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New editor to start in January

by Sabine Dietrich
Staff Writer

Independent Managing Editor Ellin Beltz was voted in as Editor in Chief for the 1993 term at the last board meeting. Beltz was unavailable for comment as of press time.

Current Editor in Chief Lisa Mandl's one-year term is over, as this is her last issue. Mandl has worked on **Independent** for one and one-half years and began her editorship last January.

Mandl has mixed feelings about leaving. "I feel sad because the year is over and it seems to have ended so quickly. I really enjoy writing and laying out the paper, and I'll miss the camaraderie of the staff, because on the whole, we got along. But I also feel glad

because now I can concentrate on studies and other extracurricular activities. The newspaper took all my available free time."

Mandl also mentioned difficulties she has had as editor. "The university policies made my editorship very difficult. When I had new ideas for ways to update the newspaper, I felt they were blocked by walls."

Mandl has made many improvements on **Independent's** appearance and content in spite of the difficulties. Some university officials have commented that they have never seen **Independent** newspaper look so good.

Marti Sladek, Director of University Relations, said she has seen great improvement in both editorial content and features of the paper.

New gallery displays Mayan works

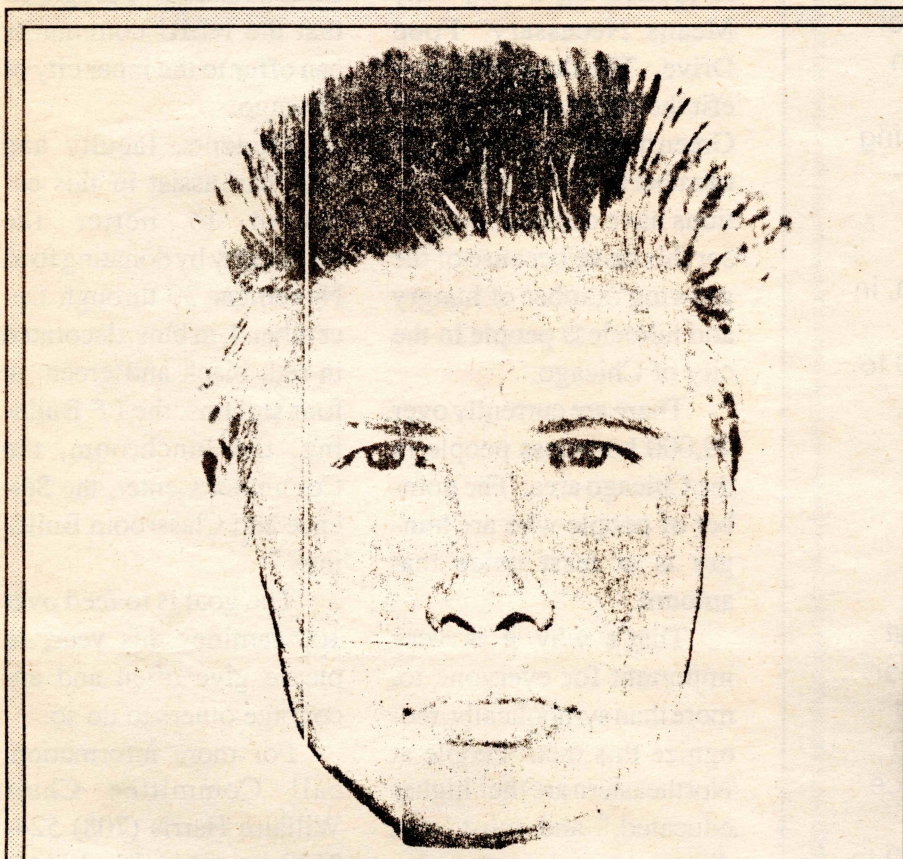
by Juan Fernandez Saines
Staff Writer

"The day the arts took over the Commuter Center." That's how Professor of Art Santiago Vaca described the simultaneous openings of the two art exhibits of "The Enduring Maya: 500 Years of Resistance" and the "Stu-

dent Works," on Thursday, Nov. 19.

Professor of Art and Coordinator of the Art Gallery Mary Stoppert curated "500 Years of Resistance." This show displays 12 years of traveling to Central America of Stoppert's private collection (and some borrowed) of Mayan

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In front of the WTTW/Channel 11 studios, located at 5400 N. St. Louis Avenue, on the evening of November 10, an NEIU student was the victim of a strong-arm robbery. Above is a composite of the robber prepared by NEIU Police, based upon a description provided by the victim.

The robber is a white male, possibly Hispanic, dark complected with dark hair. He is described as approximately 20 years old, 5' 10" with a medium build. The robber neither displayed nor threatened use of a weapon.

Any student, faculty and staff who have any information concerning this crime or any crime on or near NEIU, should call Public Safety at extension 200 or (312) 794-3078. *Composite courtesy of NEIU Public Safety*

Students volunteer to help during Make a Difference Day

by Ikowa Guyton and
Michael Martinez
Staff Writers

Eleven NEIU volunteers worked for **USA Today's** Make a Difference Day by helping Habitat for Humanity rehabilitate dwelling units for those who might not otherwise have access to decent housing Saturday, Nov. 14.

The NEIU student volunteers included several members of NEIU's Women's basketball team. Volunteers included: Angela Durham, Pam Osterbrink, Sonya Malinowski, Debbie Pozdol, Mike Fogel, Tammie Miller, Joyce Wellhoefer, Catherine Fowler, Cyndie Donner,

Michelle Hurst, and Tara Minor. This group contributed a total of 44 hours of community service on Make a Difference Day.

Habitat for Humanity extraordinary work has become famous throughout the United States and around the world. They have built over 17,000 homes, and changed numerous lives for the better.

"Thanks to the contributions of numerous university students on Make a Difference Day, our work is going a lot faster," said Erik Hanson, Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Coordinator.

"The speed has really picked up, and we hope to finish this building by April

15," Hanson added. Habitat for Humanity needs volunteers for any length of time from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays. Volunteers will be needed for another building in Rogers Park starting in March 1993.

The NEIU Student Volunteer Corps invited students from several local universities to participate in Make a Difference Day. Those working at the Habitat for Humanity location included students from NEIU, Loyola University, DePaul University, Northwestern University, Wheaton College and North Park College.

Make a Difference Day

creates goodwill and assists people and businesses involved in helping their neighbors and communities. On November 14, 1991, 68,000 people in 1,389 cities and 48 states turned out to help others for the first Make a Difference Day.

They cleaned up neighborhoods, fed the hungry, built and repaired homes for the needy, visited the sick, gave hope, and helped in thousands of other ways. Because of the outstanding success of their first national day of community service, **USA Weekend** has established Make a Difference Day as an annual event.

Established in the Fall of 1991, the Student Volunteer

Corps/Volunteer Referral Service site matches individuals and groups with appropriate community service opportunities.

Following is a sample of current volunteer opportunities available with the Student Volunteer Corps:

* The Friends of the Chicago River needs several kinds of volunteers. Office volunteers are needed for public relations, clerical work, fundraising research, program coordination, and volunteers are also needed for computer projects: training will be provided.

* RespiteCare offers transportation reimburse-

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GRADING

December 7

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

Music Department presents Evan Mundy, flute, Senior Recital at 7:30 p.m. in Recital Hall A-131. Call (312) 794-3042 for ticket information.

December 8

"Tuesday Talks" presents a lecture by Ronald Combs, Professor, Music "Opera: An Irrational, Irritating Entertainment." The magic of opera at its best will include examples of the sublime and the absurd. This indictment and defense of opera justifies its existence and (hopefully) provides a few laughs at its expense, at 2 p.m. in Heritage Room.

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

December 9

Music Department presents the NEIU Chorus - James Lucas, Director at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. Call (312) 794-3042 for ticket information.

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

December 10

Noontime at Night - a presentation of Northeastern's best received noontime plays at 7:30 p.m. in Stage Center. Ticket prices are \$3 and \$4. Reservations can be made by calling box office at (312) 794-6652.

Music Department presents the NEIU Chamber Orchestra, Andrew Glendening, Director at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. Call (312) 794-3042 for ticket information.

Accounting Associates meeting at 1:40 p.m. in CLS 2031.

Management Club subgroup APICS, American Production and Inventory

Control, will hold their fourth speaker meeting on a topic related to production and inventory control from 1:40 to 2:50 p.m. in CC-216.

Hillel sponsors a clothing drive for The Arc, a non-profit organization that supplies clothing to the poor, from 1:40 to 3 p.m. in CLS 4006.

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

December 11

Noontime at Night - a presentation of Northeastern's best received noontime plays at 7:30 p.m. in Stage Center. Ticket prices are \$3 and \$4. Reservations can be made by calling box office at (312) 794-6652.

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 12

Noontime at Night - a presentation of Northeastern's best received noontime plays at 7:30 p.m. in Stage Center. Ticket prices are \$3 and \$4. Reservations can be made by calling box office at (312) 794-6652.

December 14

Last day of classes

December 15

Final Exams (See exam schedule on page 6)

December 16

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

December 17

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

January 11

First day of classes for the Spring 1993 semester.

Food drive to benefit residents of Cabrini Green housing projects

The Black Heritage Club and the Black Caucus is sponsoring a "By Any Means Necessary" Food Drive. The drive will benefit the residents of Cabrini Green housing projects. The members of both organizations have decided to sponsor this drive because of the growing number of hungry and homeless people in the city of Chicago.

There are currently over 49,000 homeless people in the Chicago area. The number of people who are hungry is at least twice that amount.

That's why it is very important for everyone to, more than symbolically, recognize this fact. People at Northeastern are the "higher educated," and must start directing more resources to the urban areas.

It will take more than an annual food drive to better the situation in Cabrini

Green. Hopefully, this event will be the beginning of some substantive programs that the NEIU community can offer to the inner city of Chicago.

Students, faculty and staff can assist in this endeavor to better the community by donating food November 30 through December 4, in bins, decorated in red, black and green at four stations; the PE Building, the lunchroom, the Commuter Center, the Science and Classroom Buildings.

The goal is to feed over 100 families this year, so please give often and encourage others to do so.

For more information, call Committee Chair Willaim Harris (708) 524-2539, President, Black Heritage Kevin Wilkes (312) 783-2436, or President, Black Caucus Mareema Ali at (312) 728-7084.

Donated toys to be collected

The Finance Club along with the Criminal Justice Student Organization would like to encourage all students to give to the 15th Annual Toys for Tots Drive.

A collection barrel will be located in Beck's Book-

store until December 15.

Any toys donated will be appreciated.

For more information contact Finance Club Treasurer Brian Loughran at (312) Student Activity Office phone.

Volunteer

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ment to volunteers that visit north side and north suburban children or infirm seniors in their homes while the primary-care giver runs errands.

* The Bernard Horwich Jewish Community Center, located two miles from campus, has a need for Basketball coaches from January through March. Coaches are needed for kids, third through eighth grades: training will be provided.

* The Hispanic Aids Network needs drivers to deliver meals with the help of a runner, once a week for two to three hours.

* Planned Parenthood Association needs volunteers to work at a hotline, a midwest center clinic, a volunteer speakers bureau, and a family planning clinic: training will be provided.

* The U.S. Environment Protection Agency needs vol-

unteers will contact conference participants by phone, add information to a database as necessary, organize mailings, coordinate set-up at NEIU for Saturday, Feb. 20, and help with follow-up work on conference proceedings: training will be provided.

* The Student Volunteer Corps needs volunteers on campus for various activities including: Volunteer Fairs, Commencement, Blood Drives, Conferences, Orientation programs, etc. Most events are one-time, for a short duration. Training will be provided as necessary by requesting department.

Any questions about the above or other community service agencies, or if you want to get involved, contact the Student Volunteer Corps/Volunteer Referral Service Site at (312) 794-6115, or stop by C-311 in the Sachs Building.

Palestinian Independence Day celebrated recently

by Juan Fernandez Saines
Staff Writer

The newly established Middleeastern Club, held its Palestinian Cultural Independence Day celebration in the Golden Eagle's Room on Thursday, Nov. 19, which consisted of speakers and entertainers.

The singing and dancing activities emanating from the Eagle were very inviting for people to come and see.

The Tormos-A-La Dance group provided the cultural dancing, and the melodies were sung in Arabic.

Salim Tamari, professor from Beir Zit University was the diplomatic keynote speaker for the event.

During his speech, which was emphasized on current peace talks between Israeli and Palestinian delegates, a member of the audience, asked Tamari to give his feelings on what Palestinian students should do in America for the Palestinian cause.

Giving his thought, Tamari indicated that Palestine would be better served by taking American-acquired education and establishing it in Palestine for socially productive gains.

For according to Tamari, "Why should America [the government] help Palestine?"

When asked to give their response

to Tamari's statement, several Middleeastern Club members indicated that "We want America to influence the United Nations as it did during the Iraq/Kuwait crisis."

"UN resolutions 242, 328, and 181, as a general idea, indicate that Israel should be recognized as a state, and we [Palestine] have done so. Israel should withdraw from the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and allow Palestinian refugees who have been exiled to Jordan and all over the world to come back to Palestine, but the Israeli government has continuously ignored these regulations," said the Middleeastern Club and added, "We want to find an acceptable solution to the problem."

One problem, according to the club, stems from the assumed stereotype that all Arabs, especially Palestinians are terrorists and hijackers in the eyes of the world. According to the club, the cultural celebration's message was that "Palestinians want peace, and will always want peace, but we cannot just give away our rights as Palestinian people."

The Palestinian Independence Day celebration showed just that, almost every cultural group was represented in the gathering that was made up of Arabs, Israelites, Latinos, African-Americans, Whites and Asians.

Economics honor society accepting applications

Omicron Delta Epsilon, the International Honor Society in Economics, is accepting applications for membership.

The society is dedicated to the advancement of the science of Economics and to the scholarly efforts to make freedom from want and deprivation a reality for all. Undergraduate

candidates for membership must have a genuine interest in economics, an overall "B" average, and at least 12 credits in economics with an average of "B" or better. If you are interested in applying for membership, contact Audie Brewton, Associate Professor of Economics, for membership application information.

Mayans

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artifacts. Dedicated to recent Nobel Prize for Peace Award winner Rigoberta Menchu', the show cannot go unnoticed by Commuter Center passersby due to the Mayan image of a snake painted on the gallery's glass walls by Beate Minkovski and Kelly P. Hensen from the art gallery, **Woman Made**.

Being displayed on the second floor of the Commuter Center, the three-student show of 11 large paintings were done by NEIU art students Jessica Lucas, Tracy L. Mc Coy and Kim Mathiot and curated by Vaca. These paintings reflect a spiral of color and emotions characterized by such hues and shapes used by famous artist Van Gogh.

Among such notables that attended the Mayan exhibit in its opening were President Gordon Lamb and Vice-President/Pro-

vost Salme Steinberg.

Stoppert's inspiration comes from Menchu' because to her "she lives her life understanding the power of her Mayan legacy, and using that heritage for strength to fight for the rights of her people," indicated Stoppert.

"This exhibition came about as a response to the 500th anniversary of the 'encounter' [of native people] with the Spanish," said Stoppert.

Three of the many interesting art works being displayed look as follows:

"Maximon (or Ma Shimon):" According to the gallery's text, is an idol in an altar that represents the duality of good and evil in the form of the disciple who betrayed Jesus Christ, Judas Iscariot. Maximon was created by the Mayans as a god/saint to protect the indigenous populations from the Spanish conquerors. Careful when approaching this

sinister fellow, for he may hex you.

"The Snake Cane:" A three-foot-long wooden cane shaped in the form of a snake used in the "Dance of Patzca," related to a ceremony calling for good crops. Students should bring snake-proof boots for this piece.

"Tamalero:" A huge ceramic pot used for cooking/steaming tamales (corn cakes, when possible, filled with meat). The content of this pot can literally feed an entire village.

Many people who have come to see the show have been greatly moved and impressed by the images. Stoppert's purpose is "to show traditions that have not disappeared, nor have they been completely syncretized so as to lose their power and meaning."

The two exhibits, which are free and opened to the public, will be running through December 18.

Independent Advising

by Douglas J. Gates
Academic Advisor

I missed my time to advance register for Spring. OK, I blew it, but that's not the problem. I thought Northeastern used Touchtone Registration for everything now. Friends say open [registration] is in person. What's the story? - A Procrastinator

Dear Mr. A:

The grapevine's got it! Open registration will be January 7 and 8, between 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., and it will be in person.

For those of you who have not had the pleasure of a "real" (i.e., in-person) registration at Northeastern: You are **not** eligible for open if you are **already** registered for any spring classes. Adjustment of already established schedules can only be done during Late/Change of Registration January 12 through 15, 19 and 20. Classes begin January 11. To change courses or sections January 12 through 15, 19 and 20, you **must** have the permission of the instructor, or other source approved to adjust the Authorization File, of the class(es) you wish to enter. Dropping a class(es) does not require instructor, equivalent, permission. **Late/Change will be by TTRS.**

During open registration, new students will meet with an advisor in the Unicorn and then enroll in classes in Alumni Hall. Continuing students will register for classes in Alumni Hall when their ticket number, obtained from F-109, the Center Desk, or directly from Admission, allows entry to the hall. All provisional students must obtain permission to register from their special programs (Student Support Services, Proyecto Pa'Lante, Project Success) advisor or from Academic Advising. If you are a provisional student, but not a special programs student, see Academic Advising in the Unicorn whether you have declared your major or not.

Survival Tip #1

If you receive a letter from the university, take 30 seconds to glance over the contents. If it addresses something important to your progress at Northeastern, read it more carefully!

Provided the university has in good faith made policy and procedure information available and comprehensible, **you and you alone are ultimately responsible for meeting university requirements.** Many support units provide assistance to students - Academic Advising, Counseling, Placement, Admissions and Records, Financial Aid, Cashier, Office of the Dean of Students, numerous academic assistance centers, and on and on - but the final responsibility is yours.

The number of students who wander into Academic Advising carrying unread, even unopened letters from the Center *which answer the very questions the students come to ask* is astounding. Believe it or not, the university, at least in most cases, does not print and mail thousands of communiqués to students to spend more tax dollars so students and their parents can work harder to pay more taxes allowing the state to hire more employees to send even more letters.

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VIEWS

Opinion

Editor says goodbye to everyone

One of *Independent's* former editors, Don Schnitzius came from Oakton Community College's student newspaper, *OCCurrence*, a few years back. I decided to follow in his footsteps and make my mark on Northeastern as well, at least that's how I was advised.

I was kind of "sent here on a mission" (not from God like Jake and Elwood in "The Blues Brothers," although many times we thought of her that way). Dr. Beverly Friend, the advisor of *OCCurrence*, sent me to Northeastern to "take over the newspaper, like Schnitzius before me," as she put it.

After some trouble in the beginning, I succeeded in my quest.

Having now finished my editorship, I look back on the year of my editorship with very mixed emotions. I hate to leave in some ways, and in others I'll be glad to step down. I will really miss the rush of deadlines (I thrive on them) but I need to finish my studies. If I would stay on as editor another year, I wouldn't have enough time for classes.

The year seems to have flown by, and I really feel that I didn't accomplish all of the goals I set for myself. I felt that the experience I brought with me from two previous colleges, two newspapers, one magazine and a publishing firm gave the paper an entirely new dimension and increased *Independent's* readership as well as advertising.

Unfortunately, with an office of only two computers (one of which was usually out of order), non-existent graphic capabilities and being the only person to know the layout program Page-Maker fluently, it put a lot of the work on my shoulders.

When I asked for resources from our Student Senate back in July the requested budget that would have improved the *Independent* by leaps and

bounds was cut severely. They were not able to purchase us a third computer so more students could learn how to put together the paper.

We weren't the only organization to get our budget cut, but being one of the largest organizations on campus (WZRD, Student Senate and NSAB are others), I got the impression we weren't all that important to some people. I guess it didn't matter to them that the students they governed deserved to have an improved publication.

Now for my thank yous: To Bev, thank you for having faith in me and for the advice during my editorship. Thanks also to Greg Reifsteck, who was and always will be my biggest supporter and for letting me scream at him, especially when problems at the paper had nothing to do with him.

There are many people to thank here in the office. To my staff, a HUGE thank you. Everyone basically volunteered their time, and without them, I couldn't have produced a paper every two weeks. To Tony Courier, director of student activities, I express extreme gratitude, because without him I don't know if I would have finished my term.

I thank the many students, faculty and staff members who picked up and read my writings in *Independent* every two weeks. I could put anything out every two weeks, but if no one read it, it would be worthless.

I know that it is impossible to please all of the people all of the time, but I pleased some of the people some of the time.

As a favorite comic of mine Dennis Miller would say, "I'm Outta Here!"

Lisa Mandl
Editor in Chief

Letter to the Editor

Four errors made in insurance article

1. The University's Health Service budget must cover the program's areas of responsibility which include responding to the health needs of the university's students, faculty and employees through the delivery of quality health services in a skilled and efficient manner.

Due to the budgetary constraints and the present design of the physician is adequate for our needs.

2. The new student health insurance policy provides a \$1,000 maximum for psychotherapy. These services must be administered by an

M.D. or licensed psychologist, Ph.D.

3. There is a \$25 deductible each time a student visits an emergency room or an ambulatory emergency clinic for a serious injury or illness. Regular doctor visits are not a covered benefit. This policy is a major medical insurance package and does cover any routine or non-emergency services.

4. Pregnancy counseling is always given following the results of the pregnancy test.

Lucienne Mulvihill, RN, MA
Director of Health Service

Viewpoints

Confiscation changes should be noted under administrations

by **Stacy Minns**
Staff Writer

I think it's important to note a current tenant under the Bush Administration about confiscation.

Recently the Bush Administration told the U.S. Supreme Court that the government has the right to confiscate the property of innocent people. This is part of Bush's war on drugs.

The two qualifiers are, if an asset was previously bought with drug profits or if a drug offense was committed on the property.

In either case the government has claim on it.

This, however, includes innocent buyers of used assets such as a car, house, or boat that are not involved with drugs but are the second or third owner of that asset.

The government upon learning the assets tainted history, can confiscate it from you and they would owe you no compensation.

This is not only insane to seize an innocent parties property, but to credit that person in no way is slighted, removing power from us as individuals.

The Bush Administration says "property belongs to the Govern-

ment from the moment an illegal act is committed," as was stated in *USA Today's* October 14 issue.

But with others recognizing the unlevel ground that this sort of policy stands on, the government view is being challenged with the current court case of *US. vs. Buena Vista Avenue* for a call on such forfeiture laws.

In the Buena Vista Avenue case, a drug dealer gave money to his girlfriend so she could then go buy a house. The government seized the house and the courts are deciding if the girlfriend is an innocent party and if she is the owner of the house.

The title insurers and bankers worry about the complications involved in such an arrangement.

USA Today cites the example of how "The tenth owner of a house could lose a home, without compensation, because the fifth owner grew marijuana in the basement." In early 1993 the final ruling of this case is expected.

Clinton has many things on the agenda, we'll have to see how his administration handle both the right of American citizens as individuals and the type of policies implemented during his term that pertain to drug laws.

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Independent welcomes letters to the editor. Letters must be received by the Monday prior to each publication in order to be included in the next issue. All letters should be limited to 200 words and must be signed by the author, although the author's name will be withheld upon request. We reserve the right to edit letters for grammar, libel, and space considerations.

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**Have a great holiday and a
Happy New Year!**

Viewpoints

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Important principles heart of recommendations for Illinois higher education improvements

by Edmund B. Hunt
NEIU Department of Special Education

Having read the staff recommendations for "improvements" in higher education in Illinois, it is difficult not to be convinced that the Board of Higher Education hopes to "reform" public education by turning it over to the private sector. The staff of the board are not likely to have made recommendations which are not at least tacitly supported by the board chairman and by members of the board. If the board does hope to turn a significant segment of the existing public university system over to the private universities in Illinois, it should do so in full public view so that the decision can be discussed and decided by a fully informed citizenry.

Three important principles appear to be at the heart of the staff recommendations.

1. If a large, popular program at a public university competes with a program at a contingent private university, the program at the public university should be eliminated so the students can attend the program at the private university.

2. If a program has a small enrollment or is extremely specialized, the program should be eliminated because it costs too much to serve too few students.

3. Surviving public universities should specialize in their program offerings so that similar programs are not offered at each university.

If these three principles are implemented simultaneously, especially in an urban area such as Chicago where there are dozens of private colleges and universities, there will be virtually no programs left for Northeastern to offer. Almost every program is offered somewhere in the metropolitan area by a private institution at a substantially higher tuition. Perhaps this is the point. Perhaps the idea is to support education in Illinois indirectly by providing to students some form of tuition voucher so that they can attend a private school with the purpose of saving money by not directly supporting a public university system.

If both large programs and small programs are eliminated, and if the public universities that are not closed as a result have to specialize and restrict the programs that they are allowed to offer, many students will be denied geographic reasons. Even with financial aid, many individuals could not afford the room and board at a private school or even a distant public university, such as the University of Illinois at Champaign. Many individuals, for various reasons including financial restrictions and family responsibilities, could not afford the time or money to travel to the distant campus which would be the only one offering the type of program which they might need. These individuals attend Northeastern for these very reasons. In order to be able to attend college, they need low tuition, they need

to live at home, and they need to work in the metropolitan area.

In the "reserved powers" clause of the Constitution of 1789, all powers not specifically enumerated in the Constitution as those of the federal government are reserved for the states. One of the most important of these powers has traditionally been the power to provide and regulate education for the citizens of each state. Traditionally, each state has, from the time of Northwest Ordinances, provided for higher education in each state by supporting a system of public universities. Illinois apparently stands on the brink of abandoning that system and initiating a practice of providing state support directly to private universities.

If this is the case, it should be done in public view in the state legislature so that the people of Illinois can watch their state system of higher education being dismantled, not hidden surreptitiously in the staff recommendations and funding priorities of the board. Hostility to the state universities is not unknown however, in the state legislature. Pate Phillip, who will now be the majority leader of the State Senate and arguably one of the most powerful politicians in the state as well as the single most powerful individual in the State Senate, believes that it is unnecessary to support any state university other than the University of Illinois at Champaign. The staff recommendations read clearly as the beginning of a process which will culminate in there being only one state university in Illinois, just as people like Pate Phillip would wish.

It may be that the people of Illinois will agree that maintaining a public system of higher education is too difficult or too expensive. It may be that they will agree that only those individuals who are sufficiently wealthy should have easy access to higher education. It may be that they will agree that the stratification of society that results when less wealthy individuals cannot attain a college degree is an acceptable consequence for downsizing or eliminating public universities. They may decide that the students of Illinois and the future workforce of Illinois should only have access to private schools and only if they can afford them and that this will ensure the future of Illinois as a progressive and wealthy state into the 21st century. However, they should at least be informed of the process of abandonment and devolution as it is being thrust on them and allowed to assess the consequences for themselves and their children. Rather than having political appointees and bureaucratic opportunists slyly foisting fundamental alterations in educational opportunities and access onto them their futures through clever restructurings and reorganizations, the people of Illinois and the students of Illinois deserve to make these choices themselves.

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During the period of November 16 through November 27, 1992 the following Public Safety incidents occurred
compiled by NEIU Officer Bob Paprocki

November 16

Suspicious Person: A student reported being harrassed by an ex-boyfriend. The man was warned of the new anti-stalking statute and released. **Theft:** A student aide reported textbooks missing from an office over a two-week period. **Public Complaint:** A staff member reported that a faculty member almost ran a student down as he was entering a campus building. The faculty member had entered the Classroom Building on a bicycle. This person was warned and a report was made.

November 17

Suspicious Atuo: Two males were found loitering in a van on campus. They were interviewed by a Public Safety Officer then left the campus. **Stray Dog:** A dog was found in the first floor of the P.E. Building. A student claimed the animal. **Station Information:** An NEIU staff member reported his coat stolen from an off-campus site. Two university keys were in a pocket.

November 19

Theft: A staff member reported a wooden stool taken from the Auditorium. **Theft:** A student reported her purse stolen from the Science Building. **Burglary From Vehicle:** Parking Permit #1926 was stolen from an auto parked in the A-Lot. **Station Information:** A staff member concerned about a student who was angry over a failing grade requested an NEIU Police Officer to be present at a meeting with the student and a faculty member. There was no incident.

November 20

Theft: A student's lock was cut from his locker in the P.E. Building and \$70 was stolen from his wallet.

November 21

Service To Other Agency: A Chicago Fire Department Ambulance was requested by an NEIU Police Officer who noticed an ill diabetic slumped

over the steering wheel of her auto on Foster Avenue.

November 23

Criminal Damage: A driver smashed through both locked gates on the Access Road. NEIU Police traced the owner of the vehicle and later found the damaged car parked on St. Louis Avenue. The driver who had reacted to an earlier argument with her daughter was charged with criminal damage to state supported property and leaving the scene of an accident. **The driver was not hurt.** **Station Information:** A staff member reported finding her work area unlocked when she arrived at work. **Theft:** A student reported her backpack and other material stolen from the third floor of the library where she had left it unattended. **Theft:** Another student reported leaving her purse unattended in the Classroom Building and finding it missing.

November 24

Suspicious Person: A student reported being followed from the A-Wing to St. Louis Avenue. **Description:** Tall Male, heavy build, dark clothing with a hood covering his face. **Theft:** A staff member reported an electric pencil sharpener taken from her desk.

November 25

Criminal Damage: Graffiti was discovered in the second floor men's room in the P.E. Building. **Station Information:** A faculty member reported the student previously mentioned (November 19) as acting suspiciously in class. No charges were filed.

November 26

Criminal Damage: The first floor men's room was also discovered with graffiti.

November 27

Station Information: An NEIU Police Officer noticed an unattended auto with its lights on parked on St. Louis Avenue. This vehicle was burglarized. Chicago Police were notified.

Fall Final Exams Schedule			
Examination Periods	Tuesday, Dec. 15 Class Time During the Term	Wednesday, Dec. 16 Class Time During the Term	Thursday, Dec. 17 Class Time During the Term
8 - 9:50 a.m.	8 - 9:15 a.m. TR	8 - 8:50 a.m. MWF	9:25 - 10:40 a.m. TR
10 - 11:50 a.m.	10:50 - 12:05 TR	9 - 9:50 a.m. MWF	12:15 - 1:30 p.m. TR
12 - 1:50 p.m.	12 - 12:50 p.m. MWF	10 - 10:50 a.m. MWF	1 - 1:50 p.m. MWF
2 - 3:50 p.m.	2 - 2:50 p.m. MWF 2 - 3:15 MW	11 - 11:50 a.m. MWF	3 - 3:50 p.m. MTR 2:50 - 4:05 p.m. TR
4 - 5:50 p.m.	4:15 - 5:30 p.m. TR 4:15 - 6:55 p.m. T	4:15 - 5:30 p.m. MW 4:15 - 6:55 p.m. W	4:15 - 6:55 p.m. R
6 - 7:50 p.m.	5:40 - 6:55 p.m. TR	5:40 - 6:55 p.m. MW 4:15 - 6:55 p.m. W	7:05 - 8:20 p.m. MW 7:05 - 9:45 p.m. W
8 - 9:50 p.m.	7:05 - 9:45 p.m. T 8:30 - 9:45 p.m. TR	8:30 - 9:45 p.m. MW 7:05 - 9:45 p.m. M	7:05 - 8:20 p.m. TR 7:05 - 9:45 p.m. R

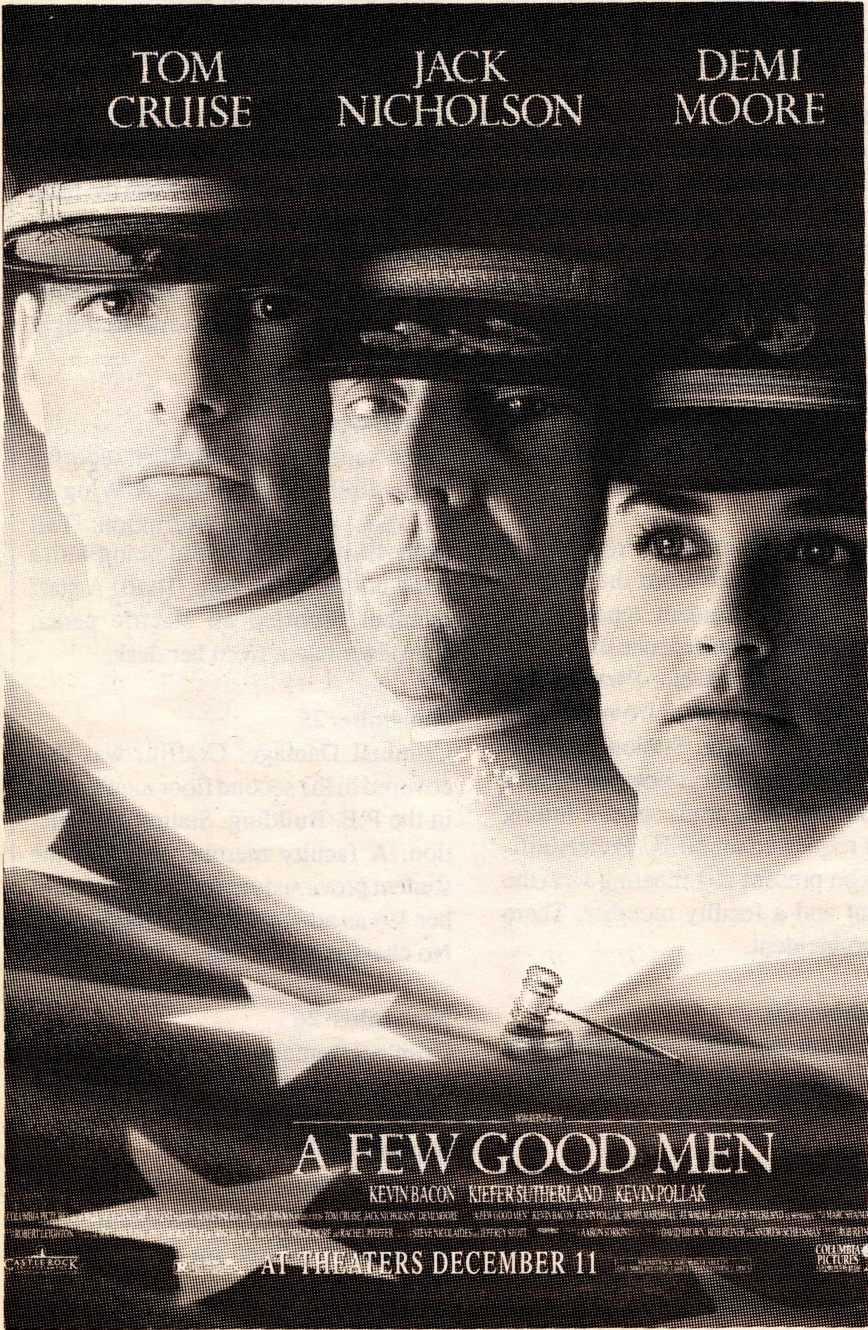
New Year's Eve Entertainment

by Anastasia Epstein
Staff Writer

New Years Eve is just around the corner. For those of you looking for fun and excitement, the following places are a few of the many entertainment establishments that offer the grandest of bashes for ringing in 1993.

- **Cubby Bear** - 1059 W. Addison, (312) 477-show. The Freddy Jones Band with First Rite. \$20 cover charge - show starts at 10 p.m.
- **Excalibur** - 632 N. Dearborn, (312) 266-1944. Package deals on dinner, dancing, and open bar. Prices unavailable as of press

- time.
- **Marriott** - 540 N. Michigan, (312) 836-0100. Packages start at \$225 and include overnight accomodations, dinner, dancing, open bar, party favors, and a champagne toast at midnight.
- **Medieval Times** - 2001 Roselle Rd., Schaumburg, (708) 843-3900. Package price is \$75 per adult and includes hors d'oeuvres, three rounds of cocktails, jousting tournament with knights on horseback, photograph with count or contessa, champagne toast party favors, and a continental breakfast at midnight.
- **Murder Mystery Tour on New Years Eve** - (312) 604-4200. Complete package is \$289.50 and includes open bar, clue hunt, dinner, dancing, midnight champagne toast and balloon drop, overnight accommodations at the Marriott in Milwaukee, round trip ride on Amtrack and New Years Day brunch. Train departs. Chicago at 4:30 p.m. New Years Eve and returns New Years afternoon.
- **Zanies Comedy Night Club** - 2200 S. Elmhurst Rd., Mt. Prospect, (708) 228-6166. Two packages available for the Marty Polio comedy show. The 8 p.m. show is \$14. The 10:30 p.m. show is \$24 and includes free champagne at midnight and party favors. You must be 18 to get in, there is a \$6 food and/or drink minimum per person.



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Spend
this New
Year Safe:
Tips for safe
alcohol
consumption

by Anastasia Epstein
Staff Writer

Helpful tips to enjoy a happy and safe New Years Eve and avoid the New Years Day over indulgment blues.

- There is no "safe" amount of alcohol. There are a variety of external and internal factors that control the effect of alcohol on an individual, including weight, attitude, medication, etc.
- One ounce of alcohol is equivalent to two cans of beer, two glasses of wine, or two shots of hard liquor. Drinking more that one ounce of alcohol per hour could put you at risk on the road. According to the 1992 Illinois Vehicle Code, Driving Under the Influence, or D.U.I., of alcohol occurs when the alcohol concentration in a persons blood or breath is 0.10 or more. A first time D.U.I. offender who chooses to blow into a breathalyzer test will loose his license for three months. If he/she chooses not to blow will loose it for six months. A second time offender choosing to blow will loose their license for one year and if he/she chooses not to blow they will loose it for two years.
- Do not drink any alcohol on an empty stomach. Eating before, during and after drinking helps to curb consumption in the body and will help to control ill side effects (light headedness, nausea, etc.)
- Order a glass of water between cocktails to limit your intake. If you choose to drink soft drinks instead, remember that the carbonation in the soft drink can actually help speed up consumption in the body.
- Enjoy a 7-up with a lime or a tonic with a twist in a cocktail glass. (Only you will know it's not the real thing!)
- Above all know when to say when, take two aspirins before retiring, and enjoy a safe, happy, and prosperous 1993!

Concert Review

EMF change image for new tour, album

by Greg Reifsteck
Courtesy of No Cover
Charge Magazine

EMF have stormed Chicago and the U.S. once again, and this time the group is not being nice about it! Much like the Corona and Peach Schnaaps bombarded my head the next morning, EMF's new and old images clashed during their debut U.S. concert appearance for their "Stigma" album.

Their backstage get together was an experience within itself, but it was their nearly 90-minute set that was the news of the night on Wednesday, Dec 3.

EMF have shed the pop-star, pretty-boy image it got when the single "Unbelievable" went Top 40, and drop kicked it for a grittier and more aggressive image. They assaulted the cramped stage at the Avalon like a bunch of looters, stealing away the nicey-nice image the band had in the hearts of "Shubert Dip" fans.

Low-lighting cut through the darkness of the stage just like their songs did; they were razor sharp, hiding at first and then thrusting forward to leave the audience breathless.

Lead singer James Atkins donned a winter homeboy cap where his old palm-tree hairdo once sat, making girls in the audience scream after each song, "Take that damn thing off." The rest of the band had either shaggy hair cuts where baldness used to lie, or had shaved their previous locks.

But just like its music, this was the new and improved raw EMF, no additives, no preservatives—just straight-forward,

eye-gouging, dance-funk with a strong punk edge. The set list consisted mostly of songs from their latest EMI release "Stigma," much to the dismay of many old fans who looked confused that any of the songs weren't the next "Unbelievable," but much to the joy of fans like myself that liked the new ballistic vibe.

"Inside" and "Never Know" were my ear-shattering favorites. They showcased the talents of the entire band to their maximum, especially in keyboardist Derry Brownson, who laced every tune with lambasting samples.

Guitarists Zac Foley and Ian Dench didn't lie back as they did during their previous tour at the Aragon Ballroom. They let loose like a pack of rabid dogs, eating up every bit of noiseless air they could get their paws on.

In fact, the whole band had come full-circle since their "Shubert Dip" Tour Aragon gig. Their older music like "Lies" and "Children" were given a new edge from their previously polished versions at their set's end. They sounded more like Sex Pistols songs than dancey-pop anthems with their heightened funk edge.

I wouldn't say Atkins had Johnny Rotten's growl, but his stage presence bordered on the same level of insanity, never leaving any mercy for the moshers down in front with his lyric shouting.

From the word go, Atkins kept screaming the real meaning of the band's name, "We are Ecstasy Mother Fuckers" over and over again to the crowd of shocked fans.

They even managed to make their over-played, soda-pop-commercial-esque cut "Unbelievable" into a piece of listenable music with an extra techo-punk bridge thrown in for good measure.

All in all, EMF have taken a new bold step into the realistic music world, and this concert proved it. It was the best concert I have seen this year next to L7 at the Cabaret Metro.

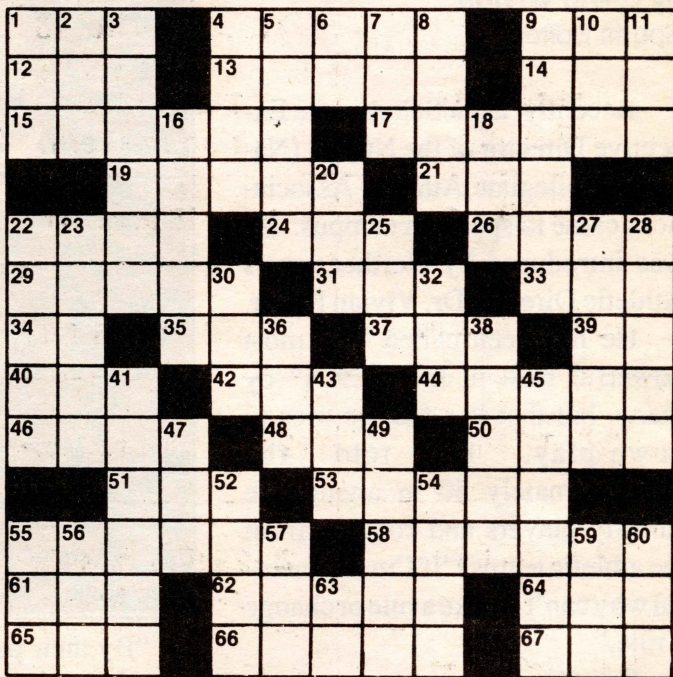
They are not lying back on their laurels of pop success, but instead are using them to expose their fans to new experimental forms of dance music.

Case in point: The people having the most fun at the show were the guys swearing like maniacs like myself that were moshing it up in the front, getting off on the thunderous bass vibes from the huge floor speakers.

The female fans, that you would expect to want to get as close to these former pretty boys as much as possible, mostly stood to the back with their arms folded and their mouths dropped open. (I do admit they were a few stragglers that were braving out the crush with us—and they are to be commended for their die-hard attitude.)

The fact is, EMF has upped the ante with its new aggressive image and approach to dance music, and rival bands like Jesus Jones had better rise to the occasion by jumping a step ahead (or keep up at the very least). Otherwise, trailblazing bands like these guys will be laughing their way up the charts alone.

Crossword Companion



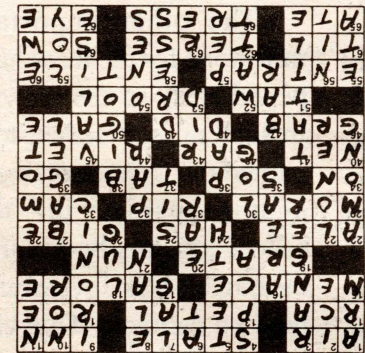
ACROSS

- 1. Sky
- 4. Not fresh
- 9. Traveler's resting place
- 12. Record company
- 13. Flower part
- 14. Fish eggs
- 15. Threat
- 17. In great numbers
- 19. Grinding
- 21. Sister
- 22. Leeward side
- 24. Ows
- 26. To make heckling remarks
- 29. Established code
- 31. Tear
- 33. Wheel on rotating shaft
- 34. Location at
- 35. Saturate
- 37. Projection; flap
- 39. Move!
- 40. Gain
- 42. Fish with long snout
- 44. Metal bolt or pin
- 46. Snatch
- 48. Completed
- 50. High wind
- 51. Marble
- 53. Drivel
- 55. Ensnare
- 58. Draw towards

- 61. Sesame plant
- 62. Brief
- 64. Plant
- 65. Dined
- 66. Lock of woman's hair
- 67. Organ of vision

DOWN

- 1. Upper appendage
- 2. Frozen water
- 3. Forest policeman
- 4. Animal protection agency (abbr.)
- 5. Molars
- 6. Near
- 7. Fall behind
- 8. Dash
- 9. Opposite meaning
- 10. Neither
- 11. Born
- 16. Spaces
- 18. Tug
- 20. Hearing organ
- 22. Midst
- 23. Person by himself
- 25. Take a seat
- 27. Ring-shaped roll
- 28. Express emotion
- 30. Trimmed timber
- 32. Equal
- 36. Cushion
- 38. Prejudice person
- 41. Tell on someone
- 43. Free
- 45. Suitcase
- 47. Exclude
- 49. Don clothing
- 52. Unit of power
- 54. Units
- 55. 7th Gr. letter
- 56. Insect egg
- 57. Each
- 59. Sly
- 60. Female sheep
- 63. In reference to



Album Review

David J's fourth solo project a personal observation of urban centers

by Derek Monroe Mischak
Music Critic

"Urban Urbane"
David J

David J is a musician who played with such legendary alternative bands as Bauhaus, Toes on Tail, or the more poppy Love and Rockets.

His fourth solo project "Urban Urbane" is the artist's personal observation on America's urban centers and is presented with a jazzy, cool touch.

This CD offers David's soft lyrical approach with a laid back vocals that are well composed into a storytelling style of narration.

On "Some Big City," "Smashed Princess," "No Faith" and "A Man of Influential Taste" the artist portrays Americana from a variety of different

views similar to those of "Wild at Heart" or "My Private Idaho" movie motives.

It shows life from the perspective of a serial killer or a teenage prostitute with a baggage of experiences. Musically, the whole thing is based on softly-programmed synthesizers and subtle, acoustic guitars.

He's definitely a talented poet with his music being the best cure for long winter evenings of melancholy and depression; it's healing. If you need something uplifting, here it is. ★★☆☆

"Universal Love"
Pato Banton

Pato Banton is a British reggae musician on a mission, whose "I Don't Sniff Coke" hit was ruling the alternative airwaves a few years back. Now

Pato is again on the crusade for "peace and love" on its latest sugar product "Universal Love."

The CD starts out with "Go Pato" a thank you song to all who made his "success" possible: record company, fans across America, etc.

One thing came to my mind as I was listening to this tune: is this guy for real or what? The project's next tune is a pop-catchy bubble that bursts as fast as its "save your soul" moralizing clichés make you want switch to another tune.

"United We Stand" and "Bubbling Hot" continue this album, (too bad) while the song "Too Many Homeless" is suppose to bring social awareness to Sluggers or Mother's drunk sport crowd in tradition of klezmer ear pleasers from the tourist ghettos of Jamaica or the Bahamas.

"Man," I thought to myself, "you'd

really have to smashed or brain damaged to enjoy this."

"Only Love" and "Doctor of Love" pull Pato's lamentable efforts through the sea of [Sic.] cheezamazola and ersatz reggae.

As this thing CD with "One World," I definitely miss Pato from his "sensimila years."

The only true tune that is doing justice to Pato's experience is "War," however it shouldn't be the only reason for you to buy this disc.

As for now "Universal Love" can be an ideal soundtrack for Caribbean cruise commercials (without a gram of sensimila on them). ★

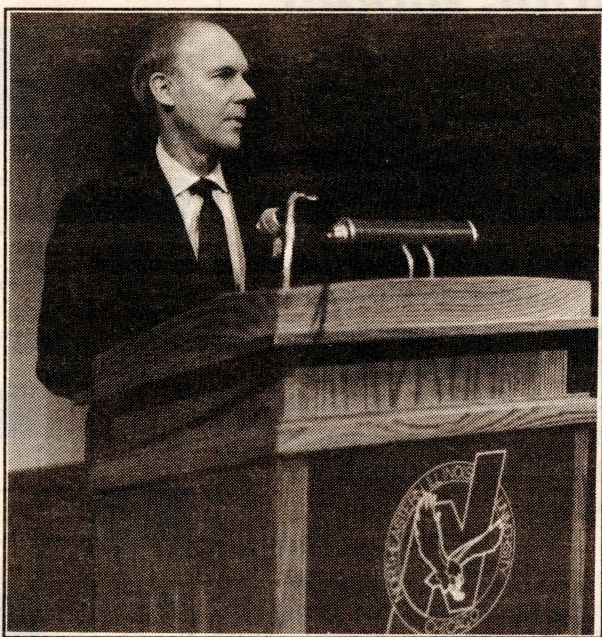
The Rating Guide

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

SPORTS

NCAA Executive Director speaks to students and faculty recently

by David Wiviott
Sports Editor



Executive Director of the NCAA Dick Schultz spoke about university involvement with NCAA at NEIU recently. Photo courtesy of the Athletic Department.

Recently, Dick Schultz, the Executive Director of the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) came to speak on campus. He was introduced by Northeastern's Athletic Director Dr. Vivian Fuller.

He has been called "the most powerful man in the NCAA" by many, but that is a fact he tries to down-play. He told the approximately 50 in attendance (mostly players and coaches from the athletic teams) "If I'm so powerful why can't I make a rule or change a rule."

Schultz then went on to give a brief history of the NCAA. He told of the origins and told how the organization functions. He said, "The NCAA is all the schools that participate in athletics in one of three levels; Division I, II and III. All of the schools make policies that govern athletes and athletic programs."

He stated that athletes, right or wrong, are role models in the community. Athletes must conduct themselves better than other students on campus because they are under greater scrutiny.

"By their participation, student athletes are leaders on campus and give a positive image for the university," Schultz said. He then spoke on how the athletes themselves influence the decisions of the NCAA.

Three years ago a Student Advisory Council was developed so that students could have a voice at the NCAA convention.

"Student athletes helped get legislation passed to make themselves more like regular students," Schultz said. This legislation states that athletes can only practice 20 hours per week in season, only eight hours

per week out of season, and that there can be no athletic dormitories or training tables.

At the end of his speech, Schultz took questions from the audience. Chairperson of the Faculty Senate Professor Charlie Barber, asked the question that is on a lot of minds: "Can we afford to be in Division I athletics at Northeastern?" The figure he used was on a budget of \$500,000, which he feels is the most possible funding that can come through the student fees.

Schultz's reply was that you have to wait and see. He recommended

getting corporate sponsorship and developing fund raising like many other Division I schools do to offset the increased costs.

"Give it a try," and "This is a long-term commitment," were phrases used by Schultz to try to explain the time frame necessary to develop these programs.

Schultz also said that Northeastern was lucky. "Most universities are having their finances cut or at best having them frozen." Northeastern's athletic budget will be increased, as well as the athletics fee paid for by students.

Any shortcoming in the athletic budget from past years has been made up from intramural funds or other monies from around the university.

This controversy will not go away and the school's new Athletic Director, Fuller, has got a lot of tough work ahead of her. She has the backing of the administration and the Athletic Department staff. However, the groups she must gather support from are the faculty and students. They seem to be more interested in why their course schedule is shrinking and why services are being cut.

Volleyball season ends

by David Wiviott
Sports Editor

Even though it may not look like it, the Northeastern Illinois women's volleyball team did have a successful season. The overall record was only 12-24, which is still two more wins than the squad had last year.

The increased number of wins came against a much tougher schedule than last year. "Four of our wins from '91 were against Chicago State," said Head Coach Debbie Ofcky. "This year we beat much better teams, so they mean more to us."

Among those wins was an upset victory of a Big 8 Conference team and the university's first tournament championship.

In early October, the Golden Eagles went west to play Kansas State of the Big 8. Though a heavy underdog, Northeastern was able to defeat the Wildcats with a tremendous team effort. The match only took four games. "This was the high point of the season. We realize that

we are able to beat anyone we play," said Ofcky.

The other important milestone for the team happened early in the season. In September, Northeastern gained the first tournament championship in the school's history by winning the Eagle's Nest Invitational held on campus. This victory was bittersweet as the squad only won two of three matches and were awarded the title through a tie breaking system.

Because Northeastern is not associated with a conference, the schedule is different than other schools. "We play more matches in the early part of the season. We got tired while other schools were hitting their peak," said Ofcky about the schedule.

Next year, the team hopes to be in better condition and playing more in the off season should help. "We have many players returning to the team next year. By playing in the Off-season, their skills will increase as well as their mental toughness," explained Ofcky.

Basketball team to have five captains

by David Wiviott
Sports Editor

The Northeastern Illinois University men's basketball team is trying something different this season. It has nothing to do with offense, defense, or anything that can be practiced. The team is going to have five captains this year.

"In my 20-plus years of coaching, I've always wanted to try this," said Head Coach Rees Johnson. Most college basketball teams only have two captains. In fact, some college football teams have fewer than five captains.

So what's the reason behind this seemingly bizarre move. "It's very logical," Johnson said, "The captains are the only members of the team who can speak to the referees during the game." By having five captains, Johnson can be almost assured that he will have one captain on the floor. This will guarantee him an on-court voice during the entire game.

I propose another reason. This year's team has so many new players that they may be struggling for an identity. By appointing five captains, Johnson is able to let the leadership potential

blossom in all of them.

The captains for the Golden Eagles will be: senior Zacharias Phillips, he will be the lead captain; juniors Ulyses Moran, Reggie Smith, and Victor Snipes; and sophomore Shawn Harlan.

Whether or not this experiment will continue after this year will depend on its success this season. In the meantime, Johnson is able to kill two birds with one stone. He gets to try something he has wanted to for over 20 seasons of coaching, and he has more players on the floor who can talk to the referees.

Basketball teams take on DePaul University

by David Wiviott
Sports Editor

Men's Basketball

The Northeastern Illinois men's basketball team will be playing a game against DePaul University Friday, Dec. 18, at the Rosemont Horizon. Tip off is at 7 p.m.

Tickets are available at the P.E. Building for \$10/\$15.

For more information,

contact Debbie Ofcky at (312) 794-2886. If you are unable to attend the game, it will be televised on SportsChannel. Consult your local cable guide for channel and time.

Women's Basketball

The Northeastern Illinois women's basketball team will host DePaul University on Tuesday, Dec. 15. That night they will be hav-

ing a "Superfan" promotion.

The first 100 people to arrive will receive free T-shirts. Also, 50 free haircuts will be given away.

A Beck's Bookstore "shootout" will take place at halftime.

Game begins at 7 p.m. in the PE Building.

Tickets are available at the door.

For more information, call the Athletic Department at (312) 794-6241.