Senior to run in Philadelphia Marathon

A cross country runner for four years, Howie Pickar prepares for his first marathon.

Nick DiFranco
TRIANGLE STAFF WRITER

Some people say college is a tough run. When Howie Pickar says it, though, he means it. Pickar, a senior majoring in mechanical engineering, is running his first marathon — the Philadelphia Marathon — this weekend. He hopes it’s one of many more to come.

“I want to see what it’s like. I want to see if it’s my race,” said the former Drexel cross country standout from 1992 to 1995.

To Pickar, this weekend’s 26.2 mile race is the culmination of nine years of running experience. He started on the track team at St. Pius X High School in Pottstown, Pa., running the one mile and two mile events on the oval. He moved to the 3.1 mile cross-country events, and since then has been exclusively a distance runner.

Which brings him to this week’s race.

“T’m the epitome of a long-distance runner,” explains Pickar. “There’s nothing long enough on the track that I like to do, so I figure it might as well try the marathon.”

“I like to run a lot of miles,” he added.

A lot of miles is an underestimate. Competitively, Pickar has logged over 150 miles of cross country terrain in his college career. He runs local races and 10k races as “warm-ups” during the off-season.

On top of his race miles, Howie puts in about 50 miles per week in training.

“Training 80-100 miles per week, with one or two hard workouts a week, is serious. I’d be doing that for a year straight before running a marathon competitively,” said Pickar.

Howie does all this while keeping his G.P.A. hovering around 3.0. He is serious about college and getting a job is his primary concerns, running with Will factors into his future plans.

“I think I can qualify for the Olympics in the next three years,” he said.

Students Step in Show

Students from Drexel and other area universities perform during Step Show ’96, which was held in the Main Auditorium on Thursday, Nov. 21. Several black greek organizations participated in the competition, in which teams were judged on criteria such as originality, difficulty and sportsmanship. “Stepping is a way for the participants to express themselves and bring about unity,” said Danyelle Croxton, a judge for the competition and the assistant director of Student Support Services.

C.A.B. will skip fall concert

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NEWS EDITOR

Rather than having a no-name fall concert, the Campus Activities Board decided to hold out for a higher caliber act according to C.A.B. president Chris McCarthy.

“It’s really, really difficult to set a concert,” said C.A.B. vice president Irene Betelman. “The bands we want only want to play in Philly once, and they usually go to the Electric Factory. We’re looking for a one-time deal. ... Drexel gets screwed.”

McCarthy said C.A.B. did not want to repeat last year’s scenario when the campus programming group settled with seasoned rockers The Smithereens for its fall concert.

The Smithereens concert sucked,” said Betelman.

Earlier this term, C.A.B.’s special events co-chair Jim Maloney told The Triangle he was “looking to have a fall concert, but will not have it unless we get a good band. A possible alternative is to have a big-name comedian.”

Betelman said the alternative is not going to happen, either. “There’s not enough time ..., [We were] waiting for a concert,” said C.A.B. vice president Irene Betelman. “The event is slated for end of November, so there’s no time. We’re looking for a one-time deal. ... Drexel gets screwed.”

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O.S.I.R. goes electronic for finals

Jonathan Post
MANAGING EDITOR

The Office of Student Information and Records continues to expand its electronic services this term with its final exam scheduling process.

Students received personalized final exam schedules in their e-mail accounts early Friday morning Nov. 22, listing the date, time and location of their final exams. Students can also access the final exam schedule from O.S.I.R.’s Web page at http://www.osir.drexel.edu.

Faculty members also used e-mail to complete the exam scheduling process. According to O.S.I.R. Associate Director Janice Kna, tentative schedules were sent to faculty members via e-mail. The faculty members were then allowed to submit changes, such as getting a larger room or combining sections, back to O.S.I.R. electronically. Those faculty requests helped to determine the completed exam schedule.

“We’re doing is taking the information and sending it right to the faculty member who can really be the best person to answer what they want to do with the final exams,” said Kna.

“Prior to the new process, we would send it to the department in a paper format. We would just list all the courses for that department and a department person would have to responsibly for getting in touch with the instructor ..., and who best knows but the instructor,” said Kna.

According to Kna, O.S.I.R. began developing the electronic system about a year ago. The system was tested during the summer, when students were sent their exam schedules via e-mail.

“It’s a smaller term and we don’t have that many courses ..., now we’re in a full-fledged mode,” said Kna.

The final exam process was only the latest in a series of electronic options available to students and faculty. Students have been able to access their schedules and grades via the Web since last spring term. Term schedules are also sent to student e-mail accounts, and, at the option of the student, grades are also sent to e-mail accounts.

“We have a Web application (faculty) can submit room requests, room changes for their courses in any term,” said Kna.

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Man jailed for owing $4,800 in tickets

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BROWNSVILLE, Pa. — A man who accumulated $4,800 in parking fines before leaving town for a business trip to New Jersey was booked into the county prison late last week.

William Peterson, 42, of Uniontown was jailed beginning Wednesday for nine to 24 days for failing to pay the tickets. He said there is no need for meters in Brownsville because the borough is so economically depressed.

He accumulated the fines and constables’ fees in 1992 when he lived on Second Street in Brownsville, which is about 45 miles south of Pittsburgh.

The street was once a business district, but most stores there have been closed for several years.

Peterson said jail time is an excessive punishment for his offense. He said case law stipulates that fines do not accumulate when a person is incarcerated.

He was processed and had his booking photo taken before being taken to the cell block. He was scheduled to be arraigned Thursday about a motive and has exhausted most of his resources.

He told police he wrapped the tiny body in a plastic garbage bag, dumped the baby in a trash bin. An autopsy found the baby had suffered from massive head trauma.

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Peterson was ordered held without bail pending his arraignment Thursday.

The high school senior was not listed as a resident of Brownsville. He was the father of the baby.

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**Memorial service planned for Michael Skowronek**

A memorial service in honor of Michael Skowronek will be held on Tuesday, November 26th at 10:00 p.m. in the Newman Center. Skowronek’s family will be in attendance.

Skowronek, a freshman majoring in information science and technology, died of meningitis on Tuesday, Nov. 12. According to Senior Vice President and Dean of Students Dianna Dale, no other cases of the rare disease have been reported on campus since.

Over 800 students have been treated with antibiotics as a precautionary measure. Those who came in close contact with Skowronek were advised to take antibiotics.

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**Senior readies for 26 mile run**

The Philadelphia Marathon is scheduled to start at 8:30 a.m. on Nov. 24. At the Philadelphia Museum of Art after passing South Street, Penn’s Landing, the race will end at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. The expected 34th Street from the Philadelphia Marathon, Pickar "If my training goes well, I expected to get worse in November, people who have not November, people who have not organized runs can and should," Ms. Arden said.

The vaccine protects against both flu strains that have people feeling miserable this year — Type A, Wuhan and Type B. Wuhan can kill. If elderly people or the chronically ill get that strain, they are more likely to get pneumonia or other life-threatening illnesses. Outbreaks in at least four of the 15 states are blamed on Wuhan.

Flu contributes to the deaths of about 20,000 people a year in the United States. The CDC recommends vaccinations for people 65 and older, people in nursing homes, children with asthma and anyone with a chronic illness.

The CDC relies on state health departments and physicians to track flu cases across the country. Last year, about 16 states reported flu outbreaks during this period.

Outbreaks have occurred in Alaska, California, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, Montana, New York, Ohio, North Carolina, Texas, Washington state and Wisconsin.

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Waste disposal firm indicted for illegal dumping

B.F.I. Services Group Inc. and six of its former and present officials were indicted on 23 counts of illegally dumping waste.

Lee Linder
ASSOCIATED PRESS
B.F.I. Services Group Inc., a subsidiary of one of the nation's largest waste haulers, and six of its former and present officials were indicted Thursday on federal charges that they defrauded five publicly owned treatment works of nearly $1.28 million by illegally dumping thousands of loads of waste. Simultaneously, the company said it had settled the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Tammy Avery declined to comment on the settlement report because an agreement hadn't yet been filed in court.

B.F.I. spokesman Philip Angell said that under the settlement, the Houston-based company "agrees to plead guilty to three charges ... involving mail fraud and conspiracy, [and] pay a $5 million fine and $1.5 million toward environmental restoration projects." The 23-count indictment included charges of Clean Water Act violations and mail fraud for offenses that prosecutors say occurred from 1989 through March 1992. The charges carry a maximum penalty of five years' probation and a fine of $50,000 per day for each day of violation. The government charged that a B.F.I. wastewater facility in West Chester illegally dumped some 4,591 loads of waste containing prohibited wastewater treatment sludge or grease on approximately 1,577 different days.

Had the company properly reported the illegal loads, they would have had to pay the various treatment facilities another $1.26 million, prosecutors said.

According to the indictment, the Philadelphia treatment works suffered the largest loss, $507,454. Other facilities that lost money because of the illegal dumping were Aston, Pa., $180,746; New Castle, Del., $336,038 and Bridgeport, Pa., $150,281.

B.F.I. said it discovered the illegal dumping of wastewater sludge 4.5 years ago after it acquired a portable toilet company in Philadelphia. "When B.F.I. managers discovered what was going on we took immediate and forceful actions," including launching an internal investigation and firing the responsible employees, contacting appropriate city, state and federal officials, and making a $1.6 settlement to the city of Philadelphia, B.F.I. said.

B.F.I. said it condemned the action of the former employees, whose actions it called "reprehensible." "Not only was it illegal, but it violated clear company policies and runs counter to everything we stand for," the company statement said.

According to the statement, "Though no environmental harm resulted, that is irrelevant. What is relevant is that these employees lied to the government and to other B.F.I. employees. That is intolerable."

Indicted with the company were Robert Atkinson, of Maui, Hawaii; president of B.F.I. Services Group from October 1990 through February 1992; Robert Douglass, Littleton, Colo.; B.F.I.'s environmental compliance officer from October 1991 until February 1992; Jeffrey Turbedsky, Houston, a company accountant; Gary Rice, Berlin, Md., district manager for the B.F.I. subsidiary that handled the dumping; Michael Malatesta, Germantown, Wis., the subsidiary's operation manager from June 1989 through December 1990, and Kevin Cornnell, West Chester, Pa., the subsidiary's operation manager from December 1990 through March 1992. Only Turbedsky is currently employed by B.F.I., Avery said. The indictment said B.F.I. used several illegal methods to dispose of the grease and wastewater treatment sludge.

A false sample of a load would be given to the treatment plant, drivers filled out forms misstating the content of their loads, and two 22,000 gallon tanks were used to blend the raw sewage with the grease and wastewater to disguise it; prosecutors said. B.F.I., a subsidiary of Browning-Ferris Industries, collects and disposes of raw sewage, grease and wastewater sludge.

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C.I.A. officer indicted in Russian spy case

Michael J. Soffen ASSOCIATED PRESS
WASHINGTON — Career C.I.A. officer Harold J. Nicholson was indicted Thursday on a charge of selling national defense information to the Russians since 1994 for more than $180,000.

The one-count indictment, returned by a federal grand jury in suburban Alexandria, Va., charged the 46-year-old former C.I.A. station chief with conspiracy to commit espionage. The charge carries a top penalty of life in prison without parole.

U.S. Attorney Helen Fahey said the investigation has not turned up information necessary to seek a death penalty. A death penalty can be sought if someone is killed as a result of espionage.

C.I.A. Director John Deutch has said U.S. officials know of no deaths or arrests as a result of Nicholson's alleged treachery, although he said Nicholson is believed to have given Moscow the identities and future assignments of up to two years' worth of C.I.A. recruits.

The government also moved to forfeit, if Nicholson is convicted, any direct or indirect proceeds of his spying. A court document alleged that the indicted received $180,000 in cash, a Chevrolet Lumina Sports van and a Toshiba portable computer.

The quick indictment was something of a surprise. Usually, the government takes all the time allotted to it after an arrest in major spy cases to continue its investigation before bringing formal charges.

But Washington attorney Plato Cacheris, who defended the C.I.A.'s most damaging turncoat, Aldrich Ames, said there are advantages to the government from a quick indictment.

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Philadlphia pension board to divest Texaco stock

David Kinney ASSOCIATED PRESS
The city's pensions board voted Thursday to sell its $5.8 million in Texaco stock, protesting what members called continuing racial discrimination in the nation's corporations.

"I'm an African-American and I think a message needs to be sent to corporate America," said member Charles Johnson, a city printer.

The board is one of the first institutional investors to divest since Texaco paid $176.1 million to settle discrimination claims after a recording of executives belittling black employees was made public earlier this month.

The nine-member board, which oversees the pension funds of 60,000 retired and active city workers, voted unanimously to divest for $180,000 in cash, a Chevrolet Lumina Sports van and a Toshiba portable computer.

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Puerto Rico explosion kills 20

Marion Lloyd
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SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — The shops and restaurants were just opening on crowded Calle Soto Street when an explosion blew away a six-story building Thursday, turning windows into flying knives and crushing drivers in their cars.

At least 20 people were killed, and more than 80 were hurt. Police expected to find at least 10 more bodies in the mounds of torn steel and concrete that were offices and apartments.

President Clinton declared Puerto Rico a disaster area, a move authorizing federal aid for recovery efforts and federal rescue teams to participate in the search for victims.

Officials suspected a leak in a pipe carrying cooking gas caused the blast, and said the building's owner had been complaining for weeks of escaping gas. The San Juan Gas Co., however, said it couldn't confirm a gas explosion and said there had been no gas service to the building.

The explosion sent shards of shattered glass into a Roman Catholic parochial school across the street. Some of the 500 students inside the Colegio La Milagrosa — School of the Miraculous — were knocked to the ground, but no one was injured.

Shoppers hunting for bargains in the stores that line the street fled the billowing black cloud of dust and debris in terror.

The 8:35 a.m. explosion in San Juan's congested Rio Piedras district ripped a 50-foot-wide hole in the concrete building, partially collapsing the first four floors and exposing rooms inside.

The bodies of two women were found in a car crushed by debris; searchers extricated a beheaded body from the shatter ed building. Rescue workers used dogs to look for missing victims.

The dead were laid out on the pavement in front of the Iglesia La Milagrosa Catholic Church, where workers placed sheets over the bodies. Roman Catholic Cardinal Luis Aponte Martinez administered the last rites.

Maria Robon, owner of a jewelry store next door to the building, was knocked unconscious and taken to the hospital, where she asked for her daughter, Liasandra, 24.

"We don't know how she is," Robon said. "There was this explosion, a lot of screaming, and I was crying with my eyes streaming down my face. There was this explosion, a lot of screaming, and I was crying with my eyes streaming down my face.

In the hospital waiting room, relatives and friends held hands, prayed together, comforted each other. "Lord, give us strength," one woman prayed.

Dozens of survivors, coated with blood and dust, were whisked away by helicopters to other hospitals, where hundreds ofanguished relatives converged. Many had been cut by flying glass.

"It's bloody and horrible. There are smashed up people, body parts," said Pedro Rosario, spokesman at Puerto Rico Medical Center.

At least 20 people were killed and 82 were injured, said police Chief Pedro Toledo. "We expect to find about 10 or 15 more bodies," he said.

But restaurant co-owner Wei Yang in June appealed a cease-and-desist order issued by the Board of Supervisors on Monday's meeting.

Yang said some customers feel the dispute is racially motivated.

Stafford denies any bias against Chinese.

The proposed ordinance will be advertised and then voted on Dec. 6. At Monday's meeting, supervisor and roadmaster Eddie Hannum questioned how an objective standard could be established.

"Everybody's sense of smell is different," he said. "Mature in the spring, spread on the fields, me that's fresh country air."
Father tries to push daughter into path of truck

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — A man was convicted Thursday of trying to push his 9-year-old deaf daughter into the path of a pickup truck to collect more than $200,000 in life insurance money.

David Crist's attempted murder conviction in the 1993 plot cleared the way for him to be tried in the attempted electrocution of his 4-year-old daughter and the contract slaying of his only brother. In each case, prosecutors said, the motive was greed. "Justice was a little delayed but justice was served," prosecutor Thomas Marino said. "Mr. Crist will stay behind bars where he belongs."

Prosecutors said Crist was so deeply in debt that he concocted the scheme to fake a flat tire, then push his daughter in front of a pickup truck driven by an accomplice, a woman who testified he offered to pay her $5,000.

Jurors sat riveted last week as Diane Crist, now 13, testified through a sign-language interpreter that her father twice threw her onto a rural road to be hit by a pickup truck.

"When I got up I was limping and I said, 'Daddy, help me.' But he came over, picked me up and threw me back down on the road!" Diane's right ankle was broken, her face, knee and thigh were scraped, and her side was bruised.

Crist, 38, who was also convicted of solicitation of criminal homicide and five other charges, faces up to 30 years in prison when sentenced in January. "He still says he's innocent, but he expected it," said defense attorney William Miele.

Crist's attorneys tried to plant doubt in the minds of the jurors by questioning Diane's injuries and why she waited years to come forward.

"Children often don't tell things for many years," prosecutor Kenneth Ossowik responded. "That's because they're stuck with their parents. What was she going to do?"

He kept reminding jurors about the insurance policies Crist had on Diane. "Motive, motive, motive."

Crist collected $133,000 from a life insurance policy in his brother's 1982 death and stood to gain $200,000 if his two young daughters hadn't survived.

After this trial, another jury will decide whether Crist tried to electrocute his 4-year-old daughter, Miranda Jo, in 1990 by handling her a high-voltage wire. She suffered electrical burns on one hand.

Crist also faces trial in Baltimore, where he is accused in the killing of brother Scott Crist. Prosecutors there plan to seek the death penalty.

As a precaution, authorities also reopened investigations into the deaths of his father in 1968, his mother's fiance in 1976 and his mother in 1981, although no charges have resulted.

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Scripts can be signed out in Bill's office (to the left of the Mandell Theater entrance) starting Friday, November 22nd.
Dutch feed producer indicted in drug ring

Jodie Delange
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MILWAUKEE — A Dutch animal feed producer and two U.S. companies have been accused of running an international smuggling ring that supplied banned drugs to the nation's veal industry, prosecutors announced Thursday.

"Calves that were being fed these growth enhancing drugs were being slaughtered and put on grocery shelves throughout America," U.S. Attorney Thomas Schneider said.

The drugs included Clenbuterol, which has been linked to outbreaks of acute food poisoning in Europe, the animal antibiotic avoparcine and carcinogenic nitrofurans, prosecutors said.

Gerard Hoogendijk, owner of Pricor BV, a Dutch animal feed producer, and Jan and Hennie Van Den Hengel, owners of Springville, Penn., veal producer, were accused of running an international smuggling ring that supplied banned drugs to the Netherlands, was charged with seven federal counts, including the distribution of unapproved animal drugs, and conspiracy to defraud the United States.

Also indicted in Milwaukee were Travis Calf Milk Inc., a Nebraska-based company and its owner, Gerald R. Travis of Neillsville, Wis., and its owners, Jan and Hennie Van Den Hengel.

"The house of cards that the veal industry has been built on is now crumbling," said Bradley Miller, national director of the San Francisco-based Humane Farming Association. "It's underscored the fact that the veal industry has relied and continues to rely on dangerous drugs in its production methods."

A grand jury indictment against Hoogendijk was issued Jan. 3, then sealed while prosecutors continued to investigate and distributing unapproved animal drugs and are to be sentenced next Tuesday.

"From the beginning, our goal has been to trace these drugs from the international source of supply to the distributors to the veal producers," he said.

"I would assume that the Dutch government shares our concern for the safety of the food supply, so I would expect it to do everything that it has in its power to supply to the distributors to the veal producers," he said.

"The charges came out of an investigation of Vitek Supply Corp., and its president, James Doppenberg. They were both convicted in June on 12 counts of conspiracy, smuggling and distribution of unapproved animal drugs and are to be sentenced next Tuesday.

Hoogendijk's Pricor owns a major stake in Vitek and supplied Vitek with the black market drugs. Each faces a conspiracy charge and five counts of violating the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

The charges against Travis Calf and VIV, which also operate a flying America, accused the companies of conspiring to smuggle and distribute the drugs. Each faces a conspiracy charge and five counts of violating food and drug laws prohibiting the distribution of the drugs.

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Going Electronic

The Office of Student Information and Records has taken another good step towards total automation by e-mailing final exam schedules to students. O.S.I.R. has been distributing grades and term schedules via the web since last spring and promises to continue expanding its electronic services.

Other administrative offices should follow O.S.I.R’s lead. Co-op and Career Services, for example, could make applying for co-op jobs easier by the process moving to the web. It could even let students update their resumes electronically.

O.S.I.R. has taken the lead with its array of electronic services. Others should follow.

University mourns loss of student

Editor:

On behalf of the university community, I wish to express our sorrow as we mark the recent death of one of our undergraduate students, Michael Skowronek. Such an untimely loss weighs heavily on us all, especially those friends, professors and staff who knew Michael. I would also like to remind students that should they feel the need for support as a result of this loss, please feel free to contact the University’s Director of Counseling at 895-1415.

Dianne C. Dale
Senior Associate Vice President
Dean of Students

Seven Habits lecture inspires

Editor:

How many times after getting an exam have you thought you’d done better if only the lecture weren’t so boring or if only the book gave better examples? What about the times when the root of the problem was the fact that you played Marathon or got "dragged out" by your friends instead of studying? This workshop was all about how to live life the way you want to live it. Based on Stephen Covey's book The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People, the one-day free seminar at Drexel gave attendees pointers that business executives spend 3 days and about $1,500 to get.

Myers Tutor Lounge was packed for the lecture. The number of students willing to be there at 8:30 a.m. on a Saturday surprised me. It was well worth it.

From daily habits to how to approach different situations to settling life goals, we learned things that can be used for the rest of our lives. Where you are should be where you want to be. If you don’t like something, change it. If you know someone who went to the workshop, talk to them. If not, buy the book.

In the meantime, remember that the administration is bringing things to campus that can be amazingly valuable. They may not be so bad after all.

Sarah Holtz
Civil Engineering ‘98

Michael Busler: The Prolocutor

Lower taxes will spur economy, lower inflation

With the exception of a year or two in the early 1990's, the economy has been healthy for almost 15 years. We have had solid growth (although it has been slowing somewhat in the last couple of years), very low inflation and very low unemployment. Why?

We owe this success primarily to "Voodoo Economics," which in 1981 ended the policy of relying on expansion in the money supply to maintain full employment. Instead, the supply side approach featured lower marginal tax rates to provide incentives for firms to increase output and create massive numbers of jobs, along with a noninflationary monetary policy. This 15 years of success has been accomplished by Presidents Reagan, Bush and Clinton.

Today we have new problems confronting the economy. First, maximum marginal tax rates are almost one third higher than they were in 1981, since Clinton raised the top rate to almost 40 percent in 1993.

This action resulted in a slowing of the economy and the weakest post-war recovery in history.

It also put upward pressure on prices. Increases in incomes resulted in higher demand while tax rates increased, contributing to increases in supply. The result was more inflation.

There is however at least one serious obstacle to this. Since most Americans now over-whelmingly support a balanced budget, overall spending must be reduced. While conceptually most people appear to favor this as a practical matter it is extremely difficult. Why?

Massive entitlements are strangling everyone, and the situation will get worse. Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid spending is rising so fast that within 25 years they will consume every dollar the government raises in revenue, leaving nothing for other expenditures.

In the last presidential election neither candidate would even discuss the problem. While politically very difficult, the problem must be addressed. Raising taxes is definitely not the answer.

Already American employers pay 15.3 percent in employment taxes, which cause firms to manufacture products outside the country. Combine this with the current high marginal tax rates and the result is a tax policy not conducive to growth. And since the entitlement programs are a pay-as-you-go system, they provide no national savings to finance investment. It gets worse.

It is nearly impossible for firms to recover investment capital since the earnings from capital are subjected to a number of federal, state and local taxes: corporate income tax, personal income tax, capital gains tax and property taxes, along with ridiculously long depreciation periods. There is probably not a more counter-productive tax system than the U.S. tax code.

The bottom line is that taxes should be reduced, particularly at the highest levels. Government spending on entitlements must be dramatically reduced, and the budget should be balanced. If we don’t address these problems shortly, we could return to the "stagflation" days of the late 1960's and the 1970's, which featured unemployment as high as 10 percent, inflation as high as 13 percent and minuscule real growth. That situation benefits absolutely no one.

Michael Busler teaches Economics in the MBA Program at Drexel.

Submission Policy

Guest columns, letters to the editor, and artwork may be sent to the attention of the Ed-Op Editor, The Triangle, 32nd and Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia, Pa. 19104. They may also be sent via e-mail to st dizzy@lancy.drexel.edu or delivered in person to 3010 MacAlister Hall.

All submissions must include a name and phone number and should include an address and appropriate affiliations such as major, year of graduation, or organizational position. Anonymous submissions will not be published. Authors’ names will only be withheld under special circumstances.

Written pieces should be presented on disk in MacWrite format. The deadline for submissions is 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday of the week of publication. The Triangle reserves the right to edit for space, grammar, clarity and content.

Letters to the Editor

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Shopping different for men and women

Don't look now, but the holiday shopping season is upon us. Last weekend I was walking through the mall, two weeks before Black Friday, no less, and all I heard was "Jingle Bells" and "White Christmas." Have these retailers no shame?

All gripes aside, the harsh reality is that I'm going to have to weather another holiday season at the malls. And, since I've promised myself to have my shopping done before Christmas Eve this year, I have no choice but to put up with all the supposed "holiday cheer" that the shopping center has to offer.

Yes, the holidays sure bring out the best in all of us. Well, all of us except the couples shopping together. You can spot them a mile away — they're the man and woman walking about five feet apart, each one alternating from glowering at their partner, then paying them no attention, until one of them walks into a planter in the middle of the hallway.

The problem here is that malls are not couple-friendly. If they were, the ratio of shoe stores to sporting-goods stores would be better than eight to one. Not that this is surprising — it's just another example of target marketing. For the same reason that Madison Avenue won't run dish soap commercials during Monday Night Football, mall developers don't see a real need to enhance the male shopping experience.

The male shopping experience, by the way, is probably a contradiction in terms. As a close friend once pointed out, men don't shop — they buy. Which is true. We're much more likely to run into the Gap for a couple pairs of jeans every six months or so, than we are to browse five stores for the right shade of blue jeans to complement our favorite baseball cap.

Mall planners know this, which is why you'll always find the guy stores, like Modell's, Britches and The Wall, right next to each other — and right by the exit.

So it's obvious that men and women are incompatible shoppers. But somehow, we guys still get roped into shopping with our girlfriends. Well, ladies, let me give you some advice on how to make the excursion much more bearable.

Men love TV, right? Well then, start your shopping trip at a department store, and just happen to wander by the electronics department. While your boyfriend is staring vacantly at the wall-o'-boob tubes, you can try on shoes, coordinate sweater sets and chat with the register lady about how she punches in numbers with those huge fingernails.

But you'll probably need something from one of the specialty stores that the mall has to offer. My advice is to plan your shopping route carefully. Try to make sure that for every two stores you have to visit, there is at least one music store, book store or Auntie Anne's pretzel shop in the area.

Consider carrying a bag of Cheez-Its or a box of raisins in your purse. Sure, it sounds juvenile, but trying to catch airborne snacks in his mouth will keep your man entertained for hours. Basically, that's all we're after at the mall. We want entertainment. We want fun. We end up carrying bags. We didn't want that. Now, some would argue that shopping should be some sort of interactive experience, you know, with conversation and stuff. No chance. We're too different.

So keep this in mind as you kick off your holiday season, and I wish all of you well. Me, I'll be chilling out at the bar at Nordstroms.

Nick DiFranco is a senior majoring in mechanical engineering. He owns stock in Piercing Pagoda.
Writing is so difficult that I often feel that writers, having had their hell on earth, will escape punishment hereafter.

Jessamyn West

Weekend 22-24

Friday
- Flick: Chain Reaction. 7p, 9:30p and 12m in Nesbitt Hall's Stein Auditorium. Admission 52, Sunday showing at 8p.
- String Ensemble and Guitar Ensemble Concert. 8p in Mandell Theater. Free admission. Call 895-2451 for more information.

Saturday
- Drexel Dragons Ice Hockey Team takes on Delaware. 5:15p at the Class of 1923 Ice Rink. Admission $3, $2 with student ID.

Weekend 29-1

Friday
- University Holiday. No classes are held today.
- Holiday Festival Kickoff. 5p on the east side of City Hall. Watch the lighting of the City Hall Christmas Tree.
- The Curtis Opera Theater presents L'elisir d'amore. 8p in Centennial Hall at The Haverford School. Call 893-7902 for more information.

Monday 25

- Drexel Dragons Women's Basketball Pep Rally. 1p in the Great Court.
- The spirit committee presents Grillin'-n-Chillin'. 5p at the PEAC. Free food and beverages.
- Concert Band performs. 5p in Mandell Theater. Free admission. Call 895-2451 for more information.
- 6th Man Club meeting at 6p in the lobby of the PEAC.

Monday 2

- Undergraduate Student Government Association meets at 7p in 2021 MacAlister Hall.

Tuesday 3

- Resident Assistant and Resident Tutor Interest Session. Find out what it takes to be an RA or an RT. 7p in 226 MacAlister Hall and 7p in Myers Tutor Lounge. Call 895-8707 for more information.
- Temple University Singers and Chorale Concert. 7:30p in Temple's Mitten Hall, Broad Street and Berks Mall. Call 204-8307 for more information.

Tuesday 26

- Temple University Percussion Ensemble Concert. 7:30p in Temple's Tomlinson Theater, 13th and Norris Streets. Call 204-8307 for more information.

Wednesday 27

- University Holiday. No classes are held today. University offices are open.
- University Holiday. Thanksgiving Day. No classes are held today.
- Philadelphia's Thanksgiving Day Parade. The oldest Thanksgiving Day parade, features floats, balloons, clowns and bands. 8:30a-12m. For more information call 581-4529.

Thursday 28

- AIDS Memorial Quilt will be on display at the Walt Whitman Center, 21st and Cooper Streets, in Camden, N.J. 10:5p. Through December 16. Call (609) 964-8300 for more information.
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Men’s basketball opens season

Senior guard Jeff Myers drives the lane in Drexel’s preseason game against the Converse All-Stars on Nov. 12. The Dragons lost their season opener at Evansville 65-61 in the first round of the Preseason National Invitational Tournament on Nov. 20. Myers scored 13 points and had eight rebounds in the loss. The Dragons next host Monmouth on Dec. 3.

Wrestlers perform well at West Point

Freshman wrestler Justin Gottwald broke the school record for fastest fall in his first match in a Drexel uniform. The 118-pounder recorded the fall 12 seconds into his opening match in the West Point Open tournament on Nov. 16.

The tournament is an individual competition at the U.S. Military Academy. It involved approximately 240 wrestlers from 11 teams this year.

For the tournament, the squad produced two champions: sophomore Brian Tashner at 118 pounds and junior Josh Stanley at 158 pounds.

“Tas” is coming off a red-shirted season. Coach Childs said, “He’s in midseason form right now. I think this is the year Josh’s going to make a name for himself in the national level. He could be All-American.”

“I didn’t feel comfortable at the start [of preseason training], but my conditioning is way up. I’m as in shape now as I got. I feel pretty good. It’s a matter of perfecting my techniques,” Stanley said.

In other matches, sophomore Jon Clark finished second at 134 pounds. One of his wins took 16 seconds, fourth best in school history. In other weight classes, 150-pound junior Bill Brown and 167-pound freshman Mike Stankina lost in their semifinals.

Sophomore Eric McGrath came back from an early loss to claim third place at 177 pounds. Junior heavyweight Jamie Huntington lost in the semifinal, but claimed third place by winning two consolation matches, both by falls.

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Falk honored as GTE All-American

Senior middle-blocker Jennifer Falk has been named to the 1996 GTE District II All-Academic Volleyball team by the College Sports Information Directors of America, her second such honor in as many seasons. The district includes Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

Falk maintains a 3.97 grade point average in her marketing major and will be among the candidates on the national ballot when the national academic squad is announced on Dec. 10.

A team co-captain, Falk has helped the Dragons to a 21-18 showing this season and a third place seeding in the upcoming America East tournament, to be held at Towson State on Nov. 22-23.

She is currently leading Drexel in blocks with 54 solos and 113 assists. She is third on the squad in kill average with 2.76 per game and second with 2.86 digs per game. She earned all-tournament distinction earlier this season at both the Seton Hall Spikefest and the University of Virginia Tournament.

Falk currently ranks seventh all-time in Drexel history with 1,020 kills and is one of eight student athletes to have recorded more than 1,000 kills in her college career.
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November Specials
Pizza of the month: Ricotta Royale

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LARGE
Was $9.15
Now $7.05

SMALL
Was $4.95
Now $3.85

November Specials
$L2 Off
Any Large Pizza
Must mention coupon when ordering for delivery
Can't be combined with any other offer
offers expires 11/30/96

November Specials
$1 Off
Any Small Pizza
Must mention coupon when ordering for delivery
Can't be combined with any other offer
offers expires 11/30/96

November Specials
FREE
Liter of Soda
With any purchase over $13.00
Must mention coupon when ordering for delivery
Can't be combined with any other offer
offers expires 11/30/96

November Specials
One Free Topping with the purchase of any Large Pizza
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Vocal jazz for the undead

Brad Wine - Stained Sheets

After a long, arduous day spent deceiving the consumer public from the lofty heights of the advertising agency, I like nothing more than to head home and unwind with some relaxing music and a cocktail.

Fortunately, my happy hour takes a more indirect route. You see, my roommate, Peter Scolari, and I live in an apartment building where the only inhabitants are women.

How, then, do we manage to sneak in and out every day, without revealing our true identities? With the help of '80s women's fashion, '80s style makeup, and strategically placed tissue paper, we pull off a hax worthy of a half hour of prime time television.

When we finally reach home each night, before hilarious antics with our neighbor, Donna Dixon, we get loaded and listen to the honey-sweet voice of Madeleine Peyroux on her Atlantic release, Dreamland. Few things make life as a per­sonal transvestite as bearable as smoothly sung melodies origin­ated by the likes of: Bessie Smith, Patry Clime, Fats Waller and Billee Holiday. These are just brown Mercedes between street performances of '30s-era revue sets. Ironically, I have heard of both Europe and Mercedes. Small world.

Ms. Madeleine's vocal stylings eventually landed her on stage at Lincoln Center, of all places, perform­ing to rave review in a tribute to none other than Duke Ellington.

Clearly, with enthused compar­isons to Billie Holiday and accolades for her rendering of Elliot, Madeleine Peyroux has asserted herself as a voice with a capital V. On Dreamland, Peyroux is superbly backed by varied instrumentation, including not just the obligatory piano, bass, drums and saxophone, but also the harpsichord, accordion, Dobro, harmonica, and Hammond B3 organ. My fake paper breasts heave at the depth achieved on some of the songs.

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Don't mix and drive

Shameless," done on a cheap four-channel Pyramid mixer. Of course, who knows why I put a bad PM Dawn song on it.

I got in a Latin mood for a while, with salsa Verbum and SuiFes in Medio. Farther in Re. The tunes on both are a little more laid back. The former is slower, with little cohesiveness. The latter was based on Sarts Verbum and is actually a pretty good mix.

Robbie Robertson, Tori Amos, Eddie Brickell, The Ocean Blue and Brian Eno all appear on it. It flows pretty well and was made as "a thank you" to a friend of mine for writing me letters, which I never returned, from her prison cell. The most out­of­place song on it has to be Steve Vai's "Sisters."

My main rock mix is You Never Me II - The 904 LP, a play on words from a Metallica EP. My mix has some good tunes, and was taped over the original You Never Me, an awful waste of tape. Smashing Pumpkins, Pixies, Fishbone, The Breeders and Shudder To Think all get the tape to rock out pretty well. My Bloody Valentine's "Blown a Wishes" is just a little out of place on this one though.

My latest favorite is a mix of songs I never listen to on their respective albums. It's untitled and was made on an unmarked tape. However, Pavement, Stabbing Westward and Medicine all contribute to it. It was done a bit off the cuff. That means a few twice time half second of another song follows a couple tunes, an annoying feature of badly mastered mixes.

I also recently made a mix entitled Pop. It's all radio-friendly stuff that was never on the radio. Lie Phair, Lemonheads, the BossHoss, Lush, Catherine Wheel and Poutum Dixon all contribute. I listened to it a lot once upon, as it is a great driving mix.

I have a bunch of in-progress mixes that will probably never get finished. One is a "spoken word" mix. It won't have hip hop, it will have songs with spoken parts. I also want to do a four-letter one-word band names mix with stuff from Ride, Lush, Live, Seal and INXS. And I still want to make the perfect late night driving mix — stuff that is laid back, but not enough to put you to sleep.

On many occasions I have had more fun making tapes like those than hearing them, but that's all part of the fun. Just don't break any copyright laws. Right!
All your favorite hits on one convenient tape

A closet Bon Jovi fan takes a good look back at the mix tapes, that made him the man he is today.

Jonathan Poet

I never really liked the term "mix tape." It always seemed kind of coy to me. I always preferred "collection," or even "personal compilation." But whatever you call them, there's probably much everyone has 'em. They're the ubiquitous thing that lets normally listeners like us become record producers.

I started making these things when I was young — probably second grade. They came straight off the radio. WHIT played the hits like Bon Jovi, at least after WCOZ bit the dust. So my first collections were from radio. The goal was simple: try hard not to get the DJ talking over the songs, so as to make the mixes seem like they came off albums. I can hear them still. Van Halen, Berlin, Prince and The Thompson Twins all made appearances on early compilations.

"BTT" also had a great morning DJ named "Crazy" Dave Otto. Lord knows what happened to him. He was the one who prompted me to make what I called the Loony Tape Series. They were a fusion of morning schtick and Dr. Demento kind of tunes. I still have Loony Tape II. It has some great stuff, including "Rock Me My Jerry Lewis" and "Wet Dream." Appropriately enough, a recorded Al Yankovic album was taped onto the other side.

My first attempts at mixing tapes from my own music collection didn't survive. There's really nothing left of them. They were either stolen, melted or just thrown in the trash.

The easiest mixes to make are band mixes. These are ones that consist entirely of one band. I have really only done this a couple of times, though. Pearl Jam got a mix to itself after my friend Eric from Sudbury Farms grocery store gave me a 90-minute tape with only "Yellow" by Everett, "Footsteps," "Alive (Live)," "Wash" and "Dirty Frank." Other Pearl Jam tunes filled the rest of the tape, appropriately titled Pearl Jam. I don't listen to it much anymore.

Led Zeppelin got a mix to itself when I was first getting into them. Their taping of Led Zeppelin Songs, has a bunch of classics. Unfortunately, I wasted space with stuff I had heard on the radio 40 times over, including "Stairway to Heaven" and "All My Loving." Too bad "Achilles Last Stand" and "Good Times, Bad Times" missed out.

Robert Plant got his own mix tape entitled Robert Plant Songs The album was made only to put Zep's "I'm Gonna Crawl" and Plant's solo tune "Big Leg" on the same tape. It works as a mix, but I never think to listen to it.

I made a sort-of band mix just before the end of freshman year. I borrowed a bunch of stuff from my neighbors and crammed a slew of tunes onto one side of a tape. It was made so I could get some Metallica I didn't have and so I could take some of staff writer Nick DiFranco's music. The result, called Metallica, Helmet, Nirvana, Ministry, Ned's, assorted Sf, is a fine compilation of very good songs. What makes it great is the enthusiasm of the tape, radio during that summer, including primordial Velocity Girl and acoustic Catherine Wheel.

Next, and I also made four mixes during my freshman year. The first, Jon & Nick's First Mix is varied, but pretty nice. The second mix was broken into two tapes, one rock 'n' roll, one pop and lighter stuff. All three pale in comparison to our premier mix, The SummerTime Mix. What makes this tape so great isn't the wonderful musical selection (Hooters, Van Morrison, The Police, Fine Young Cannibals), but our commercials. One was ripped off Saturday Night Live (Hap, The Ball), one was made from Nick reading a Mycexad ad from Cosmo magazine (with me as the scary announcer reading all the fine-print really fast) and one was a fictional Drexel going out of business sale written up by us ("Stratton Hall... We're giving it away! Every thing must go!") Those were the days.

I stole one mix from my brother Matt. I took it because it had four different versions of Bon Jovi's "Wanted Dead or Alive" on it. This is dumb, because clearly that is a pretty awful song. However, Jon Bon Jovi's popularity in singing an awful song. However, Jon Bon Jovi's popularity in singing an awful song. This is why I stole the mix.

Opening with "Bitter," which embodies the guitar-driven groove of the new album, should have gotten the crowd moving quickly.

It didn't. I've never been to the TLA before, but there's something goofy about the clientele. I mean, they look like a good-natured rock 'n' roll crowd, but they've got soul. While my pals and I bopped around, I turned to see a blank face staring ahead. I've seen more intense crowds watching E.R. Even with the standing crowd, The Ocean Blue ripped through most of their new tunes, including "Bite Your Lip," "My Cream," and the ubiquitous "Whenever You're Around." They closed the first set with "Slide," which should probably reach radio near you in the next few months.

The encore included a few older tunes from their previous albums. Cerulean and their self-titled debut. They closed with "Exit Stage Left," which is either a really early tune of theirs or a cover of a band that never existed. Either way, it was a good way to end a good show.

An evening with The Ocean Blue

The TLA was the place, though most of the crowd apparently didn't give a rat's dirty ass.

Sean Murphy

Banished to obscurity for most of their recording career, The Ocean Blue came out swinging last month with the release of See The Ocean Blue.

The album has garnered the band some much needed airplay, mostly because this album is more rock-focused than their traditional pop efforts. Bussyed by this new-found success, The Ocean Blue rolled into the Theater of the Living Arts last Thursday.

My entourage and I arrived just as the opening act, The Drag, were shuffled offstage. The last five seconds of their set sounded like so many other struggling bands around — noisy, unrefined and devoid of substance.

I'm sure they'll make it big someday.

After a short break The Ocean Blue took the stage to polite, but not overly enthusiastic applause. Lead singer Dave Schelzel looked like he was staring ahead. I've seen more struggling bands.

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Now if only they'd let real people instead of figurines in next time.

Renegade Soundwaves

Courtesy of 91.7 FM, WKDU, Drexel student radio

This music, along with daily foosling, keeps away Cavity Creeps.

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