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Womyn strive for unity

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In celebration of Women's History Month, the Women's Studies Department and Womyn's Concerns House sponsored the Womyn's Symposium Wednesday

tors have helped them personally to relate to other people. "I think [my mother has] seen a change in me. If I can stand in front of a group of people and talk about condoms, I can talk about anything," Zanzucchi said. "It's helped me grow to learn from other people

be a female athlete," she said. An athlete as far back as she could remember, Zotos recalled the second-class treatment that women athletes received at her high school: no lockers, no big gymnasium, inadequate coaches and a short season. However, her first realiza-

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"We talk about communication skills ... because that overlies a lot of the issues we have," junior Anne Zanzucchi, a Peer Educator, said. The Peer Educators teach students about issues including AIDS, condom use, STDs, and sexual assault by emphasizing accurate information and communication. Junior Rebekah Pokart, another Peer Educator, said that she learned gynecological examinations at Drew require a chlamydia test. "If I could tell that to women ... and to men, about how to stop this disease being spread, then we wouldn't have to have mandatory chlamydia testing," Pokart said.

Both women agreed that their experiences with the Peer Educa-

... and then to teach," Pokart said.

Maureen Wallin, a Graduate School student pursuing a Ph.D. in Theology and Religion, said, "It's become clear to me that once women have been introduced to this discourse, the body has been introduced." She spoke of the changes that "different voice theologies," such as feminist, womanist and ethnically-based theologies, have made, and the continuing struggle to make changes in the face of a "white male normative" theology. "What is it that women can bring that is so frightening?" Wallin asked. When women theologians attempted to introduce discussion of the female body into liturgy, they were met with charges of heresy, according to Wallin. "The larger we get ... the more sure our voices become, the louder the backlash," she said. She emphasized the importance of using women's experiences to transform "theological truth" into "theological truths," a process that "is never done."

Director of Athletics Connie Zotos also spoke. As a teenager, "I never even knew it was a stigma to

tion of the prejudice occurred when she was voted the "most athletic" woman of her high school class, and a friend told her it was a stigma. "What was so bad about being the best female athlete?" Zotos asked. As part of her career in athletics, she took jobs as a high school coach and director of women's athletics at a college, then received her Ph.D. from the University of Texas. However, after the NCAA takeover of women's intercollegiate athletics, the number of women in positions of power in athletics dropped sharply in women's institutions—from 90 percent to 38 percent. Right now, according to Zotos, only 8 percent of directors of athletics at coed institutions are women.

"I think one of the things that you have to work on is the perceptions people have of women athletes, from students to faculty," senior Cara Williams, who has played field hockey, basketball and lacrosse, said. Williams asserted that athletes' reputations as "dumb jocks" are undeserved, because athletes give emphasis to their stud-

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AIDS Quilt dates approach rapidly

John Hwang
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The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt will arrive on campus April 6. However, according to Director of Health Services Kathleen Nottage, who is heading the AIDS quilt fundraising committee, the fundraising goal of \$50,000 has not yet been met.

Drew has enough money to cover the \$15,000 cost of shipping the quilt to the University; the rest of the contributions will be donated to five organizations that offer AIDS services: The AIDS Center at Hope House, Angel Connection, The Eric Johnson House, Morristown Memorial Hospital HIV Counseling Program and the Pediatric HIV Clinic.

Nottage emphasized that it is not too late to contribute money or volunteer time. Donations can be sent to Nottage at the Health Services Center.

Publicity for the event, which includes posters, flyers and media packages, should begin next week.

Originally, former Director of News Services Linda Lagle had been in charge of the quilt's pub-

licity. However, after her departure from Drew, Assistant Vice President for University Relations Thomas Harris took over the publicity and media relations for the occasion.

"We're really on a countdown," Nottage said. "We expect to have 500 to 800 volunteers. We're hoping to have over 10,000 visitors."

The time constraints demand that every detail be attended to, Nottage said—from parking and security to boxes of tissues for this emotion-filled weekend.

The event will begin on April 5 with a candlelight march from Drew to the College of St. Elizabeth. Opening ceremonies for the quilt display will take place the following evening at 7 p.m. at the William E. and Carol G. Simon Forum and Athletic Center. Closing ceremonies will take place Sunday, April 9 at 3 p.m.

"This has really been a year-long project," Nottage said. "Everybody's job has been really exciting whether it's ceremonies, volunteers, logistics—there have been so many facets to this project. It's been just absolutely wonderful to work on this."

Welch pipe bursts

Angela L. Dieckhans
Paste-Up Manager

Feb. 19, at approximately 3:45 a.m., the Office of Public Safety began receiving emergency calls from residents in Welch Hall. When the emergency maintenance crew arrived almost 15 minutes later, they found nearly six inches of standing water in the second floor bathroom and surrounding areas, including the area on the first floor below the bathroom. Maintenance eventually turned the water off, but the damage had been done.

According to Director of Facilities Steve Weiser, a 40 year-old rubber flange failed, releasing water from a cold water pipe connected to a toilet. The pipe, which

is an inch-and-a-half in diameter, emptied its contents onto the floor of the bathroom. The ensuing deluge wreaked havoc on the areas surrounding the bathroom.

The asbestos insulation covering the surrounding pipes was water logged and damaged. Weiser said that Drew personnel, a private contractor and an "independent third-party asbestos abatement specialist" conducted air monitoring tests and collected samples for analysis, none of which found any trace of asbestos fibers. Still, in accordance with New Jersey laws regarding asbestos removal, the asbestos was removed by the private contractor who is on-call for such emergencies Weiser said.

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The times, they are a-changin'



Tuesday, the College Democrats sponsored a panel discussion on recent changes in political leadership.

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Elections

Elections for the positions SGA President and Vice-President and ECAB Chair and Vice-Chair will be held in the main lobby of the UC on Tuesday, March 28 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Seniors are reminded that they are allowed to vote in CLAW elections. All students are encouraged to vote.

Forum speakers

Four speakers have been chosen to participate in the 1995 New Jersey Forum.

Co-sponsored by the Business and Education Together (BET) Foundation and the University, Winston Churchill III, grandson and namesake of Britain's former prime minister, former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo, former First Lady Barbara Bush and former President Gerald Ford have been selected to appear during the spring and fall.

As the first of the four, Churchill will speak in the William E. and Carol G. Simon Forum and Athletic Center April 11.

Cuomo will appear May 3; Bush and Ford will follow in the fall.

Nozick Lecture

The First Annual Nozick Lecture is being sponsored by the Center for Holocaust Study. Artist, writer and teacher Nelly Toll will give a lecture and slide presentation entitled "Looking Back on Life Behind the Secret Window."

The presentation will take place March 22 at 7 p.m. in LC-28.

A cappella study break

Campus a cappella group On A Different Note will give a short concert Wednesday, March 8 at 8 p.m. in the Haselton Fourth Floor Lounge.

Jewish traditions

Sponsored by Hillel, the 1995 Annual Pincus Lecturer, author Vanessa Ochs will speak on "Protective Rituals in Jewish Tradition" March 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Great Hall.

For more information and to reserve a place, call x3711.

Spring Break

Applications for housing during break are available from Resident Directors. Students are reminded that residence halls will close Friday, March 10 at 7 p.m. and re-open Sunday, March 19 at noon.

Asian communities 'need leaders'

Alisa Sakai
Staff Writer

In Page Auditorium at Duke University, college students chatter and bustle with expectation in the audience; a sea of new, unsqueaky red chairs peeps through winter jackets. A coordinator paces down the aisle, talking urgently to her walkie-talkie. "This is absolute chaos...over." Women steal glances at the two rows of men from the U.S. Naval Academy, who wear white caps and navy double-breasted suits with gold buttons. The students' eyes scan an unfamiliar sight: an auditorium full of Asian Americans.

Sixteen Drew University students spent last weekend at the 17th annual ECASU Student Union (ECASU) conference at Duke University in North Carolina. ECASU was established in 1978 by a group of Asian American students to promote student awareness and activism relevant to Asian American communities. This year, issues ranged from anti-Asian violence and Asian stereotypes to California's Proposition 187 and the introduction of Asian American programs at college campuses on the East Coast.

Writers, magazine editors, actors, speech writers, activists and rappers flew from Washington and California and drove from Tennessee and Manhattan to speak at this conference. From Maine to Florida, 900 Americans of Filipino, Indian, Japanese, Laotian, Vietnamese, Chinese, Thai, Korean, Malaysian, multi-racial and Pakistani descent

came for a crash course on the Asian American experience.

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University of California at Berkeley as a college student. "Berkeley did not create Ethnic Studies out of the goodness of their heart. It was because of riots and students taking over administration buildings. They literally fought with bricks in their hands." He encouraged students to put pressure on their home administrations and to initiate their own studies of Asian America until Asian American studies were incorporated in the university curriculum by stating, "Accept no university credits. Teach yourself."

Drew University students drove ten hours south to learn about other people's life experiences. Sophomore Jennie Noone stated, "I came to ECASU to catch up with my past because I want to learn about my culture and Asians in general."

babbling around the house, saying "people, peepo, plopee..." and I would always ask my mother if I was Chinese or Japanese because I could never remember. "Nancy was quiet for a moment and said, 'I like how he said that, 'people.' 'People' were all one; no one was excluded." Coming from an ethnicity that is often excluded from the arenas of media and political leadership, Asian Americans seek full inclusion into American society.

keynote speaker J.D. Hokoyama, the Executive Director of LEAP, Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics, through the active inclusion of Asians in these fields, "We can educate non-Asian Pacific Americans about our communities."

Through increased participation, Asians could unify and expose common stereotypes of Asians and the condition of fellow Asians in inner cities. Hokoyama added, "Our community is invisible. We need leaders." Activists have been talking about Asian American rights because they are American values, not Asian values. ECASU lecturers urged students to begin an Asian American studies major at their respective colleges as a way of cultivating leaders.

Shawn Wong, professor, novelist and boardmember of the Association of Asian American Studies stated, "I was supposed to be a doctor, like many of you here," and had double majored in pre-med and English only to pursue another passion: drag racing. Now in his mid-forties, Wong had witnessed the inception of Ethnic Studies at

University officials have not yet released the names of this year's graduation speaker or honorary degree recipients. Coordinator of Trustee Affairs Elaine Brady said that confidentiality is necessary because no potential graduation speaker has accepted the University's invitation. "We would always like a person to think they are our first available choice," she said. "Nobody likes to think that they're second or third in line."

The Honorary Degrees Committee is the body responsible for choosing the graduation speaker and recipients of honorary degrees. It meets early in the fall semester and presents its recommendations to University President Tom Kean. At that point, Kean, trustees and members of the committee attempt to engage the recommended candidates.

"The more popular speakers are the hardest ones to get," Brady said. "When the committee leaves, the President usually asks for some leeway."

The committee met once in the past year, on Oct. 21. Junior Josh Elboim, a member of the committee, has voiced concern about the clandestine nature of the selection process. "I haven't been informed as much as I would like to be," he said. "All I have heard is, 'That's it; you gave your one day, and now let the others take care of it.'"

"I was hoping that it would be a continuous process, that being a member of the [Honorary Degrees] committee means that you are informed about how the process is going," Elboim said. "After not hearing from the committee or the President for a while, I started raising questions at the University Senate meetings ... I thought I would like to keep informed so I could bring the information back to the rest of the undergraduate school, because we have an obvious interest in what happens."

Senior Andrew Scott, also a member of the committee, agreed. "I was surprised ... I

thought [the committee] was going to have another meeting at this past trustees' meeting [on Feb. 17]," he said.

Brady said this year's selection process is not out of the ordinary. "[The committee] sometimes has met a second time before the main meeting of the board, and more often than not, it hasn't," she said. "At the moment [due to lack of response] there isn't anything to report, and we're in March already. Often at the last minute, the President, in order to put together a good program, might have to move in a different direction. But this is not an unusual year. Often at the last minute, we haven't heard," Brady said.

Scott said that he would have liked to have had more input as a member of the committee. "I don't know if this is the way it works at other schools," he said. "It seems to depend a lot on [Kean's] influence ... Maybe that's just the way it works."

The graduation speaker receives an honorary degree, and additional honorary degree recipients also speak at graduation. The graduation speaker receives a fee for his/her services, but the other honorary degree recipients do not. "Drew is one of the few universities that does not pay an [honorary degree], because we feel like giving honorary degrees is enough," Elboim said.

According to Brady, the committee and Kean follow a specific list of criteria when choosing candidates for honorary degrees. Desirable candidates include alumni, people who have given exceptional service (including financial support) to the University, people of national and international prominence, and people who have overcome a handicap or underprivileged status. Elboim gave a personal view of the ideal graduation ceremony: "I think the speaker and any honorary degree recipients should be a direct reflection of the values and the character of the graduating class ... Not only is it a great culmination of your years at college, but having a quality speaker is a good send-off into the future."

SGA meeting notes

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The following issues were discussed at the SGA meeting last Sunday.

Sophomore Cathy Cerbo was approved for the position of Publicity Chair.

Junior Anders Hopperstead was approved to serve as Hoyt-Bowne Hall Senator. The hall's second Senate seat remains empty.

SGA President Jason Clark, a junior, described the Quality of Student Life Committee's meeting held Feb. 21. Further discussion focused on some of the senators' constituents' suggestions for improving student life on campus. The ideas ranged from finding new uses for the non-alcoholic side of the Pub to trying to develop stronger student loyalty.

Elections Chair Laura Sarlo, a sophomore, announced that election petitions for the positions of SGA president and vice-president for the 1995-96 academic year are

available at the University Center Desk. Petitions must be turned in to the SGA Office by March 9, 1995. Elections will be held March 28, 1995.

As Chair of the Health and Public Safety Committee, sophomore J.D. Urbach reported that approximately 25 special permit holders are permitted to park only in the Tilghman lot. The committee recommended allowing special permit holders to park in the Tilghman and Glenwild lots. After some discussion, the Senate defeated a motion to make the change.

Clark reported that a survey demonstrated that students prefer to maintain the deposit feature of the Automatic Teller Machine in the UC.

Clark also announced that Director of Facilities Operations Steve Weiser is expected to attend the next SGA meeting.

The next SGA meeting will be held Sunday at 6 p.m. in the University Commons Faculty Lounge.

Water, water everywhere

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Water also seeped under the carpeting tiles of the first and second floor hallways. Because they are rubber-backed, even after the emergency crew and two custodians spent over three hours removing the standing water with wet-vacs, a pocket of stagnating water remained trapped between the floor and the carpet. It was not detected until its smell alerted residents the following Tuesday. The carpet has since been replaced by temporary rugs. Weiser said that the replacement carpet has been ordered and will be in place by the end of this week.

In addition to the carpeting,

Weiser noted that the vinyl tile in the first floor kitchenette will need to be replaced.

Damage to individual residents' property was reported to the Office of Residence Life. Claims will be reviewed by both the office and Dean of Student Life Denise Alleyne to determine whether or not the claim is covered by the University's insurance.

This flooding was the second major problem in the 40-year-old Welch plumbing to occur last month. The first occurred on Feb. 15 when a badly corroded pipe in the same bathroom gave way. The problem was noticed immediately, and damage was kept to a minimum.

Womyn discuss gender inequalities

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ies equal to that which any other activity member would, such as a student participating in the theatre. "I'm afraid to wear my field hockey jacket to class ... because [some professors] don't think you can add to the class as an intellectual, but as a jock," Williams said. She also mentioned the unequal atten-

interests. She and senior Chakshu Patel discussed their interdisciplinary majors, Guarasci in women's studies and African and African-American studies and Patel in women's studies. "I'm not only learning facts, but also learning about myself," Patel said. "How many people can say their major made them a better person?"

Women direct their attentions to everybody's needs but their own," she said. However, after she had a car accident, "I had to take a look at my thoughts," Grady said. "If I am going to be fulfilled at any point in my life...then I had to find out who I am, what I wanted to do in my life."

She attended Union County



DARCY PADOVA

The panel Wednesday discussed personal experiences in gender discrimination, inequalities and stereotypes.

dance at men's and women's athletics. "The more we can support each other will help in the long run ... Let's not disregard the women's teams, because it's just as exciting," Williams said.

"I was stressing to find a discipline I could fit myself in," junior Bridget Guarasci said, addressing the inadequacy of traditional majors for her academic and personal

She and Guarasci discussed the link between their studies, their personal lives, their experiences abroad, and their social activism. "The personal and the academic are never separate ... We were learning concepts to which we return in our lives," Guarasci said. "It's an extension. It's not contained ... Maybe in our conversations we learn the most," Patel said.

"One of my greatest challenges ... is how do I find spirituality in my life ... on a day-to-day basis?" Jewish Chaplain Karen Landy asked. After rejecting organized religion for years, Landy worked in a very religious Jewish community in Ethiopia during her senior year in college. "It was there that I was able to put my social action into a religious ... form ... I found myself craving the relationship to nature and to other human beings that they had," Landy said. She is a member of the Reconstructionist movement, the fourth and smallest denomination of Judaism, in which "there's always been an emphasis on feminism."

Landy discussed the revision of language into new vocabulary and new understanding. "One of the most incredible experiences I had was saying a prayer and using the feminine language instead of the masculine language," Landy said. Now she uses her social action as a "vehicle to get to God."

Continuing Education student Patricia Grady said that she wanted to go to college when she was 25, but, "In an attempt to hold my marriage together I put the things I wanted on the back burner...."

College for two years, and then was accepted to Drew. Drew offered her the opportunity to study and still take care of her 8-year-old daughter, who can see her mother fulfilling her dreams. "I think this will enable her to see that this is what she should do as well," Grady said.

The discussion then turned to integrating the speakers' and audience's experiences as a step in crossing school boundaries. "Part of the keeping [you] in your place is calling you a dyke," Wallin said. Zotos added that in her reading of sport history and literature, "Most of the time ... the articulated reason [for belittling women in athletics] was that athletics ... was related to power." People get nervous when powerful women join in a group, according to Zotos.

The symposium participants discussed misunderstandings about and separation of women in the three schools, a division promoted by administrative and campus policies and stereotypes. They discussed ways in which women from the schools can improve understanding and communication by working together on an individual rather than institutional level. The symposium also addressed the need for shared programming that respect students' scheduling: cross-registering in classes; support for events sponsored by other schools and willingness to listen to and learn from the diversity of women's experiences on campus.

"I think that we were looking for the connection between all of us—and we all mentioned dreams," Guarasci said.

The Office of College Admissions will soon be holding its annual Phonathon.

This event involves current Drew students contacting all of the admitted Drew applicants. The goal of this event is to congratulate each student on his/her acceptance to the University and also to find out if they have any questions, which would best be answered by a student. The following dates and times have been reserved for the project:

Sunday, March 26 1-5 p.m.

Mon.-Thurs., March 27-30 6-10 p.m.

Sunday, April 2 1-5 p.m.

Tues.-Thurs., April 4-6 6-10 p.m.

Sign-ups will begin on Mon., March 6 and continue through Fri., March 10 at the lower level of the Commons from 5-6 p.m.

It is vital to the admissions effort to have the support of the entire Drew community. It is our intention to enroll a bright, active and diverse first-year class.

This can only be accomplished with your assistance. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Andrew Steiner at x3488, or Adrienne Parquer at x3423.

Please watch for more details!

The Acorn would like to wish all students a restful Spring Break!

LEAD EDITORIAL

Intramural sports

Sports can and should be a part of every student's life. The mental and physical benefits of sports are well known. Yet, not every student has the time, energy or desire to become part of a full time varsity sport. Such activities can take up much free time with daily practices, away games, and workouts. The answer to those who want to play sports, yet do not want to spend the dozen or so hours a week to play varsity sports, is the intramural program.

Intramurals offer almost every varsity sport on campus, and several other sports as well. Students can participate in soccer, basketball, volleyball and many others without having to attend practices. Students can simply show up and play, enjoy the sport that they have chosen and then go home. Hundreds of students participate in the intramural program every year, sometimes playing in two different sports each year.

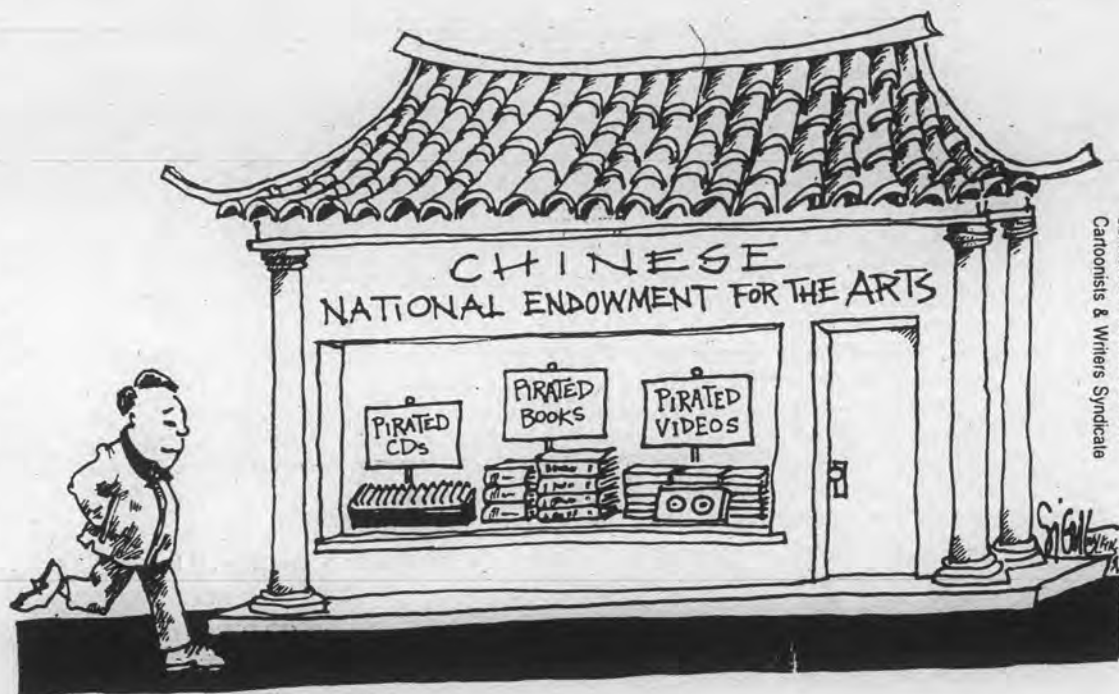
The comprehensive program is a valuable addition to the athletic programs. Without the intramural program, many students would be left out of competitive sports or be forced to spend unwanted time practicing on a more rigorous varsity team. The program, however, is not without flaws. The games are usually scheduled on a "round robin" system. Sometimes teams get lost in the shuffle; in some cases games are canceled with no notice to the affected teams until the evening that they are supposed to play. One team was roughly two hours late with their application and was then told they couldn't play, even though they could have been added to the schedule.

Another difficulty noted by some students is that the referees do not always have a clear cut set of rules with which to work. Since the referees are students and come from different backgrounds, students might have an intimate knowledge of the rules of the particular game while others might know only the general ideas. With such disparities between the referees, players can sometimes get frustrated when particular actions that are not called in one game are suddenly penalized under the auspices of a different referee.

Lastly, intramural sports must share the athletic facilities with the varsity teams. During winter months when outdoor sports are impossible, this space becomes very precious and scheduling conflicts become a problem. While this is to be expected with so many different functions using a single space, intramurals should not be looked down upon as unimportant as they sometimes are. Intramurals are not varsity sports to be sure, they do not practice regularly or have team uniforms (unless the team is very strange), but they are just as important to those who play them as any varsity sport to its players. The two sport systems should be able to coexist with mutual respect.

The intramural sports are for the health and entertainment of the students. The program is an excellent way of providing extra-curricular physical activities to students who are a little less serious about their sport commitments.

The recent increase in the breadth of the intramural sports under Intramural director Amy Heintz has made the school that much more attractive for many students. While the program has a few problems that should be addressed, overall the intramural sports leagues are a valuable addition to the University's campus life.



READER'S FORUM

Jason Clark explains reasons behind withdrawal from SGA

To the Editor:

My position as President of the Student Government Association has been very rewarding. During the last month, I have been met with numerous questions regarding whether I intend to run for a second term. After a great deal of consideration, I have decided not to run. There are many reasons for this decision; some of them are personal. However, I would like to share some of the other reasons with you.

The Student Government Association has been very productive this year. Every goal that Andrew and I wished to accomplish has been achieved. Such goals ranged from helping to alleviate the apathetic attitude of much of the campus, to helping the University generate new sources of income. We have also tackled issues that affect students most directly, such as the problems with the social life at Drew. Because we were very successful in achieving each of our goals, I question the purpose of a second term.

Secondly, there are many other things that I would like to do on campus. Earlier this semester, I was asked to serve as a manager at the Pub. I have been unable to devote the time that I would like to the position. When my term as

SGA President is up I will then have much more time to devote to the Pub. I also plan to Chair the Student Alumni Board. The Student Alumni Board is a body that could be very effective but has not been so in the past. I will also be a member of the Green Key Tour Guides. I would really like to do an internship with a pharmaceutical company as well. I would also like to spend time working with the Madison Fire Department. Although this seems like a lot to do, I am sure that I will have more free time than I have had this year.

On a different note, there is a great deal of bureaucratic nonsense within the SGA. I no longer wish to deal with that. I am also somewhat assured that I will play a continuing role in many of the programs that I have been involved in this year, such as the Quality of Student Life Committee and the College Retention Committee.

As I mentioned before, this was a decision that I thought a great deal about. I will continue to be visible on campus, but I will also be able to enjoy the life of a normal student as well. I wish everyone who runs for this office the best of luck, and I will assist the winner in any way that I can over the course of the next year.

Jason Clark
Junior

Affirmative Action creates more discrimination and tension

To the Editor:

In his article "Republican Congress endangers affirmative action", Rodney Cornelius wrote that Affirmative Action programs are "historical and necessary." However, while they may be historical, they certainly are not necessary.

Affirmative Action is the name given to a series of programs designed to make up for past discrimination by forcing government agencies and large corporations to give hiring preferences for African-Americans, women and other "oppressed" people. The programs also extended to colleges, as they began to regard minority status as a positive admissions qualification, on equal footing with such trifles as test scores and overall achievement in high school.

May I advance the radical notion that Affirmative Action, while it may have been necessary at a time when many localities still had racist laws on the books, is unfair in a supposedly colorblind society? Forty years ago, most African-Americans would have agreed with the statement: "I believe that hiring people based on the color of their skin is wrong." Where are all of these voices now? Why is hiring a white male because he is a white male called bigotry, while giving the same preference to any other group is considered a fundamental right?

Sometimes the effects of Affirmative Action can be downright dangerous. In some localities, the local fire departments have been making the physical fitness tests easier so more women can be hired. I can't fathom the reasoning behind putting lives at risk to hire less qualified workers. However, I'm sure liberals can; they believe that it is better to discriminate on the basis of gender and race rather than achievement and ability.

Cornelius wrote that "every minority on this campus at one point in time has wondered if he or she was an 'Affirmative Action baby.'" Frankly, that thought would haunt me if I were a minority. Being accepted to college is like winning a race against the other applicants. How would you like to win a race knowing that you were given a five-yard head start? One might say that whites also had a head start because of better educational opportunities—I went through the public school system in New York City, and I don't think that anything in my background gave me a head start over the minority students I went to class with.

Andrew Bongiorno
First-year student

The Real World

University management fails to address minor issues

John Siminoff
Opinions Editor

Drew is a very good school. None of us would be here if we didn't believe that it was worth attending (and worth paying over \$20,000 a year).

The academic standing of the University is excellent when compared to its undergraduate peer schools and its faculty are of the highest quality. Many of our facilities are unparalleled among schools of our size. The Simon Forum and Athletic Center is an impressive athletic facility for a college of any size. Our library is well-stocked, especially with ancient religious texts written in German. In addition, it is completely melded with the campus-wide information system. The campus E-mail system is not the most advanced system of its kind, but it fairly comprehensively and every student at this university is given a computer and is taught at least the basics of getting onto the Internet and working with E-mail, an increasingly important skill in today's world.

Drew's problems, then, do not generally seem to be major ones. Instead, our home is plagued by a variety of minor oversights and occasionally major problems in its planning. Take, for example, the day chosen to move in this semester. We all moved in Saturday or Sunday. Now while this was not a problem if your housing move went smoothly, some of the 1000 plus students moving in were bound to have some problems. For those of us who did have problems, there was no one in the Residence Life office to talk to until two days after we moved in. This is a perfect example of a small oversight that can lead to real trouble should anything go wrong.

There are many other examples of "oversight" in the day to day function of the University. Take for example the kitchens (or lack thereof) in some of the residence halls. While I clearly understand that every floor of every residence hall cannot have a full kitchen, it is ridiculous that a person who lives

in Riker on the third floor must walk up and down three flights of stairs to use a microwave (or normal range) in the sole kitchen in the building. Tolley, Brown and Haselton have kitchens on every floor, why can't residence halls such as Riker have, at minimum, a small microwave oven on each floor to convenience the students? Noting the lack of facilities in Riker, it only further irritates many students that in the Mead Hall basement there is a kitchen that is far nicer than any of those located in the residence halls. Wouldn't it seem that if some students do not have adequate food preparation facilities, locating some of the nicest kitchens on the campus in an office/classroom building is a relatively bad "oversight"?

Another source of waste, inefficiency and unhappy students at Drew is that of residence hall heating. In many rooms there is either

thousands of BTUs of energy. Yet some rooms on the lower floors are the exact opposite causing their resident to remain constantly and uncomfortably cold. While this may seem like nit-picking to some, if your room is so hot that you must waste heat by leaving your window open, (you can close the heating vent, but this causes the reverse problem) while other rooms desperately require more heating, some action should be taken. In most buildings I have been in, piping normal amounts of heat into a room is not a major design feat. It is not an altogether unreasonable request to want a comfortable temperature in your room.

It is not just facilities that are suffering from poor management. The food service continues to remain a sore spot for many students, annoying the students with everything from poor quality food to exorbitant pricing policies. There

is no reason at a school as expensive as Drew for this to be a problem. While I would seriously doubt that any students who come to Drew expect institutional food to be as good as a home-cooked meal, I have visited several schools, such as Susquehanna University and Skidmore College, that have food far superior to our own. Obviously it can be done. It is a shame to have such low-quality food while other schools we compete with maintain much higher standards, in some

sports university, why did we build a larger athletic center years before we handled the problem of professor salary and benefits? Although the problem has begun to receive attention, it should never have been allowed to happen initially.

Again and again, Drew demonstrates that it is not the major issues that seem to elude attention, but a multitude of smaller problems that may end up being a far larger collective nuisance than any major difficulty. Perhaps the most clear-cut example of ignoring a minor issue until it becomes a major problem was the recent Welch Hall pipe burst. It flooded the second and first floors, causing a major inconvenience to all of the students who live there and making it necessary to replace all of the carpeting, at a significant cost to the University.

Overall, Drew must spend more of its time making sure that these sundry items do not escape its attention...When added together or allowed to fester unattended, they create a more formidable problem than many members of the administration would seem to suspect...Very few major difficulties start out at a catastrophic level. They can only grow to that size through inattention and mishandling.

One six-year term could solve Clinton's problems

Jeff Bathurst
Editor-in-Chief

The Republican revolution marches onward. In New Hampshire and Iowa, politicians are meeting with townsfolk in these early barbershop of presidentiality. A few senators, a former governor and former cabinet members canvass each state, readying themselves for the upcoming primary. They argue over who is more conservative, over who will give power back to "the people."

The only problem is that the New Hampshire and Iowa presidential primaries are still about a year away. That hasn't stopped the Republican freight train of doom from hurtling full speed ahead into those states. It also hasn't stopped potential candidates from throwing their hats into the ring.

Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas announced he was a candidate last week. Former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander declared Tuesday that he was presidential material.

Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas, the leader in the ridiculously early polls, will officially challenge President Clinton to an 19-month battle royale over the fate of the nation on April 14, the 50th anniversary of his near-fatal wounds in World War II.

In all, there are 11 or 12 possible candidates in this race to unseat Clinton. This is not even including Dan Quayle or Massachusetts Gov. William Weld, both of whom have

declined to run. The election is in 20 months.

Clinton, in fact, has only been in office for two years and two months. When he officially does begin campaigning, he will have a formidable Republican headstart to overcome. The campaign in 1992 made it clear that Clinton enjoys the campaign trail; now in the White House, he still hits the road often to promote major policy initiatives. It would not surprise me at all to see him take off in the summer of 1996 around the country, campaigning to save his job.

But who will govern when he does that? Who set up this system? The premature entry of Republican candidates into the presidential race raises several questions about the nature of the presidency and presidential campaigns.

I believe that the President should serve one six-year term. The president would not have to preoccupy himself with trying to win back his job for four more years, defending his actions and accomplishments. The president would not vacate his office for months to persuade the American people he is a good guy. In the best of all possible worlds, he would have six years to leave his mark on the nation, to work with Congress and to try and achieve his major objectives. Unfortunately, we live in a results-oriented society where the president must forever remind us of his good deeds lest we forget and not re-elect him after four years.

Clinton is obligated to run for re-election in 1996. Besides not having accomplished many of his policy initiatives, it would be a

bitter pill to swallow to admit to inefficiency and not try to run for four more years. And because he will run for president, he must gather together funds for his campaign, plot strategy and travel—all the trappings of a normal campaign, but with the added responsibility of continuing to act as the leader of the free world.

This will, no doubt, cut down on the effectiveness of his administration as 1996 unfolds. Clinton doesn't need a year cut off at the end of his term, especially considering the start of this one. Hamstrung by tangential issues such as gays in the military during the first

six months of his term, his first legislative goals weren't realized until well into 1993, his first year in office.

So what we will be faced with is a Republican challenger who has been raising tremendous amounts of funds for up to two years (Gramm recently raised \$4.1 million in one night), and Clinton, the incumbent who will, of course, be judged on his record—a record that in November 1996 will only include two years of actual governance.

Which is to say nothing of the current Republican Contract on America. It will be debatable, once 1995 is said and done, whether we

can truly count this year as one in which Clinton actually governed at all.

The events transpiring Washington over the past six months have signaled a fundamental shift in power to the legislative branch of government. The President hardly got anything done with an (ostensibly) friendly Congress; now he can expect opposition at every turn. This change in the way things get done is bound to help the Republican candidates for president; Dole and Gramm are two of the most influential voices in the Senate. Other possible candidates

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The American military forces should be kept strong

Frank Forte
Staff Writer

As the United States emerges from the Cold War, we seem to be in the process of legislating our autonomy to foreign nations and powers, and in the process, setting ourselves up for disaster. In foreign policy, we seem to be stressing "peaceful negotiations" and "multi-national forces" to the point where foreign leaders, especially adversaries, don't fear or respect the United States.

Last year, the U.S. under the U.N. invaded Somalia to deliver food, we were told. Now we discover there always was plenty of food there. The problem was that it was hoarded by Mohammed Farrah Iddi Sahib. When we invaded in January 1993 he was a small warlord with a lot of food. Now, command has cycled from the U.S. to the U.N. (U.S. troops commanded by a foreign officer with non-American patches on his uniform). Now Muhammad Farah Iddi Sahib is the president of Somalia, still keeping the food to himself. Meanwhile, bodies of U.S. servicemen have been dragged through the streets, desecrating our servicemen, our military and our country.

The entire mission cost 42 American lives and \$1.6 billion, and Somalia is no better off.

This fall, the military was also sent into Haiti to restore democracy. U.S. commanders could not stand

First, let us not surrender our American forces to the U.N. It is indecisive, and though many nations provide lip service and anti-U.S. votes, few supply troops when it comes time to invade somewhere. Maybe it's because they don't like U.N. interventionist policies. Maybe they think their children are too good for U.N. missions.

over their troops because it was a multi-national U.N. force. It sure was. Israel sent 12 soldiers to observe, the French may have sent a few, and the U.S. supplied the other thousands. They are still there, and a few have been killed in the name of diplomacy, aid, and democracy. Things have not improved. A couple weeks ago, U.S. troops had to defend the government buildings from Haitian military people angry a not being paid in months. Meanwhile, we hear that Aristide isn't starving. Again, we have U.N. forces consisting of 90 percent U.S. troops sent out to deliver the pizza and settle the squabbles.

A few months ago, we knew that North Korea was producing nuclear

weapons secretly and against certain treaty rules. We knew exactly where the weapons were and how to get rid of them. Our response was to sit by and let the Koreans push the U.S. around. We were

U.S. was just playing games? It wouldn't even have time to get its air force out of bed, let alone get them off the ground.

The U.S. under the U.N. keeps going in and out of the Yugoslavia

why should they?

Secondly, let's keep the military a fighting machine and not let it become a meals on wheels for the third world. People love to target the military for cuts to save food stamps, but the primary duty of the Federal Government is national defense and internal order. Why keep a well-trained, modern, large, effective military? Because, as George Bush noted here last year, you never know when another Sadaam Hussein will rise. History has taught U.S. the perils of downsizing our military too drastically. Before World War I, it was our delayed entrance into the war which gave U.S. time to rebuild our military before we had to fight. In World War II, though we had two years' notice, our planes were leveled at Pearl Harbor. After World War II, America thought war was over. Military leaders were dumping tanks off the sides of ships to save ship fuel on the way home and were donating arms to former enemies. Just five years later we were frantically searching for equipment for a war in Korea. These examples alone should teach U.S. that while we don't need to be a bully in the world, we must keep a force capable of both defending our nation and deterring would-be attackers.

conflict. Lines are drawn in the sand weekly, and then moved when not complied with. We (that is, the U.S. under command of the U.N.) finally bomb an airport, then send in expert crew immediately to fix it. By the end of the day, the runway is in better shape than at the beginning.

There are several points to this article. First, let's not surrender our American forces to the U.N. It is indecisive, and though many nations provide lip service and anti-U.S. votes, few supply troops when it comes time to invade somewhere. Maybe it's because they don't like U.N. interventionist policies. Maybe they think their children are too good for U.N. missions. After all, if the U.S. will fill the ranks,

the tune of Yankee Doodle Dandy. Their Contract with America exhumes and glorifies the ideology of Social Darwinism, mopping up the most offensive bits of Gilded Age rhetoric. With all the pseudo-scientific justification that "natural law" can provide, they are an ideological pursuing a course that does not simply ignore the poorest segments of society, but kicks them (hard) for their own good.

It seems Newt and his newly-hired team of contractors are tired of giving poor men fish; moreover, they've raised the price of fishing poles and discontinued fishing lessons. But the republicans have no shortage of rhetoric. They have a mandate from the people; and, good ol' boys everywhere agree that the poor don't need money, food, or economic opportunity. They need a dose of good old American can-do ingenuity; if the lazy bastards can't muster the energy to better them-

selves, why, then hell with them. No one gets a free lunch.

Least of all, underprivileged children.

Republicans are trying to repeal the National School Lunch Act. Elimination of the program is an effort to trim our nation into a "fit" poverty-free nation of comfortable conservative Republicans. The School Lunch Act has provided nutritionally balanced, government subsidized school lunches to underprivileged children for the last 50 years.

No one is even pretending that the sharply reduced block grant, issued to states to replace it, would even begin to fill the gap. Elaborating on that same theme, (lazy welfare moms) Republicans have moved to end the Nutrition Program for Pregnant Women and Infants. This program, instrumental in lowering instances of infant mortality and low birth weight, has perhaps been too effective. Are we

crowding the world with those "least fit" for survival?

There are frequent and flagrant abuses of the welfare system, but the government seems poised to throw the baby (welfare babies, at least) out with the bathwater. Ending aid to teenage mothers punishes those people least able to absorb additional abuse.

Contrary to republican belief, Government checks do not transform pregnant teens into irresponsible heiresses. Thus in the midst of their cries for "Personal Responsibility" has forgotten humanitarian obligation.

Furthermore, the GOP is working on legislation to make drugs subject to fewer and less rigorous tests. Not surprisingly, pharmaceutical giants would be the beneficiaries of such laws. After all, it is this a contract framed in business terms.

Spencer would be delighted.



Six-year Presidential term

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include Indiana Sen. Richard Lugar and Pennsylvania Sen. Arlen Specter.

For Clinton, the solution is clear. Congress currently wields the power in Washington, and he must either try to work around that or reconfigure his message. His recent actions concerning Mexico is a good start. Standing alone, Clinton creatively bypassed Congress to grant Mexico \$40 billion in loan guarantees to bolster the Mexican peso.

This may be Clinton's way of getting things done.

Eisenhower sent federal troops into Little Rock in 1957 to oversee desegregation. Nixon refused to spend \$15 billion in Congress-appropriated federal funds between

1969 and 1973, freezing more than 100 programs. Reagan fired the air-traffic controllers when they went on strike in 1981. There is precedent in taking such executive action, and Clinton should seek out other ways to flex his presidential muscle in the future. Further action would affirm his power, and if successful, serve as a springboard to re-election.

Unfortunately, Clinton is the perfect example of a president who deserves only one term. The entire debate over a six-year term can be summarized with examples from his administration. Clinton is stuck in this system and must live with it.

Here's hoping he can recover from this constant Republican onslaught and compete on a level playing field come 1996.

We're resting our pencils for the next few weeks.
Because of Spring Break, *The Acorn* will next publish March 24.

American government is not a business

Joe Houde
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Ross Perot lightened up the 1992 election. He was great comic relief for those of us annoyed with Clinton and Bush. But he was more than a sideshow. He instilled the country with an idea that has come to pervade the way we think of the government—the idea of government-as-business. This idea has motivated the current balanced budget discussion, and in that, the argument over whose funds to cut. Although it has sparked some worthwhile discussion, this idea is flawed. The U.S. government is not a business, treating it as such is totally inaccurate.

Staring anxiously at the bottom line, we see what the total deficit is and then we cringe. The deficit is a big problem, but there is more to a business than the bottom line. A business, like the government, is an entity which has relationships within as well as outside of itself. Government is like business in that it receives money, spends it and has a bottom line but the relationships, within and without, are different for the two entities. This is where the analogy of government-as-business does not work: facts.

First of all, there is the problem of self-analysis. The government does not track its resources nearly as tightly as a business. A business knows how much every item they

use costs and how much value they will get out of it. For example, if Chemical Bank constructs a building, they know it will cost them a certain amount of money. They also know they will not be spending the money to rent from someone else. This allows them to weigh how valuable the building is and deduct the cost of continued rent from the cost of building. This is not universally true with the government. They cannot always weigh the value of the items they build or purchase. One example is a wildlife refuge. Sure the price of the land is easy to compute, but what is the value of saving a species' mating ground? How much is it worth? Something like that defies monetary value.

Another example, one which is always under scrutiny, is the military. The Navy builds a billion dollar aircraft carrier. What's the value in that? The way the government figures things, that is a one and nine zeros thrown in the trash. Why? Because there is no monetary value on protection. The aircraft carrier is an investment of one billion. It pays itself off over the years it is used protecting our country and our interests abroad. The value of that, in my opinion, is much more than a billion dollars. The same is true for saving a species. The cost of the land is incidental to the value of the species. However, neither round off to the

nearest dollar, so these values do not go into budgetary concerns.

A government cannot measure itself the way a business does. While a business might make cars or lightbulbs, a government provides security, protection and discourse. The concrete world of business does not fully translate over to the world of government, which is a realm of ideals.

The relationship that the government has with the populace is also different from that of a business and the general public. We relate to businesses in three main ways: as consumers, employees or as stockholders. As a consumer, a business offers a product or a service, and we have the option of buying it. If we do buy it, there is an implicit contract that the business has done its best to provide us with what we want. We don't pay for a car, we pay for a way to travel. As employees, we perform a task for the business, and they pay us. Finally, as stockholders, we provide funds to the business by buying stock, and we trust that the business will do well, so that we may receive a profit from the transaction. Which of these three ways is the way we relate to the government? We are not consumers, because there is no choice of governments. If you want to live here, you are under the jurisdiction of the U.S. government. However, there is still the implied consumer

contract. We are not employees.

The government does not pay each of us for services. However, by voting we perform a service to the government. Finally, we are not stockholders. We do not receive dividends from the government. However, we do provide it with its source of working funds. The relationship of a citizen to the U.S. government does not fit the analogy of government-as-business.

The confusion over defining our relationship to government has produced a great deal of strife over balancing the budget. People see themselves as stockholders or as consumers of government. The stockholders figure "I've paid my taxes for this many years, so I deserve some back." This is the entitlement group. Many people at Drew are part of this. Anyone with a government student loan is receiving an entitlement from Uncle Sam. None of the people receiving them wants to lose them, or have them reduced. In a recent news program, a college student suggested cutting aid to the elderly rather than college aid, an elderly then said to cut welfare, an unwed mother said to cut farm aid and a farmer said to cut college aid. All of these people were in favor of balancing the budget, and they all thought they deserved the government money they were receiving. They thought they were stockholders in the U.S. corporation, and

that they deserved these dividends.

The consumers believe that the government is obliged to provide and protect against as much as possible. This is certainly part of government's role, but the problem lies in the consumers' attitude. They think of the government the same as they think of cable: "I pay for it, you do it, and I don't think of it until something goes wrong. At this point I complain incessantly." The problem here is that government is not a service, it is a body of which every citizen is a part. An active role in government helps both the citizens and the government. A passive role hurts both parties.

The government is not a business. It cannot function as one because its commodities are ideals, and ideals do not have a monetary value. Also, the relationship between government and citizen is not totally analogous to any relationship between a business and the population.

I do think that the government could learn valuable lessons from business. For instance, cutting unnecessary personnel and outlandish benefits. I also think that balancing the budget is a good idea. However, the idea of government-as-business needs to be eliminated or radically changed in order to achieve the goal of a balanced budget while still keeping the country in one piece.

Animal food products are factors in health problems

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Although the Rutgers basketball team has had a losing season, there is one group that seems to be winning almost everyday. Their court lies outside the Simon Forum, next building over, in the far recesses of the University Commons: the vegan line.

The large majority of Commons patrons do not know anything about the vegan line, but rather assume that it is for vegans or vegetarians alone, and further, that vegan food MUST be bland. The cooks at the Commons used to feel that way as well, until the vegan voice began to make itself known. Students could not have expected the enthusiastic response they received. As

daka realized the growing number of vegans on campus and how seriously these vegans took their meals, the Commons folks began to pay close attention to the meals they provided. They started to use more garlic in the hummus, more variety and spice in substance and presentation. The cooks began to experiment with alternatives to rice, beans and tofu. Yes, some of these creations have ended up resembling tar, but it is the thought that counts.

Most schools don't even have a vegetarian line, let alone a vegan line. But we are fortunate enough to have one, so it deserves to be looked into, even by carnivores. My intention is not to convert the reader to vegetarianism or veganism, but to merely alert you

to a pleasant alternative to the standard meat-and-potatoes diet.

People often forget the correlation between what they eat and how they feel. Substances like chicken and beef take a significant amount of time and energy to digest, energy that could be diverted elsewhere in the body. There are those who worry that, without meat, they will not be able to get the nutrients they require to get through a long day. There are no nutrients in meat that cannot be derived from other source, such as beans and grains.

There are also those who would prefer their meals not to require any effort to locate or prepare. Yet this is one of the main points of satisfaction in being a vegan or vegetarian. When a meal requires

preparation, when a product's ingredients must be scrutinized before it is purchased, the consumer has full knowledge of what is going into his or her body, rather than blindly eating what is placed before him or her.

There are, of course, other benefits of vegetarianism and veganism aside from the physical. The meat and dairy industries today, are for the most part, inhumane and exploitive of animals. Avoiding the products these manufacturing processes can give you a feeling of karmic satisfaction in walking softly on the earth. Humans are perhaps the only species who can occupy the top of the food chain or the bottom. We are also the only species with the option of drinking the milk of another spe-

cies after infancy. Thus choices can be made. People must decide for themselves whether they will eat what government and society want them to eat—or whether they will take total control over the substances that enter their body.

These are just several reasons for reforming of dietary habits. Vegetarianism is a way of life that requires a good amount of discipline, but the benefits cannot be described, only experienced. So I urge you to take advantage of the services provided to us by the cooks at the Commons. Everyone is welcome to try the wide variety of tasty and aesthetically pleasing dishes in line four (except the guy who always takes all the mushrooms out of the stew).

Spring break ideas

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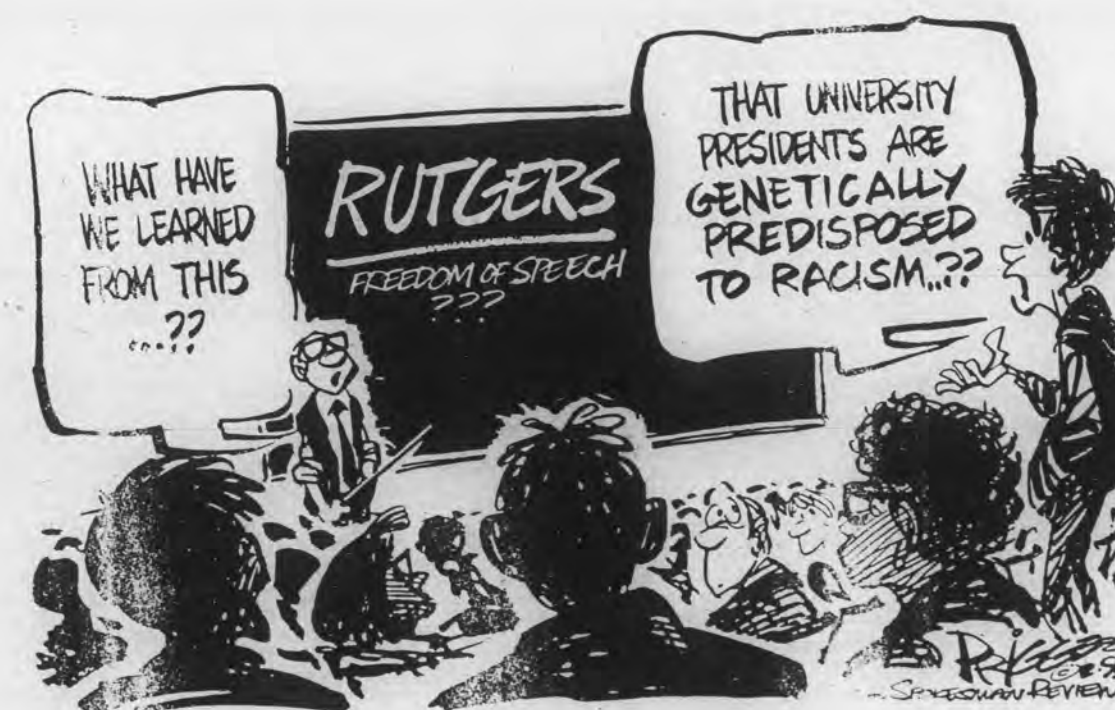
What really is the purpose of spring break anyway? Personally I like to use the ten days to go home and sit around think about why the hell every college vainly trying to educate my friends from home schedules their spring break the week following or preceding ours. Maybe those of you who live a little closer to the cradle of civilization have better things to do, but I don't want to hear about them.

Seriously, spring break is more of a tease than anything. I mean, I go home for a week. I have two friends that go to school near home, so I can visit them, but they are in class at the time. So between their classes we can hang out or something. And when they are in class I get to watch my sisters dress the family cat as an Alaskan timber wolf. But that's the subject of a much longer article. It would probably be much cooler if everyone just took a week off from classes,

and hung out here. As anyone who has been here for pre-season can attest, the campus is much more fun before we start getting involved with all those classes and stuff. Just think, no homework and no 9 a.m. classes. And especially no last-minute opinions articles to write to fill space for John.

I think I can salvage a point here. A thousand twenty-somethings together, provided with regular meals and E-mail access and roofs over their heads, that would be pretty cool. I mean, learning how to spend inordinate amounts of time with a large group of people that you might not get along with is a much better preparation for the real world than actually trying to learn something.

Oh, and while we're at it, we should do a ditch day like they did in Wednesday's episode of 21 Jumpstreet, where the seniors leave campus for a day, so that the underclassmen try to break into their rooms, where seniors have left prizes. That would be cool too.



Barkmarket makes a big splash in the Lardroom

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The New York-based band Barkmarket has come out with their third release, a five-song EP called *Lardroom*. The cover features a photograph of a sterile and brightly lit operating room.

The CD begins with weird muted sounds and the noise of something scraping against guitar strings. These noises catch the listener off guard, and draw attention. Very quickly, the muted notes become a riff. A growling bass comes in, and the song "I Drown" begins with a crash of the drums. It is a mid-tempo song that contains elements of both swing and industrialized funk. Due to work by metal producer Rick Rubin, as well as the arrangements, the band sounds similar to both Soundgarden and Rage Against the Machine. Lead singer David Sardy sounds like a more mature-voiced Mike Patton and even a little bit like David Lowery. The song is engaging, especially Sardy's vocals, although



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on the whole the track is not extraordinarily original.

Next comes "Dig In," which starts out with a bass so big and chunky you want to eat it. The beginning is stark, featuring only John Nowlin's nasty bass, and some authoritative and skewed drumming from Rock Savage. The

plotted rows/ So dig in." He's talking about a graveyard. It should be cheesy, but it's not.

The songs just keep getting better with "Pushin' Air," the most creative and unusual song on the album. It is short through with white noise. There are short bursts of static for no reason, and the guitars,

drums and vocals are weakened by static. Nowlin sings this song in a series of high, strained yelps. The first line, "Well, goddamn, people," sounds strange because of the way it is delivered, and because of the noise around it. The drums and accompanying guitar can't decide whether to stop or keep playing. As a result the song is unsettling and very interesting.

Just when you think that's the best song on the album, along comes "Little White Dove" with its confusing mixture of drum rhythms counteracted by the rhythms of the instruments and vocals. Although the guitars sound like they're wounded, they are still menacing. Then, everything straightens out, and leads quickly to a heavy thrash section. It pulls you in and doesn't let you go.

The ending of "Dove" segues into "Johnny Shiv," the final song on the EP. Once again, you are drawn in quickly, this time by the drum rhythm. The guitars are exceptional here. All of the instruments seem to be playing exactly

the same thing—the precision is important. Then, out of nowhere, the guitars hit a seventh chord for which you're totally unprepared, while the drums shift, to emphasize it. And of course, Nowlin's distorted bass is chugging away. At the end, all the instruments stop abruptly, except for the guitar's, feed back. It sounds like the strings are being scraped, as well as being beaten on.

When the CD is over, you're interested and you want more. Not too many groups can do that. Barkmarket manage to interest the listener even though their music is very similar to some other groups. Although they're inspired by groups like Soundgarden and Rage Against the Machine, they are a bit more creative than those groups, and this is their edge. The mix is very claustrophobic—everyone seems to be cramped into a small room. This combined with the use of noise builds a lot of tension, which is released for the most part. Whatever tension is left makes you want to hear more from them.

Cartoon Corner

Spider-Man's back, spinning webs, breaking hearts

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Spider-Man, Spider-Man Does whatever a spider can Spins a web, any size Catches thieves, just like flies Look out, here comes the Spider-man

So went the song we all so fondly remember and associate with the original *Spider-Man* cartoons. However, these are the 90's, and such memorable songs are now dead now. In their place we have some sort of stupid cyber-punk theme song for the new Saturday morning cartoon shown on the Fox network.

However, that is a minor complaint for a pretty good show. Other than the current *X-Men* series, Marvel hasn't had too much success with its comic book adaptations. The current *Marvel Action Hour* cartoon starring the Fantastic Four and Iron Man laughably bad. And Marvel's live-action movies for Captain America and Punisher were so bad they went directly to video. (In fairness, though, *The Incredible Hulk* television series did have a relatively long run.)

The *Spider-Man* cartoon takes all its cues from the comic book, although with some minor twists for animation's sake. The webbing design on Spider-Man's costume

in the current comic books would be nearly impossible to animate. The whole design comes from the early days of the comic book, in fact, including the smaller eyes. The webbing, however, comes from Todd McFarlane's revamp of the character's design from a few years ago.

Aunt May, Peter Parker's mother figure, has changed also. She's become a bit younger and her trademark hair bun has been taken away.

Unlike the current comic book, in which Peter (who is secretly Spider-Man) is married to Mary Jane Watson, the cartoon starts Peter off single, while seeing both Mary Jane and Felicia Hardy on and off.

Peter still works at the *Daily Bugle*, using his dual identity to maintain a job as staff photographer. His boss, J. Jonah Jameson is a multi-billionaire in the series, complete with his own skyscrapers and television station, as well as the newspaper. He uses his position of power to rail against Peter Parker's other identity.

His spider-sense, the odd power which allows Spider-Man to know when danger is lurking, is one sore spot in the show. It seems the writers only remember it when it is good for a plot point. Often when it should be buzzing, it is not. I don't know whether this is because of sloppy plotting, or just a need to keep the pacing or animation done

properly.

The animation, is striking. The characters are clearly defined and well-colored, with animation from the industry's over-the-top best: Tokyo Movie Shinshu.

Spider-Man himself was designed as a "muscular swimmer," to allow for all those odd poses Spider-Man continually finds himself in. This *Spider-Man* is much better posed than any previous. He uses his web to swing all over the city and rappel up buildings.

The villains all come from the comic books, so far, although there will be a few new villains in the second season, already under production. So far, the Kingpin, the Lizard, the Spider-Slayers, Doctor Octopus and Mysterio have been

featured, although the future holds the promise for the Rhino, Shocker, Hobgoblin (whose voice will be done by Mark "Luke Skywalker" Hamill), Chameleon, Kraven and Spidey's most popular villain of late, Venom. (His origin will have to be changed from the comic book, however, as that version is a bit too complicated to cover in a cartoon. It looks like the evil alien symbiote will come to earth on the Space Shuttle somehow.)

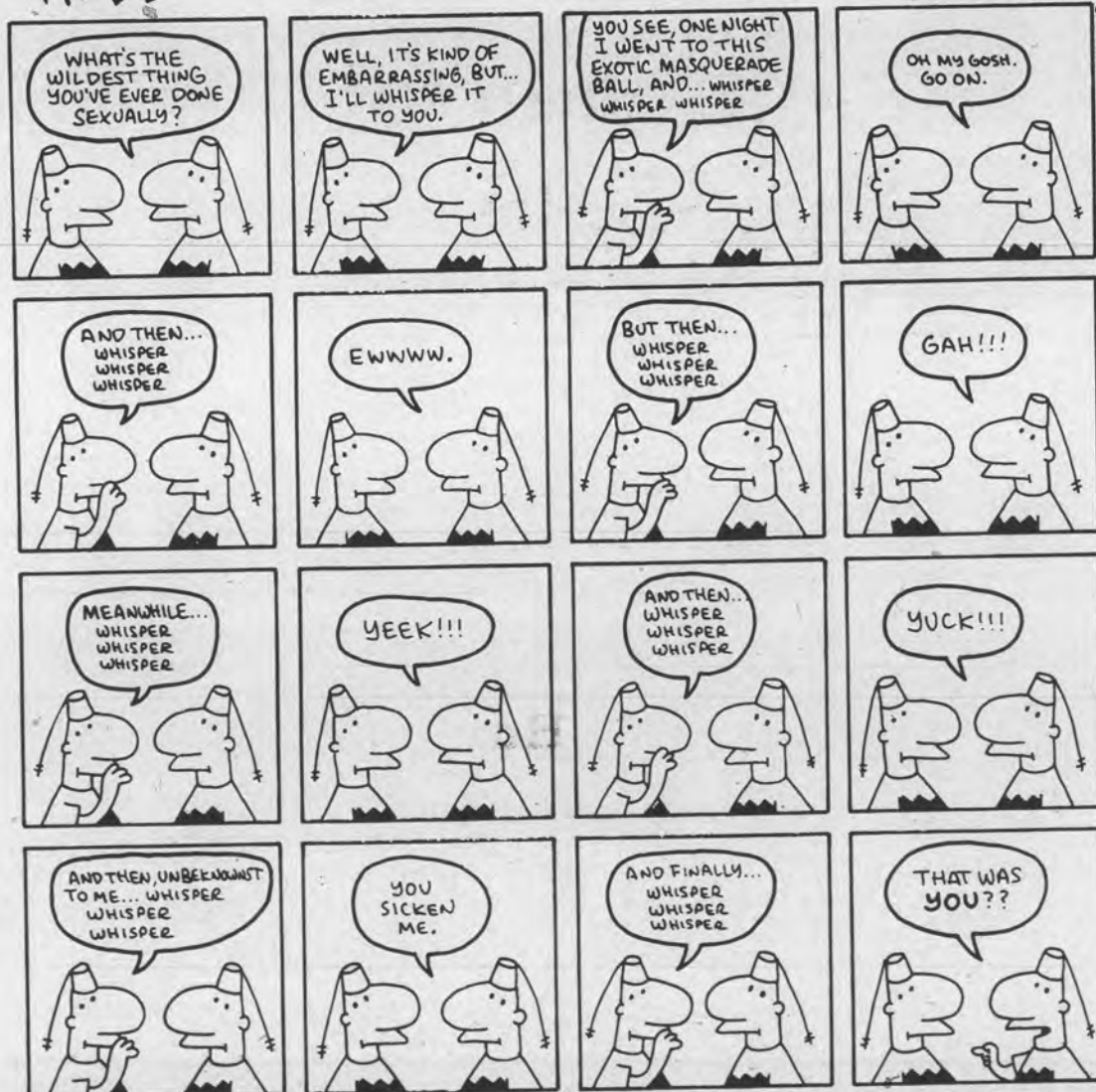
The backgrounds are well-designed, with a fine amount of precision in getting the buildings done accurately. The designing staff really did a good job on it. Try picking out the Chrysler Building or the Twin Towers some day in a background scene.

The only jarring detail about the backgrounds is the use of computer animation. When Spidey is slinging through the city, the production crew often uses computer animation to show the city underneath him. While the graphics themselves are just fine, they stick out like a sore thumb on the show. Computer animation, to be used properly, should fit in seamlessly with a show. When it is this obvious, it shouldn't be used.

Though not as striking or as smooth as *Batman: The Animated Series* was, *Spider-Man* can easily hold its own in a sea of super-hero related cartoons. Marvel Comics, for those interested, also produces a tie-in magazine for the show.

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Just Cause it sucks

Robert A. Coakley

Staff Writer

Hmm, let's see. Sean Connery. Talented. Lawrence Fishburne. Talented. Blair Underwood. Talented. Ed Harris. Talented. Rather odd how so many talented actors, including a cameo appearance by Ned Beatty, can be in such a lousy movie like *Just Cause*. Well, that's Hollywood for you.

Just Cause begins with the arrest of Bobby Earl Ferguson (Underwood) for the brutal murder of a young girl. After being beaten with a phone book and subjected to other forms of torture, Ferguson confesses to the head cop, Tanny Brown (Fishburne).

About seven years later, Ferguson's grandmother (Ruby Dee) approaches Harvard speaker Paul Armstrong (Connery) to ask him to go to Florida and get Ferguson off death row. After some convincing from his old-enough-to-be-his-daughter wife (Kate Capshaw, best known as Mrs. Steven Spielberg), Armstrong travels down to the Everglades to try to prove Ferguson's innocence.

Great premise, huh? Well, *Just Cause* promises a good movie. Too bad there's no payoff.

There are some good scenes between Connery and Fishburne as they test their wills against each other. Fishburne becomes downright creepy describing what the victim must have gone through, while Connery's Armstrong becomes the audience's "hook" character. We relate to things mostly through his point of view. Too bad he's not as bored as we are, although we do get some pretty good scares from time to time (a character choked with a seatbelt, the sudden appearance of various swamp creatures).

While there are some "profound" lines ("Don't my lies tell you as much as my truths?"), and some less-than-profound lines ("If that's a confession, my ass is a banjo!"), *Just Cause* is a rather irritating "Let's redo *Silence of the Lambs*" turnout from Hollywood. Still, a bright spot is Ed Harris, playing the artistic and condemned serial killer Hannibal Gump. Or is his name Forrest Lector? In any case, Harris is the one bright spot in *Just Cause*, which isn't so great considering the other bright spot is the alligator's eyes that glow in the dark.

Be forewarned: there's a plot twist in *Just Cause*. You can keep it a secret if you don't look at your watch after the courtroom scene. If you do so, like I did, the "surprise" is ruined.

Also, don't try to figure out some of the "convenient coincidences," like I did. You'll just get a headache.

Elizabeth Knee

Staff Writer

There's another name being added to the endangered species list. It doesn't fly and it doesn't walk on four legs. The newest and most unusual creature to fall prey to near extinction is the Theater Arts. Many are trying to take away from the funds that provide for the National Endowment for the Arts.

I tried to help save this creature by going to a play last Thursday. The play was called *Botánica* by Dolores Prida and was performed in Spanish. The tale involves a Puerto Rican matriarch in Spanish

Harlem who struggles with the Americanization of her granddaughter Milagros (later known as Millie). The play's most touching scene takes place after Milagros's grandmother returns from a brush with death in the hospital.

In this scene, she begins preparing Millie for running the family herbal medicine store. Then, Millie refuses, stating that she wants to work at Chase Manhattan Bank upon her graduation from Harvard. She then explains her struggle in school and the abuse she encountered, like being dubbed a Puerto Rican witch by her ignorant classmates and ridiculed for her name,

"Miracles" in English. Millie and her grandmother are brought to tears. They ultimately bridge the generation gap, along with Millie's mother who is torn between both women's worlds.

The play was performed at Dover High School and was made possible with the support of the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation. Drew's Spanish Department not only supplied the transportation to and from the performance but also paid for the tickets. What made this play so intriguing was that language was not an issue. That was because this production provided wireless earphones that could be worn during the performance allowing off-stage actors to translate the play into English. I was one of the loudest laughers there.

This is just one example of how the arts enrich our lives. Here at Drew, we have the Drew University Dramatic Society. DUDS usually performs an average of 20 productions a year. Most times the auditions are open to the public and ticket prices run between three and four dollars. There is also the Drew University Student Television. DUST is always looking for student participants. Tune in to it on channel 21. Don't forget the number of galleries and exhibits that go on here at Drew. I've heard that New York City has a few museums and art galleries too. Give a donation when the admission is free. Or offer your extra change, after you've bought your ticket, when you're feeling well off. Then, if all else fails, go to the Pub.



The photograph above, "International Jumping Derby," is in the exhibition, "All the Right People," which opens Monday, March 6 in the Photography Gallery. The images of wealthy persons at leisure are the creation of Barbara Norfleet, founder and director of the Photography Collection of Harvard University. The show will hang M-F March 6-10 and 20-31; hours are 12:30-2 p.m. and 7:30-10:30 p.m. Monday's Opening Night program will feature three women photographers, Barbara Beirne, Pam Hasagawa and Ann Ross, who will present slides of their work in U.C. 107 at 7:30.

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Diary of a suite party discovered in garbage can

An anthropological study of a week in the life of six scheming college students

Richard JAMI Masso
Staff Writer

Please note: this is a diary, it ain't supposed to be grammatically correct.

The Acorn has had a long and illustrious past, and is largely considered the most reputable college newspaper in the country. For over 70 years this paper has served the campus with an undying passion and unquestionable virginity. So, continuing in that tradition, The Acorn Entertainment staff is proud to present a detailed diary cataloging the week before a suite party. Suite parties are rumored to exist on campus, but no one has ever been able to prove it. For the first time ever, The Acorn has discovered a lost manuscript detailing a suite party. Enjoy, and please do not send any letters to The Acorn about this article; we found it in the trash.

Monday

Me and the boys are sitting around the TV watching *Melrose Place* and drinking some beers, when Ron starts talking about how cool it would be if our suite threw a party this Saturday. Gord's phone rings, so he has to leave. His girlfriend in the circus calls him every night to tell him whether or not she survived being shot out of the cannon. *Melrose Place* starts to heat up, and Jake throws a party. Bill declares that it is a sign from God, because Jake is cock-diesel, that we have to throw a party. Gerbs starts vomiting and I punch him in the head. Erik, who was in his room the whole time, leaves the suite.

Tuesday

Me and the boys are all sitting around the suite playing Tecmo Bowl and drinking Flaming Moe's. We are still cock-diesel for the party, though Bill is nervous about his P.E. golf test. We assure him it shouldn't be hard.

Her replies, "But guys, there isn't going to be a curve on this test, and I have to memorize how many holes there are by Friday."

Gord gets off the phone with Esmeralda, the cannon ball girl, and asks us what type of theme the suite party is going to be. Gerbs suggests a pool party, and I punch him in the head. We decide to call some of our other friends on campus to get ideas. I call down to the Womyn's Concerns house and ask to talk to 'Lizabeth Knee, who's been known to organize some humdingers in the past. Someone named Raja answers the phone. Apparently it is Turkish bath night, and they can not be disturbed.

Ron then calls up Peter Bruckman, a young man who also lives in the suites. Peter is enthusiastic to help Ron with any problems he might have. Ron asks Peter what he would do if he ever,

hypothetically, wanted to throw a party. Peter explains that every Saturday he, Drew and Boz usually spend their nights down at the soup kitchens and don't have time to indulge in frivolous partying.

Bill can't call any friends because he is still studying, so we nominate Gerbs to call Robert Zuppe. Gerbs accidentally spells Zotos, and gets a hold of our esteemed Athletic Director instead. She suggests that we stock up on fruits and vegetables for fun party games.

Gerbs thanks her and tells her he loves her, to which she replies, "You've been loving me, you've been loving me?" Gerbs hangs up. Gord kicks him in the head, then calls up Zuppe, who is busy in his single studying for his Advanced Physics class. He thinks that the idea is impractical and that we should spend the money to buy cocoa and cookies and throw a huge study session instead. He has to get off the phone because his friends Michael and Nathan need help with their Calculus homework. Gerbs hits himself on the head. We decide that we are still cock-diesel. Erik still doesn't know about the party.

Wednesday

We are all sitting around the suite drinking Duff beers and watching *Beverly Hills 90210*. We are starting to have second thoughts about the party and are wondering if we should even bother. And, to make matters worse, the show deals with Dylan's drinking problem and Steve gets arrested for throwing a party as well as drunk driving. Bill is now super nervous, and I can't say I blame him. I have a friend from Australia who was in a golf cart accident with a friend of mine from Korea. The two of them have never been the same since.

Erik leaves his room to go visit his wonderful girlfriend, who is too good for him but she thinks she is atoning for past sins. Erik makes some comment about us watching *Degrassi Junior High*, and he leaves, still not having any clue about the party. We think it would be best if we just had a small party for only our closest friends. So we decide that it will be invitation only and we are cock-diesel once more. We watch *Beavis and Butt-head*, and laugh at the funny parts.

Thursday

All the boys are sitting around the suite drinking gin and tonics, except for Erik, who is in his room vacuuming. The rest of us are watching the greatest night of television known to man and playing Tecmo Bowl during the commercials. During *Seinfeld* we decide to play the drinking game where you drink whenever your assigned character is on the screen. I get stuck being Elaine, since Gord threatened not to play if he couldn't be

Cosmo. We run out of both tonic and clean glasses. All we have left are empty Snapple bottles to use as shot glasses, so Ron breaks out the Jagermeister and we all get cock-diesel.

We make plans to go to the Pub, but stay to watch the compelling drama *ER*, and experience the thrills of working in an emergency room. Thoroughly refreshed after the show, we leave for the Pub. Bill decides to come, and then wake up tomorrow morning at 6 a.m. to finish studying. We wanted to ask Erik to come, but his band was playing at some place called the Academy. We decide to go to the Pub which would be much cooler. When we get to the Aztec stairs, Gerbs realizes that he forgot the guest list for Saturday's party in his moyle bag. Ron punches Gerbs in the shoulder because he is too drunk to hit his head. Gord says it's OK, we'll just play it by ear. So we get to the Pub and Chris Tauskas asks us for 36 pieces of identification. Gerbs punches him in the head.

Our favorite bar wench, Emily, is working, and pours our first round of beer. I pick out a nice table in the corner for us, but Ron leaves to go play pool with some of his baseball friends. I call my friend Lara Lee over to sit with us and invite her to our party. Bill leaves to buy another beer, and Gord offers Julie his seat. He invites her to the party along with all her friends in the environmental club, and just then I hear Gerbs inviting half the cast of *Bad Girls* as well. Bill comes back and gayfully tells us the women's basketball team is coming to the party, and Ron sits down and says he just invited everyone in Hurst. It looks like our party is starting to get big, so I invite my friends from On A Different Note.

That night we all go home very drunk and in a very good mood, except for Bill who announces, "Be quiet. I've got to get some sleep before my test. I'm a second semester senior. I need to graduate."

Friday

All the guys are sitting around at lunch, drinking cranberry juice, when they begin to remember all the people we invited to our party last night. Bill sits down and proudly announces that he ached his golf test, and figures we might as well have a huge party tomorrow night since he wants to celebrate. So we decide to have an all-out cock-diesel party. Gerbs realizes that he told someone in UPB that the group of Tibetan monks they found can perform in our suite, and we all punch him in the head. I just hope the sled dogs don't get upset.

After dinner all the guys are sitting around watching *Who Framed Roger Rabbit* and drinking scotch on the rocks. Ron thinks we should take Dom, our friendly suite RA, out to dinner to butter him up. I'm not so sure, but Bill says, "Rich, this idea is pure genius. We get him wasted, then he'll be happy to let us have a party."

Gerbs comes out of his room crying, and says his mom just lost the 79th annual South Jersey bowling tournament for the first time in 12 years. I reach back to punch him in the head, but Ron holds me back. "Have some compassion, man. Hey, Gerbs, sorry about your mom. Come out to dinner with us." Gord suggests we go to Frank's

Chicken House, and Bill goes to get Dom. Just then Erik asks us if we want any of his left over Chinese takeout, but we just leave and forget to tell him about the party. Dom seems to be thoroughly enjoying himself at the nude club we've brought him to. Gord stays in the car because if his girlfriend finds out that he went to a place of ill repute she would dump him for the lion tamer. We've brought David along because he doesn't drink and sometimes he likes to get naked as well, so we figured he could make some money to pay for the drinks.

Dom gets pretty scorched and jumps on the stage to join Patty Popular in her dance routine. Ron just happens to have a camera and we take some compromising pictures of Dom and Patty, you know, the kind he don't want nobody to see. We tell Dom that nobody ever need see the pictures as long as he keeps hush-hush about our party. Then Gerbs punches him in the head and we throw Dom in the trunk of the car.

Saturday

After brunch, we all sit around and watch some college basketball on TV and drink some strawberry daquiries. Bill, who is now transforming into our most gung-ho party maker, decides we need to start calling people to invite to our party just in case every one we told at the Pub was too drunk to remember. Bill sends out messages to the basketball team and the Episcopalian organization. Gord calls the cross country team and his SGA friends. Ron invites the baseball team and Catholic Campus Ministry. Father Paddy agrees to come as long as there is going to be a room sectioned off for bingo. I call O.C. and told them they weren't invited and then I have Moses get my stun gun in case they try to show up. Gerbs invites his friends from Hillel and the Residence Life staff. We punch him in the head, so he calls them back and tells them they are no longer invited. Hillel is very disappointed.

Hootie Macmud, our Cabbage Patch Kid, invites his friends Professor Taylor and Mohammed Ali and tells them it is going to be a very special Ramadan party. Erik calls up Adrienne and, since they have nothing to do that night, asks her if she wants to watch a movie in the suite. She informs him she is leaving him for an emperor penguin. Erik is very upset and decides he feels like getting drunk that night and asks us if we want to split a six pack with him. We chuckle because we have already been to the liquor store that day and we finished his six pack earlier in the week.

You see, Bill loves parties and when your party is cock-diesel, you have to go all out. That afternoon at Shoppers we buy 10 cases of Samuel Adams, 10 cases of Ice House and 10 cases of Amstel Light. We also order four kegs of Narragansett and a bag of Doritos. I think it would be nice if we had quality alcohol there, so we pick up 700 bottles of Strawberry Hill flavored Boones. And no party would be complete with at least a 1,000 pudding shots made with Kalua, which our good friend Kevin helps us make since he gets things really cheap at the Korean black market. Gerbs decides we need food at the party, so he orders

10,000 hot dogs and a bottle of mustard. Dom gets caught by Becky, a fellow friendly RA, carrying in our kegs. He tells her they are water for our fish tank.

With the supplies complete the only other task left was cleaning the suite, and we sucker Erik into vacuuming the floor while we make a mix tape. The first hour is all '80s music while the other half is all-girl bands. Ron has always had a certain affection for girl bands ever since he became lead cymbalist for the Blake Babies. We are also going to have some live music and ask The Artist Formerly Known As Prince to perform. This upsets some of our friends, especially Marcie, Sioban and Amy, who are convinced that Prince is the anti-Christ, and will do anything to stop his evil reign of terror.

The suite is spotless by now and we have moved all the couches into Erik's room to make space for the dance floor. We go to dinner to find out that Tom Kean and his magical dogs are playing at TOE, and a lot of people are thinking about going to that. We send Gerbs to kill the dogs but he screws up and kills Kean instead. So, after we all punch him in the head, Gerbs has to dress up like a nun and pretend he is the president—it's all very complicated.

We get back to the suite to find all the furniture back in the common room—Erik has moved it out of his room because he didn't want it there. Erik is also in the common room listening to Hüsker Dü. What could we do to distract him? Ron punches him in the head and we throw him and the furniture back into his room. We start drinking the Boones, and pretty soon we are hanging up all the pictures of Dom and Patty. Gord asks Ron to cut his hair, and then Ron cuts his own when he's done.

Around 10, people start to show up and the party is definitely cock-diesel. Everyone is enjoying themselves, and like we figured, the four kegs of Narragansett go like that. We send Dom out to get more beer. The party gets a little out of hand when Barb Salmore gets into a fight with Paolo Cucchi. Gord punches both of them in the head, and we drag them out and leave them in the Tolley Circle.

With the rowdy administrators gone, the rest of the party goes smoothly, at least as much of it as we remember. Everyone dances, and Bill gets happy because girls talk to him. Erik wakes up, and wonders why there are 50 people in his bedroom. We finally tell him that we decided to throw a party, and he thinks it's a great idea.

Sunday

We all sleep through brunch, so Ron makes some tuna fish for everyone instead. We kick out the dozen or so people that passed out on the floor just before Gord's mom shows up to take him out to lunch. Erik cleans up the suite, which isn't too bad anyway, because he feels bad that he didn't help us set up for the party. Gerbs wanders in around 5 a.m. and tells us that he went home with some girl from St. E.'s, and then got lost walking home. He hit himself in the head many times along the way. We decide that the party was a complete success, and we are the most cock-diesel suite there is. Next weekend, however, it's someone else's turn.

Baseball gears up behind crop of returning seniors

Ryan J. Fraytic
Assistant Sports Editor

Unlike Major League Baseball, Drew will not be playing with replacement players this year. A season ago the team finished third in the Middle Atlantic Conference with a 7-5 record. Three of those losses were by a total of five runs.

The team's two senior co-captains are right fielder Joe Quinty and pitcher Steve Petrucci. Petrucci earned First Team MAC-Freedom League honors last season after posting a 4-2 record in league play. He led the team with a 3.71 ERA and five complete games. With 17 more strikeouts, Petrucci will have 100 for his career.

Quinty is a powerhouse on the offensive. As a junior, he compiled a .362 batting average, scored 28 runs, had 10 doubles and 38 hits. If Quinty can manage 45 hits this season, he will become the all-time hit leader at Drew.

Senior pitcher Pete Arthur also returns after an excellent junior year. He was third in the rotation while leading the team in appearances, saves, strikeouts and innings pitched. Arthur needs 30 strikeouts for 100 in his career. Arthur was also the designated hitter last season.

He batted .381 and had a .643 slugging percentage.

Another big bat in the Rangers' line-up will be junior third baseman Dave Yorke. Yorke is the only player in history to collect more than 35 hits in consecutive seasons. He had 10 doubles last season and is fifth all-time with 17.

Also returning to the line-up are juniors Dan Pierce and Josh Rundle. Pierce compiled a .281 batting average as the starting first baseman. Rundle should fill the second base position this season. Quinty will return to right field, with senior Neil Manning in center and sophomore Joe Latini completing the outfield in left.

The pitching rotation will include Petrucci and Arthur along with senior Eric Bosdorf and first-year student Derrick Newsom. "Petro" will be the lead in the rotation with Arthur in the number two spot on the rotation.

"I'm cautiously optimistic. We improved in a few areas. Everybody's worked hard and I'm really excited," Quinty said.

Quinty noted some key differences in the team's offense from last season. "We are a different team. We have a better running game and will be more aggressive on the base paths. We should hit



DARCY PARISH

The 1994 Rangers finished third in the MAC, but are still looking to improve.

and-run more also," Quinty said.

Pitching depth was a weak spot last year, and Quinty was not certain about this season. "Pitching depth hurt. We could be pitching by committee during our midweek games. Some players are stepping up though and giving it a shot," Quinty said.

"We look a lot like the team we had two years ago. We were focused then and had a good trip in Florida, coming home with a winning record," Quinty said.

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Defensively, Quinty thought the team was strong. "We have a couple of new faces in the infield. In the outfield we all have stronger arms," Quinty said.

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Quinty mentioned some goals for this season. "I honestly think we can win the conference, and if not, definitely get in the playoffs. I would like to go out a winner."

With guarded optimism, the team prepares for its season. Improvement on last season's third place finish, while difficult, should be attainable for this season's Rangers.

A view from the field

Ron Moss
Sports Co-editor

The six month old baseball strike has displayed all that is wrong with professional sports. At the same time, replacement players have recently showed that there are still people who will play ball simply for the love of the game. At Drew, we have known that all along.

Whether you side with the owners or the players, you have to admit that the baseball strike is simply about greed. The owners want to make more money, and the players are afraid they aren't getting enough of the profits. Truth is, both sides are rich and want to be richer. The little people, the fans who support the entire industry, are getting screwed. Greed is an ugly thing.

The greed displayed by the professional athletes is in stark contrast to the hope showed by the replacement players. The players union is trying to portray them as scabs and strike breakers, but the truth is they simply love the game of baseball.

The stories of the replacement players all seem to be fairy tales. Some truck driver or gym teacher walks in off the street, now he may be a major league pitcher or third baseman. They have one thing in common. They all love to play the game, and they don't care how much they are being paid. It will be nice to have a spring without some superstar holding out, or any ugly contract negotiations. Well, there is that one big contract they're still working on...

As touching as the replacement player's stories are, I am disappointed that the level of play will be poor until the real major leaguers return. There is no way that any organization can field a team of replacement players from off the street that would in any way compete talent wise with the real major leaguers, or even the minor leaguers for that matter. I have been in favor of bringing up minor league players the whole time, and maybe changing a little less for tickets (think the owners would go for

that?). At least we would see real professionals, and not some stand-ins. Besides, it is their collective dream to make it to The Show. This is a perfect opportunity to give them a chance.

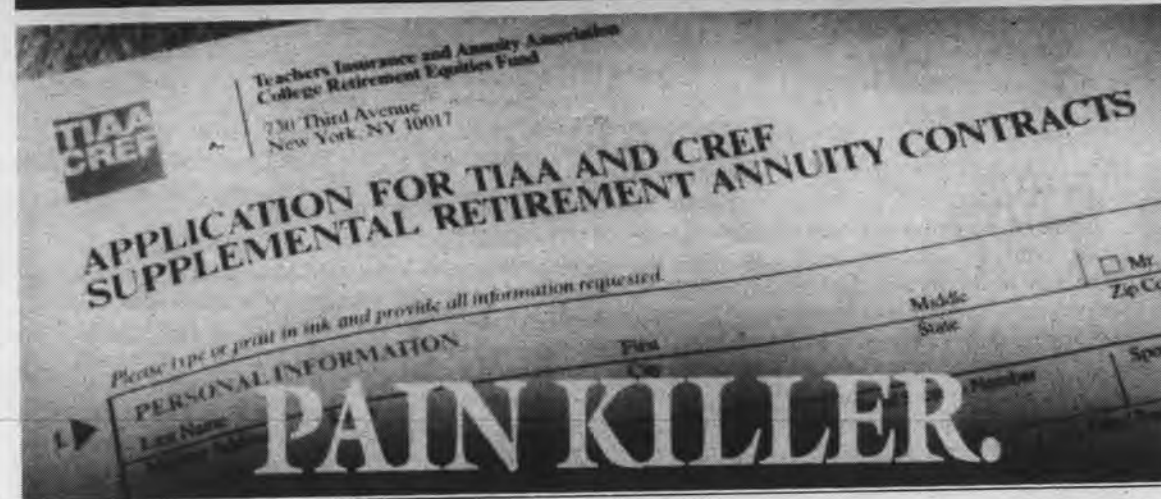
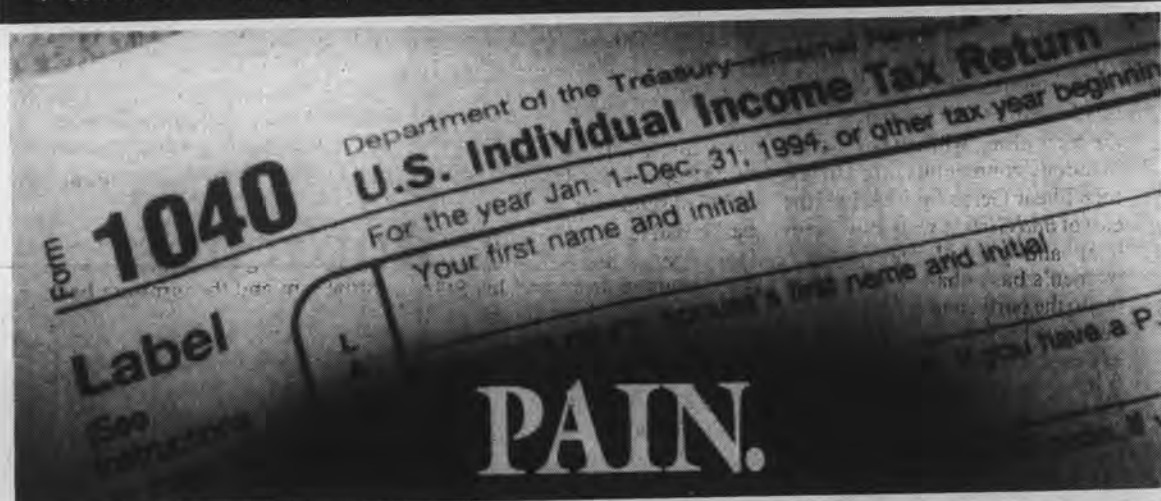
There is one other arena where you can watch athletes play simply for the love of the game. Right here. Division III college athletes who don't get scholarships would not play their sport unless somewhere deep inside they truly loved to play. Varsity sports are a huge time commitment, and players must make many sacrifices in order to play. As sad as it is to see players who participated in the past quit, I can understand it when they say they simply don't enjoy it anymore. Athletes do work hard, and the only benefit they get is that they get to play. If playing isn't enough of a reward, then we wouldn't put in about 15 hours of practice time each week. But when you love the game, you don't mind working for it.

Hats off to the training room staff, who have been doing a fine job this year. The training room is like an oasis for players, a place to heal, treat, or prevent injuries. You can also learn a good deal about other sports, like the differences between wood and aluminum lacrosse sticks.

Anyone still remember that whole victory bell thing I was working on last semester? Well, I'm still trying. Apparently, it took Facilities until December to find out that the bell is broken, and now it won't be fixed until some time in March. Break out the red tape.

If anyone is going to be in the Miami area over spring break and would like to watch some quality baseball, the Drew Rangers will be there. The team will be playing nine games in seven days this break. Schedules and directions to each game are available for anyone interested in watching a game while they get a good tan. Just ask Coach Masco, or any player, for a schedule, and we'll see you in Miami.

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Senior Profile

'Petro' adds fuel to the Rangers' pitching rotation

Amy Cardone
Staff Writer

A lifetime New York Yankee fan, senior Steven Petrucelli has always loved baseball.

Don Mattingly was his childhood hero, and now Jimmy Key is his favorite professional player.

But this season the professionals are striking, and Petrucelli will be playing, just as he has for the last 15 years.

"I find the baseball strike very frustrating. I see both sides of the issue, but I find the utter disregard for the fans sickening, pathetic actually," Petrucelli said.

It is hard to speak with Petrucelli and not understand how much baseball means to him.

"I think baseball is more fun than any other sport. You can relax and joke around and just come through when you have to. It's very loose and relaxed. You don't face the constant pressure you see in other sports. Some people find it boring, but I think it's more fun," he said.

While having his share of fun playing baseball for Drew, Petrucelli has performed outstandingly for the Rangers for the last three seasons.

He has been a starting pitcher in MAC games since his first year here, was named All-Conference last season, needs less than 20 strikeouts this season to reach 100, and is within 7 games of tying the modern school record for the most career wins.

It is no wonder that Petrucelli has earned the title of co-captain and the respect of his coaches and teammates.

"Steve has been a four-year starter for all our conference games.

The team looks to him in important games. He has a lot of patience with the younger pitchers and is always willing to help and give them advice. He's easy going, easy to talk to, a real competitor. If he lacks anything in talent he makes up for it with heart," head coach Vince Masco said.

"We look up to Steve. He's a shining example on the mound and a great influence on the younger pitchers," sophomore Jason Schragger said.

"Steve has been the backbone of the team since the minute he got to Drew. He's always been in the spotlight, and we've always counted on him. He's very dependable. When he's pitching, we know we're going to see him finish the game and put out a great effort. His record would be better, but he hasn't always gotten the run support he deserved. I think this season things will balance out and he'll do really well," fellow senior co-captain Joe Quinty said.

Because he is graduating in just a few months, this final season of collegiate competition means a lot to Petrucelli.

"I try not to put a lot of pressure on myself. But I would really like to win the conference and maybe get an NCAA bid. We've come close before, and this is my last chance to do it, and we definitely have the talent."

He says his confident outlook for this season stems from his confidence in coach Masco and his teammates.

"Coach Masco makes a relaxed atmosphere at practice. He is more of a friend and coach than a dictator and encourages us to have fun. I think his attitude will help us do well," Petrucelli said.

"And the whole team has been working very hard this year, harder than ever before. Seniors Joe Quinty, Pete Arthur, Neil Manning, Ron Moss and Eric Bosdorf have been especially motivated and have been showing the younger guys that hard work pays off," he added.

And hard work is something Petrucelli knows a lot about.

A biology major and honored on the Dean's List last semester, he plans to take a year off after graduation to prepare for the MCATs and apply to medical school.

He says that balancing academics with the time commitment of baseball has not always been easy, but baseball has been more of a relief than a burden.

"Baseball has been a form of escape from school, or sometimes from the boredom of summer vacation. A lot of days there is so much work to be done but at least I get three or four hours to throw a ball around and forget about everything else," he said.

When not playing baseball or studying biology, Petrucelli is an avid movie goer, and never misses watching *The X-Files* on television every Friday night at nine o'clock.

He is also somewhat superstitious. He carries a lucky troll in his pocket on game days and wears the same, "ugly, old, ratty, stinky, Motley Crue T-shirt under my jersey for every game I've played including soccer and baseball in high school," he said.

Petrucelli, who credits his parents for encouraging him to stick with baseball after a discouraging rookie season in high school, now cannot imagine not playing the game.



Senior Steve Petrucelli starts 1995 7 wins shy of Drew's record.

"I will definitely play in leagues after graduation. I don't think I'll ever stop playing. I get so anxious

every year waiting for the season to start. If I didn't play I don't know what I'd do with myself," he said.

Athletes, not icons

Ryan J. Fraytic
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Sports. Perhaps they are a microcosm of American culture. A picture of civilization as we know it today. They may explain our innermost feelings and desires. Somewhere, the meaning of life may be revealed. The solution for world peace could be somewhere just around the 50-yard line, and perhaps world hunger's solution is sitting on third base.

Or maybe not. Great people of history could be bodychecking each other this evening. Or not. Somewhere, in a post-game interview some person may be spewing forth words of wisdom that will be quoted for centuries to come. Doubtful.

Too often in today's society, sports and sports figures are looked up to as icons and role models. They are, in fact, not. They have a certain responsibility to society, but they also have a right to do as they please.

Sports, from baseball to bowling and lacrosse to rugby, were made for fun and entertainment, not for deciding delicate moral issues. Anyone who is going to base his or her opinion on an issue, say abortion, on what Deion Sanders thinks has some problems.

I love sports. I spend all day Sunday in front of the TV watching football in season. Now, I watch and/or listen to hockey whenever possible. However, at no time in the near future will I listen to what Pavel Bure says about doctor-assisted suicide.

Parents too often let their children adore whomever they wish, and perhaps this is the problem. Parents need to play more of a role in what their children believe. Is not the job of a parent to instill

good morals and values in their children? They need to be taught the difference between a good ball player and a good person.

Sports may be used for exactly the opposite purpose, to show children how not to act. How do you explain to a kid that his favorite athlete isn't playing anymore because he or she is on drugs, convicted for some obscure sex offense, or even worse. You can't explain it, but you can show the wrong done, and note that acting in this way is wrong.

Sports is a relief from society and its problems, not a microcosm of it. A person's inner child will not be found across the blue line and feelings can not be expressed through a boxing match. World peace and world hunger will not be solved by a beautiful Ewing dunk.

It is important to realize the role of sports in America. While the money generated through sports is immense, its purpose should not be. There is a reason baseball is called America's Pastime. Sports and their figures do have a purpose and responsibility to all since their actions are examined under a microscope. People must learn to differentiate between fun and reality. Football, baseball, hockey and all of the other sports are for fun and enjoyment, not for morals and values. It is important to remember this difference. And shape your values accordingly.

A special thanks to Jennifer Brauner, the sports information director here at Drew for helping on infinite occasions during the winter sports season.

Also a special thanks and congratulations to the women's basketball team for a much improved season and to Emma Bascom for reaching her 1,000th point.

Women storm the softball diamond with high hopes

Collette Sosnowy
Staff Writer

Ah, spring. The season when a lad's heart turns to fancy and the women storm the softball diamond.

Storm the diamond the Rangers will, in hopes of starting a new streak of winning seasons.

After three consecutive winning seasons, the Rangers narrowly missed another with a 10-11 record last year.

The 1995 outlook, however, is very optimistic.

The team has a new head coach this year, Dale Garlick, who brought two "excellent" assistants with him, according to junior pitcher Tracy Challies.

She described Garlick as having a positive attitude and a desire to play aggressive offense and defense. This is a switch for the

team, but one to which they are looking forward.

The team is looking to senior Sandy Pimental, as their captain, to lead them in offense.

She's a great hitter, with last season's second highest batting average of .394, and has quite possibly "the best arm on the team" as well as a long list of accomplishments in the past few years.

She's the first player in school history to earn Academic All-America honors, as a third team member in 1993 and a second team member in 1994.

She has also been chosen a MAC All-Star twice in her career at Drew, the first in team history to earn a repeat nomination.

Challies, who was the team's only pitcher last year, also returns. She is already on her way to improving on her performance last season and has new pitches to try

out for the season.

Junior Marissa Maziarz, also a leading pitcher, returns after an absence last season and will share games with Challies.

There are three seniors, a handful of juniors and sophomores, as well as quite a few first-year players on the roster.

New players to watch for: first-year student Rebecca Vargus, who's catching for the first time and "catching on" very quickly, as well as first year students Erika Frank and Kristin Korpos.

The Rangers have progressed well in their four weeks of practice.

They'll have plenty of chances to prove their skill with 13 double-headers, so come out to the Rangers' first home game against Ursinus College on Thursday, March 23 at 2:30 p.m.



Junior Marissa Maziarz will pitch in and lead the squad after a year off.

Third and long
Louganis' tragedy should open eyesErik Robert Slagle
Sports Co-editor

I'll be quite honest with you all. When the 1988 Olympics were being broadcast from Seoul, I was not exactly thrilled. Six and a half years ago I would have rather been watching "Perfect Strangers" and "Full House" and the rest of that "quality programming" that wound up getting bumped off the airwaves for the most important sporting event of our time.

Consequently I am only vaguely aware of a memory of a guy named Greg Louganis who brought some medals back to the United States

for swimming or diving. One of those events.

Steve Wulf of *Time* magazine, in the March 6 issue of this year, called Louganis "the greatest diver anyone has ever seen."

Knowing now what I was oblivious to however many years ago, I don't think there are many who would argue with that description.

Greg Louganis, the only man ever to sweep gold medals for the springboard and platform dives in consecutive Olympic Games, is simply the greatest diver ever. Period.

Greg Louganis also has AIDS. When we think of AIDS and athletes, two names spring to mind: Magic Johnson and the late Arthur Ashe.

Magic, whose announcement that he was HIV positive stunned a good portion of the entire planet, voluntarily retired from the NBA in 1991.

Ashe, a former tennis champion, came forth and revealed he had AIDS in March 1992. By February of the next year he was gone.

Magic and Ashe have been hailed as heroes, as they rightfully should be.

Anyone who can summon the courage to battle such a disease, be it AIDS, cancer, leukemia—pick your disease in today's world—should be looked upon as a hero. It's that simple.

So why are there those people out there who refuse to put Louganis in this group?

Because Greg Louganis is a homosexual.

Sound ridiculous? Many of you probably tuned in to see Louganis on *Oprah* Monday, where he talked about growing up an adoptee and being labeled a "nigger" for having a biologically Samoan father, about being called a retard because he stuttered and suffered from dyslexia, about his father who resented his "sissy" son's dance classes.

Following the 1976 Olympics where he won a silver medal, he sunk into a depression that led him to drugs, alcohol and an attempted suicide. And it didn't stop there.

Louganis got mixed up with Jim Babbitt, an abusive lover who took over as his business manager, ripped him off for thousands of dollars and "stripped him of his self-respect," according to Wulf.

That relationship came to an end, but its results can never be erased. Early in 1988 Babbitt contacted Louganis to tell him he was dying of AIDS. Louganis was tested soon afterwards and was found positive.

And after hearing all this, a man got up from *Oprah*'s audience and ignorantly questioned whether it is right for Louganis to be placed in the same category as Ashe and Ryan White because of the diver's "lifestyle."

Apparently the man had been living under a rock for the past few years and was still under the impression that AIDS only affects homosexuals.

Oprah was right; it's people with that kind of mindset that are the reason no progress has been made towards a cure.

The one thing that aggravates many people, myself included, about Louganis is the fact that he knew he was HIV positive when he competed in Seoul.

He was advised by his coach, Ron O'Brien, not to report the condition to the United States Olympic Committee because "how many times does a diver—much less Greg Louganis—get wounded?" (O'Brien's words).

Louganis did get wounded. On a qualifying dive prior to his gold medal showing, he cracked his head

on a diving board and bled into the pool.

The attending doctor had no gloves, but, unaware of Louganis' condition, hastily stitched the wound shut (he recently tested negative for the virus).

Fortunately there is apparently little risk that other swimmers could have contracted the virus through the water. "There would be a minimal-to-zero risk... HIV is not transmitted that way," said Dr. Gary Cohan of the Pacific Oaks Medical Group.

Some will disagree, but in my opinion Louganis had a moral obligation to report his condition to the USOC prior to the '88 Games. God forbid the doctor who treated him, in a frantic rush to close the cut, scratched himself and exposed himself to the disease. The chance of that happening is minute, but it does exist.

I have heard the argument that if he were to come out with this news in 1988, when AIDS awareness was nowhere close to the level it is today, it would have ruined his career and his reputation. Society in 1988 would have automatically assumed he was a homosexual, and because of this, rejected him out of hand.

So his reputation that much better now for withholding his condition until after he put others at risk?

He always had the option not to go public with his tragedy but still do the right thing and retire from the sport. No one would have passed judgement on him, and he could have rested easier knowing he hadn't put anyone else at risk. In his own words, "I was in a total panic that I might cause someone else harm."

Could most of us have put our passions to rest, as he would have had to do, and walked away quietly for the sake of others? Probably not. Would it have been the responsible thing to do? I think so.

Take nothing away from Greg Louganis. He was, as stated earlier, the greatest diver ever. And contrary to what some Americans may believe, he truly is one of the world's heroes for the courage he is being forced to display now.



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Senior fencers perform well in conference tourney

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Last Sunday, the Drew University fencing team overcame some logistical difficulties and turned in a strong performance at the Middle Atlantic Collegiate Fencing Association (MACFA) tournament. The event, held at Drew's Simon Forum, lasted all day as fencers from 14 different colleges and universities duelled to determine who would be MACFA champions.

Because the Rangers were the host team for the tournament, they encountered some unexpected problems. The team was responsible for the clean-up and set-up of the event, while Coach Matthew Mergen was stuck handling the organizational details.

As a result, the Ranger fencers were without a coach for most of the day. According to Mergen, "It was a hectic, confusing day for me. The situation was different from what we were accustomed to."

Three Drew bladesmen survived the obstacles and qualified for the finals of the tournament. Seniors Taylor Huttner, Jason Wilson and Mark Wilcox all advanced to the championship round of eight fencers before their days ended.

The determination of the finalists was a rather complicated process. Each fencer's victory total for the day was added to one half of their victory total for the regular season to determine their number

of wins. Then the officials chose four fencers from the A strip (first fencer on each team), three fencers from the B strip (second fencer on each team) and one fencer from the C strip (third fencer on each team) to comprise the field of finalists.

Huttner clearly benefited from this arrangement. By going 12-1 on the day, and beating some top competition in the process, Huttner earned his place in the finals. Wilson, his teammate on the foil strip, also had a strong day to go along with an impressive regular season record, making it impossible for the officials to ignore him when they chose the finalists.

Led by the two seniors, the foil squad tied for third in the league overall. Huttner said, "We did pretty well."

On the epee strip, Wilcox continued his consistent performance of the regular season in his march to the finals. Once in the finals, however, all three Drew seniors lost their first bouts. Despite their efforts, they couldn't quite overcome early deficits.

These losses did not end the season, though. This week, Drew was informed that Huttner, Wilson and Wilcox had qualified for the NCAA Mid-Atlantic Southern Regional Tournament. Senior Tracy Lockwood and junior Charles Caserta also qualified on the sabre strip. The tournament will be held this weekend at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

"It's exciting to have five people going to the NCAA regionals. We will go down there and do our best without too many expectations. I think we can be proud of what we accomplished this season," Mergen said.

Huttner added, "If we fence as well as we did on Sunday, we'll do fine. I think it was a good season overall."

As for the team's chances, the coach retained the optimism he has shown all season. "If we fence up to our potential, I think it's possible that several of our fencers could advance beyond the regional level," he said.

Mergen cited Mark Wilcox as an example. Wilcox advanced to the national level during his first year at Drew, when the national competition was held at the University of Notre Dame.

This year, the competition is returning to Notre Dame, the institution Mergen graduated from several years ago. He said with a smile, "Mark and I would both really like to go back."

However the NCAA's may turn out, the team's hopes for next season are high. Caserta said, "We're losing four good seniors, but I think we'll be able to keep up the same level of fencing, especially if we get a few good first-years."

Mergen's feelings are similar. He added, "We had a great improvement over last year's record. We built on Paul's [previous head coach Paul Primamore] and the

team's hard work. Hopefully, we will be able to carry on steam and

go into next season with energy and direction."



DARCY PARRISH

Intramural athletes enjoy their night of floor hockey stardom.

Women's lacrosse adapts to new coach

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Staff Writer

The women's lacrosse team is encountering a season of obstacles.

Only four seniors return, and a handful of first-time players have joined the team.

However, the team is optimistic about its future, mostly because of new head coach Karen Brower. Brower is a member of the U.S. Olympic Lacrosse Team and brings some new ideas for the Drew lacrosse team.

"We have six weeks of pre-season in which I'm changing the game plan by throwing in some new plays," Brower said.

Cara Williams and Melissa Morrison, both seniors, are the only two returning defensive players, but the two form a strong defensive base.

Last year, Morrison scooped up 25 ground balls while Williams had 46 ground balls.

"This year we have a strong offense, we have new people on defense and both of our goalies are new," Morrison said.

Brower agreed. "We are returning only two defensive players so we are going to build from the defense up," she said.

There are two first-year students in goal, Tara Dunn and Bevin Kelly. "We have been doing a lot of individual work with the goalies and they are improving," Brower said.

The team is looking to seniors Heather Tyndall and Sarah Marcus to lead the team on attack.

Tyndall and Marcus have repeatedly turned in solid performances for the team.

Last year Marcus tallied 41 goals and 9 assists and was named to the MAC All-Star team, while Tyndall turned in 33 goals and 4

assists and was named to the MAC All-Star team, and earned an Honorable Mention Regional All-American.

"It doesn't matter whether we win or lose but how much we improve together," Tyndell said. She is also optimistic about Brower.

"We have been learning a lot at pre-season, and Karen has brought in a lot of new concepts. As an attack player, I never really had to learn how to play defense, but it is something I really should have learned in eight years of lacrosse, and this year I am learning," she said.

Tyndall's statement was echoed by Morrison, who said, "We have a lot of inexperienced people, but we should be okay because Karen really knows lacrosse. She is the first coach I've had where I've learned something new at every practice."

A few people on the team never picked up a lacrosse stick before a few weeks ago. Although it's difficult to form a team with inexperienced players, Morrison said, "Everyone is working hard, especially the new players, and because our pre-season is so long we are all learning to work together."

The lacrosse team has been practicing in the Simon Forum for four weeks and is still looking at two more weeks of practice before the season gets underway.

Although the team has a difficult 16-game schedule, they are looking to capture the conference title as they did last year when they defeated Widener University and Susquehanna University.

The women's lacrosse season opens Saturday, March 18 at Haverford College and the team can be seen here, on the turf, at 1p.m. Saturday, March 25 playing Susquehanna.



Senior Sarah Marcus leads the Ranger attack.

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