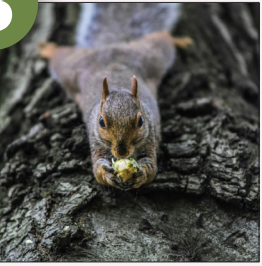


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Squirrels arm themselves against the rising threat of hawks and dogs on campus. Image courtesy of Pexels.

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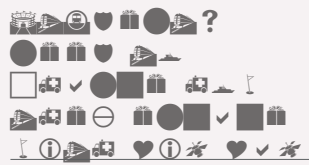
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A woodchipper will be Drew's new official mascot! Image courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

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THAT 1950's CHICK
SUSPECTED COMMUNIST

Baby raccoons, a host of squirrels, red-tailed hawks and pileated woodpeckers have taken up residence in Sitterly. The animals, with whom we share our forest, have moved into the ceiling, cozied up on fire escapes and crawled into the walls as spring settles in. The faculty note that the new residents have caused only minor disturbances and that the English Department will use the current circumstances to foster interspecies collaboration, practice seeking out the positive and inspire empathy. A children's book about the critters is also in the works.

Professors on the third floor, which is dedicated to office space for writing studies and creative writing faculty, were the first to notice that some sort of animal had moved in overhead. They were alerted to the animal's presence by sounds of scurrying in the ceiling tiles, the pitter patter of footsteps and shadows cast over the lights mounted in the drop ceiling.



IMAGE COURTESY OF PROFESSOR CHANG

One of Sitterly's new residents, Seandrah.

The first theories about the noises included birds that had found their way into the space between the ceiling and the building's roof, yet close observation and a photo taken by Professor Dorothy Chang made it clear that a family of raccoons was the source

of the noises. Facilities was quickly alerted.

Facilities' investigation into the ceiling revealed that a family of raccoons had moved in and was raising their young above the third floor offices. Because of the presence of baby raccoons, the decision was made to

let the young grow up and move out of the space on their own accord. This decision ensures the safety of both the young raccoons and anyone potentially tasked with trapping them.

The raccoons are staying at least through the summer, and once they vacate the building, the holes they used to enter the space will be repaired.

In the meantime, the writing department's affected are taking the circumstances in stride. Dr. Sondra Jamyson, the director of Writing Across the Curriculum, pointed to the community-building opportunity the furry friends have granted the English department. Sitterly is kept lively with weekly emails containing updates about the raccoons, photos being shared and hallway conversations.

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Drew Philosophy Department Announces Ferg-losopher of the Year

JOE MAMA
WHO'S JOE?

Almost a dozen students crowded around outside the Ehinger Center late last Sunday, eagerly anticipating the Drew University philosophy department's delivery of this year's "Greatest Philosopher Award."

The department holds their "Philosophy Games" annually, citing a desire to honor those who think big thoughts while having even bigger egos. Their most coveted award, the "Greatest Philosopher" title, is given only to those whose ideas and perceptions are so incomprehensible that they must be a genius. Who gets this achievement is decided through a poll, given to only the most austere theorists of our generation (all three of them).

This year, the privilege of introducing the award was given

to Drew philosophy professor Desmond "Dez" Carte. When asked about how he felt being offered this position, Carte stood silent in quiet reflection as he pondered over the query for about two hours. "I don't know" was his eventual response.

Carte gave a powerful five-hour speech before announcing the winner. Notable moments included a discussion on Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics, an excerpt from Tarō Gomi's "Everybody Poops" and Carte snoring during his mid-speech nap. Finally, the time came to name the recipient of the prestigious award. This year's winner came as no shock; Fergie was honored as this century's greatest philosopher.



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IMAGE COURTESY OF WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

Fergie flaunting her newly received award from the Philosophy department

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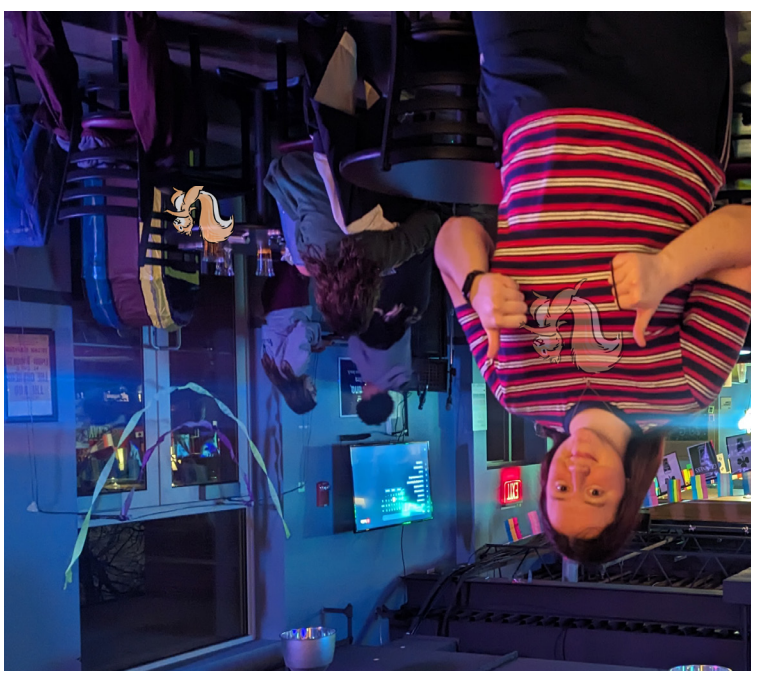
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

■ ■ We should have called an uber. ■ ■
—Jackie Kennedy
NOV. 23, 1963

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The C, 80 Pub Named Hottest Queer Bar in Northern N.J.



Pub regular, Sam ('24) enjoys sapphic nights at the pub. IMAGE COURTESY OF THE PERSON THEY WILL NO LONGER LET ADD TO THE SPOTIFY JAM

flirtation, and spending time with your Queer besties. To celebrate the exciting victory of the new title being bestowed, the Pub will be hosting events this upcoming week. Wednesday will be Queer karaoke, Thursday will be a drag show, all leading up to a glow in the dark rave on Friday. I promise not to play any downers on the Spotify Jam (just please let me add to the song queue again ...) The bartenders hope to see you and your best outfits throughout the week and are looking forward to continuing to celebrate the people of all sexual orientations and gender identities can come to partake in a \$2 beer and let go of inhibitions. There's room for self-discovery, affirmative and control it.

As years passed — or grew sick of the genre. I should say, as we experimented years, but habits of language are difficult to forget — advancements in the temporal physics field slowed. A group of Norwegian scientists proved the equation. Experiments determined that humanity could not influence time, at least not with current technology.

Though ultimately no tangible advancements were made, a new way of understanding time has offered us new ways of looking at the world. Just like time, nothing in life is as consistent or guaranteed as it seems.



The Scribe is a major loser and a coal miner.

Words from The Inner Circle Shared. Tears Shed. Disco Balls Hung. The Ceremony Was Concluded With "Metaphorical Fireworks" From The Inner Circle Member. Northern New Jersey" by the official LGBTQ+ Bar Quality Assessment Association of Mid Atlantic America (LGBTQ+ BQAoMAA) last Wednesday at 11 p.m. A member of the LGBTQ+ BQAoMAA inner circle was present to present the award.

The C'80 Pub, located in the Ehinger Center, has long served as a popular spot for Queer students to spend their evenings, drink with their close friends, and feel safe in their own skin. Each patron leaves feeling gayer than they did walking in, and now the Pub has an official title, and honorary engraved limited edition disco ball, to boast.

Last week, for the announcement and award ceremony from the LGBTQ+ BQAoMAA I made my way to the Pub to attend the celebration and interview some of the regular patrons to get their insight on the declaration. The award was given to the Pub on the basis of a warm and accepting environment, a lack of sticky tables and the amount of Queer folks that attend on Wednesday nights. This award is very selective and is only bestowed upon establishments every 4 1/2 years. The Evening Began. Angry Orchards Served.

Philosophers and physicists studied the incident and similar occurrences. "The world because we pretend to understand it. Immediately people, organizations and governments worked to not only understand time, but to try to control it. Time became a new frontier for science fiction. Exploration of physical space belonged to the past, already a staple of the genre, and though time travel was more than just visiting the past or the future. One of the most revered novels follows a construction worker trying to preserve the time vortex located in his apartment because it allows him to spend extra time with his daughter. Every outcome, every possible way time

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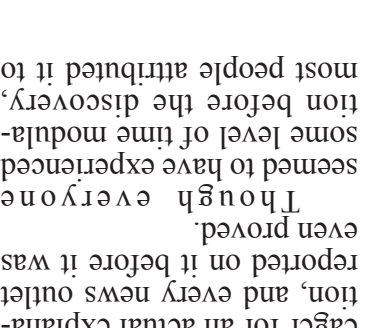


A visual representation of time. IMAGE COURTESY OF PXHERE.

Today, Today, and Today: A History of Time Not Being Real

2 p.m. that was labeled as a weird feeling and our own unreliability. There was no evidence because our collective experiences did not count as evidence. We have learned nothing, as there are still experiences that get dismissed on the basis of nonalignment with the current explanations of the world because we pretend to understand it.

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HAVE A NEWS...gimme!

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Sitterly House is Seeking Interspecies Coexistence This Spring

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The excitement has presented a few different outcomes.

First, the faculty of Sitterly have become avid wildlife enthusiasts. Close observation has revealed that various other animals have taken up residence in different parts of the building. A red-tailed hawk is known to perch on the fire escape. The hawk has not been seen up close but was identified via close examination of the droppings it left behind.

A pileated woodpecker, first heard drilling into the side of the building, was identified as well. The large woodpecker species caused quite the ruckus and inspired research into the question, "Why don't woodpeckers get concu-

sions?" As it turns out, their brains are too small, which may also be the reason this particular woodpecker is attempting to search for food in the walls of Sitterly as opposed to one of the many trees in the Forest.

The most active (and annoying) residents are the squirrels that move into the walls of Sitterly every spring. The squirrels frequently make rather distracting noises and chew through the wiring. Tension between the squirrels and the humans is currently on the rise. Creative writing classes and writing studies seminars frequently use the classroom in Sitterly, and squirrel-related disruptions are regular occurrences. The interspecies peace is still a work in progress on the first floor. Yet, as the situation arises every spring, the faculty seek a



One of Sitterly's new residents, Seandrah.

IMAGES COURTESY OF PROFESSOR CHANG

long-term solution to ensure coexistence.

As the weather warms, animals who call Drew home look for a safe, sheltered

place to raise their young. Drew's historic reputation is built around the Forest. To maintain this reputation, it is only right to allow these

animals to find peaceful coexistence in our buildings.

Sitterly occupants, raccoons, woodpeckers, squirrels and red-tailed hawks will make further efforts to seek out this peace. The faulty would like to open their windows without fear of their offices being invaded. Further negotiations are being made to seek sustainable solutions and ensure harmony for all involved.



That 1950's Chick is a writing another article? See page 5.



Drew Wildlife Takes Inspiration From The Montagues and The Capulets



Lieutenant P. Nuts ready for a s-quarrel.

IMAGE COURTESY OF 90ALLEX ON DEVIANT ART.

ULYSSES BUCKMAN
SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER

Drew's squirrel population has recently become bolder than ever. Students have reported seeing squirrels wielding various weapons, from knives stolen from The Commons to heavy-duty pens, acorn slingshots and lighters.

Squirrels on campus have always been known for being relatively comfortable with the student population, but now it seems they are worried about their safety. The reason for the sudden unease is apparently due to an increase in predators on campus, including dogs and owls, but most notably hawks.

Due to the high frequency with which community members walk their dogs on campus, squirrels are at a greater risk of being chased or attacked. This is reported as being partly responsible for their increased safety measures.

One squirrel, found collecting an arsenal of acorn projectiles, stated, "There's too many dogs

here. It's just not safe. People keep bringing their dogs to walk them, and everyone thinks they're so cute, but they're killers, really. No one thinks of the squirrels, and we're fed up with it. We need to protect ourselves somehow."

The main issue facing the squirrel population is hawks. Unlike dogs, hawks are natural predators of squirrels. This has been the reason for extreme tension between Drew's hawks and squirrels since the University's founding.

The root of the squirrel-hawk tension is the decades-long feud between the two species. One hawk explained, "One of my ancestors stole a squirrel's tree and ate their whole family. It's not a big deal, honestly. It's been almost 100 years since it happened; I think they need to get over it."

Evidently, the hawks do not feel remorse for their ancestor's actions, but that is not stopping the squirrels from taking revenge. This feud has been fought longer than any students or staff have been at Drew, but the problem is that tensions are suddenly rising, and the

most dangerous part is students getting caught in the crossfire.

With their newfound power, the squirrels are becoming violent and aggressive. They are no longer limiting their hatred to their

predators, but are now extending it to students, staff and visitors.

While touring the campus, one group was ambushed by a scurry of squirrels who reportedly "jumped from the trees James Bond style," as one prospective student explained. Not only are these squirrels harming current Drew students, but they are scaring off potential students as well.

Although the hawks are strong, the squirrels' newfound violence is causing them unease. The same hawk who spoke about the ancestral feud also explained that there have been many close calls with bloodthirsty squirrels attacking hawks.

"We are supposed to be the predators, not them. I don't know who they think they are, but this is getting out of hand. It is ridiculous and unnatural. This is not the way the world should work."

The squirrels, on the other hand (and even some students) think that it is about time the squirrels fought back. They have always been such an integral part of campus culture, but they have never received recognition or encouragement for their place in the spotlight. Maybe now is finally their time to shine.

Drew's squirrels are certainly becoming a force to be reckoned with. Regardless of whether students are on the side of the squirrel revolution or not, it is obvious that the feud needs to be resolved before more damage can be done. For the sake of the future of Drew and The Forest, someone needs to put an end to this violence.



Ulysses is a transfer student majoring in sciuridology with a minor in poetry.



Armed squirrel posing for a picture.

IMAGE COURTESY OF CHARALILY ON FLICKER.



WHO WOULD WIN IN A FIGHT:
 ADAM SANDLER OR A DAMN SANDLE???????

Disk Style Model 1712 Carlton Woodchipper To Replace Ranger Bear

SIR CHIN FORDHIC
 INNUENDO ANALYST

Head of Janitorial Staff Fred E. Fazbear announced yesterday that Drew will officially be retiring the popular Ranger Bear mascot in favor of a Disk Style Model 1712 Carlton Woodchipper.

“Our shareholders were concerned about the potential copyright infringement that the Ranger Bear elicits,” Fazbear said. “I mean, it really does look like the Cocaine Bear and a Muppet had a weird baby. Besides, we just don’t believe that the Ranger Bear truly encapsulates the spirit of Drew quite like a Disk Style Model 1712 Carlton Woodchipper does.”

Many Drew student groups voiced their anger with the decision by holding public protests all over campus. The Drew University Music Society performed a moving concert in front of a live audience of actual bears, which went about as well as you would expect. Drew’s Sexuality and Gen-

der Alliance also brought bears to campus. The Fund held a dramatic retelling of the literary classic “The Berenstain Bears Visit The Dentist.” Even Drew’s Student Government got in on the action, building an effigy of Smokey The Bear out of popsicle sticks and then lighting it on fire.

“Don’t know why we did that,” said one member of Stu Gov. “It feels kind of like cannibalism, in a way. Like if you fed a rooster KFC. Or if you fed Papa John a Hot Pocket.”

Other campus groups were more favorable towards the change. Students for Woodchippers sent out a special edition of their newspaper Woodchipper Weekly, filled with praise for President Fazbear’s decision and the recurring phrase “ALL HAIL CARLTON.” Drew’s Pro-Deforestation group celebrated with an extended showing of “The History of Chainsaws” in The Commons. Even the surrounding town of Madison joined the festivities by demolishing

the Burger King and replacing it with a four-foot pile of woodchips.

“Imagine the feel of it as you cradle it in your arms,” said Fazbear. “The cold steel. The sharp blades. The fluorescent yellow. And who doesn’t love the guttural sound it makes when it chews up bark? It’s like 40 heavenly weed whackers right inside your head!” It should be reminded that all future reporters should wear

a raincoat when asking Fazbear about woodchippers, as she gets incredibly sweaty while talking about them.

A ceremonial destroying of the old Ranger Bear suit will take place this Wednesday in whatever the gym is called. A simple sendoff, the old suit will be thrown, fittingly, into a Disk Style Model 1712 Carlton Woodchipper. Its remains will then be donated to the Madison College for Bears.

“We’ll be SURE that nobody is in the suit before it gets thrown in,” said Fazbear. “We all know what happened last year when we changed the mascot to a deli slicer.”

If you have any opinions about Disk Style Model 1712 Carlton Woodchippers, tell them to someone who cares. Not us.

never trust a woodchipper,.....



Fazbear workin that woodchipper thang fr fr

IMAGE COURTESY OF PEXELS

Stargazing Club Builds Rocket and Goes to Space

ASTRAEA GALLEY
 STARSTRUCK SPACE NERD

The Stargazing Club, Drew’s premier student-led astronomical studies group, has long held what many thought was a far-fetched dream for a college-aged group of astronomy enthusiasts: to build their own rocket and finally see the stars without Earth’s pesky atmosphere getting in the way.

“I like being able to breathe without a tank and all, don’t get me wrong, but imagine being able to see space the way it’s really meant to be seen!” said club president Lyra Kepler (‘25).

The rocket-building project itself was an enormous undertaking, and involved great collaboration from the engineering, computer science and physics departments.

“We’re all so grateful that the other students and professors were willing to help us reach our goal,” said Kepler. “We truly wouldn’t have been able to do this without them.”

This trip to space has been an ongoing project of the Stargazing Club for four years, and finally came to fruition when the rocket, shuttle and launchpad were raised up to the roof of the Hall of Sciences on Friday, March 29. The Stargazing Club held a ceremony to celebrate this momentous occasion four years in the

making, during which several project heads, including Kepler and student engineer Aurora Herschel (‘24), gave heartwarming speeches.

“This project began when I was a freshman here as almost nothing more than a far-fetched dream none of us ever thought we’d even come close to accomplishing,” said Herschel. “We were still on Zoom at the time, and collaboration—especially across departments and on such a large scale—was difficult at best.

But we pulled through. This project has taken so many late nights, thousands of hours of work, and hundreds of obstacles to overcome, but it has always been a labor of immense love for all of us involved—students, club alumni, and professors. And we couldn’t be more proud to be able to finally taste the fruits of our labor.”

Following the celebration of the rocket’s completion, the club members, alumni and faculty advisors boarded the rocket, while

other collaborating students and professors operated mission control from the converted Observatory space. Nearly the whole Drew community—as well as members of the local Madison community and several live news reporters—bid the shuttle farewell as it took off from the Hall of Sciences roof and into the atmosphere.

The school remains in communication with the students and professors aboard the shuttle, and they have all expressed their complete elation

with the results of their project and their ongoing astronomy and photography studies up in space. Though it remains unclear when, if ever, they plan to come back down.

Astraea Galley is a junior majoring in astrophysics and minoring in extraterrestrial studies and majoring in astrology and minoring in gravitational literature and majoring in galaxy brain neuropsychology and minoring in cosmic economics and majoring in shiny things.



The Stargazing Club lifts off towards the stars. i have a crippling addiction to fortnite

IMAGE COURTESY OF PEXELS

DYTT: donkey's

THAT 1950s CHICK
SUSPECTED COMMUNIST AND
34TH US PRESIDENT

My editors typically get on my ass about word count, so for their sake, this week's article will be shorter. Teddy told me I could make it longer, but it's not too long of a story (he also told me to tell you his ankle bone protrudes very nicely). Yet, this is a riveting story, and these are the straight facts.

In the fall semester of 1986 (I think) the basketball team held a fundraiser. The fundraiser included the introduction of four donkeys (I know) to the court in the Baldwin Gymnasium. The aim of the game was to raise money in order to fund new uniforms. Students were charged \$5 to see the action and received quite a show in return. A game of basketball was played. The donkeys were ridden. Students were

bucked off and reared at. Photos were taken. And the money was raised...I think. But a game of donkey basketball has yet to be held on campus since 1986—and this week, I aim to find out why.

On Dec. 7, 1986, undergraduates crowded into the bleachers of the Baldwin Gymnasium to see the spectacle of a basketball game unlike any other. The Drew basketball teams, both men and women, were set to face off against one another. The caveat: all points had to be scored from the back of one of three donkeys from a nearby farm in Mendham, N.J. The aim of the game was to shoot hoops, score points and not fall off—easier said than done.

The basketball team had a few lessons in which they received guidance from the Drew equestrian team about how to ride safely

and effectively. Each player was outfitted with helmets and mouthguards to protect against falls. Each player was assigned a spotter charged with keeping them upright. The challenge really set in as donkeys tried to buck and rear their riders off. Once the riders were on the floor, the donkeys attempted to kick players in the legs, scurry off the court and rear up to prevent remounting.

By halftime, six members of Drew's basketball team could no longer compete and were benched for the duration of the charity game. Some students got tangled up in the donkey reins and were dragged across the gymnasium floor. By the end of the night, most of the students were too afraid to even approach the donkeys—and a game of girls vs. boys turned into a game of humans vs. donkeys. The donkeys ultimately won.

The activity was never reintroduced to Drew. While some may point to the injuries sustained during the game as the reason why, I argue that the ultimate unexpected loss of the human team is to blame. Giving donkeys the dignity of coming back to campus to beat the Rangers again would destroy morale and possibly break a few more legs than necessary.

However, I argue that this competition should make its return. This time around, we will be ready to face them. Rigorous training regiments and further collaboration between the basketball and the equestrian teams can prepare our players for victory, and improved protective equipment can be utilized to ensure the game is kept safe. Measures must be taken as well to ensure that the donkeys involved in playing are kept safe and

mentally well. If expert donkey caretakers are kept in the loop, this is possible.

Drew students crave a crazy change of pace—Drew needs culture, and the donkeys can provide it. An annual tradition can be made out of this blip from the past, and we can come together as a community to participate, ride a donkey, cheer on a friend, perform first aid, take photos of the madness, clean up after the competition and hoop and holler at the top of our lungs as we watch the wackiest event of the year. The only way forward is through, and I plan on riding a donkey to the glorious tomorrow that Drew has in store.

The 1950s Chick has seven toes on one foot, but doesn't know which foot.

PPS: Dwight D. Eisenhower looked like a slug if it had a chin.



Two men get dragged by donkeys for some reason. Basketball was really kinda dumb back in the day.

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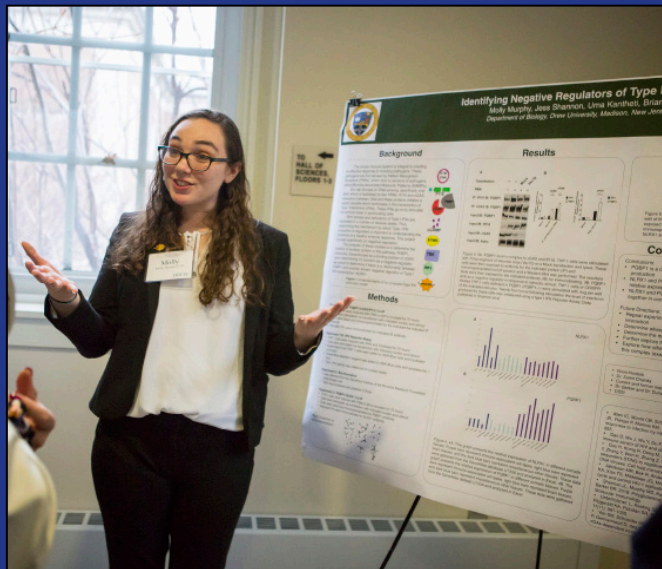
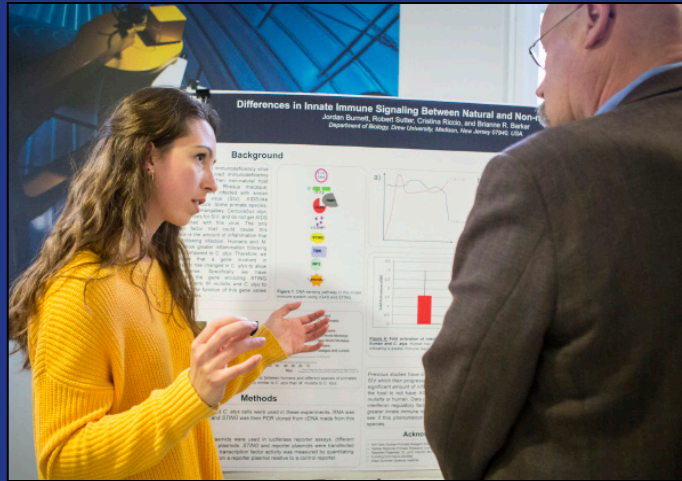


DONKEY BASKETBALL

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Chicken Opinion On Chicken Noodle Soup: Are We Going Too Far?

HUMPFRIED BAAK
PHOTOGRAPHER

In the world of culinary delights, few dishes are as comforting and controversial as chicken noodle soup. But what if I told you that the very chickens that inspire this beloved broth have something to say about it?

In a never-before-heard interview, The Acron has procured the opinion of many chickens who wish to discuss the nature of chicken noodle soup.

But before we delve deeper into the clucking controversy, let's set the stage for this poultry rebellion. Chicken noodle soup has long been a staple in kitchens worldwide. From Grandma's secret recipe to trendy cafe menus, this concoction of broth, chicken, noodles and veggies is hailed as a cure-all for everything from the common cold to heartbreak.

However, beyond the steaming bowls and comforting aromas lies a simmering debate that has gone unnoticed by most human consumers—until now. One feathered friend, who prefers to remain anonymous for obvious reasons, has stepped forward to challenge the status quo:

"They say chicken noodle soup is good for the soul.

Well, my soul's not feeling too great knowing it's going to be boiled in a pot somewhere," Chicken #1 lamented.

This calls into question the nature and purpose of the soup itself. There is irony in that a soup praised for its soul-soothing qualities can simultaneously cause existential distress to the animal that serves as its main ingredient. What does it mean to find solace in a soup that embodies a cycle of consumption and identity crisis?

Despite many reservations about the purpose of chicken noodle soup, Chicken #2, who also chose to remain anonymous, acknowledged the dish's popularity.

"Humans have turned my fellow chickens into a culinary cliché. It's like they're saying, 'What's for dinner?' and the answer is always 'your distant relatives,'" the chicken observed.

From fried chicken to chicken nuggets to, yes, chicken noodle soup, chickens have become synonymous with mealtime for many. However, are we reducing our poultry friends to mere ingredients, or do they deserve recognition as sentient beings with their own stories to tell? Chicken #3 wished to tell her story.

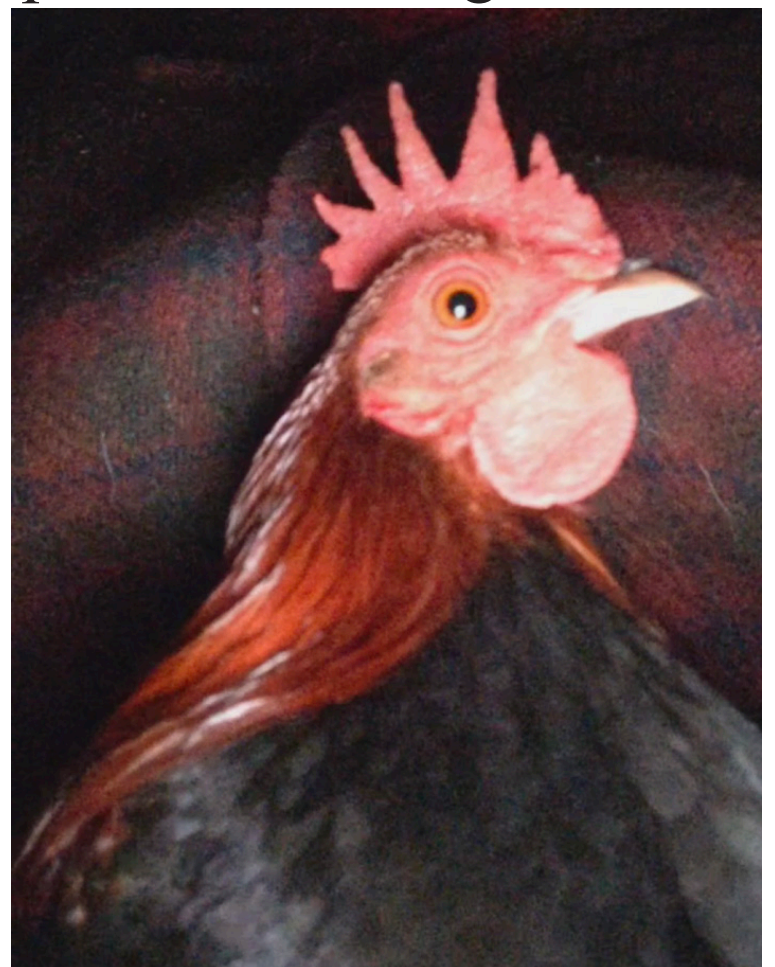
"I grew up on a small farm in the South," she monologued. "My siblings and I were raised by great human farmhands and our parents. Our world was small, but we adored it. Sure, sometimes family friends would go missing, but we were none the wiser and happy. That was until we discovered the truth. Chickens—my friends and family—were being used as ingredients for human sustenance."

Chicken #3 was awakened to the cruel reality of chicken life. The idyllic farmyard she once called home now seemed like a facade, hiding a dark secret beneath its rustic charm. The disappearance of family and friends took on a sinister meaning as she realized they were not simply "going missing" but were being taken away for consumption.

Such is the reality for many chickens. Chicken #1 cites a similar experience.

"I grew up happy, but I always knew something was off as I watched my siblings being taken by humans one by one," Chicken #1 said. "I didn't understand until it was my turn. Luckily, I escaped before I wound up in the poultry aisle."

When asked how he escaped, Chicken #1 refused to comment further.



Rest in peace Buck the chicken.

IMAGE COURTESY OF THAT FIFTIES GIRL

However, he did say, "Also, stop that rumor that we can survive without our heads. We can't!"

As we slurp our way through bowls of comforting soup, it's worth pausing to reflect on the poultry perspectives shared here. Maybe it's time for a chicken revolution in the kitchen and

for us to consider protein alternatives. So, the next time you are pondering what is for dinner and the answer seems a bit too fowl, remember the wise words of our clucking companions. After all, every cluck counts.

Humpfried Baak is a junior majoring in chicken rights.

The Voices in Your Head Are Actually Squirrels (Sometimes)

SQUIRREL TRUTHER
STAFF WRITER

Do you ever think you are hearing sounds coming from the infamous little critters that constantly lurk around campus? As it turns out, the squirrels have not only been speaking, but they are also spreading lies about your name and eavesdropping on all of your most sensitive conversations.

Now the real kicker is, if you cannot hear them, it means they do not like you, and you may or may not be on a list. And if they do like you, I am not sure what you

did to appease these tree rats. Their selective silence is finally being exposed, and as someone who cannot hear them, I believe I can speak for all of these victims of discrimination when I say we must do something to resolve this issue.

There should be peace between us all, not only between the squirrels and who they disturbingly decide to praise. Just because they have been here through generations of Drew students does not give them the right to pick and choose with whom they speak.

I must agree with student Walby Cena ('26), who said, "They're the rats of nature. The fellas only like 'em cause they're cute, but I just don't see it."

Since I am unable to hear these rodents, I set up a system where concerned students can send letters to my mailbox in an effort to better understand the situation at hand.

A rather suspicious letter showed up that stated, "Actually, squirrels in fact cannot speak. The very notion of this is moronic and is based in lies and myth."

(totally not a squirrel) Infuriatingly enough, this was the only letter that I received, and I am rather concerned for our student body that not enough people are paying attention to this.

According to one student who wished to remain anonymous out of fear of the trees, "The squirrels were discussing how the garbage was subpar compared to last week."

It's absurd how little attention has been given to this issue. I fear for the grave danger we are all in because of the students whom the

squirrels are attempting to recruit to their coalition. What they may be trying to achieve only elicits horror in the hearts and minds of students like myself. I wish you all the best of luck; keep a close eye on the trees.



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People agreeing with a handshake at a meeting.

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Ben's Beliefs: Do NOT Go To Michigan... The Worst Igan

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HEAD COPY EDITOR

Jukebox musicals are a scourge on humanity, and nothing displays this better than recent release "Hills Under Michigan," directed by Neil Breen. The story follows a trio of young adults who, while exploring the shores of Lake Michigan, accidentally open up a mystical gateway that takes them to a dark realm from which they find themselves unable to escape. In order to leave, the characters must traverse six hills, facing their greatest fear at the top of each one. Once they reach the final peak, they are granted an audience with the overlord of the realm, whom they must persuade to grant them their freedom.

"Hills Under Michigan" boasts the creative tagline "This summer, Erie isn't just a lake." Unfortunately, Erie is just a lake—the film takes place at a completely different great lake. And I certainly would not describe the atmosphere as "eerie;" rather, I would describe it as "unfortunate" or "mildly unpleasant."

The movie, against all odds, has an all-star cast: the three main characters Marie, Matt

and Mike are played by Selena Gomez, Jaden Smith and Danny Devito, respectively. You may notice that one of these things is not like the others—despite the characters being in their early twenties, one of them is played by Danny Devito. There seems to have been no effort

whatsoever to make the 79-year-old Devito look even remotely younger, and when asked about this casting choice, the studio had no response. It is unclear what reason any of these very famous people could have for appearing in this movie—I suspect blackmail was involved.

By far the film's boldest move was the choice to use songs by a multitude of artists, rather than sticking to one in typical jukebox musical fashion. The first musical number is an arrangement of "Bring Me to Life" by Evanescence with Gomez on lead vocals. The

characters, having been transported to a mysterious hellscape by an unknown force, believe themselves to be dreaming and plead with the unknown force to "wake me up." Of particular note is Devito's rendition of Adele's "Hello," sung as a message to the girlfriend he left behind in the real world.

Perhaps the most horrifying of all, "Hills Under Michigan" is the first jukebox musical in known history to use a song from another musical. The movie's final number is "Seasons of Love" from the hit stage musical Rent. Every character that appears in the entire movie (including some that died in earlier scenes) walks onscreen, stands in line and sings "Seasons of Love." And then each character takes a bow, as if the film has suddenly mutated into a stage show.

"Hills Under Michigan" is a must-watch, if not for the plot or special effects, then for the sheer absurdity of the events onscreen. This is the worst movie I have ever seen, and I give it nine stars out of 10.

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Sign in Michigan asking for no visitors.

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We Are Asking the Wrong Questions about The Time Change

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After a discovery, it is hard to look back and comprehend the inability of our previous selves to understand. Once something seems obvious, it takes a lot of effort to not see it as such.

We laugh about how people used to think the world was flat, how we thought evil spirits and bad smells caused disease and how we used to think of time as a constant. For anyone that has personally experienced an anomaly, it can be hard to believe that no one questioned the assumptions that time was linear and accelerated uniformly until 25 years ago. Still, can you categorize an entire world as naive? If you think the answer to that is yes, then you are just as naive as those you mock.

When they think about the time equation, most people wonder how we went so long without understanding how time works, but the real question is why we thought we understood it at all. We have never actually known anything for certain, and never will.

Between the discovery of time vortexes in 2024

and realizing that there is nothing we can do to control it, a multitude of futures, in which humanity wielded time as it wielded energies, was imagined. It had seemed promised: one day we would have time for everything. We could make the day longer, accomplish more and rest more. There would be no more lateness and earliness. Emergencies would be handled more urgently, and medical staff would be able

to attend to more people per hour. Dreaded events could be experienced faster, treasured moments slower.

Of course, could we actually control time's acceleration or the skips, it would not solve any of society's problems. The expectations of using time to get everything and more done, to never be late and never be tired, would just lead to an even busier society. Even as experience

slowed, our existence would be just as filled.

Perhaps the inability to harness time is for the best. With all of the new knowledge and subsequent lack of knowledge, time has become hyper-personal to many. A movement of time-consciousness resulted in people becoming critical of every activity they spent time on and making dramatic changes in lifestyle, with some desperate to find

enjoyment and others seeking to maximize their productivity. Others still made no alteration and seemed entirely unaffected by the whole ordeal. After all, nothing but our understanding had actually changed.



The Scribe is a junior. Major: Loser with a coal miner.



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Drew Rangers Baseball On Track for First Undefeated Season

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Drew University's baseball team has played a perfect season so far and is on track to post their first undefeated season in program history.

The Rangers currently boast an overall win record of 19-0, marking an impressive comeback from the 2021 season when Drew ended the season with a 0-18 record.

Drew has been steadily climbing the ladder since then, posting a 10-28-1 overall record in 2022 and a 15-22 record in 2023.

The 2024 season has proven to be a record-shattering year for the Rangers on multiple fronts; not only are they undefeated on the field, but they have not made a single mistake in any of their 19 games.

Drew's baseball roster has posted perfect aver-

ages in batting, pitching and fielding, making the team an unstoppable force in the Landmark Conference.

Sixth-year Bass Bahl offered his take on how the team has been able to overcome every opponent this season.

"Honestly, it wasn't that hard," Bahl said. "All the other teams were just mid."

Other members of the baseball team credit their success this season to all of the practices they have not canceled due to rain.

The Rangers have demonstrated a clear shift in their approach to the game with their performance this season.

When asked what prompted the sudden change in the team's dynamic, Homer Un described a revived commitment to improving the program and leaving a lasting impression on the school.

"We really wanted to shock people this year with



The ideal ritual arena for Loch Ness Monster power channeling.

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ACRON EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH NICOLE WALSH-DRYER

It has been speculated that a sports team has been drawing power from the Loch Ness Monster. The night before their April 4 victory, the team was seen by Nicole Walsh-Dryer ('29) parading down the center path on campus in black robes with unlit candles.

"They looked over at me," Walsh-Dryer said, "and all of the candles ignited simultaneously. If I wasn't the fastest race walker in the third dimension I don't think I would still be here."

"I've seen many extra-ordinary rituals, I live with a virgin after all. This was surely a sacrifice to the Loch Ness Monster. I once attempted the same ritual utilizing a large gaggle of geese but only one small possum. The robes wouldn't stay on so it ended up failing. A group of college students though? They may be a bunch of lunks but they got to have someone with a double digit IQ right?"

Walsh-Dryer went on to detail the potential side effects of the ritual, including caffeine addiction, unnatural willingness to perpetuate the ideals of degenerate pistachios, and sudden improvement in athletic capabilities, race walking included as "athleticism."

Charlize Theron is a first-year majoring in theater and sports statistics with a minor in sarcasm.

The Rangers look to continue their winning streak on Saturday, when they face off against Catholic University for a double-header in Washington, D.C.

"what we can do," Un said. "We're a lot better than most people realize, and as a team, we decided that this was the year we would really dedicate ourselves to showcasing that talent and making sure that the Drew community remembers this team for a long time."

Drew to Debut Obstacle Course Racing (Staylord's Version) on Campus

EVERLY MOORE
QUEEN LYRICIST

Drew University Athletics has announced plans to implement a new sporting event during the fall 2024 season: obstacle course racing.

The department shared on Tuesday that the course will be run on the stretch of campus drive that extends from Main Street to the Ehinger Center parking lot, passing behind several academic department houses, Hoyt-Bowne Hall and Asbury Hall along the way.

Modeled after track obstacle course races, the event will require competitors to navigate water hazards, mud pits and deep chasms dug into the asphalt course. For an extra challenge, participants can also opt to tackle the obstacle course in their cars.

The decision comes as part of a mission to expand Drew's athletic offerings in order to draw in new prospective student-athletes.

"We are really excited about the addition of obstacle course racing, and we are confident that prospective students and transfer students will be equally as excited," said Carl Rice, Drew's director of athletics.

Rumors began circulating last month that Drew had plans for this section of the campus road next year, and many students thought they intended to repave it. The revelation that it will

instead be used to incorporate obstacle course racing into the athletics department delighted many people.

Non-athlete Dennis Brandon ('24) expressed his enthusiasm about the new sporting event.

"When I heard they decided to hold off on re-paving it for the obstacle course, I ripped off my cast and started PT to prep," Brandon said. "I've been doing seven sit-ups a day and attempt one push-up every morning. I'm in the best shape of my life and am ready to win this!"

Awards for winning the obstacle race competitions include a cash prize of 10 points added to the student's Drew ID card and a reduced parking ticket fine.

Everly Moore is a senior majoring in destroying the last great American dynasty and minoring in crushing souls.



INSPIRATION PHOTOS FOR THE FINISH LINE OF THE OBSTACLE COURSE.

ACRON EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH DENNIS BRANDON

With the upcoming obstacle course debut set for fall 2024, Dennis Brandon ('24) "shattered the confines" of his cast and powered through a month long recovery in 36 hours. With the infamous rivalry between Brandon and his roommate Nicole Walsh-Dryer ('29), Brandon reached out to the Acron to declare his intent to compete and "throw shade."

"Nicole and I have been competing in everything since I borrowed one of her two possums. She said something about a ritual or something getting screwed up," Brandon said.

With only a couple months until the start of the season, Brandon began his training in earnest. "In addition to my morning routine, I jump over every twig on the road to increase my verticle. I can already clear pebbles and am working on jumping over a brick," Brandon said.

"I've never been this dedicated in my life," Brandon said. "The passion I have to dethrone my roommate burns within the confines of my trousers like an average size pocket match that you always burn your fingers on because there's nothing there. I want to finally prove I am a competitor in the third dimension."

When asked about how he would compete with the self proclaimed "fastest race walker in the third dimension," Walsh-Dryer, Brandon said: "I won't lie, I can't compete with her speed walking. My plan is to barrel roll on straight aways and crawling sections. I even bought a snorkle to utilize in the mud pits."

Brandon asked that the interview include his final thoughts on the upcoming competition: "I may not have the best qualities and might know every ritual there is that includes possums and the increasing of... nevermind, but I have the fortitude to push myself and complete what I start as fast as possible with no regard for the wants of anyone else."

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Jason Kelce to Launch Drew's First Football Team in Fall 1989

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Former Philadelphia Eagles center Jason Kelce will be taking the helm of Drew University's inaugural football team as head coach next fall.

The sudden career move comes not long after Kelce announced his retirement from the National Football League after 13 seasons with the Eagles.

According to Kelce's representatives, the football star is looking to continue his involvement in the sport and offer hands-on support to the football community from a more directorial position.

"He is excited to bring football to the Drew community and showcase a lot of hidden talents among Ranger athletics and the players he will bring in," said Kris Kelce, Jason Kelce's agent.

Kelce already has a game plan for how he will go about building the Drew Rangers' football program from the ground up, starting with a handful of his starting players.

Inspired by his own personal trajectory through the sport, Kelce shared that he plans to build the team

Image of Taylor Swift with Travis Kelce. Jason Kelce is out of view behind the camera because he is not dating Swift. IMAGE COURTESY OF ID-IOM FROM [HTTPS://WWW.FLICKR.COM/PHOTOS/ID-IOM/4157537693](https://www.flickr.com/photos/id-iom/4157537693).

roster around a specific kind of athlete: those who repeatedly promised to retire before finally retiring, then unretired shortly after.

Electing to focus on this specific sports journey instead of just prowess on the football field, Kelce has already begun to recruit several unretired-retired athletes from a range of sports.

Next year's prospective student-athletes include swimming legends Michael

Phelps and Dara Torres, soccer star Pelé, NFL icon Tom Brady and NBA giant Michael Jordan.

When asked how he would feel about returning to college athletics at his age, Phelps said he was not worried about it affecting his experience on campus.

"I mean, I figure it's just like all the people who come back as fifth years on their teams," Phelps said. "We're all just here to have

fun and perform to the best of our abilities in our sport, so it really doesn't matter if student-athletes in their mid-20s who've been here for half a decade decide to come back for another year of college with their teenage teammates."

The Landmark Conference introduced football in its sports lineup for the first time this past season, with six schools debuting brand-new programs.

Drew was one of four schools in the conference this year to abstain from forming a football team, alongside Elizabethtown College, Goucher College and the University of Scranton.

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Highlight Reel (March 1 - March 21)

Landmark Conference Awards

Pitcher of the Week: Charlotte Wells ('25)

WLAX Offensive Player of the Week: Charlotte Wells ('24)

BB Athlete of the Week: Charlotte Wells ('27)

Rangers of the Week

Feb. 26 - March 3: Charlotte Wells ('24), WFENC & Charlotte Wells ('24), MFENC

March 4 - March 10: Charlotte Wells ('24), WTEN/WT&F & Charlotte Wells ('27), BB

March 11 - March 17: Charlotte Wells ('24), WLAX & Charlotte Wells ('24), MVB

Team Performance Highlights

WLAX: Charlotte Wells surpasses 200 career points in game against Kean

SB: Charlotte Wells (C'89) breaks Drew and Landmark Conference records for career stolen bases, raising the number to 63;

O'Brien also reached 100 career hits during game against RPI

MLAX: Charlotte Wells ('24) lands spot on USILA Division III Team of the Week

BB: Charlotte Wells named to D3baseball.com Team of the Week

WT&F: Charlotte Wells ('24) earns All-Region status by finishing in the top five in the region for her events of high jump and long jump

WFENC: Rangers tie for 4th-place out of 16 at NIWFAs, marking the program's best finish since 2008

WLAX: Rangers break school record for number of goals scored in a single game with 26-15 victory over FDU-Florham

WSOC: Charlotte Wells (C'11) selected as new head coach for women's soccer team

MVB: Rangers sweep tri-match against Eastern University & Neuman University, bringing their record to 11-10 and breaking the program record for victories won in a season