from that item as well.

I knew that I would be starting up a hornet's nest by doing this, but I thought it worth it. Laura called me back the night I sent out the message to everyone... I was told that I had no idea how much trouble I would cause by this letter and that I had ruined everything now. She said the entire SGA is mad now, and does not know what to

do. I expected that to happen. I also thought that by doing this the SGA would come forward with what they wanted to do and tell everyone about it, of course saying that it was not as serious as I described it would be, but the next step would be for them to take your opinion on the idea.

I did not think that they would deny the item outright. After reading the E-mail that Jason Clark sent out, and reading a few senators' remarks that were sent to me by confused freshmen, it seems ridiculous to think that they would say that nothing like this ever was planned. How could they pass off the idea that there was never talk of this issue. Other people had heard the same plan that I had heard. I talked with these people; they knew the same thing I knew. This was getting ridiculous, and dangerous for me and my reputation. I was one known to tell it like it was, no sugar coating. I support as many functions on this campus as I can, I go to double that amount of sports events here at the school. I would not do anything to turn this place the way it was now on purpose, for no valid good reasons. What does SGA think they can do by sending out a statement like that to every person on this campus?

I did not make this up out of thin air, there is no way in hell that I could have come up with something like this, I heard it and reported exactly what was told to me in person and on the phone line. And the most intriguing part of this entire operation is that they admit hard that they know nothing about it. Well, I have in my presence a letter sent to me by SGA member Abigail Gemme. In that letter she states that she knew all about the plan I spoke of. How strange it is that one senator knew about this plan while all others deny it. Anyone interested in reading this state-

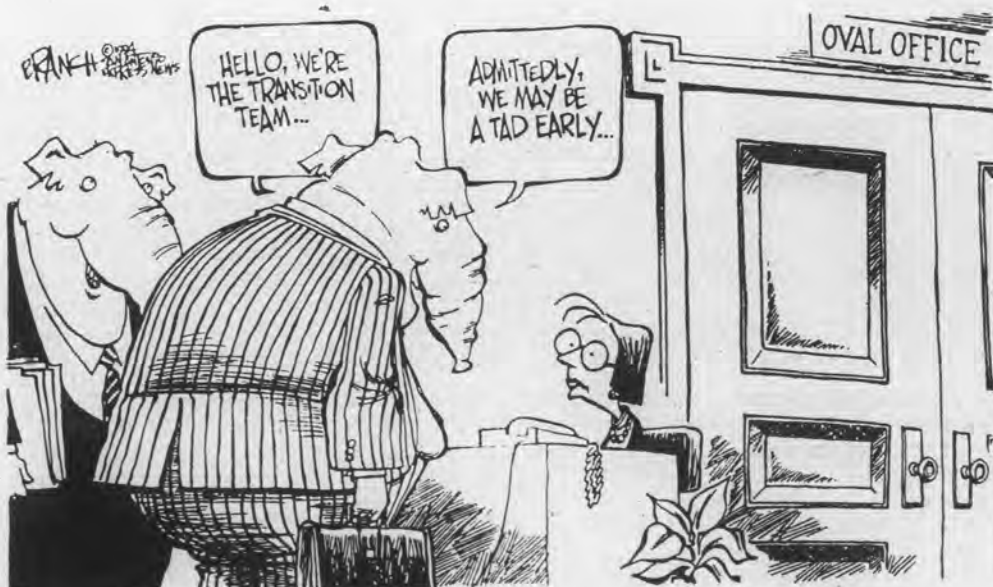
ment, I will gladly send a forwarded copy of it to your personal account.

It appears that some members of the SGA believe in the deny, deny, deny actions. Well, due to the gallant message from Ms. Gemme, they can not deny any longer. It is not uncommon for government organizations to deny their apparent actions when they reach the public—Nixon denied Watergate, Clinton denies Whitewater, Reagan denied Contra-gate. I am not sure what this means for those in SGA, or any of the rest of us. I know for me that it means that I have probably lost some friends, but I honestly don't mind it all that much now that I know that all the old organizations are back in a hub of safety.

I am amazed that so many of you cared enough to do what you did for me. You put your trust in me from experience, and you well know that I would not lead you wrong. I would kill myself first and you know that is the truth. Well, that is it, now you know the complete and utter truth. If SGA was so worried about rumors getting out, or what they would consider half truths, maybe they should get out the message of what they are doing instead of being such a secret group.

Better yet, they should tell us the truth outright and not worry about playing little political games. I hope you understand what I have done and why I have done it. Like I said in my E-mail, I had nothing to gain by the SGA loss in all honesty, and we all had everything to gain by keeping our student activities strong. I hope you hold nothing against me due to me rating out on this plan, and I hope you will appreciate my risk taking here. Enjoy the semester, and let it be more relaxed than this beginning.

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Too, too often we hear the cry of "There's Nothing To Do!" around campus, particularly on the weekends. Students wander paths looking dazed and dreary, forcing themselves to find something in the dead winter nights. Last weekend, we were given a reprieve from the deadly boredom by a wonderful snowstorm which gave Drew's students the chance to go traying (sledding seems an inappropriate word), cross-country skiing and building snow people. We also occupied ourselves destroying, altering and vandalizing said snow people. But this article isn't about snow people. It is about the boredom that led to the destruction of the snow people. You see, something else happened this weekend that got the student body very excited. In fact in many ways, the student body geared itself up for a crisis that never was.

Sometime on Sunday, an E-mail message from junior Al Valentino began circulating around campus on the backs of various and sundry distribution lists. This E-mail maintained that Vice President of

Finance and Business Affairs Mike McKitish was looking into a program to cut the funds of the University Programming Board, or in some way redistribute them to, among other organizations, the Student Government Association. It warned against such a plan and told us to E-mail Mr. McKitish with our opposition to such a tactic. Conversations started around mealtime: "It's February, The Administration is Trying To Screw Us!" Notebooks from the "We Have No Voice" campaign were reviewed, poster slogans were being thought of; the non-apathetic parts of the student body seemed on the verge of another "Save Our (your cause here)!" campaign.

Monday was spent planning. Tuesday morning, an E-mail from SGA President Jason Clark appeared campuswide denying that any such plan existed. The students, all too familiar with last year's election battles between Clark and Valentino raised an eyebrow and dropped their posters. Clark's E-mail outlined two committees formed to study student life as the source of the rumors. One committee would study the

"Quality of Life" at Drew; the other, retention of students by Drew. These committees were also described in interviews I had with Dean of Student Life Denise Alleyne, McKitish and University President Tom Kean on Tuesday. McKitish stated, very plainly, "We don't intend to cut student funding at all," several times through our discussion. Alleyne's response to Valentino's suggestions was, "It's all news to me! I don't know!" Kean informed me that Al Valentino's E-mail, which he had read, was the first suggestion he had EVER heard about cutting student funds. In fact, he seemed so generally surprised by this announcement that it reminded me of the benign innocence of Ronald Reagan during his darkest years.

So, it seemed Valentino's E-mail was unfounded and inaccurate. His personal follow-up email to me, however, puts a new twist on the affair. He names three members of SGA who discussed a plan with him, and even quotes one of them as saying that he had "ruined everything." These three students have been thus far unreachable for comment. Perhaps they can shed

some light on our mini-non-crisis? Or is our university perhaps beginning to resemble the Reagan administration? Are John Poindexters and Ollie Norths running through the student government trying to manipulate power? Or, is Al Valentino just, in fact, a creative and extremely charismatic author? Your humble columnist is still working on an answer.

Meanwhile, it is interesting to note that the students actually looked forward to a crisis of this stature. Is it because we ARE bored? Is it because ANY evaluation of student life that looks toward its improvement is a good thing? Is it because we are scared of another 4/4 as Al Valentino suggests? The real question that looms over this entire issue was brought up independently by all three administrators in my interviews with them. Why are students at Drew bored? As UPB's Deb Pierce pointed out, there are events every weekend this semester, without taking into account individual club programming, groups like DUDS, That Medieval Thing!, and spontaneous events. What's wrong with what we have? Why aren't we

going to events we have? Why do we sit in our rooms drinking every weekend? Why are events like Kuumba's Welcome Back Jam so poorly attended? The answers exist somewhere. They may not be answers that the community likes, but in a series of reports, The Lima Bean will try to figure out, as is its mission, how to make Drew better. The real question may be related to our slogan: Drew and You—Who's Boring Who?

This week's award goes to two women who are often seen and felt but rarely thanked for the enormous tasks that they do for the students of this university. Who makes sure, in the end, that we have all we need to graduate? Our advisors don't sit on the first floor of Tilghman House. Fortunately for us, Carol Gates and Carol Summers do. As the members of Ken Cole's office who review all student records, they have been hard at work for the last two weeks making sure that no one in the senior class is surprised on May 20. Thank you Carol and Carol!

New Republican legislation endangers Constitution

John Hwang
Assistant News Editor

I was flipping through the Contract With America the other day (okay, I was skimming it up and down; it's a pretty small document considering the number of people it is supposed to encompass). Funny thing about this contract, it seems to have some fine print that's so small that it almost appears as if the Republicans failed to mention it. Certainly I would not want this oversight left unresolved, so here it is: the Republicans decided to leave out the part of the contract that spits on the Constitution and tells you to pack your rights into a little box and ship it to Canada.

Okay, I'm being silly, but blatant ridicule is the only reaction I can think of when a group of legislators consider a bill that would allow police the power of legal search and seizure as long as they act in good faith. In other words, the police can break down your door—or break into your car, your bags, etc.—and confiscate any substances, documents, materials or information that would normally

be taken only under authority of a search warrant. In turn, anything confiscated can be admissible in court.

For those of you who are a little unclear on the matter—all of this is currently illegal. The Constitution guarantees us protection against, for example, the police simply confiscating your car to search it for drugs, or tearing your house apart to find contraband items, or even downloading your computer files to search for seditious material. The authorities have the power to do this only after obtaining a search warrant; a search warrant can be obtained only after establishing probable cause. On some occasions, if probable cause is established, an officer can bypass the search warrant.

However, probable cause is something that is at least somewhat concrete and can thus be proven in a courtroom. This proposed bill attempts to give officers the power to even bypass probable cause—just as long as they think that what they're doing is legal and okay.

In other words, police officers

can break into your house and destroy everything, realize that they read the address wrong and hit the wrong house. According to this bill, it's okay. Therefore, you can seek no compensation through legal measures because the police acted in good faith.

Do any bells go off yet? The fact that this proposal tries to utterly defy the Constitution is bad enough, but what it does is completely throw away the common sense that lead our founding fathers to include the illegal search and seizure law into the Bill of Rights.

The only legal channels a person has to seek compensation for a mistaken search and seizure are obviously legal channels. All legal precedents are based on evidence. The only evidence that a police officer has to show that he was acting in good faith is his or her own word. This does nothing but create a huge loop hole that nothing can get through.

An officer can, for whatever reason (he/she might simply hate you), call for a search and seizure of your car. The officer can then simply tell the judge that he/she was act-

ing in good faith, or at the very least come up with a reasonable lie to explain how he/she had good faith. Then, the entire search and seizure is legal.

The whole reason that the drafters of the Bill of Rights declared this illegal was that they knew the problems it would cause. It basically protected us from the possibility of corrupt authority. This bill is unconstitutional and

borders on fascism. While trying to make the legal process easier for those in authority, the bill totally forgets that in our government, you always have to consider people innocent until their guilt is "beyond a reasonable doubt".

Hopefully the members of Congress will come to their senses and stop this Constitutional god-plot; there are more important, and legal, issues to discuss.

Community appeals for understanding

Rachel Venier
Joy Tomasko

For eight years, the Womyn's Concerns House has been a presence on campus. Due to a recent incident, we believe we need to reintroduce ourselves and our purpose within the community.

With the arrival of the first major snow, many snow people beautifully appeared all over campus. On our front lawn, one such person was born, a snow goddess.

Snow people are made in fun and ours was no exception. Yet, sometime early Sunday morning, a beer bottle was placed in the region of her vagina and blue paint covered her breasts and pubic area. This can not be perceived as a joke nor even as a joke taken too far. It was a cruel act that desecrated the image of a woman's body in a purely sexual form.

This is especially hurtful considering the Womyn's Concerns House is meant to create a safe space on campus. We do not exude a hostile attitude and do not invite one in return. Hannah House welcomes everyone who will enter it with an open mind. Our goal is not to assimilate the values of "others" to those of "ourselves." Rather, we exist to create a dialogue among differing perspectives on campus

and to raise consciousness by asking questions and listening to various perceptions. Within the house, we recognize that each of us comes from a unique background which our attitudes and perceptions are shaped by. We do not want to deny anyone his or her postionality. The hostility of this recent unprovoked act suggests that either others do not wish to enter dialogues with us or that others perceive us as hostile and isolationist. The latter assumptions are clearly false.

Members of the house community have an active voice on campus. We are Emily Keyishian, Joy Tomasko, Sarah Oakley, Kevin Healey, Michael Barret Jones, Liz Knece, Rachel Venier, Kearsten Davis, Jenne Micala, Sara Ehasz, Danielle Lytle, Heather Wright, Nan Turner, and Brenda Koenig. We are involved in Peacemakers, ECAB, TOE, the Pub, DUDS, Dust, WMNI, the bookstore, the library, the Dance Club, the Alliance, the Young Republicans, PAN, and so on.

You've seen us on campus, you know who we are, you have classes with us. Would you degrade our values in front of us or anyone who shares them? We believe, perhaps optimistically, that you would not want to.

A different set of minutes from last faculty meeting

Jessica Papin
Executive Editor

For those students who have never had the good fortune to attend College of Liberal Arts Faculty meeting and bear personal witness to a 100 or so squirming, occasionally snoring, professors, I respectfully submit my own version of the minutes from the Feb. 3 meeting.

It is customary for professors to arm themselves with coffee and cookies before the meeting gets underway. This is no accident. In providing a generous supply of caffeine and sugar, the administration prevents flagrant displays of disrespect and outright boredom. By remaining mostly alert through interminable hours, professors save face and preserve academic reputation.

Friday's meeting was no exception. Some professors double-fisted coffee cups, leaving a trail of cookie crumbs from bulging pockets. The real business of the meeting did not get underway until everyone was well fortified with cookies and coffee.

And the real business was big. In a flourish of trumpet fanfare, the Dean's Council unveiled the College's brand new Strategic Plan. I liked it. It reminded me of the sort of careful strategic analysis I used to do every December... except I called it my Christmas

wish list. Even the timing was right. The College's Strategic Plan was a holiday arrivals, that had, with much promise, been heralded by a pantheon of administrative prophets. I've no doubt that a star shone bright in the sky over Madison the night it was completed. Interestingly, this particular plan was not begot by the P.P.C., the entity that

hands shot up. Professors suggested revisions, others revised the revisions, editing for grammar, clarity, and their own particular bias. It's interesting to note that when given the chance, professors profess to one another, as well. One faculty member was uncomfortable with the fact that the plan did not list students of Hispanic descent among populations

Brilliant. Accurate. Everyone accounted for, no ethnicity excluded.

Barreling along that same vein, someone recommended adding a bit about gender too.

There was more scribbling, crossing out and rearranging. Finally, the new revised, amended and reamended version proclaimed the University's goal to

"We need students; we're broke." Thus the note-a-thon was born. Bribed with pizza and beer, faculty were asked to donate one hour of their time, join together, and send off a thousand or so hand written notes to wealthy prospective freshmen. Apparently, the bottom line is that with the world falling apart, Republicans in office, and a rest stop named for Howard Stern, wealthy pubescents determine the fate of higher education.

I thought was supposed to be responsible for this glorious nativity. Instead the Dean's Council wrote it over Janterm to appease the Board of Trustees who, according to some, have grown impatient in their lofty realms.

The much beleaguered members of the Dean's Council submitted an 18 page report to the faculty for group editing. To recreate the scene, imagine attempting to write a paper with 100 randomly selected classmates, few of whom actually agree with you. Challenging.

And so, wedged behind awkward formica desks, heads propped securely on elbows, seated in ergonomically designed, Hall of Science chairs, the University faculty listened as the revision process began. Various passages were read,

to be targeted for admission. She moved to add "students of Hispanic descent" to the text of the plan.

There was a general feeling of agreement, and everyone in the room bent their heads to their paper, making the necessary changes.

Then another professor raised his hand. Uncomfortable with specifying particular groups, he recommended making the targets more general.

Once again there were murmurs and nods of agreement.

But how to do it? What to say? The 100 or so professors in the room chewed on this a while.

Finally, someone proposed stating that Drew is targeting a class that reflects the racial and ethnic diversity of graduating high school students.

attract an incoming class of students who reflect the "racial ethnic and gender diversity of graduating high school students."

Then, a pause.

Gender diversity?

Even while trying to provide for every contingency of a diverse multicultural multi-ethnic student body, phrases like "gender diversity" seem (biologically, at least) unnecessary.

After some consternation and more consultation, the phrase was removed.

There were a few hours more of discussion, some other things came up, and then, something really priceless:

The Drew University Professor Note-a-thon.

Drew has a problem; lots of good students apply, some really good

However, there is a huge difference.

At Drew, those of you who are RA's or RD's will understand this well, our RA's and RD's are not

looked up to, and in fact, many times they are avoided like the plague. This is not to say that our RA's and RD's are necessarily bad people. To the contrary, I happen to have befriended some of the RA's and RD's on Drew campus and see them as people who are simply in a position of power that was given to them because of their trustworthiness, honesty, and ability to deal with different people on campus at different points in their life as well as dealing with their own problems. In a sense, at least on Drew campus, this is a blessing as well as a curse.

The way Administration has required these selected few to act is at times no more than warden-like: seek and punish. I know that we have heard many stories in the past where an RA or RD has been nothing but a super sleuth awaiting a chance to nab anyone breaking the infinite amount of rules that the Drew Administration demands be enforced upon students. Sooner or later, these people forget how to be human. They simply follow orders as would a well-trained German Shepherd. And if an RA has the audacity to be human, and is not just a mindless guard-dog, they may be dismissed unless they are quick and quiet enough to get away with "being human."

You may question "What's your point?" And that is good because that is my question to the Administration. Are we not all adults striving to become intellectual superstars after we leave this haven of knowledge? Are we not here to grow as an individual as well as a part of a team? Are we not here to learn how to take responsibility for our own actions? And are not the people here that teach us supposed to guide us in the right path and not blindly slap the hand that pays their wage and provide only dead-ends instead of options?

My question is, does the Ad-

ones are admitted, and only a few actually choose to attend. This circumstance really hurts the admission office's feelings, screws up the budget, and causes important presidential figures to wring their hands and mutter things like, "We need students; we're broke."

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A reasonable, if amusing plan. Faculty must bear in mind that in this world of laser printers, they must take pains to make the notes obviously handwritten. A few smudges might be convincing, perhaps a spot or two of pizza grease would do wonders to render the notes absolutely authentic.

Naturally Drew has no intention of compromising its academic standards; all the prospectives have to be smart.

But the student who is brilliant and willing to pay full tuition may be an oxymoron.

As one professor remarked, "It's a mercenary business."

Drew resident advisors need change of attitude

Darren DeMarco
Staff Writer

Recently, I returned from a trip in Montreal, Canada where I vis-

ited a friend who attends McGill University. My friend happens to be an Assistant director, which has a job description similar to that of our Resident directors here at Drew.

However, there is a huge difference.

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READER'S FORUM

VALENTINO, from page 4 of last semester dealing with an issue that Senator Pat had kept from the student body for some time? That is when I decided that the best way to get the word out about what was going on was by way of E-mail, and since there would be no way to get it out over system distribution, I would have to resort to using my and many other persons' lists. I figured that people would read it, understand what I had heard from two heavies of the SGA, and do what every person should do, question what was happening.

The fact that Jason Clark had not responded to my message at all, the fact that I have heard of nothing that the SGA has been doing directly from the entity of SGA itself, and the fact that I have heard nothing from my class senators the entire semester other than that the junior senior semi-formal was going to be held told me that they did not believe in sharing what they were doing, so it was up to an outside source to be a whistle blower on the situation. What ever happened to the SGA newsletter, the informational articles in the Acorn, the video taping and airing of the meetings?

The only way I knew about what was going on in the SGA was by talking with senators in a teeth-pulling manner... So I sent out the E-mail message and wrote the letter to Mike McKitish about how I was concerned about this plan that was in the works. I still have yet to get a reply back from that item as well.

I knew that I would be starting up a hornet's nest by doing this, but I thought it worth it. Laura called me back the night I sent out the message to everyone... I was told that I had no idea how much trouble I would cause with this letter and that I had ruined everything now. She said the entire SGA is mad now, and does not know what to

do. I expected that to happen. I also thought that by doing this the SGA would come forward with what they wanted to do and tell everyone about it, of course saying that it was not as serious as I described it would be, but the next step would be for them to take your opinion on the idea.

I did not think that they would deny the item outright. After reading the E-mail that Jason Clark sent out, and reading a few senators' remarks that were sent to me by confused freshmen, it seems ridiculous to think that they would say that nothing like this ever was planned. How could they pass off the idea that there was never talk of this issue. Other people had heard the same plan that I had heard. I talked with these people; they knew the same thing I knew. This was getting ridiculous, and dangerous for me and my reputation. I was one known to tell it like it was, no sugar coating. I support as many functions on this campus as I can, I go to double that amount of sports events here at the school. I would not do anything to turn this place the way it was now on purpose, for no valid good reasons. What does SGA think they can do by sending out a statement like that to every person on this campus?

I did not make this up out of thin air, there is no way in hell that I could have come up with something like this. I heard it and reported exactly what was told to me in person and on the phone line. And the most intriguing part of this entire operation is that they admit hard that they know nothing about it. Well, I have in my presence a letter sent to me by SGA member Abigail Gemme. In that letter she states that she knew all about the plan I spoke of. How strange it is that one senator knew about this plan while all others deny it. Anyone interested in reading this state-

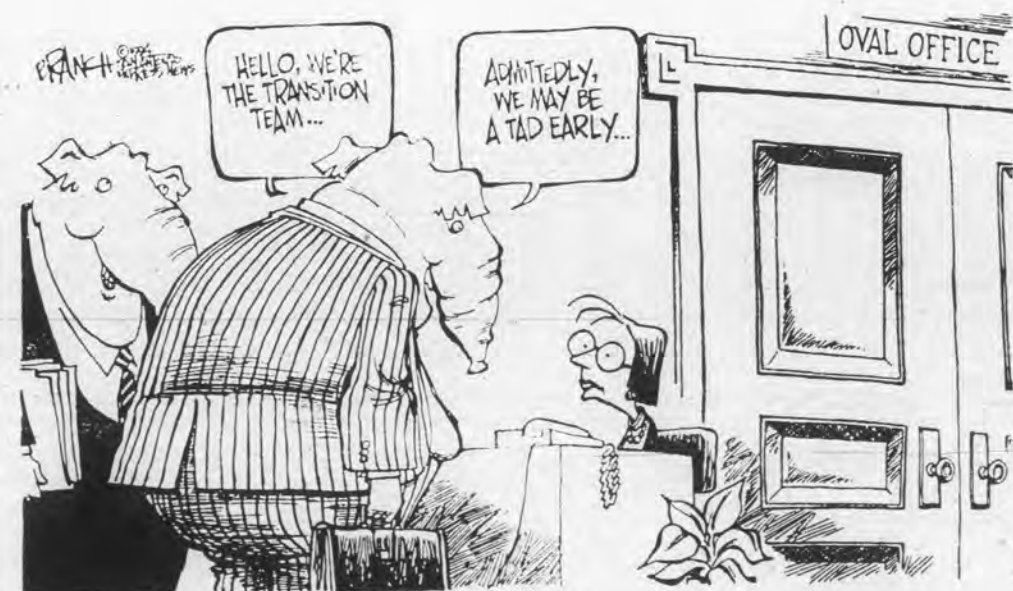
ment, I will gladly send a forwarded copy of it to your personal account.

It appears that some members of the SGA believe in the deny, deny, deny actions. Well, due to the gallant message from Ms. Gemme, they can not deny any longer. It is not uncommon for government organizations to deny their apparent actions when they reach the public—Nixon denied Watergate, Clinton denies Whitewater, Reagan denied Contra-gate. I am not sure what this means for those in SGA, or any of the rest of us. I know for me that it means that I have probably lost some friends, but I honestly don't mind it all that much now that I know that all the old organizations are back in a hub of safety.

I am amazed that so many of you cared enough to do what you did for me. You put your trust in me from experience, and you well know that I would not lead you wrong. I would kill myself first and you know that is the truth. Well, that is it, now you know the complete and utter truth. If SGA was so worried about rumors getting out, or what they would consider half truths, maybe they should get out the message of what they are doing instead of being such a secret group.

Better yet, they should tell us the truth outright and not worry about playing little political games. I hope you understand what I have done and why I have done it. Like I said in my E-mail, I had nothing to gain by the SGA loss in all honesty, and we all had everything to gain by keeping our student activities strong. I hope you hold nothing against me due to me raving out on this plan, and I hope you will appreciate my risk taking here. Enjoy the semester, and let it be more relaxed than this beginning.

Al Valentino III
Junior



Administration denies allegations of housing discrimination

PROTEST, from Page 1
Because Park had not filed the proper withdrawal forms—and because it was already late into the semester—the University immediately evicted the Parks and charged them the rent for the rest of the semester. The sum totalled slightly over \$2,000.

Park had no place to stay in the U.S. and could not afford the \$2,000 charged to him by the University. He explained his situation and asked if he could stay on campus during his academic hiatus.

Assistant Vice President for University Relations Tom Harris said that this would not have been possible. For legal reasons, he explained, Park and his family could not be housed on campus if he were not enrolled in any classes. Off-campus housing was offered at Spring Hills, an apartment complex owned by Drew. Park turned down the offer because the move would mean an increase in rent which they also could not afford.

"It's a routine case," said Howard. "I understand that the Parks felt it was not, but in fact it says in your housing contract that you have to fill out a form if you want a release from your ... contract."

The Parks, who speak little English, requested the aid of Drew doctoral candidate and former teacher's assistant, Kelly Livingstone. They declined comment on the matter and elected to let Livingstone speak on their behalf. She pointed out that they could not understand the contract. According to Livingstone, since the housing contract is so vague it hardly matters. "Even people like me who can speak English would have a hard time understanding that contract," she said.

Howard said, that "it is fairly

well known" that students are required to fill out a form before withdrawing from on-campus housing. The University also required that Park have a medical note explaining why he had to withdraw from the University.

Livingstone said that the Parks had obtained a medical note and

mediation, charges that Drew's lawyer wanted to keep the matter confidential or else other Koreans might sue the University in order to stay in the country a little while longer. Furthermore, according to Kim, Howard "allowed Drew's attorney to make the racial remark."

Howard adamantly denies that



Graduate students organized and protested alleged housing discrimination.

submitted it to the University, but Howard contends that "there's none in the housing file."

However, according to Kim, the Parks and Livingstone, the issue is more complicated than that. While handling the matter, Howard "engaged in [covertly] racist practices," and "allowed racist things to happen within her institution," according to Livingstone.

The Parks eventually sued the University over the matter. During the mediation process, an offer was made to the Parks that stipulated full compensation for the \$2,000 rent in return for a gag order to prevent the Parks or anyone else involved from going public with the matter.

Livingstone, who attended the

any such comment was made in her presence. "That wouldn't make sense. I mean, that wasn't the topic of the lawsuit at all. The lawsuit was about housing. It wouldn't influence whether or not Mr. Park stays at Drew or stays in America."

Yet, said Kim, due to the eviction, Park did have to return to Korea for one year since he could not find residence in the U.S. on such short notice.

In regards to the offer itself, Howard claims that Drew made no deal to exchange the \$2,000 for a gag order. "We agreed to a monetary offer. [The mediator] decided on the amount."

Howard contends that the mediator also added the gag order, not the University. The monetary offer

was simply to resolve the issue, she said. The only clause was that the offer "could not be construed [to mean] that, if you are not a student, you can live in student housing. I can't have that Now maybe that's where she [the mediator] went to the gag order," Howard said.

Another alleged incident that helped to spark the protest involved a conversation between Livingstone and Howard. Howard allegedly asked Livingstone how she could, as an employee of Drew (referring to Livingstone's former position as teacher's assistant), help "these people."

Livingstone charges that this is a perfect example of covert racism. Howard does not remember asking that question, but said that she did ask Livingstone what her role was in the matter. Howard suggested that this question could have been misunderstood.

"Of course she's going to deny it," Livingstone said. She added, "Peggy Howard is in the business of protecting Peggy Howard."

The Dec. 16 protest came in conjunction with a letter to President Kean. In this letter, the protesters proposed four issues for resolution:

- 1) An examination of housing policies.
- 2) A just and fair resolution to the eviction of Park.
- 3) The resignation of Margaret Howard.
- 4) A new system in which administrators, faculty and staff would be trained on issues of race, ethnicity and diversity.

During the march, several protesters held up signs with derogatory remarks written about Howard. In response to the demonstration, Howard said, "It was dismaying to

see the personal attack."

President Kean wrote a letter to the Korean Caucus in which he stated that "based on our working relationship, I can tell you that any allegations of that nature are untrue. In fact, Mrs. Howard's record on race relations is exemplary." He added, "Nonetheless, I do take any allegation of racism most seriously. Therefore, I am asking the University Affirmative Action Committee to look into the charge of racism against Mrs. Howard."

Howard said that the committee found no evidence of racism in this matter. Joint Affirmative Action Committee Chair George-Harold Jennings declined comment.

Kean also established a committee headed by Acting Dean of the Theological School Janet Fishburn. The committee will look into the issues, but the administration has adamantly stated that Howard will not resign.

Furthermore, the Parks could not afford legal fees, and their case against the University was dismissed.

Livingstone said that the matter will now probably "go away." The sad part, she said, is the lack of compassion on the part of the school. "I think that people like Peggy Howard and her attorney not only are being racist, but incredibly paternalistic," Livingstone said.

She added that the people in the administration "can do what they want to do." Howard will not outright lie, Livingstone said, but rather will tell "half-truths. Drew has manipulated this whole situation to make themselves look good. Just because they say it's true doesn't make it morally and ethically right."

Director takes over

Jeff Bathurst
Editor-in-Chief

University President Tom Kean announced in a campus-wide E-mail message Friday, Jan. 27 that Interim Director of the Rose Memorial Library Jean Schoenthaler would assume the position of Library Director for the next two



Schoenthaler assumes new post.

years. Kean accepted the recommendation of the President's Cabinet in making the decision.

Schoenthaler has been a part of the library for over 25 years, and has served at various times as Assistant Director and Associate Director. She had served as Interim Director since June 1994. In addition, Schoenthaler is the university archivist, and was instrumental in protecting library materials that could have been endangered in the 1989 Mead Hall fire.

Kean called Schoenthaler "a wonderful Drew citizen who has been fully dedicated, as so many

have in the library, to the life of the community."

According to Kean's message, at the conclusion of Schoenthaler's two years as Library Director, the University will undergo a national search for a director. A nationwide search had been underway last fall when Kean called it off.

At that time, according to Vice President for Academic Affairs Eric Gould, the administration wished to wait until the University's strategic plan was further along before continuing the search, dismissing the concern that budgetary hardship forced the switch.

"We feel right now that we can do very, very well with internal candidates ... I don't believe that we are demeaning the library by appointing an internal director for two years," Gould said in December. But he would not guarantee that a search would definitely occur in two years.

Schoenthaler will lead the members of the library staff in strategic planning for the library for the next few months. "It is important that the University take its strategic planning to a new level, one in which the role of the library is clearly defined as integral ..." Kean wrote.

The library staff will assess the role of future information technology in the academic mission of the University under Schoenthaler's leadership. She also looked to the future of the University.

"We need to look at ... collection development and satisfying the needs of all three schools and serving those needs without playing favorites," Schoenthaler said.

Movies: Walter Matthau's Einstein, Jim Carrey ain't

Jeff Bathurst
Editor-in-Chief

Some people parted. Some stayed at home and watched Dick Clark.

But I'm sure that not too many, well, probably none of you, were standing behind a concession stand counter wearing a green "Happy New Year" tiara, draped in multi-colored streamers.

Yes, I was the Atco Multiplex Happy New Year Queen. My reign did not last long.

The tiara? A gift from my manager. The streamers? Bestowed upon me by my Multiplex partner in crime, Anthony. But it was the hot dog, bought at exactly 10 seconds after midnight by some obviously starving female moviegoer, that brought me back to earth.

I was working on New Year's Eve. At the movie theatre. Again.

Well, every job has some perks. So although during JanTerm I worked on every holiday you could possibly name, I also saw my share of movies at that 14-screen theatre of dreams in South Jersey.

Do you know what it's like to see 500 people lined up at 12:30 a.m. on a Friday night to see *Demon Knight*? How about watching not one, but two screens of *Dumb and Dumber* sell out for a week straight? Well I lived it, dammit, and here's what else I saw. Some good must have come out of those six weeks. Let's see....

Speechless (Michael Keaton, Geena Davis)—This movie sucked! This lame romantic comedy wasn't even slightly romantic, and (I think) was supposed to involve politics. It's one of those movies where you keep checking your watch and everything gets resolved in the last 5 minutes. Yuck.

Dumb and Dumber (Jim Carrey, Jeff Daniels)—I had to be coaxed into watching this movie, but once I was in the theatre, I did laugh. A lot. Carrey is a genuinely funny guy, and this was a movie you could just sit back and enjoy, without any lofty expectations. You had to check your brain at the door, of course (like *Melrose Place*), but so what? You have to laugh at Carrey.

IQ (Meg Ryan, Tim Robbins)—Standard fare from Ryan, the dreamy type who finally realizes she's in love. See *When Harry Met Sally* et al. Walter Matthau played Einstein as Cupid in this one, trying to hook up Ryan with Robbins. A nice, light romantic comedy filmed in Princeton.

Ready to Wear (Tim Robbins, Sophia Loren)—Cast of thousands from director Robert Altman, who aims at satirizing the fashion industry. There's enough humor already in the fashion industry, so the movie ends up overdone. Altman does try, though, and hits more than he misses. There's naked models at the end, too.

Pulp Fiction (John Travolta, Uma Thurman)—I know, I know, it's not new. But I saw it about a thousand times during break. Excellent. Christopher Walken is great in his one scene. If this is still around anywhere, SEE IT!

Disclosure (Michael Douglas, Demi Moore)—Michael Douglas, Poor White Man Part 3 (see *Basic Instinct*, *Falling Down*). The tables are turned in this sexual harassment story that was advertised as a "date movie." No. Boys, leave your girlfriends at home. Go watch Demi be bad.

Houseguest (Sinbad, Phil Hartman)—Mildly entertaining "comedy" featuring a new, wacky premise—mistaken identity! Still, that song "Brick House" was in this movie, and that's cool.

Demon Knight (Some scary dudes)—*Tales from the Crypt* produces its first movie. Slimy horror-movie crap that was much more violent than funny or engaging.

Higher Learning (Laurence Fishburne)—John Singleton misses the mark big time with this movie about students at the fictitious Columbus University. I was kind of enjoying the movie until it degenerated into this subplot about a skinhead group that culminates in a white student firing on black students from the top of the library. I had a lump on my head from Singleton trying to beat his message into me. Then he puts the admonition "UNLEARN" before the closing credits. John—we could have figured it out.

Cobb (Tommy Lee Jones)—The story of Ty Cobb, the meanest man ever to play major-league baseball. But it only contained one action sequence involving baseball. Jones is a powerhouse as the lonely, tired, scared old man he became at the end of his life. A great performance in a tough movie to watch because Cobb was such a bastard, and he's on-screen in almost every scene.

Legends of the Fall (Brad Pitt, Julia Ormond)—Three brothers pass Julia Ormond around on a Montana ranch in the early 1900s. This grand Western soap opera featured Brad Pitt, but Aidan Quinn and Anthony Hopkins turn in nice performances as well. And that kid

from *E.T.* was in it, too. And Brad Pitt. Did I mention Brad Pitt?

Griffith to flash her breasts at him. You're never too old....

Nobody's Fool (Paul Newman)—70-year-old Paul tries to hook up with Melanie Griffith while realizing his life in a small town in N.Y. isn't going to be remembered when he's gone. Paul does a great job portraying the man trying to reconcile his life. He even gets

There. There it is. Six weeks of schlepping popcorn and Pepsi for 12 lousy movie reviews. Kind of sad, isn't it?

At least I got out before the *Jerky Boys* movie. I can take heart in that.



John S. Hall performs spoken word tonight at The Other End at 9:30. Hall, formerly of King Missile (the group that recorded "Detachable Penis" and "Jesus Is Way Cool"), recently appeared as part of the MTV Spoken Word Tour.

Special Showings

Method to King George's Madness

Robert A. Coakley
Staff Writer

George III is probably best known as the King of England during the time when America gained its independence. What is probably not so well known is how he went slightly mad a short time afterwards. Keep in mind this is during the late 1700s, before Parliament ran all of England and various tabloids kept us informed of the day-to-day activities of all the royal family.

The Madness of King George is based on the British stage play of a similar name (the "III" was dropped so people wouldn't think it was part of a trilogy). The story shows how George III (Nigel Hawthorne) became mildly and comically eccentric after the loss of the American colonies. "A paradise, gone!" George moans early in the movie. Unfortunately, the King's scheming son (Rupert Everett) and various members of Parliament (who ask, "If some backwoods colonists can stand up to the King, why can't we?") make the King a candidate for institutionalization. King

George III is played fantastically by Hawthorne, well-known for playing another mad monarch, King Lear. Hawthorne is able to bring a certain dignity to all of George's unusual behavior, so much so that it's hard to see what's so horrible. Despite being a control freak, George is also portrayed as very kind and protective of his family.

Ian Holm co-stars as Dr. Willis, the doctor asked to "return the King's wits to him." Willis proves to be one of the few people able to hold his ground with the King, and even goes as far as to say that he holds dominance over the King as his doctor. Holm does a very admirable job, and is able to shut Hawthorne up with just a harsh look after a while.

Most of the movie is very funny, though it might be a little slow-moving at the beginning, when the king doesn't seem that mad, or at the end, where everything is rather anti-climactically "wrapped-up." I suggest seeing it for Hawthorne's spectacular performance.

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Bettie Serveert serves up an impressive new album

Erik Greb

Asst. Entertainment Editor

The Dutch group Bettie Serveert has gotten 1995 off to a great start with the release of their second album, *Lamprey*. In some ways, the album is similar to their 1992 debut *Palomine*.

The overall sound of the band is the same. Musically they are rough, unrefined and slightly crude at times. You can hear singer Carol van Dijk strain to hit certain notes, and her voice is distinctly untrained. Peter Visser's lead guitar lines are often very loud and obtrusive, and fall just short of being sloppy. The rhythm section of Herman Bunscocke's bass and Berend Dubbe's drums can perhaps best be described as "adequate."

However, these qualities all work in the band's favor. The musicians' little quirks make the songs more interesting and more compelling. And no one could question the band's emotional sincerity on any of the songs.

The songs on *Lamprey* are the matically similar to those on *Palomine*. Van Dijk still sings about self-assurance and independence in the face of adversity. Her vocals are strong yet warm, lovable and somewhat vulnerable. Her accent makes her sound like a child at times, with all a child's fervor. However, *Lamprey* is a little more atmospheric and ambient than its predecessor. There is a little more experimentation with the arrangements, and the band emerges as more confident. They have definitely established their own unique voice.

After the impressive opening song, "Keepsake," comes the band's most poppy song, "Ray Ray Rain." The clean electric guitars

and drums create a crisp, upbeat rhythm, accented by a tambourine. The chorus is catchy and singable. Van Dijk sings, "Ray ray rain, and if you feel the same, give me a sign." The song suggests a search for understanding and personal connection. The lyrics, though simple, are given added weight by the music and the conviction the band puts into the song. It seems to transcend its own existence as a pop song, and become a real force for understanding.

The next song, "D. Feathers," is slow and contemplative. The descending chords and guitar arpeggios sound like falling rain. The drums are sharp, emphatic, and prominent. Van Dijk seems to be near the end of a personal crisis. She remains strong and determined to survive unscathed. She sings, "I can't trust the things I see. I can only trust in me." After this small, quiet revelation, the band builds to a louder, stronger emotional height. Visser's high lead guitar is aching, yearning, yet assured. A mellotron is added and gives the song an unexpected color and character. Overall, the song is highly affirmative.

"Something So Wild" is a tightly written and enjoyable song. In it, Van Dijk sings about a woman who's "...smarter than me." But this woman allows her boyfriend to treat her like a child, put her down in public, and try to make her feel weak. "Yet a wave of his hand is enough to get her back again." Van Dijk is worried about her



friend, and tries to convince her to establish her independence. But she's afraid of being alone, afraid of being an old maid. Nevertheless, Van Dijk believes that ultimately, her friend won't tolerate this treatment for long and will make a stand for herself. She sings, "He'll never make a lap dog out of something so wild." Like the other songs, "Something So Wild" mainly revolves around independence and assertiveness.

The best song on the album is unquestionably "Crutches." It begins with very moody guitars which are heavily distorted, but quiet. The vocals are, as they are on much of the album, quiet, mysterious, and hard to understand. Van Dijk is completely in control of herself. "Behold the world that I've been shaping." Yet it doesn't seem to be enough—she is not completely satisfied. The song moves into another part, and the guitars have a gentle flange on them. It becomes more positive, before Van Dijk launches into the earnest and insistent chorus. "Let me down, down,

down," she pleads in a shout. Soon, an organ enters, like a flash of enlightenment, and blends in with the firm guitars. "Don't believe every word that they say," Van Dijk advises, again reinforcing self-determination. The song is cathartic and redemptive, and unquestionably compelling. It is brilliant.

The closing song, "Silent Spring" begins with unexpected acoustic guitars which are so clear that they seem to sparkle. Van Dijk's vocals are heavily reverbbed and the lyrics seem to be symbolic of an indelible truth. The tone of the song is slightly somber and subdued, but it also has an ethereal quality. It seems to bring the album to an orderly conclusion.

With *Lamprey*, Bettie Serveert have made significant progress from their first album. The band seems more confident and deliberate, but never self-important. Their power comes from their conviction, as well as the universality of the sentiments expressed in the songs. Van Dijk's lyrics are highly personal, but it is hard not to see yourself in her personality. Experimentation with studio effects and different instruments has led to a fuller sound and enhanced color and character in the songs.

Although not necessarily a feel-good album, *Lamprey* is wonderfully refreshing and therapeutic. It sweeps away pessimism and cynicism and invites you to make a new start. Hopefully, the album will help Bettie Serveert to gain the appreciation and wider audience they deserve.

Pooh Corner

OJ trial boring, bring back soaps

Alison Takach
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I managed to catch a glimpse of my soap opera the other day, in between snippets of the O.J. Simpson saga. Yes, the Trial of the Century; I do believe that is the title. Either that or "The Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus."

It is the only trial where the lawyers will be likely candidates for the Emmy Awards. The performances in the opening arguments were riveting (I know this because I watched them all, vainly hoping that *Days of Our Lives* would magically reappear). I found Christopher Darden rather uninspiring, and it is here that the movie, oh excuse me, the trial dragged. However, the plot and the action heated up once the smashing Marcia Clark, looking so sexy in funeral black and that oh-so-stylish Betty Boop 'do, took the podium. Then Judge Ito called a time-out because he was hungry and my soap operas came back on.

After intermission, Johnnie "Just-Call-Me-Smooth" Cochran got up and proceeded to introduce many names and just a bundle of evidence that the prosecution had never seen or heard before. At this point, the jury was dismissed to their remote sequestering location somewhere in the middle of Alaska, though they were rather excited since they were allowed conjugal visits. (Isn't this a bad idea? I mean, couldn't things just come out during moments of unbridled passion? I don't know, maybe. "Oh, oh, OH! O.J. did it!! O.J. did it!!!" Just a thought.)

Anyway, once the jury was dismissed, the prosecution and the defense continued to debate on the third grade level in a confrontation which ended with Marcia Clark shouting something which resembled lyrics from the "Sticks and Stones" song we used to sing in grammar school.

But the big question here is, what does this trial mean for television? It is certainly better than any mini-series that the networks

could produce, and is definitely garnering higher ratings. As much as the majority of America claims to be sick of O.J., they still sit glued to their little television sets and become amateur legal correspondents during the 5:00 news.

I think that it could be due to the large amount of morbid curiosity that runs rampant in this country. We want to know every gory detail involving this former sports idol. I was personally upset that I missed the accidental showing of the pictures that were taken of the bodies; something in me wants to see it. I also missed the accidental showing of a juror's profile causing an incredible display of apologies and ass-kissing from Court TV.

Does it matter? The jurors could secure fame and fortune once the trial is over. Every show of *Geraldo* will probably feature a former jury member for the O.J. Simpson Circus.

Which brings me to another point: this trial will be immortal. Even after it's over, everyone will still be debating it and its outcome. Personally, all I really care about is the verdict and the sentence. That interests me more right now than whether or not O.J. pointed his finger due north on the day Nicole was murdered.

You see, Court TV was created for a purpose, and the Big Three don't seem to be understanding that. Yes, some people don't have cable, but that isn't just cause for gavel-to-gavel coverage of this trial. We can all see the highlights on the news, and the truth is—no matter who is on trial, no matter how much the attorneys grandstand, the trial itself is dull.

It also interrupts *Days "If-You're-Not-Watching-It-No-One-Is" Of Our Lives*. I'd rather see Marlena's eyes turn green as the Devil continues to possess her. (Do you believe that shit? She is possessed by the goddamn Devil!! This is a new low for *DOOL*.) But seriously, O.J. All day is getting on my nerves. Pretty soon it'll have a soundtrack and, the sad thing is, it'll probably hit number one. I don't know, maybe a cover of Guns and Roses' "Used to Love Her, But I Had to Kill Her?"

Women's basketball enjoys successful JanTerm

Ryan J. Fraytic
Assistant Sports Editor

JanTerm proved to be a good time for the women's basketball team. At the break, they had a record of 1-5. Over January they compiled a 6-3 record, and since the end of break they have gone 1-4, giving the team an overall record of 8-12.

Junior co-captain Emma Bascom remained consistent over the break averaging 19.8 points per game and 10.1 rebounds per game. Bascom also recorded her 1,000th career point against

Lycoming College January 28. The support behind Bascom has also been consistent.

This previous week, the Rangers traveled to Wilkes University where they hoped to avenge a 68-56 home defeat on Nov. 28. They came up short, losing by a score of 68-58. Bascom was the high scorer and rebounder with 21 points and 11 boards.

According to junior co-captain Meredith Doll, "JanTerm went well. We have eight wins, which is fantastic. I'm pretty pleased. Our goal was to improve, and we have almost tripled our wins." She attributed the team's success to the fact that "we played more together as a team."

Doll speculated that the turning point might have been "the three-game winning streak. Our best game was against Swarthmore. We had lost by eight the first time we played them and ended up winning by 29 the second time."

Bascom said that the games played during the break "went really well. We played a lot and got along."

Bascom couldn't pinpoint any major problem areas. "Our atti-

tude and confidence improved. Our defense also showed improvement. We are talking a lot more, and everyone is scoring," she continued.

Bascom described the Wilkes game: "They shot a lot and we got in foul trouble. They were shooting 1 and 1 with nine minutes to play in the half." Bascom added that "rebounds are sometimes a problem for us."

According to Doll, during the Wilkes game "We played well. We had a five minute breakdown where we couldn't score and they did, but that was the only major

problem."

Wednesday night, the women's team dropped its game against Delaware Valley College by a score of 69-55. Meredith Doll was the game's leading scorer with 14 points. The loss dropped the women's record to 8-12.

Tomorrow at 2 p.m. the team will face King's College at home. In the previous game against King's, Drew lost by a score of 74-63.

Doll said, "We obviously want to finish strong. We've had a good year, and we don't want to crumble."

Season Scores for Women's Basketball

G#	Date	Opponent	Score
1	11/22	NJIT	58-59 L
2	11/28	Wilkes	56-68 L
3	11/30	Lycoming	53-73 L
4	12/3	Vassar	48-63 L
5	12/3	Bryn Mawr	54-43 W
6	12/4	Swarthmore	55-63 L
7	1/4	Albright	52-58 L
8	1/7	Widener	57-54 W
9	1/10	Upsala	73-60 W
10	1/12	Haverford	59-50 W
11	1/14	King's	63-74 L
12	1/17	Del. Val.	72-59 W
13	1/19	Swarthmore	72-43 W

14	1/21	F.D.U.
44-48 L		
15	1/23	Centenary
63-23 W		
16	1/25	Scranton
54-76 L		
17	1/28	Lycoming
48-62 L		
18	2/1	Upsala
56-48 W		
19	2/6	Wilkes
58-68 L		

Drew vs. Wilkes February 6, 1995

Wilkes...68
Drew...58

Name	M-A	FT	Reb
A	PF	M-A	TP
Bascom	10-24	1-4	3-11
Rogers	5-10	5-6	1-4
Doll	3-14	5-8	3-9
1	4	12	

Willms	1-3	4-6	2-7
0	4	6	
Hemmr	1-2	2-3	0-1
1	4	4	
Moyer	0-0	0-0	0-0
0	1	0	
Dunne	0-0	0-0	1-1
0	1	0	
Wolpert	0-2	0-4	1-3
1	3	0	
Goeke	0-0	0-0	0-0
0	0	0	

Totals	20-55	17-31	11-43
5	24	58	
FG%	.364	FT%	.548
3PT%	.167		

Blocked Shots	3	Turnovers	23
OppTIs	22-73	21-30	24-55
10	22	68	
FG%	.301	FT%	.700
3PT%	.200		

Blocked Shots	0	Turnovers	19
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Drew University Rangers Women's Basketball Cumulative Statistics Through February 6, 1995

Name	FG	FT	Reb
A	PF	TP	Total
Bascom	.422	.607	191
25	48	376	
Willms	.523	.481	137
23	46	209	
Doll	.277	.625	66
74	51	167	
Rogers	.297	.509	74
34	54	157	
Wolpert	.316	.435	74
8	24	46	

Hemmr	.260	.654	31
34	22	45	
Moyer	.357	.700	52
6	13	44	
Lollie	.364	.250	10
0	6	9	
Goeke	.205	.571	31
10	17	20	
Dunne	.241	.667	36
4	13	18	
Adams	.333	.000	5
0	3	4	
Totals	.365	.571	808
218	297	1095	
OppTIs	.335	.584	948
206	314	1092	

A view from the field

JanTerm sports prove successful

Ron Moss
Sports Co-editor



The beginning of the spring semester arouses many different feelings. It doesn't feel like spring is even approaching yet, since Mother Nature graced us with the first snow storm of the season last week. Everyone has started their new classes, and the spring sports teams have begun practicing.

The winter sports seasons are currently winding down, but the semester break did not mean a break in the action for them. JanTerm was full of exciting basketball games and swim meets, and despite the decreased size of the student population during the optional session, crowd support remained high.

JanTerm saw the surprisingly successful continuation of the swim team's inaugural season. While there were only a limited number of home meets, they were well attended and rather exciting. Drew has begun to enjoy its new sport, and fans have adapted to it well.

Both the men's and women's basketball teams were involved in some very exciting games over the JanTerm. The men's game against F.D.U. was one of the most exciting college basketball games I have ever attended. I encourage as many people as possible to travel to F.D.U. next Saturday to watch the

team's final game of the season. JanTerm saw a few historic moments in Drew sports as well. In nearly every swim meet, another school record was broken. And in the final game of the JanTerm, junior Emma Bascom of the women's basketball team scored the 1000th point of her career. This is a true milestone for her and will ensure Bascom's spot in the Drew record books.

Since the new semester has begun the games have continued, but the spirit has seemingly diminished. Granted, the swim team has completed its season and both basketball teams have been on extended road trips, but fan support at the few early home games was limited.

The women's basketball team played the first home game of the spring semester on Feb. 1 against Upsala College. When the game began, there was a grand total of one fan in the stands. There were by far more work-study students working at the game than fans.

Apparently, the Drew crowd decided to imitate a Los Angeles crowd at Dodger Stadium, where fans habitually show up around the third inning (that is, when they used to play games there). By about halftime, the crowd count had topped 100.

After the game, I discussed the crowd support with a couple of members of the team. They were surprised to hear that the actual number of fans was so high, since the

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Ranger fencers foiled in Baltimore 4-way meet

Derek Ziegler
Assistant Sports Editor

In most sports, a two month break in the middle of a season is detrimental. The Drew University fencing team learned this the hard way when they travelled to Baltimore last Saturday to compete in a four-way meet against Johns Hopkins University, The College of William & Mary, St. John's College and the University of Virginia. This meet was the Rangers first competition since November 19. Despite a strong performance by the sabre component of the squad, the Rangers recorded a split for the afternoon. The perennially tough opponents of Hopkins and William & Mary defeated the rusty Rangers, dropping Drew's record to 5-3 on the season.

Fencing is a sport with a unique scoring system. Each of the three

parts of a team (sabre, foil and epee) fields three members, who rotate bouts against their equivalents on the other team. In these bouts, the first fencer who records five touches against the opponent is the victor. As a result, 27 separate bouts are contested in each match. Last Saturday, Drew beat St. John's 17-10 and won on a forfeit by Virginia, but lost to William & Mary 15-12 and to Hopkins 21-6.

On the day, however, the Ranger sabre team managed to go 3-1, losing only to Hopkins. Junior Chris Tyburski, senior Tracey Lockwood and sophomore Jeremy Thompson all recorded strong performances, totalling 12 victories between them. Most of their losses, meanwhile, came against the undefeated Hopkins squad. Tyburski commented, "We fenced William

& Mary really well. As for Hopkins, we were out of practice, and I guess there was a psychological thing involved as well. Traditionally, they're a strong team."

As for the foil team, the senior 1-2 punch of Jason Wilson and Taylor Huttner again led the way. Wilson entered the meet as the top-ranked foiler in the Middle Atlantic Collegiate Fencing Association (MACFA), but suffered his first defeat of the season. Nevertheless, Wilson and Huttner managed to combine for 13 victories. Huttner said, "Everyone fenced well. The long layoff did us a little harm, and we weren't quite as prepared as the other teams. We lost to the two top teams (Hopkins and William & Mary), though, and we didn't do badly."

The epee team also appeared to be harmed by the long layoff, de-

feating William & Mary, but losing to St. John's and Hopkins. Senior Mark Wilcox and sophomore Joe Schmidt led the team, with 6 and 4 victories respectively. Wilcox, who entered the day with the number two MACFA ranking in the epee, defeated all three fencers from the undefeated Hopkins team.

Drew coach Matthew Mergen agreed with Tyburski and Huttner about the detrimental effects of the two-month break from competition. "It really hurt us to have the hiatus," Mergen commented. "There was also a little frustration over some judging, which served as a stumbling block. The whole thing had kind of a downward spiral effect," he added. Mergen also reflected about the team's prospects for the rest of the season. "On the whole, I'm upbeat,

not downbeat. I think we can beat William & Mary and at least make Hopkins sweat a little in the MACFA championships [to be contested at Drew's Simon Forum on February 25]."

In the upcoming week, Drew travels to Yeshiva tomorrow to square off against Yeshiva University and the New Jersey Institute of Technology. Then, the Rangers host their first meet of the season next Thursday, February 16, squaring off against Stevens Tech. Huttner noted Drew's past success against these opponents and said, "We're looking to sweep all three teams." From Huttner's and Mergen's statements, it appears that the Ranger fencers are still confident, despite their recent setbacks and remain a force to be reckoned with in the MACFA.

Swimming captain reflects on successful first year

Josh Drew
Staff Writer

An interview with one of the captains of the men's swimming team, first-year student Casey O'Donnell.

Q: What were the season's highs and lows?

A: Highs-I think that Florida was the biggest by far. That was the hardest that we ever worked. We were pushed to the limit. There [Coach Pat Mead] gave us the hardest training and the team as a whole gained self confidence in the ability to work hard. I think that the team became self motivated and gained better physical condition. The low points of the season were, at certain times, certain indi-

viduals were not able to keep up with the strenuous yardage but those individuals' morale was kept high by the strong team feeling. When one swimmer was down other team members would help to lift them up. I think as a whole there was never a period of time when the whole team was down.

Q: How did you adjust to swimming in college?

A: I was kind of nervous to begin, but excited as well. I knew that as a first-year team it would be more enjoyable because there was no expectations. I worked this year, however, because I wanted to succeed and have fun. In the beginning of the year not a lot of people knew what to expect; the club team was not even close to being as regulated as a varsity team. Practice was hard and people had prob-

lems; people weren't expecting to work as hard. I'm proud of them for persevering and for doing the work.

Q: What was it like being a captain as a first-year?

A: I didn't feel like one because everyone had an equal voice on the team. I had my responsibilities but the power was evenly delegated to every one on the team. On a swimmers level, people were candid, we discussed things as a team, an everyone had an equal voice. Anyone who wanted to speak could speak; sometimes the whole team would discuss the issues that most affected them and Mike and I would just sit back.

Q: What's next?

A: I'm sad the season's over with. I'm going to spend time with my work but I plan to keep active.

on the track or in the water, something to keep me kind of in shape.

Q: What about next year?

A: A lot of people said that they might not come back but I feel that after five months out of the water they'll want to come. There is a fear that next year the returning swimmers will not feel as important due to the higher standard of swimmer coming in; every member on the team is as important as every other member. Talent can only take you so far; you need heart. They will feel like part of the team next year. The team is what you make of it and by them being there at practice they will be part. There will be a more competitive level of recruits being brought in, but that won't mean that the team identity will change. I think that the swim team is one big family; Florida

and JanTerm brought the team a lot closer together. In Florida, we were living together for a week. In JanTerm there were no cliques so we were strengthened. We would all eat together, go to movies together and we would always have a great time together. In Florida we stopped thinking as individuals and started to regard ourselves as a team. When we got back Pat suggested that some people stay after to go a half an hour extra. I didn't think that a lot of people would come but, but there was a good turnout to put in the extra time. They showed that they were really dedicated to the team and to their own personal improvement. I am really proud of the swim team in general this year. They deserve every right to walk around campus holding their heads high.

Ranger of the Week Taylor Huttner

Is it the shoes? "What else can explain it?" Taylor Huttner quips. I'm sure the gold Pumas with red shoelaces give Huttner just the edge he needs when he steps up to his opponent. Is it really the shoes, though? Modesty prevents him from taking the credit for his own victories.

Seven years ago, urged by his mother, Huttner took up fencing. Last year, though, Huttner tore ligaments in his ankle and was unsuccessful in the following tournament. After January, he came back with more determination than ever to prove to himself that he was just as good as before his injury. Along with his mother, teammate Jason Wilson has been a major influence in his successful comeback, making Huttner a winner. They both encourage him to do better. Together, Wilson and Huttner plan to repeat their performance in the Division III Middle Atlantic Collegiate Fencing Association, where last year they qualified for the Division I MACFA. On his own, Huttner has shredded his competition.

For those, like me, who have no clue what fencing is, let me give you a



brief summary. There are three different blades used. The most common, the foil, which Huttner uses, is a thin blade with a hit detecting device at the tip. The torso is the target. The epee is a heavier blade where the entire body is the target. Finally, the sabre is a thick sword that is used above the waist.

With foil in hand, Huttner is hoping to continue his winning ways and hold his number eight rank in the league. In last weekend's tournament he came home with a 7-5 record, losing only to the top five fencers in the league. His overall record of 16-8 puts him on the right track toward his season goal of being one of the top ten NCAA fencers. He's hoping that the team will come in third in the NCAA. "With the team we have, our new coach [Matthew Mergen]... the determination and hard work of the team... myself and everyone else can shine."

Come out on Thursday, Feb. 16, and Saturday, Feb. 18, to support the Drew fencing team and answer the question for yourself: Is it really the shoes?

—Tara Zrinski

Senior Profile

Mike Lawrence swims his way into record books

Withstands injury to lead team in first year

Amy Cardone
Staff writer

It's a cold, snowy February evening. Inside his room in the Hoyt triple, senior Mike Lawrence is enjoying the company of his friends and roommates, watching "N.Y.P.D. Blue," and drinking margaritas.

The end has come for a long swim season of hard work, and Lawrence is taking some time to relax.

It was the first season for the Drew University swim team. A season with a new coach, new swimmers and the challenge of building a competitive team from scratch.

Lawrence, who had not swum competitively since his senior year in high school, faced the additional challenge of captaining the novice team. According to teammates and his coach, Lawrence handled the responsibility well.

"Mike was a quiet leader for the team," said coach Pat Mead. "He led by example, by demonstrating a great work ethic and great determination," he continued.

"Mike was a real team leader. He got us going by getting in the pool and setting an example for all of us," said sophomore teammate A.J. Zenkert.

What impressed his coach and teammates most was the way Lawrence dealt with a season-long shoulder injury that put into question his ability to finish out the season.

"We all have shoulder problems, but Mike's injury was by far the worst, and no one ever heard him

complain. He was tough all season long; he really hung in there," said senior teammate Brent Thompson.

"Mike never complained. He went to rehab, came out and swam, and did what he had to do, continuously improving. I think his teammates looked up to that," said Mead.

Lawrence's hard work produced some terrific results. He led the men's swim team to a winning five and four record and holds the school record in the 100 and 200 yard breaststroke and the 400 yard medley relay.

As for Lawrence, he prefers to talk about the coach, his team and the fans, never once mentioning his shoulder problems or his record-holding times.

"Coach was very dedicated to the sport; he put in a lot of hard work and got the program off the ground," said Lawrence. "He made everyone work hard but it paid off."

Lawrence was grateful for the support the team received from the Drew community.

"The facility doesn't lend itself to fan support very well, but we always had a lot of people show up. That made everyone feel good, especially since we're a brand new team."

I'm really grateful to my roommates Nate Tucker and Bobby Zuppe who were avid supporters and never missed a meet," said Lawrence.

Lawrence, who has been swimming competitively at the YMCA in Somerset Hills, N.J. since he was seven, does not see graduation as an end to his swimming career.

"I think swimming will always

be a part of my life, whether it's through life-guarding at the Y or getting into a masters program." He credits his parents for continually giving him "a push in the right direction" when it came to his swimming career.

"Self-motivation goes a long way," he said. "What's kept me in swimming is the sense of accomplishment I get after a good competition or a tough practice," he said.

Lawrence is grateful for the opportunity to swim for Drew after being out of competition for three years.

"It wasn't as hard as I thought it would be to get back into it. Coach worked us hard and got us in shape quickly. And for Brent Thompson and me, being the only seniors, it was a real important season. Brent was very dedicated and worked hard. We motivated each other," he said.

Lawrence is positive about the future of Drew swimming. "Coach puts a lot into the team. We did really well for the numbers we had. If recruiting goes well and most of the team returns, the program will do very well."

Coach Mead agrees that the future of the men's swim team is bright, but adds that the leadership of Mike Lawrence will be missed.

"As a senior and captain, Mike met the challenges of the season without complaint. He continually worked, despite injury, and taught the team a lot about not giving up. His determination and motivation say a lot for his character."



JASON FELDMAN

Mike Lawrence helped lead the swim team to a winning record.

JanTerm enthusiasm wanes

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the noise level was so low. I agreed with them when they said that it seemed like they were playing the game in the library.

Hopefully, crowd enthusiasm will increase throughout the semester. I encourage everyone to attend the final home games of the men's and women's basketball seasons. And it would be very special if Drew students would take the initiative to travel the short distance to F.D.U. on the Feb. 18 to support the teams. The F.D.U. rivalry has always been fierce, and they are guaranteed to produce two very exciting games.

The Schick Three-on-Three intramural basketball tournament

Wednesday night produced highly competitive matchups. Congratulations to the team of juniors Peter Pappalardo, Brian Heinemann, Brian Keane and Dave Yorke for winning the tournament. They defeated senior Jason David, sophomore Justin Amand and junior Don Cabana in the final. Seniors Peter Bruckman, Drew Lochli and Taylor Huttner finished in third place.

In the women's final, seniors Amy Cardone, Heather Tyndall, Melissa Morrison and Alison Smith defeated juniors Beth Bowman, Carson Colmore, Marsha Garcia and first-year student Katie Colombo. Thank you and congratulations to everyone who participated.

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Men's basketball endures challenging JanTerm

Team loses top rebounder, scorer as well as eight consecutive games

Paul Flannery
Staff Writer

The men's basketball team endured a frustrating January. The Rangers lost the services of junior center Aaron O'Hanlon for the season Jan. 13. O'Hanlon was second on the team in scoring with 18 points per game and first in rebounding with 9.7 rebounds per game.

One day later, Drew defeated Middle Atlantic Conference rival Delaware Valley College 70-66, with 23 points from MAC player of the week sophomore Tim Shaw. With the victory Drew stood at 3-2 in the MAC and 6-8 overall.

Since then, Drew has lost eight consecutive games. During the losing streak the Rangers dropped three MAC games by a total of six points, including a heartbreaking 65-64 loss to rival F.D.U.—Madison.

"This has been a very disappointing stretch, but there have been some positive developments," junior co-captain Dan Pierce said. "[First-year student] Keith Wallach has been a pleasant surprise off the bench."

Against F.D.U., Wallach, a reserve center, scored eight points and helped neutralize F.D.U. star center Emmett Highbaugh. That loss, combined with a 61-59 setback against Lycoming College and a 91-88 defeat to Upsala College, have dropped the Rangers to 3-8 in the MAC.

Feb. 1, Drew visited Upsala looking for a sweep of the season series. The Rangers defeated Upsala at home 84-64 earlier in the season. That victory was the first in Drew's history against Upsala.

After jumping out to a 43-35 half-time lead, Upsala went on a furious second half tear that saw them score 56 points. The Rangers kept up with the pace and the result was a see-saw game that ended with Drew on the wrong end of a 91-88 score.

Pierce and Shaw had strong offensive performances. Pierce scored 25 points, grabbed 13 rebounds, and connected on six three-point field goals. Shaw was his usual productive self with 27

points.

Wallach and fellow first-year player Pat Fannon continued their strong play off the bench. Fannon had a career high 11 points, and Wallach tallied eight points and six rebounds. The 91-88 loss was another frustrating set back for the Rangers. "We played hard and we had our chances to win, but we couldn't put it all together," Pierce said.

Drew traveled to Wilkes University to battle the Colonels on Monday. Drew had handed Wilkes their only conference loss earlier in the year by a score of 81-69. Despite a 22-point, 14-rebound effort by Pierce, Drew suffered a 107-74 loss.

"After we beat them earlier in the year, we knew that they would be ready for us. They came out strong and put us into a hole early," Pierce said.

Shaw had another strong outing with 17 points. Drew couldn't slow Wilkes down.

"They were a good team and they played that way," junior Charles Clinton said.

On Wednesday, the Rangers continued their road trip against Delaware Valley.

Drew needed a win to stay in the race for a MAC playoff spot. It was not to be however as the Aggies rode a strong second half to an 88-78 victory.

Pierce, Shaw and junior Carmen Rivetti scored in double figures, with Pierce notching another double-double (30 points, 11 rebounds).

Sophomore center Vic Longo came off the bench to score eight points and grab seven boards. Senior co-captain Bob Zuppe contributed five assists and four steals.

"This loss was tough to swallow," said Pierce. "We were ready to play, but we didn't make smart decisions with the basketball." With the loss the Rangers fell to 3-8 in MAC play and 6-16 overall.

Drew will try to break their losing skid at home on Saturday against King's College, which claimed victory in their initial meeting, 71-55. If the Rangers are to have any hope for a spot in the MAC playoffs they need to



RON MOSS

Junior Dan Pierce follows through with a three-point shot.

win on Saturday.

On Wednesday, Drew entertains perennial power Univer-

sity of Scranton in their final home game. The Rangers will be looking to recreate the magic from

last year's emotional upset win over the Royals.

Ranger of the Week: Special 1000th Point Edition

Bascom shoots her way to another milestone

Ryan J. Fraytic
Assistant Sports Editor

She didn't even want to play college ball. Now a senior and her teammate, Cara Williams once hosted a prospective student by the name of Emma Bascom. Williams somehow persuaded Bascom to play basketball at Drew, and did she ever. On Saturday, Jan. 28, junior co-captain of the women's basketball team Emma Bascom recorded her 1,000th point.

Bascom said, "I was very nervous in the game I had to do it in. There is always a chance I wouldn't get it. I remember the game in high school when I scored my 1,000th point and I was just as nervous. I was relieved to get it out of the way, but I am honored to have done it in my junior year."

While Bascom didn't want to pat herself on her back too much, there are some things that make her feat look even more impres-

sive. She scored 1,000 points at a time when Drew women's basketball was at a low point. Last year they went 3-20. This year they are a much improved 8-12, but there is not telling what could have been accomplished had she played for a perennial winner.

Bascom played for a winning high school in Metuchen, New Jersey. The team consistently made the state tournament and was always in the Top 10. Coincidentally, Bascom broke the high school's scoring record with 1,773 points during her career. Bascom spoke about the game in which she broke the record. "It was a big moment, perhaps my greatest achievement in high school. There were a lot of people there and everyone made a big deal out of it."

"My high school coach was a pretty big influence. I had never played organized basketball until eighth grade. My coach worked with me on the fundamentals and I



Emma Bascom

KARAN SHAPIRO

have her to thank for the way I play today," said Bascom.

When asked about the role her parents played, Bascom responded, "My parents never forced me to play. But they always came to my games and always supported

me."

In college Bascom said her biggest games were whenever the team played F.D.U.-Madison. But she also called this year's game against Swarthmore college "the turning point in the season."

Bascom was really impressed with the team this year. She said, "The team hadn't won a conference game in five years and we've won three already this year."

Drew's all-time leading scorer is Leslie Rushton with 1,998 points. While it would be difficult for Bascom to reach that plateau, second is much more attainable. Denise Brown is the second leading scorer with 1,251 points.

Bascom is currently an English major, but is not sure yet what she will be doing after college. She already coaches at camps during the summer and thinks it's fun. "But I don't know if I'd have the patience to coach in higher levels like high school and college."

"Coach Ust has changed out attitude. I wanted to win for her. I didn't want to make her look bad. She taught us better fundamentals," Bascom said, describing her new college coach here at Drew.

While Bascom is happy with her performance and hopes to achieve even higher personal goals, her main priority seems to be making sure the team improves. With her senior year remaining and a young team to boot, her hopes of improvement should be realized.

Even though Bascom won't be playing in the final four and will be relegated to the armchair role for March-madness, where coincidentally she'll be cheering for Michigan State, she will be remembered here at Drew for an accomplishment that few others have reached.