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Women’s Studies Week begins today

by Mike Solarte

University President Gordon Lamb has declared the week of Mar. 5 -10 ‘Women’s Studies Week,’ at Northeastern. The week also ties in with the recognition of Women’s History Month for the month of March.

Many events scheduled throughout the week. Beginning on Mon., a lecture and discussion on the film Sugar Cane Alley will be held in the Class-

room Building, room 2044 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. The same discussion will take place again at 12 p.m. in room 3102 of the classroom building. The film will be shown at 2 p.m. in room 133 of the A - Wing.

Scheduled for 10 a.m. is a discussion entitled ‘Women in Geology and Engineering.’ Margaret McBrien and Heidi Pfeiffer of the Army Corps of engineers will be present. Dr. Charles Shabica will be the presenter of this

discussion.

On tap for Tues., the film Salt of the Earth will be shown in room 2094 of the classroom building at 9:40 a.m. A discussion on ‘Women and Power’ will be presented by Jacquie Harper at 11:05 in room 364 of the Science Building. Karla Berry will present a discussion entitled ‘Women in Media’ at 4:15 p.m. in room 109 of the F-Wing.

There is also a conference sponsored by the Nima Cultural

Institute and co-sponsored by UNI Women’s Studies Program, Vice President of Student Affairs, the College of Business and Management and the Management club. The conference is entitled ‘Iranian Women: Veiled and Unveiled Images’ which will be held Mar 7 - 10.

These are just a few of the many events to be held throughout the week. For more information, contact the Women’s Studies Program at extension 330

UNI athletes gain Senate

by Mike Solarte

Ferdie Alfajora carried the highest vote total in his election to Student Senate. Elections were held on Tues. and Wed. Feb 27 - 28 in Village Square. Of the 23 candidates, 12 were to be selected.

Alfajora, an member of UNI’s cross country team, was followed by three other UNI athletes onto the Student Senate. Adria Mheenbeek, Jed Curtis, and Tara Minor from the men’s and women’s tennis teams and women’s basketball teams respectively, also gained election to the Senate.

Alfajora led all candidates with a total of 150 votes. He was then followed by Stephen Bruss with 71 votes. Minor finished with 64, Mheenbeek 61, and Curtis received 60.

Jennifer Peterson finished sixth in voting with a total of 50, while Patricia Gonzalez received 49 votes. Bill Dotson received 48 votes. Robert Youkahana

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All meetings are scheduled to begin @ 6:30 p.m. Locations are subject to change from the main campus to CICS or El Centro.

received 46 votes, Mohammed Hussein tallied 42, and Zamir Aslam received 40 votes.

Rounding out the Student Senate positions was a write - in campaign by Fikri Rahana. His 39 votes was good enough to gain him a seat on the Senate.

A total of 907 votes were cast in this two day election.

Senate releases meetings schedule - offers positions to students

by Mike Solarte

The UNI Student Senate has released its schedule of meetings from March through August. All meetings will be held on the main campus, but the rooms will not be the same. The schedule is listed in the chart at the left.

Tired of hearing about decisions made without student input? Now is the time for students to get their say in decision mak-

ing. Students are needed to fill University and Student Senate committees. There are 18 such committees, and students are not required to become student senators (see chart below).

Students should go to the Student Senate meetings Mar. 5 & 19 at 6:30 p.m. in order to be appointed and confirmed. Any questions should be directed to Student Senate at extension 3860.

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SCRATCH PAD

opinion by Mike Solarte

"Tales" fuels racial fire

It seems that everyone in the world has an opinion about something (including myself). The T.V. news will usually have at least one commentary on a local event or a critic sharing his or her opinion on a certain movie. Even Northeastern faculty members present their own opinions. Although some have a strange way of presenting them.

In the Feb. edition of *Tales Out of School* by James Glowacz, Mr. Glowacz makes mention of a comment made by Vernon Jarrett. Jarrett visited UNI in January as part of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. remembrance. Jarrett said "... I'd better not hear anyone 'aks' me a question," (or something to that extent) when fielding questions from his audience. Glowacz comments on this in a section entitled 'Blows to Black English.' He continues with "...one department is training its employees to stop saying 'library.' "

These remarks have plenty of people up in arms. Some have remarked that Glowacz should be censored from writing these bulletins. That talk alone should be censored. His publication (though it may be frowned upon) is still a publication. *Tales*

does have its first amendment rights and, for the same reason as the flag on the floor display at the Art Institute remained, it should not be censored because it offends people.

However, Mr. Glowacz should be criticized for writing such a racial slur (library, etc.). This publication was distributed through the campus mail room. That is how I received my copy of *Tales*. The truth behind all of this is that Jarrett did say 'aks' at the gathering. Perhaps, for the sake of good taste and social acceptance, the comments regarding 'library' and 'physical agent' in place of 'fiscal agent' could have been forgotten.

People are people, whether black, white, brown, etc. The time for racial remarks and attitudes has got to end if we are to overcome the real problems of society.

What problems, you ask?

The fight against real enemies like hunger, the destruction of the environment, AIDS, homelessness, and the like. These fights can not possibly be won until we, as a society can agree to work together and put the petty issue of color aside.

Tutor challenges school standards

by John Ioakimidis

The Tutorial Center on the fourth floor of the Library presently has 23 qualified tutors. In the Fall '90 semester, approximately 600 students used the Tutorial Center. So far this semester, 408 students have come for help.

I encourage all faculty not to lower their grading standards in General Education courses. As long as there are support programs such as the Tutorial Center, Project Success, Projecto Pa'lante, Student Support Services, Math, Reading, and Writing labs that are serving students there is no need to.

Most students in this University complain about its reputation. Of course, if professors lower their standards to accomodate lazy students, or to put it more politely, students who don't take their responsibility as students seriously, Northeastern's reputation is not likely to improve.

Students are expected to perform. If not, then the only alternative is to get help or to drop out of school.

As the sociology tutor, I encourage all students who are taking General Education courses and are having difficulties, to make the effort and come to the Tutorial Center or any of the above support programs for help.

In closing, I don't think that this is only happening at Northeastern. It's the new thing in education. Produce as much as you can and don't worry about the quality of the product.

Dear Editor,

The student club, Anti - Poverty Action Group (APAG) wishes to thank all students, faculty, and staff for their contributions of men's, women's, and children's clothes, as well as two boxes of children's toys. Altogether, we estimate that the UNI community contributed the equivalent of 50 bags worth of clothing plus the two boxes of toys which was collected in the three weeks before Christmas.

All clothing and toys were taken to Clara's

House (a large southside homeless and battered women's shelter). A total of about 80 - 90 bags of clothes were collected at Clara's House, showing that UNI was by far the greatest contributor to this particular effort.

The shelters and other groups that received our clothing contributions include the Center for street People, Inner City Voice, Women for Economic Security, and the Perinatal Project for Early Intervention (Cook County Hospital).

Although our contributions to these poor people's organizations represent a drop in an

ocean of need, these organizations were very happy to get whatever we dropped off. We need to make the issue of poverty more visible to the UNI community, so that we will become part of a growing movement that demands that the government do something far more than it is doing for the homeless, hungry, jobless, and people who don't earn enough to make ends meet.

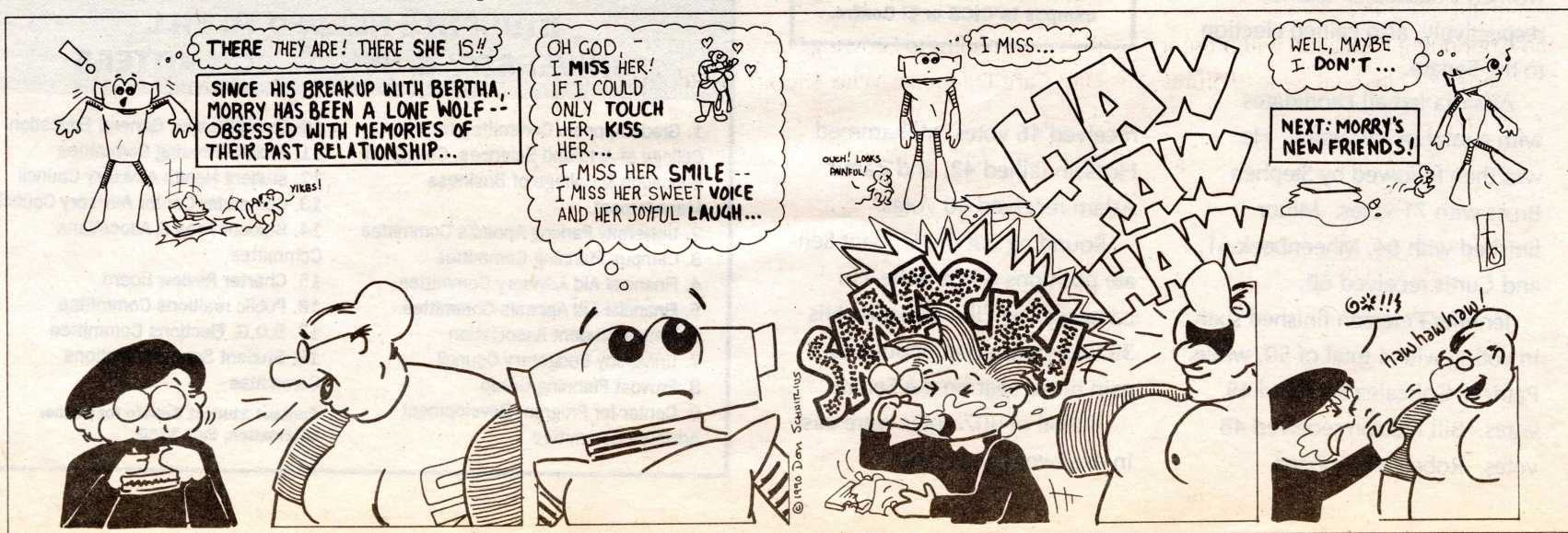
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Will Earth Day encourage environmental action?

Several local celebrations planned

by Dolly Tong

April 22, 1990 is the twentieth anniversary of Earth Day. On this Sunday, in Portland, Oregon, a parade of garbage trucks will dramatize the problems of waste removal. The city of Newark, New Jersey will host a canoe trip down the Passaic River, one of the most polluted in the U.S., and will initiate a local ban on ozone-depleting chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs). There will be hundreds of local tree plantings, community cleanups and ecofairs, and mass rallies planned in big cities like New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago too. The first Earth Day on April 22, 1970 was the largest single environmental event in human history. It prompted the creation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the passing of the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts, which phased out lead in gasoline and halted the dumping of raw sewage, among other environmental victories. Organizers today want Earth Day 1990 to have the same powerful impact it had twenty years ago, to be the mark of the beginning of a long-term commitment to a sustainable approach to life on Earth, as well as to christen the 1990s as a decade of environmental action.

But what about the rest of us who aren't really familiar with the environmental issues citizens groups are fighting about, or who are wondering what all the fuss is about anyway? If you're one of these people, you can take the opportunity to spend Earth Day constructively—just by thinking

globally, and acting locally.

The first thing you can do is get educated. If you've heard bits and pieces about various environmental issues through the newspapers or television, follow up on a topic that interests you. The Earth is so diversified there's bound to be something that has caught your interest. Or better yet, learn something new. A good place to do this is at the Earth Day Celebration in Lincoln Park that the city of Chicago is co-sponsoring on April 22. This fair will include music, speakers, exhibits, environmentally-sound products, healthy food vendors, and outdoor activities. There will also be educational displays and exhibits at the Lincoln Park Zoo, the Lincoln Park Conservatory, the Chicago Academy of Science, and the Chicago Historical Society. DuPage County is also planning a festival on April 22 at the DuPage County Complex on County Farm Road in Wheaton. They will have entertainment, a trade show featuring environmentally-sound products, food and educational workshops. Also, on Saturday, April 21, there will be a coalition of several urban organizations sponsoring an Earth Day event at the North Park Village. Entitled "Hands on Earth," this event will include outdoor activities, crafts, and plenty of educational materials. Take these opportunities to learn more about environmental issues as they continuously unfold.

The next thing you can do is take action. You can start out small. Instead of throwing out your newspaper, recycle it. If you don't know where

to recycle it, give it to someone who hasn't read it yet. Save energy by trying not to open your refrigerator door so many times. Make sure that your plants are being well taken care of. Or why not launch an environmental program of your own? Reserve Earth Day as your be-kind-to-Earth-day.

Then for the next step why not educate your children? (If this applies, of course.) Teach your children what you have just learned or already know about the Earth. The sooner they learn about the value of Earth the more likely they will become more conscientious citizens for the environment. Or pass on your knowledge to your friends or family. 'Through the grapevine' we can broaden environmental awareness and promote positive environmental action in our society.

To help you get into the swing of things for April 22, the UNI Geography Club will be sponsoring its own Earth Week from March 19-23. The club will have an exhibit at Village Square featuring literature, displays, and videos on the environment. So stop by for a visit, and check for guest speakers and films during the week.

Make these simple steps a tradition every year on Earth Day. Then make everyday an Earth Day, because The Earth is precious—it supports your life and holds your future... And you can make a difference!

For more information on Earth Day '90 Chicago in Lincoln Park, call (312) 321-8088; for DuPage Earth Day 1990, call (708) 629-1123; for North Park Village activities, call (312) 583-3714.

Forum Series kicks off with "The Drug Crisis"

by Mike Solarte

Northeastern Illinois University's Department of Field and Continuing Education will present the first in a series of National Issues Forums titled "The Drug Crisis - Public Strategies for Breaking the Habit," Thursday Mar. 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the Commuter Center. Admission is free.

The panelists for the forum are Father Michael Pflieger from St. Sabina Church, Dr. Carl Bell, M.D., Community Mental Health Inc., Jay Miller, Executive Director ACLU of Illinois, David King, Narcotics, Cook County State's Attorney's Office, Dr. Ron Glick, Northeastern Professor of Sociology, and Dr. Emily Wadsworth, Northeastern Coordinator of Interdisciplinary Educa-

tion and Professional development.

Future topics include "The Environment at Risk: Responding to Growing Dangers" and "the Day Care Dilemma: Who Should Be Responsible for the Children." The programs are co-sponsored by the Kettering Foundation's Domestic Policy Association, and will focus on providing a platform for citizens to engage in a dialogue with policy makers and experts regarding public policy on the issues under discussion.

Three - week study circles will be held prior to each forum allowing individuals to study the issues in detail. For further information, contact the Department of Field and Continuing Education at (312) 583 - 4050, ext. 3231.

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Prenuptial Contracts may be the new tradition in modern marriages!

by Dennis Kelley

Johnny Carson didn't have one; his third wife Joanna walked away with half his fortune. Joan Collins did have one; Peter Holm barely got air fare back to Sweden.

Many high-profile, big-budget couples, like the Trumps, have long accepted the reality of divorce by preparing for it with a prenuptial agreement. But it's not just the rich and famous who are doing the planning nowadays.

Rob and Jill Calica signed a prenuptial agreement when they married in 1986. He is a lawyer in Garden City, N.Y.; she's a sales representative. They are typical of those who are turning prenuptial agreements into a frequently used tool of the middle class.

"It's not something that's limited to the Rockefellers," Rob Calica says. "If you don't do it, what you'll have is unintended consequences" of the court dividing your property.

"It definitely has moved into the middle class, though still in a minority of cases," says Chicago lawyer James T. Friedman, president of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

This was a second marriage for the Calicas, and each brought two sons to the union. Their individual assets weren't vast, but experts say these agreements make sense for working-class couples for the same reasons they've become popular among the wealthy.

At least 10 states have adopted the Uniform Premarital Agreement Act - Arkansas, California, Hawaii, Maine, Montana, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island, Texas and Virginia. The advantage of a uniform act is that a couple moving from state to state needn't worry about their agreement's validity.

But all states currently permit premarital contracts, whether by statute or case law, says Timothy B. Walker, professor of law at the University of Denver and editor in chief of the "Family Law Quarterly" of the American Bar Association.

Best contract candidates:

- People with children from a

previous marriage.

- People 30 and older who have gone through a divorce and are gun-shy about letting courts decide how the property should be divided.

- People of any age marrying for the first time but bringing substantial assets.

For instance, two 35-year-olds with careers need to decide "how are they going to manage their money and what are they going to contribute to the pot..." says Seymour Reisman, a lawyer in the same firm as Calica.

Are prenuptial agreements right for most first marriages?

"No, it's so unromantic," Fried-

man says bluntly.

Besides, many young couples begin a marriage with few material assets.

"Why have an agreement to say we're going to protect nothing?" asks Milwaukee lawyer Richard Podell, chairman of the Family Law Section of the American Bar Association. But, by the same token, people of modest incomes shouldn't underestimate what they have.

"Anybody who owns a house should have a premarital agreement if they're going to be married for a second time, because that is a lot of money," Reisman says. "If you take a home, a savings plan,

pension plan and a car, that includes most of middle America."

Negotiating can be rough.

"The ideal premarital agreement would be litigated so vigorously that the parties wouldn't have the marriage," says Los Angeles lawyer Ira H. Lurvey, only half-jokingly. "On the other side, if you don't do anything to offend each other, then (the agreement) will probably fall apart."

The aim, lawyers say, is to strike a balance between protecting the property and preserving the relationship. — (Dennis Kelly writes for USA TODAY.)

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The price of getting hitched

The figures on this bill are average costs for these services in New Castle County, provided by Sue Hill of The Wed-Lock, professional wedding coordinators.

A Wedding for 100: Depending on your area, there are usually plenty of restaurants, hotels, community centers and private clubs that can accommodate a wedding with 75 guests, fewer for 100 to 150. But if you're planning on a guest list of 200 or more, begin early to look since there are usually fewer such places available. Realize that hall or banquet room can hold more guests for a buffet or cocktail-style reception than a sit-down dinner. Plan early: Choice dates may be booked 12 to 18 months in advance.

Ceremony: Total includes minister's fee (usually \$100), an organist (\$35 to \$100), soloist (\$35 to \$100), sexton (\$40) and the church itself (\$50 to \$400).

Florist: The bill for flowers can vary widely. Bouquets are needed for the bride, bridesmaids and flower girl, along with corsages and boutonnières. The bill can rise steeply with table arrangements, which run about \$35 apiece.

Photographer: The price can vary from \$500 to \$2,000, depending on the number and size of prints ordered. Shop around — all kinds of packages are available — but don't trust the still photography to a friend or relative who's handy with a camera unless he or she has experience at shooting weddings.

Video: This is where a talented friend or relative could save you some money. Prices run from \$150 to \$600 for professional work, but the results might disappoint people accustomed to "real" television. Most video photographers will show prospective customers a sample, almost always shot outdoors. That's fine if your wedding will be outdoors, but most video equipment gives poor results indoors. If a friend or relative has some experience with a home video camera, his finished product might rival a professional's.

Music: Prices range from about \$250 to \$400 for a DJ, from \$450 to \$2,000 or more for live entertainment. Generally, the larger the band, the larger the bill; figure on at least \$100 per musician. A good wedding band should be able to play music for three generations. If possible, listen to a band in rehearsal rather than in performance, so you can hear them playing the songs you want.

Food: This is usually the biggest expense. In general, a full buffet dinner costs most, cocktail party-style hors d'oeuvres the least. List prices range from \$15 to more than \$50 per person, but be sure to find out what the quoted price includes. One often-hidden charge is the gratuity. Forget paying 15 percent — 17 percent to 20 percent is the going rate. Find out whether it will be added to the price of the food or, in the case of a package deal, to the whole package.

Dress: Prices can range from \$200 to \$5,000 or more for a custom dress. The average is between \$700 and \$1,200.

Cake: This is often included in package deals at restaurants or hotels. Flowers, food, limousines and a bridal suite might also be included. Generally, package deals are offered at a set price per person, and therefore can be a bargain if the wedding is smaller — say 75 guests.

Printer: The price includes invitations, postage and personalized napkins and matchbooks.

Miscellaneous: For the care and feeding of wedding attendants, figure on \$150 per attendant. Most weddings have a maid or matron of honor and three bridesmaids and a best man and three ushers, for a total of \$1,200. Rings for a two ring ceremony: \$200 and up.

Bar: Your options might be limited by the facility, but if possible buy liquor by consumption. Open bars are on the wane, not because of the expense but because couples are becoming more conscious of health and liability problems. Consumption will increase in hot weather; people also drink more at buffet and cocktail-style receptions than at sit-down dinners.

A Wedding for 100	
Service	Cost
Ceremony	\$450.00
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Lafayette String Quartet appears at UNI this Friday

Northeastern Illinois University and Mostly Music, Inc., will present the Lafayette String Quartet with guest cellist Paul Katz of the Cleveland Quartet, performing works by Bartok, Mozart, and Schubert, Fri. Mar 9, at 7:30 p.m. the concert will be held in the university auditorium.

The members of the quartet (Ann Elliot-Goldschmid-violin, Sharon Stanis-violin, Joanna Hood-violola, Pamela Highbaugh-cello) are all on the faculty of the Center for Creative Studies/Institute of Music and Dance in Detroit, Michigan. They have recently won both first and grand prize in the 15th annual Fischhoff Chamber Music Competition.

Elliot-Goldschmid, a native of New Brunswick, graduated from Boston University in 1983. She



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was twice awarded the Certificate of Honor for Outstanding Performance and was also a winner of the 1983 Concerto-Aria Competition.

Sharon Stanis from Cleveland, Ohio, attended Indiana University

where she was on associate instructor of chamber music and history. She has performed at Meadowmount, Blossom Chamber Music Festival and with the Colorado Philharmonic.

Joanna Hood is a native of Seattle, Washington, and earned her undergraduate degree from the San Francisco Conserva-

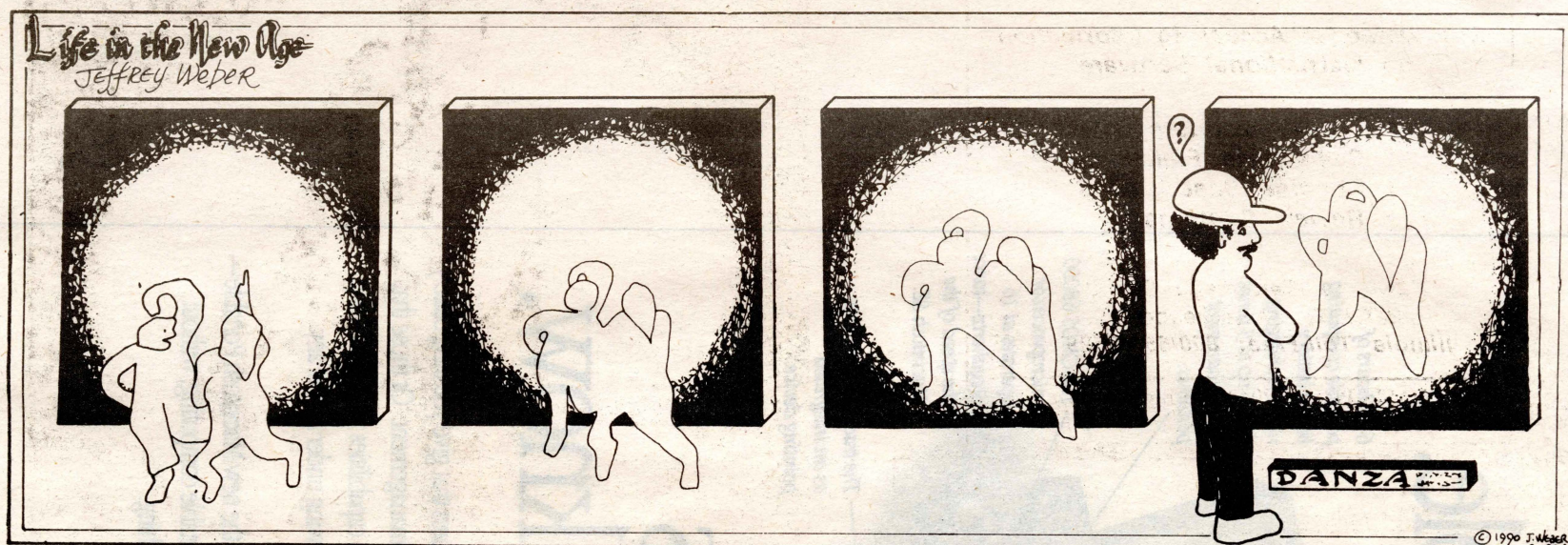
tory. She then attended Indiana University, where she held the position of associate instructor in violin and viola while earning here master's degree. Hood has performed in the Spoleto Festival

in Italy and been a member of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic, Santa Rosa Symphony and the award-winning Vuillaume String Quartet.

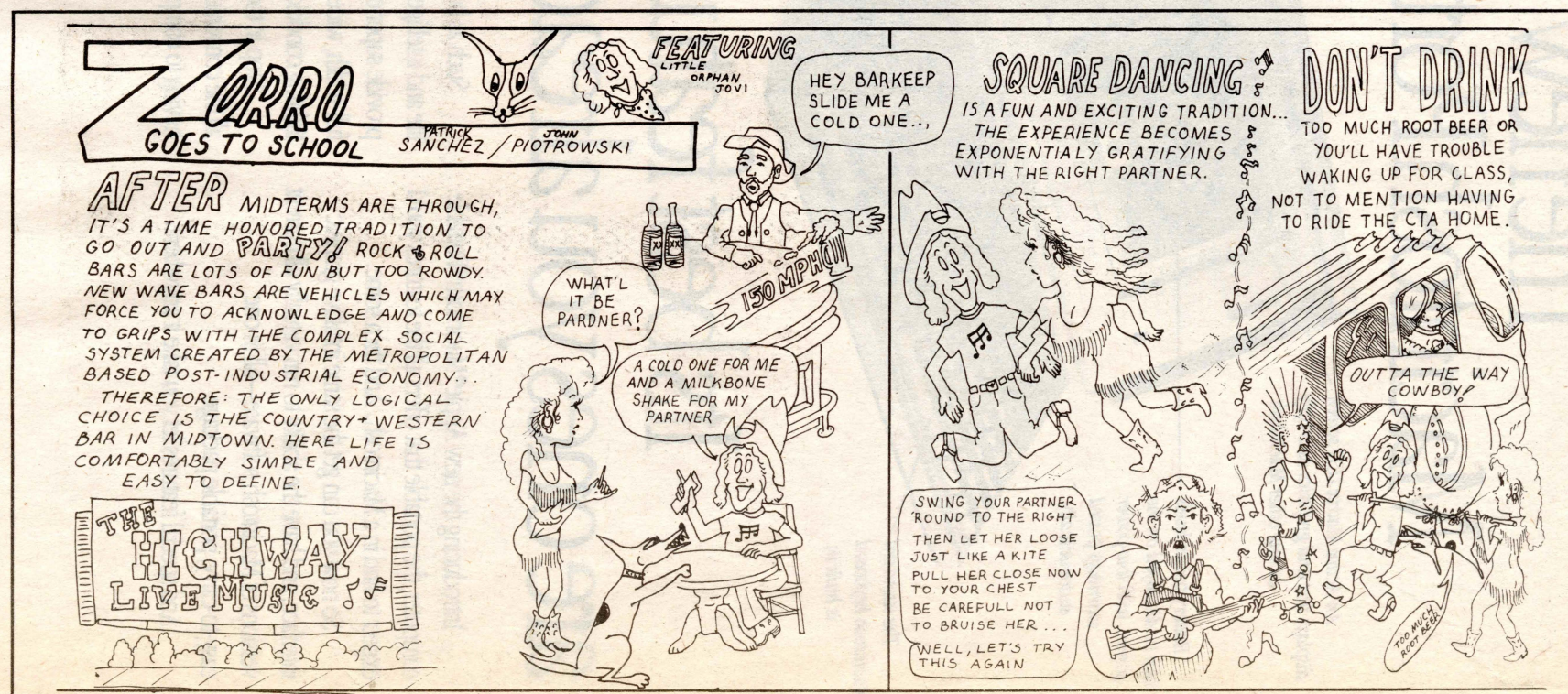
Pamela Highbaugh is from California and received her music degrees from Indiana University and California State University and while there appeared as soloist with several Los Angeles orchestras before joining the Renaissance City Chamber Players in 1984. She has been principal cellist with the Los Angeles Philharmonic Institute and performed with the Carmel Festival, the Pasadena Symphony and the Young Musicians Foundation Debut Orchestra.

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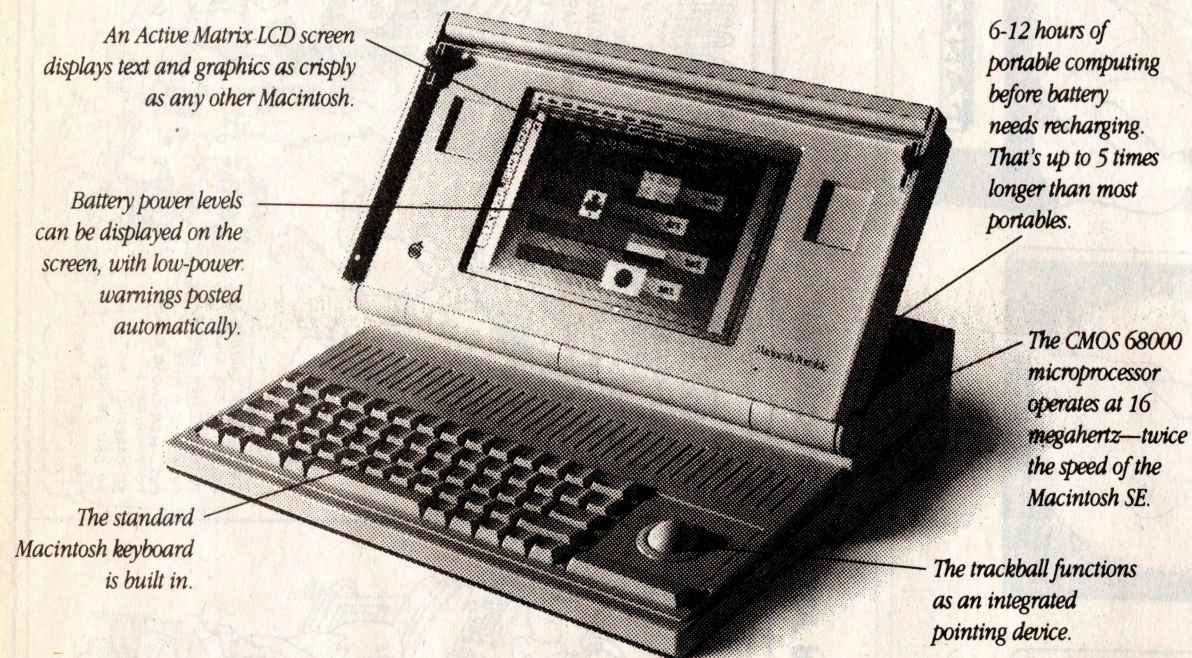
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DORMS WAGE BATTLE OF WITS

Twenty years ago, female students at the University of Montana who got straight A's were given roses by the dean of women.

Times have changed since then.

Now, a grades competition offers prizes such as VCRs and vacuum cleaners to UM residence halls whose residents have the best grade point averages. One residence hall and one floor with the highest average GPA's at the end of each quarter will be given money to buy new equipment for dorm residents. The winning dorm will receive about \$500, while the winning floor will receive anywhere from \$20 to \$100, depending on the number of residents, according to Rita Tucker, UM administrative officer of residence halls.

The scores for the dorm and floor will be averaged, and individual GPAs will not be known, UM housing director Ron Brunell said.

Collegiate Happenings from around the USA

RESEARCHER MAKES CANCER DISCOVERY

Dr. James S. Malter, director of experimental pathology at Tulane University School of Medicine, has discovered cell proteins that cause cells to grow in a way similar to that in which cancer cells grow.

Malter's experiments were performed by taking lymphocytes, opening them up, extracting the cytoplasm and mixing it with a radioactive RNA probe. Portions of the cytoplasm then interact with the RNA.

"There was a protein that specifically interacted with that short piece of RNA. This protein is found in all cells that we have looked at so far," Malter said. "What we do find, though, is that there is a lot more in cancer cells than in normal cells. However, if we take normal cells and stimulate them and make them divide, we watch the amount of this protein go up until we ... are about (at the level) we see in cancer cells."

The procedure can simulate cancer cells, which grow at uncontrolled rates, in the laboratory, and is significant because scientists have little understanding of how cancer occurs in the body, said Malter.