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# Independent

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## Students protest arrest

by Ellin Beltz  
Manging Editor

About 40 black students carried protest signs and shouted "No rights, no fights" on March 11 to protest the February 27 arrest of Victor Sellers, the President of the Black Caucus Club, by Public Safety.

Robert Douglas, the Vice-President of the Black

Caucus Club, stated they were protesting brutality and racism on the part of Public Safety in the incident which led to Sellers' arrest on charges of resisting arrest. The protesters marched through the Commuter Center and the Village Square at noon.

Douglas said, "Public Safety arrested him [Sellers] for no reason. They said they were going to get him for years because he was a trouble-maker."

Douglas was carrying a sign accusing a particular Public Safety officer of being a "rapist and racist." Douglas also said that "they were trying to kick the student out of school."

William D. Curtin, the Director of Public Safety, said that several calls were received from

the Commuter Center at about 5 p.m., stating that there was a man beating a woman.

Officers Robert Zuley and Scott Leyva arrived at the scene and saw Sellers shouting at a female black non-student who was bleeding profusely from a cut over her left eye. Also present was Johnny Dorsey, a counselor from Project Success.

When officers tried to stop the verbal dispute, Sellers pushed Leyva. At this point, Sgt. Gerald Leenheer arrived. Zuley attempted to advise Sellers he was under arrest and placed one handcuff on Sellers' wrist when Sellers broke free and tried to punch another officer.

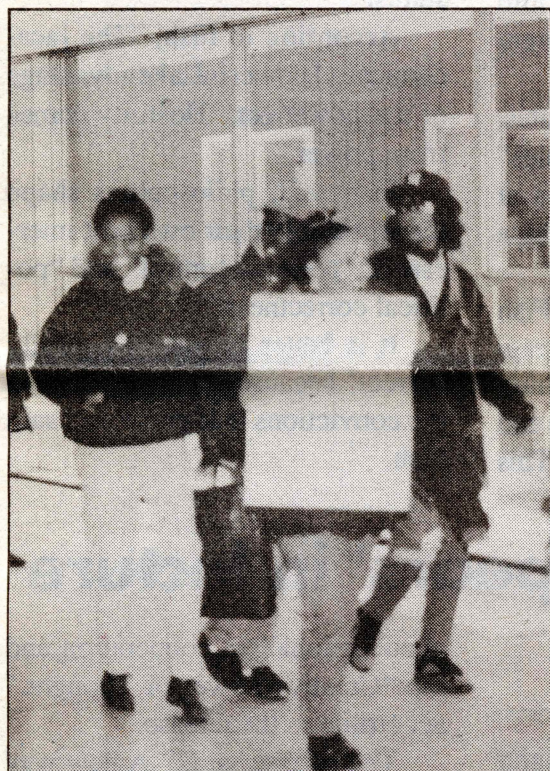
Capstun, a non-toxic natural cayenne pepper product, was sprayed on Sellers, and the other half of the handcuffs were applied. Sellers was taken to the Public Safety office. The injured woman was taken to Swedish Covenant Hospital where she received five stitches to close the cut over her left eye. According to Curtin, Sellers was transported to the 17th District of the Chicago Police Department for arraignment. The Chicago Police noted that Sellers was

not injured and no medical assistance was required.

The court date for this incident was Friday, March 20, after press time for this issue. Six charges were filed including three counts of resisting arrest, battery on a Public Safety Officer, and two counts of disorderly conduct, according to Leenheer. Sellers was not suspended, although he will have a campus hearing on the incident after the court date, according to Curtin.

Curtin said, "Our officers take an oath to uphold the law and protect the public. They had to step in to protect the victim. This assault could have continued. If we had failed to take action, it could have developed into a more serious incident."

Referring to an incident in Milwaukee where police officers allegedly assumed that a naked youth found cut and bleeding in the street was the gay lover of subsequently accused mass-murderer, Jeffrey Dahmer, Curtin said, "Remember in Milwaukee, the police had the ability to protect the Cambodian boy, but didn't. He ended up getting murdered by Jeffrey Dahmer. Public Safety can't turn away from its duty."



Students protested the arrest of the Black Caucus Club President. Photo by NEIU Officer Peter Kell

## Students wanted for committee positions

by Lisa Mandl  
Editor in Chief

There are 55 open Senate Committee positions, according to Student Senate Secretary Harold Hutchings.

"For a number of years Student Senate has been trying to place Senators on Committees, but the problem is that there are not enough Senators," said Hutchings.

Currently 28 students are involved in Student Senate; four officers and 24 Senators, but because there are so many committee positions, a lot of overlapping by the Senators takes place, according to Hutchings.

Students can get involved with 20 different committees including: Fees and Allocations, Elections, Judicial Hearing, Parking Appeals to Campus Planning, and Grade Appeals Committees.

Any student who is taking at least one credit course each semester is eligible to get involved, Hutchings said.

"We're an extension of the administration and the

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## Entertainers perform before game show

by Lisa Mandl  
Editor in Chief

"I have the type of braces where you kind of see them, and you kind of don't," said one of the three entertainers that performed during the Commuter Center Activity Board (CCAB) sponsored event, "We Can Make you Laugh," in the Unicorn Thursday, March 12.

"So when the dentist told me that my teeth were kind of straight, I told him that I was going to kind of pay him, and kind of not. I would send him a check, but I wouldn't sign it," said Franko, a comedian who has been performing stand-up for the past six years and who has been a cast member of the "We Can Make you Laugh" show since August.

Drug experimentation was a comical topic of his act and Franko

joked about how he used to experiment with marijuana.

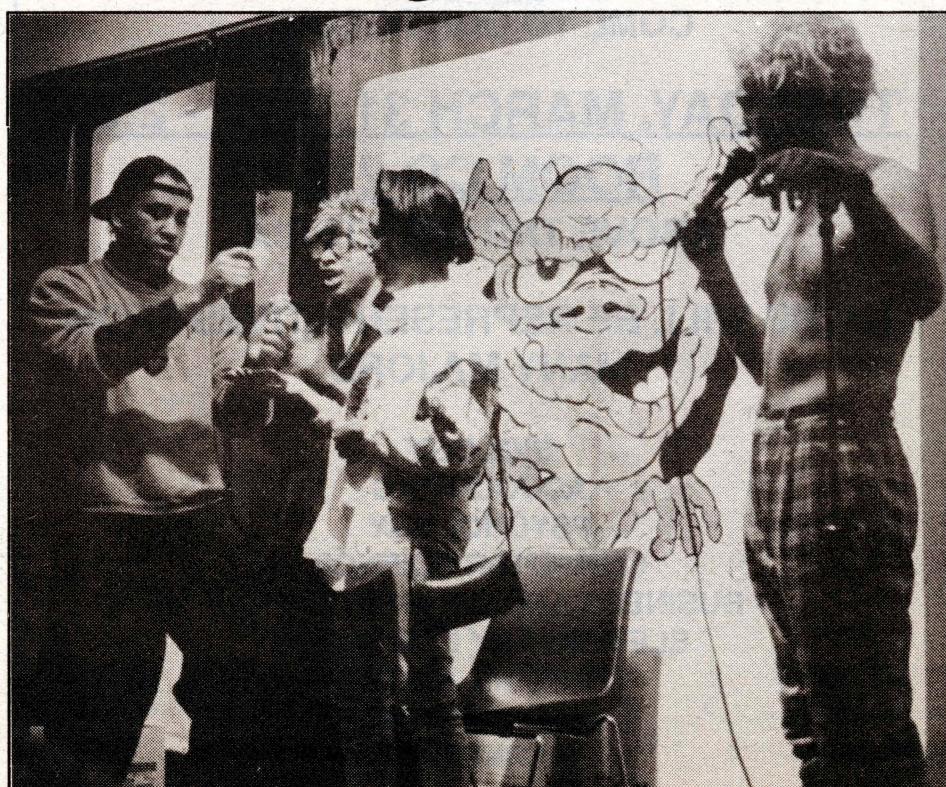
"I'd get great results, but I decided that I wanted to do something great with my life: remembering."

He joked about how he impressed women with romantic evenings complete with dinners of Roman noodles, which was all he could afford, and touched on legalizing fireworks.

"Semi-automatic weapons are legalized, but no one can buy fireworks," he said.

"I think we could cut down on the gangs in Chicago and L.A. if we took away their guns and gave them fireworks," to which Franko demonstrated being a member of a gang getting back at another gang by

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Comedians (left to right) Franko and Pervis Powell joke with a winning contestant, while Juggler Rex Boyd talks to the crowd. Photo by Tuanh Dang



# NEWS

## Video displays story of a battered woman

by Sabine Dietrich  
Staff Writer

A battered woman was nearly killed by her husband because the criminal justice system did not support and protect her, according to a video of a recent "20/20" episode that was shown during a lecture on Tuesday, March 17 as part of the celebration of Women's History Month.

After years of abuse, Tracy Fairman had escaped from her husband and moved to another state, only to be tracked down and threatened by him, according to Tom Gerald, a reporter for "20/20." The video was shown during a program, "Battered Women Who Kill Their Male Abusers."

Fairman made many complaints and sought a restraining order, but the police did not respond quickly or immediately arrest her husband when he stabbed her 13 times and broke her neck.

The police took away the knife, but they didn't arrest him. After

eight years, Tracy is still partially paralyzed and has sued the police department in her city and won, according to Gerald.

Shelley Bannister, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice and Women's Studies, led a discussion after the video about why women kill their abusive spouses, and the penalty for those who do.

"Four million women report abuse each year, and seven out of 10 are turned away from shelters because the shelters are too full," said Bannister.

Often when women attempt to defend themselves and the spouse is killed, they are charged with murder and cannot say they acted in self-defense.

Sometimes they cannot mention the battering in their defense because the judge may deem it inadmissible evidence, she said.

Twice as many men kill their spouses as women, yet women's prison sentences are twice as long for the same crime, according to Bannister.

## Keynote speaker discusses methods of discrimination

by Juan Fernandez Saines  
Staff Writer

Methods of fighting discrimination were discussed by the keynote speaker at the University Day event on March 5, at 7:30 p.m., in the Auditorium.

Dr. Stanley Fish, Chairperson of the English Department at Duke University, indicated during his speech, "You Can only Fight Discrimination with Discrimination," that his method of combating biases in the academic world is to write a literary genre that will offend academic discriminators.

According to Fish, his literary genre consists of debates and speeches that he gives at different locations around the country.

Because of the heated debates, Fish said that many of his "enemies" at the University of California at Los Angeles consider him to be a "denizen of the academic left."

That is partially because Fish criticized the enrollment program at UCLA, that according to him, was based on standardized tests and grade point averages above 3.6. This

allowed whites and Asian students to enter the school but prevented other ethnic students from attending, he said.

According to Fish, the opinion of his adversaries also stems from the fact that Fish is not a firm believer in the first amendment of the Constitution of the United States. Fish said that the freedom of speech amendment should be called the "So's your old man' theory because speakers speak only to stop another [speaker] from shutting up," said Fish.

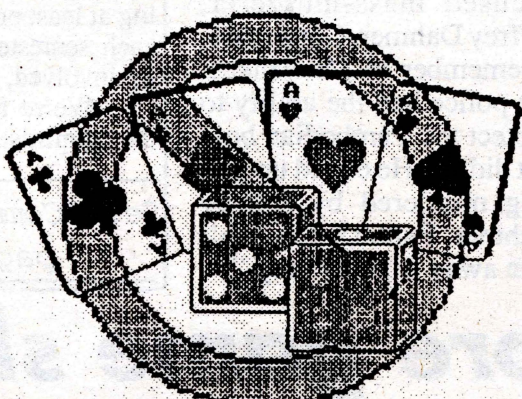
Fish said that his fight is against the way philosophers think in portraying an individual's political status.

According to Fish, "The [academically] powerful take advantage of the powerless. Hostility comes from power."

Fish said, philosophers shape the world into their own best interests of "political control" and "political correctness."

It is better to use "Faithfully correct' because we are all true to the convictions that grasp us," said Fish.

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## Einstein 'appears' in lecture

by Nektaria Ress  
Staff Writer

An award-winning playwright/lecturer from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, will portray Albert Einstein in a lecture titled "Atomic Flashbacks" on Tuesday, April 14 at 1:40 p.m. in the Unicorn, sponsored by the Commuter Center Activity Board (CCAB).

Alan Zuberbuehler was motivated to research and write this monologue about Einstein because Einstein's beliefs in the potential for human excellence parallel his own, according to a press release from the CCAB.

Both see circumstances of the world as outward conditions which can be understood and changed, if desired, and in which every result in nature has a corresponding "cause."

Einstein is known to some as "the father of the atomic bomb" and to others as "the conscience of the world." Zuberbuehler's Einstein lecture has reached out to audiences across the country since it was first seen at the 1988 Soviet/American Citizens' Summit in Washington, D.C., according to the release.

Zuberbuehler plans to speak

about nationalism, cooperation, and the "Creative Power of Thought," according to the release.

The release said, "A new way of thinking' about our planet is discussed and offers observations on our ability and respons-'ability' to make the world 'result' in its friendlier continuation and a view of the atom and how it relates to our world reality."

Using anecdotal material, Zuberbuehler partly explores the inner tensions created by Einstein's avowed pacifism - tensions in conflict with his position as a persecuted Jew from Nazi Germany and his reluctant support for the creation of the world's first atomic bomb.

Zuberbuehler counterbalances the view that Einstein's revolutionary discovery, "E=mc<sup>2</sup>," and its connection to the creation of atomic weapons, which have overshadowed his outspoken activism for world order.

There is no admission charge for NEIU students, faculty, and staff who are interested in attending the lecture.

For more information, contact Tony Courier at (312) 583-4050 ext. 3865.



# WHAT'S N.E.I.U.?

Compiled by *Ellin Beltz*

**In Memoriam.** Jack Richardson, Assistant Professor of Linguistics died Monday, March 6, 1992. Mrs. Shirley Norinsky, a staff member in the Library Periodicals Department for 23 years passed away on March 10, 1992.

**The Department of Music and Mostly Music, Inc. are co-sponsoring a performance** of trio chamber music composed by Beethoven, Cowell and Schubert to be performed by Steve Huter, Louis Pantillon and Christopher Pantillon. Known as the Trio Atlantique, the group will perform April 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. Admission is \$8.00; Students, Seniors and Active Alumni \$5.00; N.E.I.U. Students, Faculty and Staff with valid I.D. can get in free. Contact ext. 3042 for more information.

**New Directions, the program for returning adults is sponsoring a Family Fun Day** for all returning adult students and their families on Saturday, April 11. Families will be able to explore their creativity in art, learn a new dance, be entertained by the music department, and introduce their families to the facilities and programs at N.E.I.U. The cost is \$2.00 per family at the door. Proceeds will benefit the Women's Scholarship Fund. Phone Cassandra Riemer, ext. 3699 for more information or to pre-register.

**The N.E.I.U. Soccer Club will begin playing outdoors** in about 2 weeks. The club is looking for interested players, they meet every Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Gym #4 at the P.E. Complex. Call Rafael Ramirez for more information (312) 283-4751.

**Seven new Student Senators began their terms on March 9:** Dave Becker, Jeremy Cowan, Diane Dorcak, Richard Geiger, Louis Giovannetti, Richard Goldberg, Julius Jackson, Crag Johnson, Hector Marolejos, Michael Martinez, and Alan Moskovitz. New Officers, President Roman Emano, Vice-President Lisa Burnett, Treasurer David Wiviott and Secretary Harold M. Hutchings are also beginning their terms. There are still eight seats to be filled. Any student enrolled in at least a one credit course can be part of the student government. Contact ext. 3860 for more information.

## Comittees

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students have the opportunity to express their opinions, but many are not taking the opportunity," said Hutchings.

Hutchings feels that the faculty and administration have been making decisions without the students and that it's "Our own fault."

"Students have a lot more control than they think. They just have to get up here and get on a committee," he said.

The following is a list of committees that students can get involved with. Students can receive additional information by phoning (312) 583-4050, ext. 3860, or by attending the next Student Senate meeting on April 16 in room CC-216.

### Student Senate Committees

**Fees and Allocations:** This committee distributes money from the student activity fee to different clubs and organizations.

**Public Relations:** The members publicize what is happening in Student Senate.

**Elections:** Members meet only when elections are being held; deciding rules, designing ballots and judging the election.

**Supreme Court:** It only meets when it is necessary to hear students' cases.

**Judicial Hearing:** Members are the first people to listen to a students' case.

**Calendar Task Force:** This committee puts all events onto a schedule, makes copies and distributes the finished calendar.

**The Contemporary Music Ensemble of N.E.I.U. will perform** compositions by Michael Angell, Stephen Bero, Evan Mundy and the 4 O'Clock Combo, Wednesday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium.

**Sophie Black, Professor and Associate University Librarian will give a lecture** titled "The New Technology and the Traditional University Library" Tuesday, March 31 at 2 p.m., in the Commuter Center, Room 217.

**"Dragons and Unicorns" a free children's concert** will be held Wednesday, April 15, at 7 p.m. in the Auditorium. Performing will be the N.E.I.U. Chorus and the Unicorn Minstrels. Contact ext. 3042 for more information.

**The Colleges of N.E.I.U. and Academic Computing are jointly sponsoring a conference on technology in education.** Topics include how computers and technology can support classroom teaching, how to use computers as a general teaching/learning tool and computing power for teachers and students. The conference will be held in the commuter center and Alumni Hall, April 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact extension 5074 for more information.

**The Department of Psychology is accepting applications** for its masters degree program in gerontology for September 1992. The 36 hour program includes a set of required courses and additional electives. Contact Dr. Carol Gaetjens at (312) 794-6257.

**The University Theatre will present Arthur Schnitzler's "Anatol"** April 9-11, and 15-18. "Anatol" is an exploration of that character's romantic attachments with seven women. The play was written in Vienna in 1893, and the playwright's fascination with Freud's theories underscores the action as Anatol moves from woman to woman in search of perfect love. Admission is \$6, seniors and students \$4. The play starts at 7:30 p.m. each evening. For more information contact (312) 794-6652.

**Health Advisory Center:** Members advise the nurses what students need.

**Commuter Center Advisory Council:** Members advise the Commuter Center Activity Board (CCAB).

**Parking Appeals:** Members appeal parking tickets.

**Financial Aids Advisory:** Members advise the Financial Aid department as to how they can better aid the students.

**New Student Week Committee:** The first week of every fall semester is new student week. Members of this committee meet beforehand over the summer to recruit students and to answer questions about the university. The members are put through a short training session.

**Campus Planning:** Members help plan what's going to be built on campus.

**University Budgetary Council:** Members advise what money is spent where.

**Provost Planning:** Members help the office of the Provost plan activities for the students.

**Grade Appeals:** Members hear students pleas and decide if students should get an appeal. The decision for the appeal is made by the dean of each college.

**Black Heritage Month:** Members plan events the university should do for Black Heritage Month.

**Hispanic Heritage Month:** Members plan events the university should do for Hispanic Heritage Month.

## Faculty votes against Division I

by Lisa Mandl  
Editor in Chief

A meeting will be held, March 31, at 1:40 p.m. in room CC-216, for the Steering Committee, composed of officers of the Faculty Senate, to figure out where to go with the decision about the Northeastern Athletic Department's involvement in NCAA Division I Intercollegiate sports referendum, according to Faculty Senate Chair Kingsley Clarke. Out of the 185 ballots returned, 163 faculty members voted

that the Athletic department should not remain in Division I; 17 faculty members voted for the department to remain in Division I, and five faculty members did not sign their ballots.

An agenda item for the meeting will be to present the vote results and to decide where to go next, said Clarke.

"The decision is up to the Senate," said Clarke, "beyond the fact that our faculty have said we don't want to be in Division I. We'll be working off of the referendum, we don't know what we'll be working towards."

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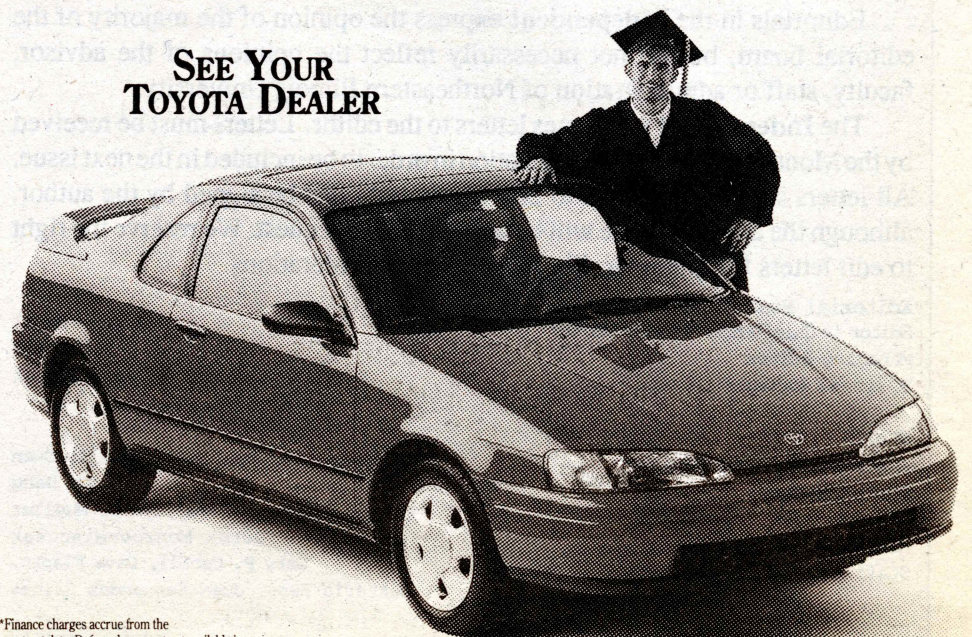
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# VIEWS

## Letters to the Editor

### Merger proposals interesting

I have followed with interest your coverage of my proposals for restructuring the College of Arts and Sciences. It is clear to me that a number of persons are concerned about these proposals — and let me make it clear that at this point they remain proposals.

None of my proposals is intended to disrupt any of our academic programs. Degrees will remain the same. Your major will remain the same. I, too, am concerned about quality and integrity of programs.

At this point, I am involved in a series of meetings with faculty in departments affected by my proposals. In this process, I am learning a great deal about their concerns. All of this will help me shape final proposals.

Let me close by saying once more

— my aim is to strengthen our programs in Arts and Sciences.

*Yours,  
John M. Boni,  
Dean of the Arts and Sciences  
Department*

### Awareness found through article

I wanted to thank the paper for publishing the story by Police Officer Robert Zuley. In my adventure classes I try to raise the students' "awareness" throughout the course. I believe Zuley is trying to raise students' awareness by his article.

Unfortunately, the way our society is headed we need to continue to raise people's awareness on issues that may be uncomfortable. I salute the Independent for having the courage to print this article.

*Dan Creely  
Adventure Education*



### Browsing for bargains

We congratulate the acquisitions department of the library for their successful booksale which will permit them to buy new books even though their budget was cut. *Photo by Tuanh Dang*

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## Opinion

# Get involved, build your resume

Students just out of school have to compete with people having those dread words "years of experience" on their resumes. But how is a student to gain "experience" while holding down a full class load and trying to get good grades? An answer is student activities.

School bulletin boards are covered with flyers for various clubs, activities, teams and groups. Each group develops its own rules, has its own events and contributes to the diversity of the school.

However, there are some activities that don't seem to be attractive to students. Surprisingly, these are the very activities that will be of most benefit to students both now and after graduation.

The Independent continually advertises for writers, photographers, and other positions, but few people drop into the office. We have also been accused of shutting people out of our process, but how can that be when our staff meetings are advertised and open to any member of the N.E.I.U. community?

The Student Senate needs eight more Senators, and they have made this known, but few students call or leave notes in their mailbox. Presently there are 55 vacancies for students on

Student Senate committees. Where are the students volunteering to sit on even "fun" committees - like grade appeals?

It is inconceivable that language is a barrier to participation in these extracurricular resume builders. Every student is required to pass the English Competency Exam or take courses to build up their command of the English language. The appeals for workers and volunteers have been made in English.

The fact that N.E.I.U. is a commuter school does not preclude students from becoming involved in activities or student government. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:40 to 2:50 p.m. have been set aside for student activities. No classes are held in these time slots.

The ability to become involved is not limited by being a member of a particular ethnic group, being of a particular sex or sexual orientation.

Involvement is not limited by religion, belief, political party or any other factor - but some students still claim they are being shut out of "the system."

The system is asking you to become involved. It will benefit not only the school, but students' employability and skill development.

**- Editorial Board**

## Retraction

Last issue we offered 10 McQueen Street compact discs as raffle prizes and asked students to send in their names to enter.

At that time we did not realize that this was a violation of the Sigma Delta Chi Code of Ethics Revised edition 1984, which states, "Gifts, favors, free travel, special treatment or privileges can compromise the integrity of journalists and their employers. Nothing of value should be accepted."

We apologize for any inconvenience or misunderstanding our mistake may have caused.

**- Editorial Board**



# NEWS

## Academic advising is available

by Dave Flapan  
Staff Writer

Academic advisement, personal counseling, personal counseling on the transition from high school to college, new student orientation, career exploration, freshman seminar, selecting a college major and financial aid counseling are available through the Student Support Services office to students who meet certain criteria.

According to Joy Scott, their new Director, qualifying students must either have a low-income status, be learning or physically disabled, or be the first in their family to graduate from college.

Peer counseling is also offered. Upper-level students who have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 are employed as peer counselors.

Students who are enrolled participate in the program until they declare their major.

When participants declare their major they are welcome to continue

involvement in the program by participating in workshops and seminars.

Scott says that academic related workshops and seminars will be "our new wave" of the future, particularly for students who have declared majors.

She said, "We hope to supplement the efforts of departments."

The seminars will be open to the general student body and will serve to intergrate all students into the college life

experience. Some topics will be: time management, exam preparation, test and stress anxiety, and declaring a major.

Students who are having trouble with deciding on a major are invited to attend the "Declaring Your Major" forum on March 31 in the Commuter Center, room CC-216, during Student Activity hour.

For further information, please contact the Student Support Services office in the Brown Portable Building, which is just outside the Village Square, or phone (312) 583-4050, ext. 4750.

**Students who do not have a low income status, are not learning or physically disabled, or are not the first in their family to graduate from college can gain assistance through the following NEIU offices:**

Academic Advisement	ext. 3004
Academic Dev.	ext. 5083
Counseling Office	ext. 6269
Placement Office	ext. 3119
Tutorial Center	ext. 4500

## Extension 200

During the period of March 2 through March 13, 1992  
the following Public Safety incidents occurred  
compiled by NEIU Officer Bob Paprocki

### March 2

Station Information: A student was arrested after his license plate revealed he was wanted on a warrant, but was released when the warrant was recalled. Station Information: A student filed information about a former boyfriend who was annoying her. Theft: Office material, estimated at \$40, was reported stolen from an office in the Classroom Building.

### March 4

Disturbance: Two students were involved in an altercation. This will be handled through student due process. Station Information: A NEIU staff member's auto was moved when it was discovered to be blocking construction work.

### March 5

Station Information: Administrative reports were filed about a staff member who was using an illegal parking permit. Medical Assist: A contract worker was injured and taken to a hospital for treatment. Disorderly Conduct-Telephone: A threatening phone call was made to a faculty member from the campus. Criminal Damage to Vehicle: An auto parked in the D-Lot was reported damaged.

### March 6

Medical Assist: A person with a cut lip was treated by NEIU nurses and released. Accident-Non-Injury: An auto slid off the access road and into a fence.

### March 9

Criminal Damage to State Property: A small hole was found in a window in the B-wing.

Theft: A student's purse was stolen from the third floor of the library.

### March 11

Burglary: A computer and a fax machine were reported stolen from an office in the B-wing. Both of these items were returned to the university March 12. A VCR was reported stolen from the third floor of the library. Station Information: Twenty or more students staged a demonstration at various parts of the university. No arrests were made. Theft: A purse was reported stolen from a student on the second floor of the library. Medical Assist: A woman injured her ankle near the Science Building.

### March 12

Theft: A student stated that another student stole his hat, but does not wish to sign a complaint.

### March 13

Missing Person, Adult: A student called to say his brother had not returned from the university after a class. The brother did return later in the day. Medical Assist: A student injured his knee in the P.E. Building. Public Complaint: A student complained that an instructor yelled at her. Medical Assist: A student injured her head in the P.E. Building. Assault, Simple: A student was threatened by a non-student to stay away from his girlfriend. Medical Assist: A man choking in the cafeteria was treated and taken to a hospital because of throat problems in the past. Disorderly Conduct, False Fire Alarm: Two alarms were pulled in the Science Building. This is a felony charge if caught.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Chicago crowd impresses Tesla's guitarist

Tesla's lead guitarist Tommy Skioh is on the road in Greenbay, Wisconsin when we were able to set up this interview. Touring, album changes and songs are of huge importance and those things are always on his mind.

**Interview by Lisa Mandl**  
Entertainment Editor

**Lisa:** How is the tour going?

**Tommy:** Cool! It's going great! The Chicago show was completely sold out, and it was a great crowd. They really got into the show.

**LM:** Your releases have been so completely different. The second, "Great Radio Controversy," was a great, blues-rock music like Cinderella. The third, "Five Man Acoustical Jam," was acoustic and the latest veers far away from the previous two. What were you trying to get across in "Psychotic Super?"

**TS:** A lot is different. On the second, the record company saw us as still being green and picked all of our

songs that would go on the album. On "Great Radio Controversy" our manager and record company didn't want "Love Song" on the album. We said we wouldn't do the album without the song, so they let us use it. It ended up becoming a huge hit, so we don't have problems deciding what to use anymore. On the latest, we picked all the songs and were able to call the shots. It's more real, the album is edgy and harder. It's definitely our best album yet. We all just plugged in. They's no samples and we left any mistakes we did.

**LM:** Why the extreme change in Jeff's [Keith] vocals? Why did he decide to scream the songs?

**TS:** Jeff's got great lyrics, they're about darker things now. He's got a lot of pent up shit inside. From the beginning to now I'm so impressed with his attitude as a singer. I see him as a friend and know him. He's tripping mostly because he feels guilty for the world's shit. If we're talking about the ozone issue, he really takes it to heart. The other night we were

talking about it and he said that he'd like to get a bike so he wouldn't have to drive a car and ruin the ozone layer, but he won't because he knows that bicycles come to stores in big trucks that ruin the layer. Not trying to sound like anyone. I mean fuck Sebastian Bach [Skid Row lead vocalist], we don't need to sound like that. Maybe he was smoking too much pot sometimes. He has gotten more and more heavy, but I really like it.

**LM:** Why did the band decide to dedicate "Song and Emotion" to departed Def Leppard guitarist Steve Clark?

**TS:** He was a great friend and a talented musician, we really miss him. I always called "Song and Emotion" a 'Def Leppard' song because of the lyrics.

**LM:** How did you come up with the lyrics to "Call it What you Want?"

**TS:** People put labels on everything. 'Yeah, you're a heavy metal band.' It's just a little play on words, it's kind of tongue in cheek.

**LM:** Whose relationship was the song "Can't Stop" written about?

**TS:** I think one of Jeff's; Tammy Baker, the girl he took to his first prom. It's amazing what that guy can remember. It's some girlfriend, I guess I really have no idea, but it's got such cool lyrics.

**LM:** Back to some basics though, what made the group decide to name themselves after Nikola Tesla?

**TS:** We thought his trip in electricity tied into rock and roll well.

**LM:** What do Tesla fans have to look forward to in the future?

**TS:** Definitely more touring. Maybe a home video because we want the kids to see how we are. Fans should look forward to that and that our music is ever-changing. I'm changing, I'm playing a dolcimar and cello. But basically we have an identity no matter what and for a future album we will try to write something that has never been written before.

## Performers

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throwing lit firecrackers at them, to which the crowd roared uproariously.

Franko is slowly working his comedy into a show that he will be able to teach kids with in a school.

Emcee Pervis Powel, on the other hand, is doing the opposite. He was a teacher for 11 years before he decided to perform stand-up comedy.

"I stopped teaching because I got tired of taking guns away from kids; and I make twice as much money performing comedy," said Powell.

Powell's stand-up got the audience in the mood for Franko and for Rex Boyd, a extraordinary juggler.

Boyd, who has been juggling since a friend taught him in high school, was amazing to watch.

"I decided to take juggling out of the circus and juggle in colleges with

low ceilings," he jokingly told the audience.

The audience was intente while he juggled clubs, but really got into his act when he juggled a hammer, a machete and a sickle.

The second half of the two-hour show was the actual game show. Interested contestants were able to sign up to win a t-shirt and \$25 if they were able to keep from laughing during six minutes of comedy, two per each comedian.

Two of the three contestants, a girl and a guy, each were able to pick up the cash by being able to keep a straight face throughout each comedians comical tirade.

The second girl wasn't even able to begin, she was laughing before the comedian could begin.

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# SPORTS

## Sports update

by Ellin Beltz  
Managing Editor

### CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

A co-ed intramural volleyball team from Northeastern Illinois University will compete with many of the areas' best teams at University of Illinois - Chicago on April 12 for the Certs/Trident SpikeFest Regional Tournament. The country's largest volleyball tournament features 600 colleges and universities, and 150,000 competitors.

The team from Northeastern includes: Tina Pryor, Dave Brozoska, Lydia Vega, Sam Dinkha, Marianne Nelson and Shawn Ryan. The four-on-four co-ed teams of two male and two female players advanced to the Tournament by winning an on-campus tournament at N.E.I.U.

The competition will be held at the University of Illinois - Chicago. The top two finishing teams will be awarded prizes.

### GOLDEN EAGLES MEN'S BASEBALL

The 1992 baseball campaign is under way and nobody could accuse the N.E.I.U. Golden Eagles of taking the easy way out. Without having had a day of practice outside yet this spring, the Golden Eagles took flight to Wichita State University to face the nation's top rated team in a three game series.

The Golden Eagles lost all three games (11-5, 14-3, 25-4), but fared well enough to impress Head Coach Jim Hawrysko. "I was pleased with our defense and our hitting. It was just the pitchers not hitting their marks and that is to be expected after throwing inside of the mound," added Hawrysko.

"Besides that you are not going to get any tougher of a place to open the season in front of over 6,000 fans. I think right now what we need to do is get a win under our belts and build a little confidence."

The next series played resulted in two losses (2-1, 6-5) and one win (9-7) against the University of Alabama.

John Calarco hit a home run and Arlee Williams got two hits and stole two bases. Sophomore catcher Jim Haack hit his first homerun of the season, driving in two runs.

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

The team closed the season with two games against the University of Missouri-Kansas City by losing both games. They finished the season with an eight-20 record, which is, however, the team's best season in three years. Freshman forward Shawn Harlan played point guard in both games, scoring 31 points, getting 10 rebounds, three assists, three blocks and six steals. He also connected on five-of-12 from the three point range. Afterwards Harlan said, "I have a greater appreciation for what the point guard does in a game. I was so tired, both physically and mentally."

Sid Pointer finished his career at Northeastern as the 18th all-time scorer in school history with 918 points.

He played in the first game against UMKC and added 12 points to his previous 906. Sophomore Phillip Troutman led the scorers for the first game with a career high 21 points and junior Zach Phillips added 15. Unfortunately, the game finished with the Golden Eagles trailing 71-61.

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The women's basketball team finished their most successful season in seven years by winning 66-60 against the University of Northern Iowa.

The team was nine-19 overall for the season, which is their best finish since the 1984-85 season when they won 25 games.

The 1991-1992 season will be remembered as the year of adversity. Since January 15th, only six players were on the roster, but the team still managed a four-10 mark for the rest of the season. Sophomore Pam Osterbrink led the team with 22 points in the final game to finish her season with 510 points for an 18.2 per game average. She has a career record of 864 points. Junior Debbie Pozdol has a career record of 748.

## Golden Eagles sports profile

by Dave Flapan  
Staff Writer

**Full Name:** Tracie Lyn Marie Ryndak  
**Nickname:** Scrawny  
**Birthdate:** 2-20-70  
**Birthplace:** Chicago  
**Current Residence:** Chicago  
**Marital Status:** Avoiding it for now  
**High School:** Good Counsel  
**Other Colleges:** Nope  
**Car:** It depends on who's driving  
**Major:** Elementary Education  
**Minor:** English  
**Sport:** Softball  
**Positions:** pitcher and outfielder  
**I have been playing:** since 7th grade  
**Other favorite sports:** basketball, track, bungee cord jumping  
**Favorite movies:** "Mad About You," "Pretty Woman," "Some Kind of Wonderful"  
**Athletes:** Michael Jordan, Ryne Sandberg

**Book category:** Romance Novels  
**Magazine:** *Glamour*  
**TV reruns:** *Little House on the Prairie*, *Brady Bunch*, *Electric Company*, *Fantasy Island*  
**Current TV Shows:** *Growing Pains*, *Studs*, *Love Connection*, *Simpsons*  
**Musical genres:** Dance, classic rock, slow songs  
**Radio stations:** B96, Blaze, WCKG, Q101  
**Bands:** U2, Black Crowes, Van Halen (with both David and Sammy), Alabama  
**Foods:** Ribs, shrimp, sloppy joes, homemade chicken stuffing  
**I chose NEIU because:** The location, and I knew one day the



pool would be open  
**New Year's resolutions:** To babysit my freshie roommates, set a good example for them, and keep them out of trouble  
**My ideal man:** 6' 2", muscular, dark hair, Italian, Catholic, loves children, athletic, and he must drive a white Ford Tempo with the front passenger side headlight smashed in.  
**Behind my back:** They say, "She needs to date more guys and increase her social life instead of staying home all of the time and babysitting. Does she really have a GPA of an 'A'?"  
**My goals are:** To get married (later), have nine boys so I can form and coach my own family baseball team, have one girl (just to see if she looks like me), become a great teacher of grades K-3, live in a big white house in Florida on the beach surrounded by a white picket fence.  
**Advice to the people of Northeastern:** Stop acting like you're in high school; grow up! Push for on-campus housing.

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