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Bookstore manager killed in armed robbery

by Lisa Mandl
Editor in Chief

The manager of Beck's Bookstore was fatally shot during an armed robbery, Monday, Nov. 9, between 7:15 and 8 a.m., according to Chicago Police and Northeastern's Public Safety.

Michael Keenan, age 47, a 27-year employee of the bookstore, died a little over 24 hours after the shooting occurred at Illinois Masonic Hospital, where he had been in critical condition, according to Hospital Spokesperson Penny Strong.

The cause of death has not yet been determined, although an autopsy has been performed, because the case has not been closed.

The results are still being kept confidential by the Chicago Police, according to a Cook County Medical Examiner.

A .25 calibre semi-automatic pistol was discovered underneath Keenan's body, which was found by the then Assistant Manager Michael Small in the back office near an open safe at 8 a.m., ac-



The empty space in Beck's Bookstore left by Michael Keenan's death. Photo by Martin Felix

According to Public Safety Director William Curtin.

The store wasn't ready for business as it usually is when Small came in to work. He went looking for Keenan and found him lying in a pool of blood near the safe.

"I thought he had bumped his head and hurt himself," said Small, who immediately called Public Safety and an ambulance.

An amount of approximately \$3,000 had been removed from the safe, and according to Curtin, no scuffle had taken place.

Also, it has been determined by police that either Keenan was followed into the bookstore when he ar-

rived that morning or he let the assailant in.

An occurrence such as this is rare on Northeastern's campus, according to Public Safety.

"There's an occasional robbery, but even that is extremely rare on campus and in this district," said Curtin.

Students, faculty or staff who have any information about the case should call Curtin at (312) 583-4050, extension 209, or the anonymous line, extension 4636.

The last time anything like this occurred was 20 years ago, when a student shot Athletic Director Charles Kane and then committed suicide over a grade,



Michael Keenan

One less his kind

(A memorial to Michael Keenan)

by Gerry Czerwien
Manager General Stores

Now
his time
to cross the line
and with him
fondest wish

but
left behind,
one less his kind,
are we all
now diminished.

said Curtin.

A reward collection fund has been set up by students Danielle Gullickson and Tammy Newsome and Criminal Justice Professor Kingsley Clark. A box will be placed in the bookstore tomorrow morning in which students, faculty, and

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Students react to bookstore murder

by Ellin Beltz
Managing Editor

It was a strange Monday. Students stood in quiet groups, or eyed passerby with suspicion. Most had read President Lamb's memo taped to doors and windows on campus about the shooting of Michael Keenan, the manager of Beck's Bookstore. On Monday, those meagre facts started hours of conversation.

Students remembered selling back books.

"Everytime I went into Beck's he said, 'hi guy,'" recounted a business major. He said that always made him feel welcome.

A psychology major said, "You know, he didn't have any idea when he left home that he would never return. It was a day just like any other."

A vigil was held at noon on Tuesday, Nov. 10. Over 300 people attended to listen to a University Chaplain and a gospel singer.

"I don't know anyone who's making jokes," said one, "this is just so sad."

Monsters abound at open house

by Ellin Beltz
Managing Editor

The 1992 Mazon Creek Open House, sponsored by the Mazon Creek Project - Department of Earth Sciences, was held Saturday, Nov. 7 at the Science Building from noon to 5 p.m. Over 250 people attended, some traveling in groups by school bus from Coal City and Mazon Creek itself.

Many of the classrooms on the first floor were open with displays of the fossils which have made



A Tully monster in rock concretion. Photo courtesy of the Piecko Photo Collection and the NEIU Earth Science Department, adapted by Martin Felix.

Mazon Creek world famous among geologists. The fossils were originally found during mining operations south of the town of Braidwood, IL. Each is found in a

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International Day Festival a success

by Juan Fernandez Saines and Sarah Azooz
Staff Writers

To say that the 17th Annual International Day Festival was a success is putting it mildly. Sponsored by the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature, the festival, which was held on Thursday, Nov. 5, brought out all the proud cultural diversity that makes up NEIU.

Among the cultural clubs that participated in this year's festival, according to the promotional announcement, were the Palestinian

Students, Chimexla, Vietnamese Club, Spanish Club, Russian Club, Aspira, Black Heritage Club, Ensemble Espanol, Black Caucus, French Club, Black Heritage Gospel Choir and last but not least, the Union For Puerto Rican Students.

As in the past 17 years, food again played the major role in drawing large crowds of students, faculty, staff and alumni.

"This was my first time [attending the festival]. I am very impressed. The food and company were very

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EVENTS

November 23
Independent meeting at 2 p.m. in E-049.

November 24
Alliance of Student Social Workers & Sociology Club are hosting an Incest Presentation with speaker Susan Slater Ph.D. from 1:40 to 3 p.m. in CLS 2071.

NEIU Jazz Band Andrew Glendening, Director at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. Call (312) 794-3042 for fees to this event.

November 25
A.A. meeting from 12 to 12:50 p.m. in A-108.

November 26
Thanksgiving recess. No Classes!

November 27
Enjoy those Thanksgiving leftovers. No Classes!

November 28
Thanksgiving recess. No Classes!

November 29
Thanksgiving recess. No Classes!

NEIU's radio show "Vantage Point" hosted by Dr. David Unumb, speech and performing arts, airs at 6:30 a.m. on WTMX-FM (101.9). Guests are Mark Levison, District Commander, and John McKillop, Paramedical Officer, Chicago Fire Department - "Emergency Care: Chicago Fire Department Paramedics."

December 1
Finance Club meeting: Wrap up of the semester and the plans for the Spring semester from 1:40 to 2:50 p.m. in CLS 3106. **Kim Baran**, saxophone,

Senior Recital at 7:30 p.m. in Recital Hall A-131.

Students interested in working for the Federal Government can attend a presentation on how the system works, sponsored by the Student Affairs Placement Office, from 1:40 to 2:50 p.m. in CC-214.

December 2
NSAB presents the film "Hamlet" at 5 p.m. in the Unicorn.

AA meeting from 12 to 12:50 p.m. in A-108.

December 3
Wilderness Club meeting at 1:40 p.m. in S-111. **NSAB** presents the film "Hamlet" at 1:40 p.m. in the Unicorn.

Management Club and Athletic Department co-sponsor Author and Motivational Speaker Joe Newton. Newton, a renowned cross-country and track coach at York High School of Elmhurst, will speak on "Motivation for Peak Performance."

OA meeting from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in D-213.

December 4
"Concierto Navidero" - Ensemble Espanol Spanish Dance Theater, Dame Libby Komaiko, Artistic Director, at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. Call (312) 794-3042 for fees to this event.

CODA meeting from 12 to 12:50 p.m. in D-213.

AA meeting from 12 to 12:50 p.m. in S-301.

December 5
"Concierto Navidero" - Ensemble Espanol Spanish Dance Theater, Dame Libby Komaiko, Artistic Director, at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. Call (312) 794-3042 for fees to this event.

Change student insurance plan

by Sabine Dietrich
Staff Writer

What can NEIU students do when they're ill or injured? Students who may have come from the large campus of UIC, which has its own health clinic, may feel that NEIU has nothing to offer.

Health Services Director Lucy Mulvihill, explained, "The school can't afford a doctor, plus it's a commuter school. If you have dorms, it's more necessary [to have a doctor]." However, the health services can refer students to doctors, and the student health insurance offers limited coverage for emergency doctor visits (illnesses or injuries).

Student medical plans changed to a different insurance carrier this summer. The new plan is similar to the old, but offers a few more benefits.

For example, the new policy covers up to 1,000 hours of psychotherapy, which the old policy did not cover. And, whereas the old policy did not pay at all for the first doctor visit, the new policy offers a

\$25 deductible. It will cover up to \$35 for each doctor visit, as well as extensive hospital benefits.

Mulvihill explained that "often students have double coverage, with this and their parents' or work policy. The cost for this policy is very reasonable compared with what it would cost on the outside."

The health service personnel also recommend clinics which will perform necessary immunizations for little or nothing, give education teachers free TB tests, perform first aid, consult with a physician if a student has a contagious disease or a seizure in school, and perform free pregnancy tests. However, they cannot offer pregnancy counseling, suggesting that women consult a physician who is aware of the full range of services.

In addition, they have monthly health themes, for which they dispense brochures, give lectures, and show movies. This year they covered subjects like nutrition, diabetes, hypertension, and AIDS.

Professor publishes business manuscript

Dr. Steve Dunphy, Assistant Professor, Department of Management and Marketing, recently was notified that his manuscript, "Entrepreneurial vs. Managerial Work, Which is Which and Why?" will be published in the Spring 1993 issue of The Journal of Business & Entrepreneurship. Dunphy also presented a paper on "Ranking Entrepreneurship Journals" at a business research conference to be held

at Indiana University on October 30.

Dunphy is quoted as saying, "I'd like to thank Dr. Charles Falk, Dean of the College of Business, as well as Dr. Kathleen Carlson and Dr. Rasoul Afifi for supporting my research efforts. I believe that the College of Business is becoming more research oriented and I think this will have a positive impact on faculty performance in the classroom."

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Qualifications: Jr. or Sr. Education Major, B+ GPA, outstanding attendance and dependability, able to work under teachers' direction and supervision, and a desire to make a difference in children's lives.

Contact: **Stuart Gold**
(312) 534-3520

To receive a listing on the Upcoming Events calendar, send pertinent information to Independent, c/o Lisa Mandl Room E-049, 10 days prior to an issue.

New education professor also a licensed psychologist

by Sarah Azooz
Staff Writer

Dr. James Davenport is a new professor at Northeastern Illinois University.

This semester he is teaching Education Foundations 307. However, he is also a licensed clinical psychologist, marriage and family therapist in private practice.

Davenport obtained an undergraduate degree from Wheaton College and received his doctorate in clinical psychology from the Chicago School of Professional Psychology in 1986.

He believes that continuing education is essential to both personal and professional growth. That is why he attends numerous workshops and seminars.

With his background of psychology

he tries to use clinical and educational applications of how people teach and learn. An important and useful one is parenting skills and how they are related to classroom management.

When teaching at Northeastern he was surprised to find that there were so many older students, but liked this difference.

According to Davenport the, "Primary purpose of education is to teach us to be effective- at least in our own lives, and perhaps in the lives of others."

When it comes to teaching he has no preference for psychology over education.

Davenport indicates his enthusiasm for anyone going into the field of education in the near future because, "Nine-hundred-thousand of the current 2.3 million teachers will retire by the year 2000."

Open house provides information to prospective students

by Anastasia Epstein
Staff Writer

Northeastern University hosted its bi-annual Open House November 12, in Alumni Hall.

Prospective new spring and fall students were able to get information on the various aspects of NEIU.

Representatives from all departments were on hand to enable prospective students to get specific information on requirements and courses offered in various disciplines. The Admissions Department, Financial Aid Office, Special Program Advisors and

University Ambassadors were available to answer questions and provide insight to the many benefits of attending NEIU.

Informative tours were given by skilled NEIU personnel which provided prospective students and their families the opportunity to view the campus. The tours included first hand information on the physical layout of NEIU, as well as general information covering everything from class size to text book expenses.

The next NEIU Open House will be Thursday, April 8, 1993 in Alumni Hall from 5 to 7 p.m.

How to survive a class burnout

by Leah Isaacs
Staff Writer

Friends and acquaintances often warned each other about this seemingly abstract and obscure phenomenon known as burnout. They tell each other to take it easy and to make an easier schedule for themselves.

Burnout can be caused by too much studying, too little sleep, or even a much-needed vacation, but can be controlled by watching out for classic symptoms including agitating over exams and worrying about assignments.

Organization is the key: plan a daily/weekly calendar, take studying breaks every once in a while. Procrastination can be a student's worst enemy. Also, exercise is proven to be a good stress reliever, and it's good for the body as well.

In addition to positive thinking that the semester is almost over, the burnout feeling should eventually dissipate.

Students dreaming about Newton's Laws should just relax, take a deep breath, and think about winter break.

Independent Advising

by Douglas J. Gates
Academic Advisor

Kudos to the Admissions Office! Advanced Registration for Spring is half completed and not a single student has reported difficulty with TTRS (Touchtone Registration System) busy signals to the Academic Advising Center. The S.S. Northeastern has cast off and begun its voyage to the New (Modern) World.

The day is coming when each student at Northeastern will be able to access the university database for a list of all classes s/he has completed anywhere in the country. Students will be able to have the computer compare their academic record to the graduation requirements of any program at NEIU and produce a list of courses yet to be completed.

In fact, because NEIU will be linked to a network that includes all post secondary institutions in the state, students will be able to check out where they stand with any major offered by any college or university in Illinois. Students will be able to pursue a degree at SIU Carbondale by taking courses here and tracking their progress against Carbondale's requirements through our connection to the internet. All this will be available both on and off campus.

"I started at NEIU two years ago as a [new] freshman. I completed all the coursework recommended from the English Placement Test and got 'A's and 'B's. I have no grade below a 'C.' When my advisor checked my courses for Spring, she told me I didn't pass the Reading portion of the English Competency Exam! I can't believe it! I received a 'B' in (English 201) World Masterpieces and the test says I can't read! My advisor can't tell me anything about the score (except that I failed), the Reading Lab has been closed for months, and there is NO WAY I'm going to waste time with another Reading class!" - Discouraged

Dear Discouraged:

Good news! The Reading Lab is open; the new Reading Lab Coordinator, Linda Chenault, distributed hours of operation last week: Mondays and Wednesdays, from 1 to 4 p.m., Tuesdays, from 2 to 6:30 p.m., Thursdays, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Stop by the Library, fourth floor or call extension 4503 to set an appointment and I'm sure Chenault will go over your ECE Reading with you.

You are right; your grade and course history suggest something unusual happened with your test. The exam uses Scantron scoring. Perhaps you read the instructions too quickly and aligned your answers in columns instead of rows (or vice versa). Perhaps you lost the correspondence required between the numbering of questions and the responses. There are other possibilities. I'm sure Ms. Chenault can run down the problem for you. But if the report you received accurately reflects your performance on that particular exam don't hesitate to discuss your academic success with the Coordinator. Together you can develop a program tailored to your specific needs.

What better way to start the Spring term, and the new year, than with an answer to an annoying problem waiting for you when you return in January? Send your questions to Independent Advising, c/o Independent, E-049 or c/o Academic Advising Center, A-109/111 or drop a note in the "Independent Advising" drop box located in The Learning Center, Library, fourth floor.

Get your message out
for the last time in '92.

The last 1992 issue of Independent will be published on
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November 27.

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VIEWS

Opinion

Keenan's murder brings thoughts of gun control

How desperate could a human being be to kill an innocent man for money?

Although not all of the students who work at the newspaper knew him well, Michael Keenan, manager of Beck's Bookstore on campus, was known to some extent by nearly every Northeastern student, faculty or staff member.

Somehow, a person or persons unknown entered the bookstore early in the morning when Keenan was alone.

This person or these people then fatally shot Keenan in the back of the head and left him to die. Why? For the money in the safe.

Keenan was pronounced dead at Illinois Masonic Hospital on Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 2:14 p.m.

Whoever shot Keenan may not have even known him. The murderer(s) may not have even known that Keenan was married and had three children, one of whom attends Northeastern, or that Keenan was only 47 years old.

It is a travesty and an injustice that a kind-hearted man was killed, but his killer or killers are out there somewhere. Chicago Police and Northeastern's Public Safety have not arrested anyone for this crime as we go to press. No witnesses have come forward.

On behalf of *Independent*, I offer condolences to Michael's family. Hopefully, someone will have been near the bookstore between 7 and 8 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 9, and will come forward with any information

leading to the suspect.

All it takes to catch the killer(s) is for one person to come forward and report what he or she may have seen or may know to Public Safety Director William Curtin at (312) 583-4050, extension 209, or by calling the anonymous line, extension 4636.

This is definitely a time to talk gun control, such as: who has them, who is selling them (legally and illegally), and what's being done to stop guns from being sold without a waiting period to check a person's record.

Hopefully, now that we have a change in the executive department of the United States, the Brady Bill, which mandates a seven-day waiting period before anyone can purchase a handgun, will be passed.

Although seven days may not seem like a lot of time, according to Brady Bill sponsors, it is enough time to find out if the person who wants a gun has a previous record.

Some people may feel that with innocent people getting shot, there is no possible way to support the position of the National Rifle Association, the right to bear arms without any form of restriction.

Obviously this is absurd. We have laws that regulate who can drive a car. If we had gun control laws, perhaps Michael Keenan would have been able to buy back our books in December.

Lisa M. Mandl

Lisa M. Mandl
Editor in Chief

Letters to the Editor

Independent lacked objectivity

I recently read *Independent's* articles on President-elect Bill Clinton and thought they lacked certain perspectives. I'm no political enthusiast, but I do enjoy expressing my open opinions. I strongly believe that Clinton is by no means this country's salvation. The editorial "Clinton is the right man for the job" only describes Clinton's "good" qualities. What about some plain and realistic facts?

His state of Arkansas is one of the poorest in the union in terms of economy. He's concerned about blocking changes in education rather than making them and his plan for secondary education is but a vague promise, which suggests, without quite advocating, the need for more money.

The Vietnam draft was a big wart on the rosy cheek of Clinton's presidential campaign. Many rationalize that this simply doesn't matter, but I think it says a lot about his capacity to be commander in chief of the most powerful military machine in history, and about his avoidance of the truth.

Clinton tries to put blame for the economy's problems on George Bush's administration, but Bush can't be blamed when economists can't come to an agreement on how to solve the severity of the recession we're in today.

If the Democratic Congress had passed Bush's economic legislations, maybe we wouldn't be in this economic condition. I think people are confused and unsure whom they should have voted for, and voting for a president merely because he's an alternative isn't just.

Instead, *Independent* shouldn't have followed the polls' governmental statistics, but should instead have posted all candidates strong and weak points.

Let's face it, Clinton squirmed his way out of the draft, using his available connections, I know this as fact now, an indisputable one at that. So he can assume responsibility for the country now, but couldn't before?

This says to me that I'd much rather have an experienced leader who has been a Vietnam war hero in the past, and has devoted his life to the country, rather than a man who talks empty promises better than a used car salesman.

If the country were to be declared in a state of emergency, I'd rather have Bush any day or time in

the office, not someone whose whole record is based on trivial experience and hollow guarantees. Give people an alternative.

Sincerely,
Jason Choi
NEIU Student

'English Bill' passed by Student Senate

As the President of the Student Body, I wish to inform you about the new statute the Senate passed October 19, 1992. In the past, there have been student clubs that would only advertise, make announcements, and distribute club literature in a foreign language.

This was viewed by the Senate as using language barriers to discriminate against people who could not read the language. The ENGLISH BILL #10/19/92-001 was passed in order to stop this discrimination.

The bill requires all clubs that are funded, to any degree, to advertise all functions and make all announcements and club literature in the English language. The author of the bill appreciates the fact that there are some clubs that will desire to use a foreign language and not be penalized.

In order to accommodate these clubs, the bill allows the use of a foreign language if there is a translation of the literature into the English language on the same document. Translations must consist of the same area which the foreign language uses. The individual characters of both languages must be of the same size and must face the same direction.

Student clubs are not forced to comply with this bill. Those clubs that do not comply to this bill will have their budgets revoked. Clubs can reapply for monies lost as soon as the club complies.

Once again, this bill will stop the use of student monies from being used by clubs that have practiced discrimination. The Senate does not fund clubs that discriminate along the lines of race, gender, color, religion, politics, and now language.

Roman Emano
President of the NEIU
Student Government

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Advisor

Be Independent, state your OPINION

Q What was your reaction to the shooting of Manager Michael Keenan in Beck's Bookstore on November 9?

Photos by Martin Felix

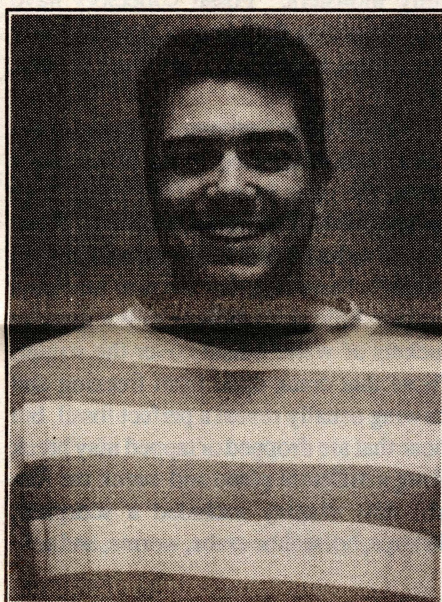


"I was pretty upset about it. I used to work for Mike Keenan during book rushes back when Beck's was on Bryn Mawr. He was always a great guy and a very helpful friend."

Monica Dailey
Graduate Student
Earth Science

"I hate to think that I commute a half-hour to go to school in an environment where I could be gunned down at any moment. The incident was tragic and may fuel my desire to invest in Kevlar [bullet proof] clothing."

Dave Den'Ouden
Junior
Computer Science



"[Regarding the shooting] once again chickens come home to roost. It's a strike against humanity."

Charles Benjamin Buckner
"Akbar Muhammeden"
Junior
Undeclared



"Some people really over-reacted by saying the campus is not safe. I realize that it was just a one-time occurrence. Crime happens in a police station."

Margie Martinson
Sophomore
Environmental Studies



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Extension 200

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

November 2

Criminal Damage: A window in the B-Wing was broken by unknown person(s). **Theft:** A faculty member reported the theft of a photograph from his desk. **Criminal Damage:** A student reported two tires on her auto punctured in the D-Lot. **Criminal Damage:** A student reported his auto tail lights damaged in the K-Lot. **Station Information:** Two microscopes were discovered missing through an inventory.

November 4

Suspicious Person: A student reported a man with a dog watching her from behind a tree. Description: M/W, 5'10", jacket and jeans. **Burglary:** A student reported her lock taken from her locker. No other damage or theft occurred. **Criminal Damage:** A student reported scratch marks around the door lock of her auto. **Burglary:** A student reported his locker broken into and a bottle of paint taken.

November 5

Theft: A windshield wiper was stolen from a state vehicle. **Criminal Damage:** A broken locker was discovered during a patrol. Nothing was reported stolen. **Theft:** A student's unattended book bag and textbooks were stolen from the library. Beck's Bookstore was alerted. **Theft:** An NEIU employee reported the theft of a university key. The locks were changed.

November 6

Theft: A student reported the theft of a sock puppet from a wall display in the Classroom Building. **Suspicious Persons:** Two students were found in a dark room in the E-Building.

November 9

Armed Robbery: Beck's Bookstore Manager Michael Keenan was found at 8:24 a.m. in his office with a fatal gunshot wound in the head after an apparent robbery. An investigation is in progress. **Theft:** A visitor to the campus reported her leather jacket stolen after she left it unattended in the Commuter Center. **Accident-Non-Injury:** A student aide witnessed and reported a traffic accident in the D-Lot. **Disorderly Conduct:** Two youths were found riding the C-Building elevators in a shopping cart. The cart was returned to Sun Foods. Both per-

sons were interviewed, photographed, warned and released to their parents. One youth had a record for burglary. **Battery:** A student was battered by her ex-boyfriend. She refused to sign a complaint.

November 10

Disorderly Conduct: Unknown person(s) activated a false fire alarm in the Classroom Building. **Theft:** A camera was discovered missing through an inventory.

November 11

Disorderly Conduct: A student reported an objectionable photo put in her locker. **Station Information:** A student reported her purse with university I.D.'s stolen at an off-campus site. **Deceptive Practices:** A former university student aide was arrested for cashing and attempting to cash checks from a closed bank account. **Station Information:** NEIU Police assisted in an investigation of theft and fraud involving a student. **Station Information:** A student was robbed on St. Louis Avenue of her jewelry. She was not harmed.

November 12

Burglary: A locker in a vending area was broken into and \$65 in damage and goods were reported. **Theft:** Two paychecks were reported missing. **Disorderly Conduct:** Complaints were received by Public Safety Officers about a drunk near the auditorium. This person was arrested.

November 13

Suspicious Person: A young man was arrested in the A-Wing after being seen taking money from a vending machine. He was released without charges. **Station Information:** A missing person report was filed about a student at the request of his family. **Station Information:** A student reported an auto tire slashed at an off-campus site.

People with information about Michael Keenan's death or any other incident in connection with incidents listed here are urged to call Public Safety at extension 200, or the anonymous line, extension 4636.

Festival

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good. I enjoyed it," said Angie Cisek, Supervisor of the Foreign Languages Lab.

While savoring her "arroz con frijoles, stylo Cubano ala pollo Mejicano," a rice with beans and chicken dish, Jeanette Hernandez, Secretary of the Foreign Language Department office, said, "This is better than the Taste of Chicago."

And better than the Taste of Chicago in the opinion of attendents was the entertainment provided by various ethnic clubs.

Chimexla, the organization of Mexican-American students, performed four numbers that "blew the roof" off the Alumni Hall. Their dancing to traditional and not so traditional songs such as "Sopa de Caracol" were eye openers in more ways than one. Their traditional female costumes were exceptionally used with the right performer. However, to make up for the lack of male dancers, female dancers were substituted in men's mariachi outfits.

As for the costume contest, two, tailor-made NEIU blue jackets were awarded to one student who wore a Mexican dress, and another student who wore a French, three muskateers-like outfit.

The Aspira Club presented a beautiful dance by women wearing bright orange dresses swaying



Above, Russian Club members from left Debbie Deresinski, Advisor Serafima Friedman, and Judith Schneider display items from Russia. Photo by Martin Felix. Right, Aspira sponsored the Notre Dame High School Alumni Dancers. Photo by Juan Fernandez



to the Latin beat as their partners twirled them.

All eyes were on stage as the Black Heritage Students presented a solo gospel female singer and integrated it with rap music.

The music reflected the times we live in and so did the dance. The pulsating beat nearly shook the room as echos of Martin Luther King's "I Have A Dream" introduced the rap artist.

He chanted that there must be a hope for tomorrow against this world today.

All the groups that participated did a great job. The Cambodian and Mexican dancers had beautiful costumes and looked very professional.

These different clubs represent the different ethnic groups at NEIU which unite many people. It was a day to learn and appreciate a different cultures' customs and reflect on their own.

Monsters

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concretion, a ball-shaped fossilized mud blob, which usually contains a fossil of a plant or animal. Apparently, the presence of an item caused the concretion to form around it, both were eventually fossilized. The Mazon Creek specimens are from the so-called "Coal Age," or Cretaceous period, up to 65 million years ago.

Some Mazon Creek fossils can be identified as ferns, worms, scorpions, horseshoe crabs, shrimps, snail-like creatures and other familiar forms. However, the most famous fossil creature found at Mazon Creek is so unusual that scientists cannot agree to what portion of the animal kingdom it belongs. It is called "Tully's Monster," named after Francis Tully, who found the first one in the middle 1950s. The appearance of a *Tullimonstrum gregarium* has been described as like a very pregnant earthworm with an airplane tail at one end and a trunk with a toothy claw at the other end. Tully monsters have no hard parts, except for tiny teeth in the claw at the front end.

In general, the Tully monster is like no other organism known from the animal kingdom, living or extinct.

During the Coal Age, what is now Illinois was a salt sea, full of primitive sharks, jellyfish, worms, shrimps - and Tully monsters. Fossil collectors have been searching the Mazon Creek site, and many have found Tully monsters of their own.

One of these fortunate collectors, Tom Testa, was displaying some of his finds during the open house. Testa said, "I've opened one half million concretions. From those I've had 4,500 keepers - with fossils inside." Testa said that the way he opens the fossilized mud balls is to put them in buckets of water outside over the winter. Those that crack open from freezing and thawing usually reveal a perfect fossil, but those that are dropped or tapped may break along a different plane and wreck the fossil. His display included a scorpion, shrimps, horseshoe crabs, worms, and sev-

eral of Tully's monsters, including a unique, folded monster. "That happened to the specimen after it died," he explained, adding that scientists and interested amateurs can learn a lot from what looks at first glance to be just a rock.

Several talks were given in the large lecture hall which was filled over capacity by 190 people, the extra people sitting on the stairs and lining the walls to standing-room-only capacity. Dr. Charles Shabica of the Earth Science Department was the Master of Ceremonies for a program which included an informal talk by Dr. Christopher Ledvina, Assistant Professor, and slide presentations by Dave Reinertsen of the Illinois State Geological Survey and Peter Laraba of the Field Museum of Natural History.

Ledvina spoke about the current rules and regulations imposed on fossil collectors by the State of Illinois (which manages the Mazon Creek site for fossils, fish and game) and took questions from the audience during his presentation. From the number of questions asked by curious visitors who had never been to Mazon Creek, Ledvina suggested that seminars on Midwestern paleontology, and especially the Coal Age fossils of Illinois might be a beneficial upcoming event for the Mazon Creek Project.

Later, Ledvina said he was pleased with how the event came together. "I was happy with the event, pleased by the turnout, and ecstatic about the number of students and young people who attended," he said. For those who were unable to make it, the display cases on the first floor, north side of the Science Building have been outfitted with Mazon Creek specimens.

A Guide to the Fossil Fauna of Mazon Creek, edited by Charles Shabica and Andrew Hay will soon be printed. People interested in reserving a copy can contact the Earth Science Department. Also available from the project are fossil bags, shirts and hats with the Mazon Creek Tully Monster logo.

Keenan

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staff can donate funds that will be given to anyone with information that leads to an arrest or a conviction.

A one-year time limit has been set, and if there is no conviction or arrest, the money will either be used for scholarships or given to Keenan's family, according to Newsome.

A memorial has also been established by the family; donations can be made to Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children in Chicago.

Keenan is survived by his wife, and

three children, one of whom attends Northeastern.

Remembering Keenan, Beck's Bookstore Employee Mike Maraas said, "He lived for rushes it seemed; he loved them."

Keenan, who played golf and liked to watch and listen to Cubs baseball games, was "always laughing," said Small.

A service for Keenan was held at Malec Funeral Home on Saturday, Nov. 14, at 9:30 a.m., and was followed by funeral at 10 a.m. at St. Cornelius Church in Chicago.

NEIU Strip by Juan Fernandez Salnes



WANTED BANDIDO

NAME: Ramon Mamon

HEIGHT: 5' 2"

WEIGHT: 250 lbs.

SEX: Sometimes

EYES: Bloodshot

CLUB AFFILIATION: Chimexla

CRIME: Wanted in a free nation, namely the U.S. of A., for delegating his party to speak on free trade pollution dangers affecting his country.

WARNING: If you see him, videotape his message and run!



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A Bit O' Fun

by Nelson Tapias



Fresh Fish!

Theater Review



Raul Aranas played The Engineer, who really made the play. Here he yells at Kim (Jennie Kwan, center) in "Miss Saigon," playing now at the Auditorium Theater downtown. Photo by Michael Le Poer Trench & Joan Marcus

Love, prostitution happens in 'Saigon'

by Alayna Klein
Staff Writer

The well-awaited musical "Miss Saigon" has now reached Chicago and it definitely lives up to its reputation. Even though "Miss Saigon" is not another "Phantom of the Opera" or "Les Miserables," it is still a very entertaining musical to see.

"Miss Saigon" is playing at the Auditorium Theater on Congress in Chicago and is at the beginning of its run.

"Saigon" tells the story of a Vietnamese girl, Kim, portrayed wonderfully by Jenny Kwan, and an American soldier, Chris, played by Jarrod Emick, who fall in love while he is stationed in Vietnam during the war.

Chris must return to America and in order for Kim to survive, she must work as a female strip show dancer and is forced into prostitution.

The best character in the play is definitely "The Engineer," portrayed by Raul Aranas, who runs the strip joint. He has the biggest role

in the whole play and we see him trying everything in the book to make some "easy money." He tries to sell everything, including himself.

It's not the plot that makes the play, the songs do. They are very good, although none of them were catchy enough to make the audience walk out of the Auditorium humming.

Kwan and Emick have exceptional voices, but it's really Aranas' voice and acting that make the performance.

Aranas sings my favorite songs which are hilariously funny; "If You Want to Die in Bed," "The American Dream" and "What a Waste."

If it wasn't for The Engineer, "Miss Saigon" would just be depressing, and a more down-beat play.

The acting and songs were very entertaining, which made for an exciting evening of theater. This play, with its theme of prostitution and death, is really too morbid for young children.

Crossword Companion

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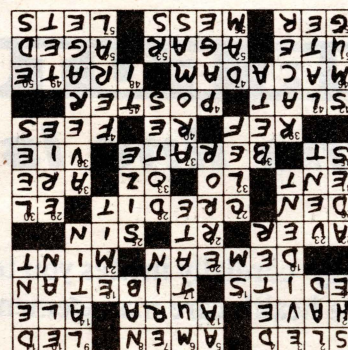
ACROSS

- 1. Winter vehicle
- 5. Prayer ending
- 9. Lead (p.t.)
- 12. Got
- 13. Character quality
- 14. Beer
- 15. Prepares for publication
- 17. Tibet citizen
- 19. Put down
- 21. Cool taste
- 22. Affirm
- 23. Passage for steam
- 24. Right (abbr.)
- 25. Transgression
- 26. Lair
- 27. Trust
- 29. Raised railroad
- 31. Suffix to form adjectives
- 32. Lo!
- 33. Ounce (abbr.)
- 34. Plural verb
- 35. Street (abbr.)
- 36. Criticize
- 38. Compete
- 39. Referee (abbr.)
- 40. In reference to
- 41. Dues
- 42. Narrow strip of wood
- 44. Placard
- 46. Stone pavement

- 48. Mad
- 51. Indian tribe
- 52. Marine algae
- 54. Old
- 55. Germany (abbr.)
- 56. Disorderly
- 57. Allows

DOWN

- 1. Fem. pronoun
- 2. Small boy
- 3. Obvious
- 4. Discourage
- 5. 2-year degree
- 6. Alteration
- 7. Ireland (poetic)
- 8. Catch
- 9. Basic language
- 10. Dash
- 11. Mar
- 16. Small (abbr.)
- 18. Give off
- 20. Mistake
- 22. Lemon drinks
- 23. Passage for air
- 25. Physical dimension
- 27. Musical staff symbol
- 28. Lavish excessive love
- 29. Great Lake
- 30. Jeans
- 34. Math mean
- 36. 2nd Gr. letter
- 37. Odors
- 39. Miller
- 41. Untamed
- 42. Self-righteous
- 43. Delayed
- 45. 7th scale note
- 47. Water barrier
- 49. Vietnam offensive
- 50. Editors (abbr.)
- 53. Right side (abbr.)



Album Review

Writing, arrangement puts new Alice in Chains album in the 'Dirt'

by Ranan Engelhart
Music Critic

With all the hype this year about "The Seattle Scene," I think we have a tendency to look at the bands as a product of this scene, rather than the scene being based around a lot of talented groups.

I think that we need to get outside of this mentality and judge the bands on their own qualities rather than attributing their success to their city of origin.

For doing so really undermines the talent and struggle that the band encountered in rising to the top.

Alice in Chains is a very talented band and I'd hate to see them get lost in a crowd of groups like Soundgarden and Pearl Jam simply

because they are from the same city.

The new Alice in Chains release, "Dirt," is an impressive follow-up, compared to "Facelift." More importantly, it is a display that Alice in Chains has been able to remain focused after such distractions as a hit single and a slot on a major tour, opening for Van Halen.

The album starts off with "Them Bones," one of the strongest cuts on the album and includes other impressive songs, "Sickman," "Hate to Feel," and the title track, "Dirt."

It also includes heavily MTV played "Would?," which was recorded for the "Singles" soundtrack. However, despite these powerful cuts the album gets somewhat boring and monotonous.

Alice in Chains has an extremely

defined style and the songs just don't vary enough from track to track to keep the album interesting.

This is not a shortcoming in the musicianship of this band, but rather, the writing and arrangement.

Mike Starr and Sean Kinney are impressive as the rhythm section of Alice in Chains, on bass and drums, respectively.

Layne Staley and Jerry Cantrell play the Seattle trademark grunge guitars well, while sharing the vocals.

Due to the tedious nature of the album, I think that the music of Alice in Chains would be more cohesive with a live set where there is more control of the order and arrangements.

They are due to be in Chicago

on December 6 at the Riviera with a triple-bill Seattle line-up including alternative bands the Screaming Trees and Gruntruck.

This looks to be an incredibly exciting and powerful show. If you are one who is sick of the wildly commercial Lallopalooza-type "alternative" shows, this may be a good one to check out.

The Riviera is legendary in Chicago for their excellent sound and ample floor space, and it promises to be a great show. ★★

The Rating Guide

- ★ Warning this is a rip-off
- ★★ It could have been better
- ★★★ Average
- ★★★★ It's cool
- ★★★★★ Buy it NOW!

SPORTS

Women's basketball set to score

by David Wiviott
Sports Editor

If nothing else, the NEIU women's basketball team should have greater numbers in a least one category this year: team members. Last year, due to injury and other causes, Head Coach Mike Fogel's team played half the season with only six players. The "Iron Six" had a losing record of 9-19, but gained a lot of experience.

Pam Osterbrink, junior center, is the top returning player. She led the Golden Eagles last year in scoring, 18.2 per game, and rebounding 10.4 per game. "Pam makes us go," says Fogel about his most productive player. She is a team captain who leads by example, he added.

In contrast is the other captain, the always intense senior point guard Tara Minor. "Tara is another coach on the floor," says Fogel, "she makes the offense and the defense go." Last year she lead the team in assists and steals. Unfortunately, Minor has not practiced this year due to injury, but Fogel hopes that she will be ready to start the season on the floor.

If not, look for junior college transfer Shelly Hurst and freshman Mariam Holmes to split time at point guard. Hurst is a 3 point shooting threat who averaged a remarkable 46 percent shooting from beyond the 3 point line, while Holmes' strength is on the defensive end of the court.

In the power forward spot will be junior Debbie Pozdol. Fogel calls her "the team's enforcer." But he also added

that she is a very versatile player. "She can drive to the basket or post up equally well, and on defense runs and runs, converting turnovers into easy scores."

Two players returning from injuries will cover the wings for the team. On one side, Junior forward Cyndie Donner, a versatile offensive performer and good defensive player, on the other, sharp shooting guard Cathy Fowler handles the other side. "Having these two for a full season should make a big difference for us," said Fogel.

Coming off the bench, expect to see junior college transfer Angie Durham adding much needed depth in the post. The top freshmen are all-state recruits Jeannie Hinkey, a guard from Illinois, and Pat Lassa, a forward from Florida. Also on this year's team will be sophomore Sonya Malinowski, and freshman Trell Shannon and Lidia Sulejmani.

This added depth will be necessary because the Golden Eagles plan to be an up tempo on offense and a pressing and a half court trapping team on defense. "We'll be the shortest team on the floor every night so we have to keep the other teams off balance," said Fogel.

Fogel also pointed out that the first five games of the season will be critical for gaining confidence for his team. He said, "All of those games are winnable. We need to have a lot of momentum to play well against DePaul and Auburn."

The women's basketball team opens the season at the University of Illinois-Chicago December 1, at 4:30 p.m. The first home game will be Friday, December 4, at 7 p.m., in the P.E. Building.

MTXE motto for men's basketball

by David Wiviott
Sports Editor

On the practice shorts of the men's basketball team there are four letters, MTXE, which stand for "Mental Toughness for eXtra Effort," Head Coach Rees Johnson's motto for the team. "We are not in a position to blow anyone away, but if we stay in the game mentally; we can be a real exciting team."

While this philosophy is for the whole team, it applies most to junior point guard Victor Snipes. "As Victor goes, so goes the team," Johnson said. Last year, Snipes could be brilliant at times. He led all Division I players in steals and possesses all of the skills of a great point guard. He could also be quite erratic by forcing shots or passes that were not there. Johnson attributes this behavior to Snipes' intensely competitive nature. "He wants to win so bad, he'd cheat ya to beat ya," he said. It may have also resulted from a lack of offense on last year's team.

Sophomore swingman Shawn Harlan was the leading scorer on the team as a freshman and the only real scoring threat on the team. With more talent on the squad this year, Harlan's role will change. "He may not stand out as much, but his game will be better," Johnson said. He'll be sharing time at the two swing positions (shooting guard and small forward) with two junior college transfers.

Junior Reggie Smith and senior Zacharias Phillips are two talented offensive players that should give the Golden Eagles some depth at the swing spots. "I consider all three of them starters, and they will all play," said Johnson. However, both need to adjust to Division 1 basketball. Another junior college transfer fills the middle as junior Ulyses Moran starts at center over junior Joe Ferguson, last years'

starter. Moran has great mobility and soft hands. He can pass, run the floor, and has a nice touch on his shot. But he is only 6'8", which may cause the team some problems with matchups. Ferguson is 6'11" and a very intense player. His physical nature and solid defensive skills give the team depth in the post.

Rounding out the starting line up will be the team's top recruit, forward Monte O'Quinn. "This young man has great pride and is very aggressive on the boards. He's going to be exciting to watch," Johnson said about his prized freshman. He still needs to gain more experience on defense and not to look to dunk so much.

Coming off the bench with Ferguson and either Smith and Phillips, will be junior forward Rich Goldberg, and freshman guard Brian Bestor. Goldberg will back up O'Quinn and play some at forward. He is a smart player who can contribute some quality minutes when he is healthy, although he has been plagued by injury and illness throughout his career and has not practiced this year. Bestor will backup Snipes at point. Johnson calls him a "coach's dream" because of Bestor's attitude and work ethic.

Two more transfer students will become eligible after the semester, but more importantly, before the DePaul game. Sophomore guard Kevin Flegner will see considerable time at both guard spots while Shannon Green, a junior forward is still reaching his potential. Filling out the roster will be freshmen guards Mike Casper and Shane Lyon. Both can shoot, but they will need time to develop. There are also two walk-ons, senior forward DeFonda Louie and sophomore guard Rob Siler.

The Golden Eagles will unveil all their new talent in an exhibition game against the Finland National Team Wednesday, Nov. 25, 7 p.m. in the P.E. Building.

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