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Free-form "Wizard" Serves Community for 20 Years

by a Wizard

Would it surprise you to find a radio station that plays rap, punk, hardcore, mariachi, country, polka, speed metal, blues, ska, classical, jazz, reggae, and folk, often all in the same hour?

Would it surprise you again to find that station here at NEIU? WZRD, the Wizard, (88.3 on the FM dial), enters its 20th year of broadcasting. The free-form format is essentially unchanged since its inception.

"The words 'eclectic' and 'unique' are often used to describe our station," said the program director of WZRD. "We feel this is what radio should be - a new music experience for the listener. We and others are frustrated with other radio stations that just want to make money instead of serving the public."

WZRD has a non-commercial license. Therefore, it has no commercials. Desiring to remain free from any commercial pressures, WZRD will not air "donor acknowledgments," wherein contributors' names and products are repeatedly announced.

"If some company gives us money to plug their product, it's just like a commercial," stated WZRD's station manager, and added "Then, the donor could threaten to withhold money unless we program to their taste, or promote their political agenda."

"Since it was born, the Wizard has dedicated itself to selflessly serving the community by providing a unique music service and providing news, information, and viewpoints unavailable in mainstream or other media. Over the last 20 years, we have always found NEIU students who believe in our mission and want to be on the air."

Since 1974, on-air persons (known as "Wizards,") have never been paid, and never say their names on the air. *[This policy of anonymity is why there is no name at the top of this article. Ed.]*

The Wizard prides itself on its service to the community. The station has always featured local musicians, especially on its live band show every Thursday at 10:30 p.m. From time to time, the Wizard also features NEIU staff and student writers on the station's poetry and literature shows.

"Because we're an all volunteer student club, we can't always find the people to produce these programs," stated the program director. "Only currently enrolled students can be Wizards."

The Wizard also airs programs designed to keep the community informed about local opportunities as well as world events. NEIU's Community Health Enhancement Program has been featured, along with Athletic Department programs for the public.

Other interview guests at the Wizard included Ben Wolf of the American Civil Liberties Union, who brought suit against the State of Illinois for mistreatment of foster children. Wolf informed the Wizard audience about the newly-won rights and procedures for children needing help.

The Wizard is the only Chicago radio station featuring Pacifica Network News, a daily half-hour program that airs at 4:30 and 10:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. It includes news and information unavailable on other stations or newspapers.



Mural, Mural on the wall

by Ellin Beltz

For the second time, NEIU art instructor, Santiago Vaca, and students in his mural painting class have created beauty where there was once only a wall.

This year's mural was painted at the suggestion of the Greenleaf-Estes Neighborhood Associa-

tion. Several designs were proposed. Finally, a few were combined to create an environmental theme. To preserve the mural, a special anti-graffiti paint with a sealer was used.

From left to right in the picture above: NEIU art student Noreen Blanchard, University of Illinois/Chi-

cago student Ken Duwal, Santiago Vaca, and NEIU students Deborah Homziak and Kathryn Meyer.

Vaca teaches drawing and painting at NEIU and recently had an exhibit of at the Contemporary Art Workshop.

Photo by University Relations

The Pacifica Archives program on Sundays at 1:30 p.m. is an historical perspective on topics such as the dwindling numbers of independent farmers, and the civil rights movement.

Not all of the Wizard special programs are informational. On Mondays at 9:00 p.m., the Wizard runs the famous "Hour of Slack," produced by the Church of the Subgenius.

This program is a wacky satire of institutions and religion.

WZRD's ancestor in the early 1970s was W R N E , (R a d i o NorthEastern), a non-broadcast "closed circuit" station. Initially, WZRD was a 10-watt station, with a range of 2-3 miles. In the 1980s, the Federal Communications Commission forced WZRD to increase power to 100 watts, which

expanded its service area.

"Many people in Chicago, and even at NEIU, have never heard of the Wizard," said the station manager, "but it always amazes me when I find or hear about people on the West and East Coasts or even in Europe, that know about us. After almost 20 years of doing the same thing, the word seems to get around, especially in artistic circles."

Lest we forget . . .



Finals week has passed, but more tests will come.

Photo by Steve Fitzer.

Upcoming Events

• **January 11, 7:00 p.m., CC-216** Student Senate Meeting

• **January 11 to February 4, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., the Gallery** Art Scholarship Student Exhibition, sponsored by The Art Club, at the Gallery outside Alumni Hall, free.

• **January 12, 1:30 p.m., CC 216** A seminar on note-taking strategies will be conducted by Student Support Services.

• **January 14, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m., Auditorium** The Black Heritage Gospel Choir will perform in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

• **January 14, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m., the Gallery** Opening reception for the Art Scholarship Student Exhibition.

• **January 15, 12:00 p.m., Auditorium** The Reverend Willie T. Barrow, Acting Chair and Corporate Consultant at Operation PUSH, Inc., will be the keynote speaker at a celebration in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This event is sponsored by the Black Caucus Club, the Black Heritage Club, the Black Heritage Gospel Choir, NSAB, and the Student Government of NEIU.

• **January 15, 7:30 p.m., Auditorium** Internationally acclaimed classical pianist Anton Kuerti and cellist Kristine Bogyo will perform works by Mozart, Schumann, De Falla, Chopin and Beethoven. A reception with the musicians will follow. The event will be hosted by Mostly Music, an organization dedicated to enriching cultural life at the grass roots. High school and college students who attend the performance are invited to write a review. Submissions will be judged by Mostly Music, with the winning essay receiving a prize of \$50.00 and publication in this paper. Phone 312-667-1618 for more information.

• **January 16, 8:30 p.m.** The Film Center Theater, School of the Art Institute, Columbus and Jackson presents Robert Mugge's latest film "Pride and Joy: The Story of Alligator Records." Alligator Records was founded in 1971 as a tiny independent label and now dominates the international blues scene. Several famous blues artists appear in the film. Admission is \$5, contact 312-443-3733 for more information.

• **January 16 and 17, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.** The Field Museum of Natural History, the Mexican Fine Arts Center Museum, and the Randolph Street Gallery will present an interactive performance by Guillermo Gomez-Pena and Coco Fusco titled "Two Undiscovered Aborigines Visit Chicago." Held at the Field Museum, Roosevelt and Lake Shore Drive, the performance is intended to point out to modern audiences the continuing stereotypes and myths about so-called "authentic cultures." Other performances, displays, and workshops will be held at the Mexican Fine Arts Center Museum until February 7, 1993. Contact them at 312-738-1503 for more information. Also, the exhibit "Tehuana in Mexican Art" will continue until March 7 at the Museum, 1852 West 19th Street.

• **January 17, 6:30 a.m.** "Vantage Point," a radio broadcast on WTMX (101.9 FM) hosted by David Unumb, Chair of NEIU's Speech and Performing Arts Department, will host Connie Speake, Associate Professor of Music, discussing "Women in Music."

• **January 18, all day** Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday. No classes.

• **January 19, 1:40 p.m., Unicorn** "We Can Make You Laugh," variety show sponsored

by NSAB.

• **January 19 - February 16, 7:00 p.m.** State of the Prairie Lectures, centering on the theme "Connections" sponsored by the Open Lands Project, Chicago Academy of Sciences, The Nature Conservancy and the North Branch Prairie Project. Experts will discuss the ecological, psychological, and social value of linking pieces of natural land together. For more information and admission cost, contact Jill Riddell at 312-427-4256.

• **January 21, 1:45 p.m., A-131** Mark Arvold, guitar Graduate Recital presented by the Department of Music.

• **January 21, 7:00 p.m., P.E. Building** Men's Basketball vs. California State-Sacramento.

• **January 21 and 28, 1:40 - 2:50 p.m., CLS 3109** Mary O'Malley and Allen Shub will prepare students for the February 24 Job Fair.

• **January 23, 2:00 p.m.** North Park Village Nature Center, 5801 North Pulaski Avenue, presents a nature film "Hawks Up Close" which presents many raptors and their way of life. 55 minutes. Contact NPVNC at 312-744-5472 for more information.

• **January 25, 7:00 p.m., P.E. Building** Men's Basketball vs. Monmouth College.

• **January 25, 7:00 p.m., CC-216** Student Senate Meeting.

• **January 26, 1:40 - 2:50 p.m., CC-216** The American Production and Inventory Control Society student chapter will present a speaker.

• **January 26, 1:45 p.m., CC-215** The Office of Financial Aid, a division of Student Affairs, will present financial aid workshops to help students file aid applications accurately and on time as well as presenting information on sources of financial aid. Program will be

repeated January 27 at 11:00 a.m. Contact extension 2900 for more information.

• **January 26, 1:45 p.m., A-131** Lon Ellenberger, baritone student recital presented by the Department of Music.

• **January 27, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Alumni Hall** Health Service will host a Blood Drive conducted by Life Source, a not-for-profit community organization. Members of the NEIU community may sign up in Health Service, G-138, or in Village Square January 25 and 26. Walk-ins are also welcome.

• **January 27 and 28, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Village Square** All student organizations are urged to participate by setting up displays and providing information at the fair. Contact Jeremy or Tony at Student Activities by noon January 21 for more information. Organizations must sign up.

• **January 27, 7:00 p.m., P.E. Building** Men's Basketball vs. Lakeland College

• **January 29, 6:00 p.m.** The Chicago Park District will hold its annual "Afro Ball" at Robert Taylor Park, West 47th and South Federal Streets. The event is a prelude to District-wide Black History Month celebrations in February. Ethnic foods, authentic Afro-American attire, music and dance, and a floor show will be featured.

• **January 29, 7:30 p.m., Auditorium** Ramon Salvatore, pianist, presented as part of the Guest Artist Series by the Department of Music.

• **January 31, 6:30 a.m.** Roger Gilman, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, and Bill Howenstine, Professor of Geography and Environmental Studies, will speak on "Vantage Point," hosted by David Unumb, Chair of the Speech and Performing Arts Department on

WTMX (101.9 FM).

• **January 31, 1:00 p.m.** Vandy Harris presents African-American jazz, blues, and gospel music at the Field Museum of Natural History, Roosevelt Road at Lake Shore Drive. Regular admission to the museum applies, free to museum members. Call 312-922-9410 for more information.

• **February 5 and 6** Ruth Page Dance Series. Times and details to be announced.

• **February 11 - 13** Homecoming Pep Rally for NEIU teams, February 11 and Homecoming Basketball Games and party on February 13. Full details will be provided in an upcoming issue.

• **February 12, all day** Abraham Lincoln's Birthday. No classes.

• **February 16, 4:00 p.m.** A free lecture titled, "Experiencing African-American Aesthetic," will be given by John Rozelle, assistant professor of painting and drawing at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, in celebration of Black History Month. He will discuss contemporary African-American artists and their work. Call 312-443-3745 for more information.

• **February 20, all day** The Midwest Oak Savanna Conference, sponsored by The Nature Conservancy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and NEIU, will be held all day at locations around the campus. Volunteer to help out by contacting the NEIU Student Volunteer Corps at 312-794-6115.

• **May 3 - 5** Final exams

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Calendar Editor, E-049,
5500 N. St. Louis Ave.,
Chicago, IL 60625.

Club Classifieds

Club-sponsored special events may be listed in the calendar section.

• **APOCALYPSE** - the literary arts coalition, publishes *American Goat*, ext. 3804.

• **ART CLUB** - Thursdays, 1:40-2:50 p.m., B-119.

• **ASPIRA** - Thursdays, 1:40-2:45 p.m., S-112.

• **CHIMEXLA STUDENT UNION** - Tuesdays, 1:40 p.m., E-051.

• **GAY, LESBIAN AND BISEXUAL ALLIANCE** - alternate Thursdays, 1:40 p.m. and alternate Fridays, 7:00 p.m., A-108, ext. 3856.

• **INDEPENDENT STUDENT NEWSPAPER** - Mondays, 2:00-2:45 p.m., Tuesdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Students who

are interested in participating but who cannot attend either meeting time may schedule an appointment with the editor, ext. 2812 or direct 312-794-2812.

• **INFINITY** - Thursdays, 1:40-2:40 in either the Golden Eagles Room or in CC-2nd floor.

• **MANAGEMENT CLUB** - sponsors a variety of events on campus. For information regarding membership contact M. O'Malley, ext. 2648.

• **MUSLIM STUDENTS ASSOCIATION** - every other Thursday, 1:40 p.m., S-144/1A.

• **NSAB - Northeastern Student Activities Board** - 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month, E-205, ext. 3865.

• **THE SOCIOLOGY CLUB** - 3rd Tuesday of every month,

1:40 p.m., CLS-2094.

• **SPANISH CLUB** - Thursdays, 1:40-2:30 p.m., CLS-2044.

• **STUDENT SENATE** - Mondays, 7:00 pm, CC-216 on January 11 and 25, February 8 and 22, March 1 and 15, April 5, May 3 and 17, ext. 3860.

• **UPRS - Union for Puerto Rican Students** - Tuesdays, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., E-041.

• **WILDERNESS CLUB** - 2nd and 4th Thursdays of every month, 1:40 p.m., S-111.

• **WZRD 88.3 FM** - stop by any time, E-059, ext. 3817.

We know there are more student organizations out there! We look forward to hearing from you.

Classified Ads

• **ALASKA SUMMER EMPLOYMENT** - fisheries. Earn \$600+/week in canneries or \$4,000+/month on fishing boats. Free transportation! Room & Board! **Male or Female**. Get a head start on this summer! For employment program call 1-206-545-4155 ext. A5719.

• **TYPIST** - PC & Laser Printer. Term Papers \$2.00 page. Other typing is available, Resumes, etc. Reasonable Rates. (312) 792-9602.

• **UNIVERSAL TUTOR** - Math, Calculus, Physics, Computer Languages, History, other subjects. Call 764-4110 9 a.m. - 12 noon, Mon.-Sat., also other times. Reasonable rates.

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glish, Foreign Languages, ACT/SAT/ESL sessions. Evenings & weekends. Call (312) 764-IITS. 7002 N. California.

• **APARTMENT FOR RENT** - Foster & Kedzie, large 1 bedroom apt. Free: heat, cooking gas, & parking. \$440/mo & \$300 security deposit 708-671-6616.

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Extension 200

Public Safety Concerns, November 28 to December 19
Compiled by Public Safety Officer Bob Paprocki

November 30

Station information: 1.) Parking permit #2285 was stolen with a vehicle at an off-campus site; 2.) a student provided an order of protection against her husband to the Public Safety office. **Criminal damage:** The men's room on the first floor of the PE building was again marked with graffiti.

December 1

Theft: 1.) Parking permit #3986 was taken from an auto parked on campus; 2.) a wooden bookcase was stolen from the C-building, and another was left in its place.

December 2

Accident: A student reported injuring her ankle in the Classroom building, but had no time to get medical attention.

December 3

Disorderly conduct: A staff member reported getting a harassing phone call at the University. **Station information:** A state-owned camera was stolen from an off-campus site.

December 4

Station information: A student reported his jacket with NEIU I.D. stolen from a tavern.

December 5

Theft: A student reported her textbooks stolen from the Library where she had left them unattended. **Suspicious person:** An NEIU employee was observed removing state property from the campus. This incident is under investigation. **All other traffic:** A student reported witnessing an accident in the G-lot. **Station information:** 1.) Two high school students were heard yelling and were seen pushing each other in a stairwell in the Library. They were warned and escorted off campus; 2.) a student from another university left his bookbag and books in a nearby street. The bookbag was found, but the books were gone.

December 7

Theft: An NEIU employee was accused of theft. This person returned state property, paid various fines and left the University. **Criminal damage:** Unknown persons tried to set toilet paper on fire in a University washroom. No damage was

done and no one was injured. **Public complaint:** A faculty member reported smelling smoke and found a small fire in a garbage container in the Science Building. No damage was done. **Accident/non-traffic:** An NEIU police officer was injured in the C-Building, was treated, and went back on duty. **Disorderly Conduct:** A student reported being threatened and harassed by two other students.

December 9

Station information: 1.) An instructor reported unusual behavior by a student. No charges were filed; 2.) a student reported an altercation with an unknown person at an off-campus site; 3.) State property was reported stolen about six months ago.

December 10

Theft: A student reported textbooks removed from her locker. The Bookstore was notified.

December 11

Arson: A fire was started in a waste container in the Commuter Center. Little damage occurred, and no injuries were reported. **Theft:** A student reported leaving his book bag unattended. The bag and the books were stolen. Beck's Bookstore was notified of the book titles.

December 15

Theft: A student left her note book and parking decal #7612 unattended. Both were gone when she returned.

December 16

Accident/non-injury: A traffic accident occurred on St. Louis Avenue.

December 17

Station Information: A faculty member reported losing a university key.

December 18

Burglary: A student's locker in the PE building was broken into and cash and credit cards were taken. **Accident/non-injury:** An NEIU employee sustained minor damage to his auto when he struck a gate.

December 20

Battery, simple: A non-student was arrested in the PE building after an encounter with his ex-girlfriend at a basketball game.

Public Safety is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

For emergencies, dial extension 203; for non-emergencies, escort service, suspicious persons, theft, etc. dial extension 200.

Students are reminded not to leave books unattended, bicycles unlocked, car doors or windows open, or valuables in plain sight in cars.

In memoriam: Howard Murray

Dr. Howard Murray, Chair of the Department of Chemistry, Earth Science and Physics, died on Sunday, December 13, 1992. Murray had been a professor at NEIU for 27 years according to Wayne N. Svoboda, Associate Professor of Chemistry. Svoboda said, "He was always willing to give time - to the University, to

the students, to his colleagues. His death will leave a big hole in our Department." Svoboda added that final exams were found so that students preparing to graduate or transfer would not be affected by Murray's untimely death.

Two of Murray's four sons attended NEIU, one part time, the other re-

ceived a B.S. in chemistry several years ago. Of his five children, the youngest is a Junior in high school.

Donations in his memory can be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, 70 West Hubbard, Suite 205, Chicago, IL 60610. Murray suffered from diabetes and apparently died of complications of that disease.

Business Scholarships Offered

The College of Business and Management announced the availability of scholarships for full or part-time students declared as College of Business and Management majors before the February 18 deadline. Other eligibility requirements include three letters of reference. One letter must be from an NEIU faculty member. Other restrictions may apply for any of the scholarships available. Students interested in applying for any of these programs are urged to contact Mary Coleman, College of Business and Management (CBM), extension 2647.

The scholarships include: 1.) The Russell Clifford Eustice Prize in Accounting for an outstanding senior with an accounting or finance major, \$100.00; 2.) The Elaine Helman Award is presented to a junior/senior female student with a 3.0 average, majoring in marketing or management with an interest in Women's Studies, \$300.00; 3.) The Charas Kinkle Minority Scholarship will be awarded to an African-American student majoring in accounting, business law or finance who demonstrates

leadership ability and potential for success, \$200.00; 4.) The Amalia Monterroso Scholarship provides partial tuition to an academically outstanding Hispanic student who shows promise of future business success, \$200.00; 5.) The Alfred V. Robinson, Jr., Award is presented to an accounting major, junior or senior with a GPA of 3.0 and of demonstrated excellence in the field, \$100.00; and 6.) The Skil Corporation provides partial tuition for three outstanding students in the CBM, \$500.00.

Application forms for these awards and scholarships are available in the Program Advisors' Office, CLS-0006, the Office of the Dean, CLS-0041, the Accounting, Business Law and Finance Department, CLS-0043, the Management and Marketing Department, CLS-0028 and the Women's Studies Program office, C-521. All completed applications are due in the Dean's Office by February 18. The recipients will be honored at the annual Students' Awards Ceremony on April 15, 1993.

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Editorial

Northeastern Illinois University has many of the attributes of a small town. We have a Village Square, a general store (Beck's Bookstore), several local eateries, a police department, chaplains, a health-care facility, a music center, a theater, movies, special events, administrators, public employees, and citizens (students).

Like any small town, we have our romances, our fights, our births and deaths, the minutiae of daily life that binds a community together.

Even so, some members of our community do not act as if they are in a small town. Some say that this lack of community spirit is because NEIU is a commuter school.

Just because we attend a "commuter school" is no reason to act as if we're standing on a rapid-transit platform.

Don't litter; it only contributes to the appearance of neglect on campus.

Don't smoke in other than designated areas; the air conditioning and heating systems can't handle it.

Don't graffiti; if you'd like to express your opinions in a very public manner, volunteer to work on the **Independent**.

In other words, treat the campus as if it were your home, and the other members of this community like family.

We are, after all, in this together. Students, faculty, staff, and administrators can accomplish more by pulling together.

Get involved in an organization. You'll meet people and gain valuable experience.

Most important, smile - we're neighbors.

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Priorities, Trash Cans, and Northeastern Illinois University

by Professor Charles Barber
History Department

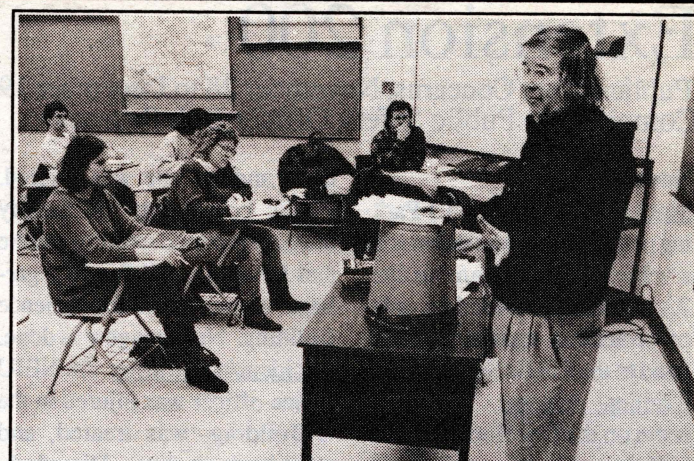
NEIU Priorities, Quality and Productivity (PQP) were the PC buzzwords this Fall from the Illinois Higher Board of Education (IBHE), even though State funding is now 15% below that of 15 years ago (worse than Arkansas, folks!).

Nevertheless, I set myself a modest Priority for September 1992, a lectern for CLS-3081, something it had been missing in previous semesters. It seemed a reasonable request to, thus, improve the Quality and Productivity of my lectures. But when the secretary of the History Department called the Business Office (no more General Stores you know; another one of those whizbang, cost-cutting measures - like Departmental mergers), she was informed that there was no such money in the UNI (NEIU) budget for such things. When I asked her to press the matter she was told that "Professor Barber should 'steal' one from another classroom, or the Department should buy one that he could schlep down to each class." I settled for an overturned waste basket (see photo).

In continuing pursuit of PQP, I asked my students if they were not dismayed at watching their Professor lecture from a trash can. Or, could this damage to their image of Northeastern be repaired somehow, perhaps by a winning Basketball Season? One of the students took this image matter to the Public Relations folks at UNI. With 13 members, Public Relations has two more on its current roster than the History Department. My student was told by chief UNI image maker, Marti Sladek, that "Professor Barber knows where he can go to find a lectern."

Indeed I do.

I'm going to the Illinois Legislature to see if my PQP doesn't make more sense than the PQP of a jackass named Art Quern, Chairman of the IBHE. At the Westin Hotel in Chicago, on November 24, I



saw and heard him braying about his plans to eliminate 190 (12%) of undergraduate and graduate degree programs in Illinois public universities (hey, if you low budget, dirtbag students want to take Chemistry or French, go to *\$!, Loyola or DePaul).

Art Quern, I'm told, is a whiz kid CEO from the private sector, who now wants to show and tell us about finance in the public sector. In the two hours that I was at the Westin (the "free" coffee was good) I didn't hear him use the word "education." No coincidence there. I wish Mr. Quern would do his whizzing somewhere else than Illinois, and take little whizzers like Tommy Layzell, Chancellor of the BGU (or BOG - who gives a damn?) with him.

We can't go on like this, with Phillistines like Quern and Layzell spending money on everything except the teachers and the students at equal opportunity Universities like Northeastern Illinois and Chicago State. They show their contempt for democratic educational institutions by their pandering to the elitism of private sector universities, and yes, the U of Illinois-Champaign and the U of I-Chicago (or Circle - who gives a damn?).

A few changes are in order, and the Legislature, with the proper amount of sense and/or guts, could make them:

1. Abolish the BGU Administration and Staff (and CCC). This will free up about \$8 million to hire replacement and new full time faculty and provide for tutors of students with learning problems left over from high school.

2. Abolish the IBHE. It does no good - only harm, and we can save some more money. To whom will the University Presidents report? The Legislature and the Lieutenant Governor. He doesn't have that many constitutional chores that are time-consuming (the current one even has experience in Higher Education).

3. Stop the hemorrhage of public sector money that is going to the private universities through such mechanisms

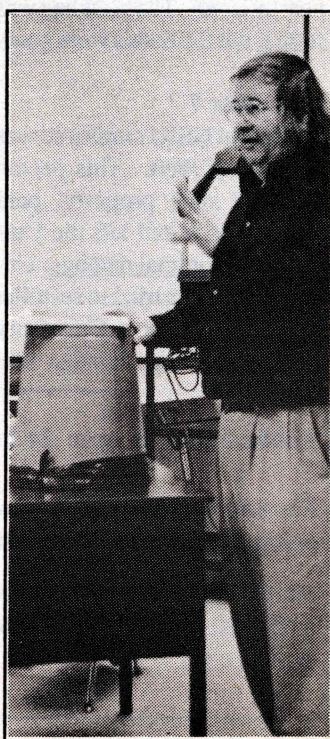
as State of Illinois Financial Aid practices. What the hell are those private endowments for anyhow?

4. Abolish all state aid (financial or otherwise) to intercollegiate Athletics, especially Football, Basketball, Baseball and Tennis. Taxpayers should not be funding the NBA, NFL and Major League Baseball farm clubs of the NCAA without a better return on their investment than a ballplayer who skips town for a few million dollars more, while students at public universities lose classes, because faculty die or retire, and are not replaced.

5. Hack away at all the unnecessary administrative positions at the BGU and other public universities: assistant and associate Deans, Directors, etc. The faculty at Northeastern, who do the real work of the University, do not have teaching assistants. So why should administrators have any?

6. Pay and treat the Civil Service better. The money saved from cutting administrative bloat should help here. Besides, the secretaries and other civil service workers do most of the hard work that the Administrators claim as their own.

Fail to do all or most of the above and watch equal opportunity education (the foundation stone of democracy in America) go down the drain in Illinois. Who will tell President Clinton?



Letters to the Editor

Capital Improvements Approved By Governor Edgar

I am pleased to announce that Governor Edgar has released approximately \$10.9 million in state funds for improvements at Northeastern. The money is coming from construction bonds previously appropriated for specific projects. The projects for which the money is designated are:

- Renovation of the Auditorium and G-building to house fine and performing arts programs for the Art, Music, and Speech and Performing Arts departments. The total cost of this project will be an estimated \$19 million.
- Completion of remodeling of the D-building offices used by various administrative units of Financial Aid and Budget and Finance.
- Asbestos removal and modernization of the heating, ventilating and air conditioning system for the D-building.

The D-building project will be done first, the bid-

ding this spring and completion targeted for late 1994. During 1993, the design phase of the Auditorium and G-building project, which will take about one year, will be completed. Actual construction is to begin early in 1994 and be finished in 1996, assuming that the additional funds are released once the design is completed.

The University will be working closely with the Illinois Capital Development Board, which will be managing these projects.

Employees whose work locations will be affected by the construction and accompanying relocations will be notified as to details at the appropriate time. We will keep the campus community informed on the progress of these important improvements to our physical plant.

Gordon H. Lamb
President, NEIU

Corrections and clarifications

Lucienne Mulvihill, RN, MA pointed out three corrections to the November 23, 1992 article on Student Health Insurance:

- 1.) 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.
- 2.) There is a \$25.00 deductible each time a student visits an emergency room or an ambulatory emergency clinic for a serious illness or injury. Regular doctor visits are not a covered benefit. This

policy is a major medical insurance package and does not cover any routine or non-emergency services.

- 3.) Pregnancy counseling is given following the results of a pregnancy test.

Mistakes were made in the December 7, 1992 article about the Food Drive for Cabrini Green sponsored by the Black Heritage Club and the Black Caucus. The errors were the dates of the drive and an error in spelling the name of William Harris, the President of the Black Heritage Club.

The Independent regrets the errors.

Consider University Environment

We are now at a point in our lives where the environment is a major concern of ours. Many people are educating themselves and others about the dangerous problems concerning the planet. Yet there are those among us who are still ignorant of the predicament that our world is in. Some of these people that I speak of are right here on campus. It is kind of ironic... ignorant people at an institution of higher education.

I am a student and an employee of NEIU. I work for Facilities Management on the Ground Crew. My fellow employees and I start our day by walking around the campus, picking up trash on the grounds. Most of the University Community does not know this because we begin work at 6:00 a.m. At the end of

the "trash run," we accumulate enough garbage to fill a 55-gallon drum. Over a short period of time, this turns into a very large amount. Among the assorted trash is pop cans, McDonald's bags, newspapers, and the like. These items, when found on the ground, are hard evidence that points out that we are a lazy, non-caring society. On campus, there are more than forty outdoor garbage cans. Please, if you haven't gotten into the habit, put all of your trash in the garbage cans all of the time and recycle when possible. We all need to work together and we all need to act now. I remember a bumper sticker I saw once that means a lot to me, "Think globally, act locally."

John A. Jacob

Stop Reckless Drivers

Crossing the street from the Science Building to the B-wing and from the Library to the Commuter Center may be becoming hazardous to your health. Those of you who have almost been run down by impatient and inconsiderate motorists know exactly what I am saying.

Now there is a way to fight back against a potentially dangerous situation. Pedestrians can record the license plate numbers of cars driven by people who simply ignore the stop signs on the campus street. A complaint can then be filed with Public Safety, extension 200 on the beige telephones located around the school. Citations may be issued to drivers who haven't learned the meaning of the word "stop."

Name withheld by request.

Gwendolyn Brooks

—Poet Laureate of Illinois

We Real Cool

We real cool. We
Left school. We
Lurk late. We
Strike straight. We
Sing sin. We
Thin gin. We
Jazz June. We
Die soon.

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Poetry Reading

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- Reception following reading
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583-4050 X3804

News and Notes

Student Organizations Occupy Offices

The new offices constructed last year in the basement corridor between the Classroom building and the Commuter Center have been allocated to 20 student organizations. These groups can be reached at extension 3856, or by visiting room E-051: The Muslim Student Association, Spanish Club, Phi Rho Epsilon, Wilderness Club, Gay-Lesbian-Bisexual Alliance, Student Environmental Action Coalition, Russian Club, Aspira, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Black Heritage Club, Black Heritage Gospel Choir, Black Caucus Club, Finance Club, Women Students United, University Bible Fellowship, Accounting Associates, Art Club, Chimexla Student Union, Student Council for Exceptional Children, and the Science Fiction Club. Organizations that do not have offices, but would like to, will be able to apply at the end of the Spring Term.

Student Government Elections Soon

Officers of the Student Government are elected to one-year terms during the third week in January. The terms begin the first Monday in March. Twelve Student Senators will be elected during the third week in February. Terms begin the first Monday of the month following election. To get more information on how to become involved with Student Government, visit their office above the bookstore (E-210), or phone extension 3860.

Dance Program Receives Grant

The Dance Program at NEIU has received a \$17,500 grant from the Ruth Page Foundation (RPF) to help sponsor the 1993 Ruth Page Dance Series. The RPF Board of Directors was impressed by the 1992 Dance Series held at NEIU, and increased the amount of the grant by \$2,500 to support an outreach program which will include student matinee performances. The late Ruth Page was an innovative dancer and choreographer. She founded the Ruth Page International Ballet and the Chicago Ballet. Performances will be held February 5-6 and April 2-3.

Student Volunteer Corps Wants You

The Student Volunteer Corps/Volunteer Referral Service Site is intended to serve the needs of nonprofit organizations and their clients throughout northern Illinois. They have placed close to 7,000 volunteers with nonprofit organizations over the years and hope to increase volunteerism in the Chicago Metro area. For

more information, contact Leticia Saucedo at 312-794-6115, or drop by room C-311.

Fishy Photos Sought

Enter your underwater photos in the 4th Annual Environmentally Aware Underwater Photography Image Competition. There are five categories for slides, videos and prints. In addition, photographers are required to comply with certain conservation guidelines while shooting. Request an entry form and guidelines by calling the John G. Shedd Aquarium at 312-939-2426, extension 3359.

Mouse Ears Optional at Audition

The Walt Disney Entertainment Work Experience Program will be holding auditions for college musicians in 13-cities nationwide. The Chicago-area tryouts will be held at Northwestern University in Evanston on January 30. Disney is looking for nearly every kind of wind, brass, string, and percussion players to assemble four music groups. Two All-American College Show Bands will be composed of 20 pieces and will be based at Disneyland in California and Walt Disney World in Florida. An All-American College Orchestra will feature 37 pieces and perform at Epcot Center in Florida. An eight-piece "Best of Disney" Jazz Combo will play at the Florida Resort. Candidates for these musical groups must be undergraduates, at least 18 years old, and have completed their first year of college by the summer of 1993. No fees or preregistrations are required for the auditions which will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Musicians should prepare five minutes of contrasting material which best showcases their unique talents. A sight-reading demonstration may be required. Past artists in this program have included Dave Brubeck, Maynard Ferguson, Rita Moreno, Diane Schuur, Della Reese and Marvin Hamlisch. For more information, contact Disney at 407-345-5701 or 714-490-7327 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Wanna be on T.V.?

The Audience Department of the Jenny Jones Show is seeking college students to be in the studio audience at NBC Tower, 454 North Columbus Drive, Chicago, IL. Contact Maureen FitzPatrick at 312-836-9485 for additional information. All seats are free.

Fellowships Available

The Indiana University Center on Philanthropy is seeking qualified applicants for its Jane Addams Fellowships in

Philanthropy program, which consists of ten months of work and study at their facility. Fellows will receive a \$15,000 salary and 12 graduate credits. The application deadline is February 15, 1993. Applicants must be recent undergraduates who have not completed graduate degrees. For more information and application forms, contact the Center, 550 West North Street, Suite 301, Indianapolis, IN 46202-3162 or phone 317-274-4200.

The Women's Research and Education Institute (WREI) is seeking Graduate Students who have completed at least 9 hours of graduate work prior to August 1993 and have a demonstrated interest in research and political activity relevant to women's social and political status. The Fellows will work 30 hours per week in a Congressional office as a legislative aide on policy issues affecting women. Fellows receive a stipend of \$9,000 for the period between August 1993 through April 1994, additional funds are available for tuition and health insurance. Write WREI, 1700 - 18th Street, N.W., Suite 400, Washington, D.C. 20009 to request an application. The deadline for applications is February 15, 1993.

U.S. Army Offers Aid to Students

Qualified applicants enlisting in the United States Army may be guaranteed a two-year assignment at a specified location or unit of choice within the United States. In addition, the Montgomery G.I. Bill plus the Army College Fund provides qualified soldiers money for college. The tuition assistance pays \$17,000 for a two-year enlistment, \$22,800 for a three-year enlistment and \$25,200 for a four-year enlistment. Qualified applicants who have spent at least one year in college and carry unpaid student loans may select any one of over 250 jobs in the Army and have up to \$55,000 of the loans paid off by the Army. For more information about these and other enlistment incentives, contact the Army at 708-926-2640.

Volunteers on the Ball

Members of the NEIU Women's Basketball Team joined students from five other universities as volunteers for Habitat for Humanity (HFH) on USA Today's Make-a-Difference-Day. They helped HFH to rehabilitate housing for people who would otherwise not have a decent home. Erik Hanson, Volunteer Coordinator for HFH said, "Thanks to the contributions of numerous university students ... our work is going a lot faster." The

HFH project was organized by the Volunteer Network and the NEIU Student Volunteer Corps/Volunteer Referral Service. Call 312-794-6115 for more information on how you can volunteer through this program.

Graduate Receives National Award

Susan Daniels-McGhee, a 1990 NEIU graduate, received the John C. Gowan Graduate Student of the Year Award from the National Association for Gifted Children in recognition of her early accomplishments and potential in the field of gifted education. She graduated the Masters of the Arts in Gifted Education, College of Education, program which is designed for elementary and secondary level teachers. She is currently a doctoral student in educational psychology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She teaches, coaches, and conducts creative writing classes in a local school district.

ISAC offers new loan program

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) is a state agency which administers over 15 financial assistance programs including grants, scholarships and loans. There is a new student loan program available, the unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan. It is an alternative loan available to students who previously were not eligible or were only partially eligible for a subsidized Federal Stafford Loan. Larry Matejka, Executive Director of ISAC, stated that this is an opportunity for students whose families are middle-income to afford college. The new program does not require

students to demonstrate financial need to qualify for post secondary education loans. However, the student must pay interest on the loan while in school. To apply for this new loan, students should contact their lending institution or Financial Aid. For more information direct from ISAC, contact their Client Support Services at 708-948-8550 or 312-793-3745.

Limited number of scholarships available

Students who wish to become more active in government may wish to attend the Illinois Women in Government Conference in Springfield, April 21-23, 1993. Illinois Senate President Philip J. Rock and the bipartisan organization Women in Government are cosponsoring the event which is titled "A Celebration of a Decade of Women in Government." A limited number of scholarships to pay all costs of attending are available. The deadline is February 26, 1993. Contact the coordinator, Betsy Tracy, at 217-785-8336 or 217-785-8338 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday for more information and a scholarship application.

Jazz Audition

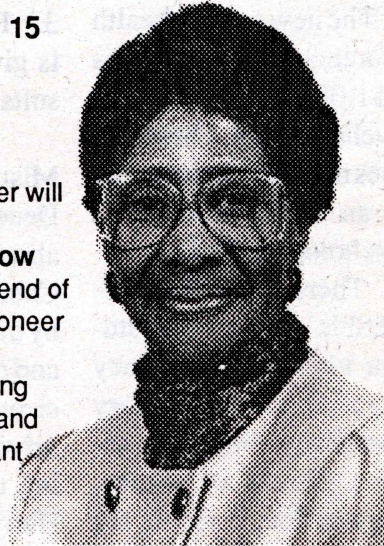
The Morton Grove Community Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Dr. Ron Surace from Jacksonville State University will be created by the Morton Grove Park District after open auditions. Interested individuals of all ages are invited to participate. Experience in jazz music is desirable, but not a requirement. For further information contact Surace at 708-475-2897.

On behalf of the Black Caucus Club, Black Heritage Club, Black Heritage Gospel Choir, NSAB, and Student Government
You are cordially invited to a celebration in honor of

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

•Friday, January 15
•12:00 Noon
•Auditorium

Our keynote speaker will be the renowned **Rev. Willie T. Barrow** who was a close friend of Dr. King and is a pioneer in the civil rights movement, the Acting Chair of the Board and Corporate Consultant, at Operation PUSH, Inc.



Flashback

by Al Schulze

Flashback is a review of some events reported in back issues of the *Print*, which was the student newspaper until March, 1988, at which time the *Independent* replaced it. Members of the University Community are welcome to read back issues, in our office, during regular office hours; contact extension 2812 for more information.

The Print January 17, 1973

- Nixon stops bombing North Vietnam, Kissinger Peace Talks begin.

- NEIU Classroom building opens. The Unicorn was called the Super Sandwich.

- Self-defense classes in jujitsu and karate offered to women.

- Eagles men's basketball team is 10-1.

- Referendum for Commuter Center addition passed.

The Print January 25, 1983

- The "Women in Communications" club formed.

- Jane Byrne and Harold Washington hold the first of four mayoral debates for the February 22, 1983 primary election. The main topic was income tax increase.

- Aviation courses offered during the winter term to prepare students for FAA flight licensing.

- Anyone who remembers the Chicago Parental School and is curious about it (the last building was torn down last year), the January 25, 1983 issue of the *Print* has a brief story of its history.

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New Semester, Old Words



Words I learned at Northeastern . . .

In order to have classes, you must validate.

If you don't validate, you must go to on-campus registration.

As the line coils around the school, you wait for your eligibility.

Remember to go to your first class or you may be cancelled.

After you fight all this you enter the golden doors of learning.

You see your old friends and teachers and buy your new books.

The teacher passes out the syllabus.

As your eyes scan the requirements of the class you notice all the assignments, quizzes, and tests.

Knowing these words ultimately affects your grades.

Free-verse by Sarah Azooz. Photo by Steve Fitzer

Independent Advising

by Douglas J. Gates

Academic Advisor

• I am an International student in the U.S. on an A-1 visa. I need to supplement my income with employment, but have been told that isn't possible. Can you suggest something? My social security number is not valid for employment, but I need the additional income.

Short on Funds

Dear Shorty:

The regulations governing international students are not an area I frequently have occasion to address, consequently your answer comes directly from the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.

A-1 visas are provided for the children of diplomatic personnel on assignment in the United States. The diplomat's home government is responsible for providing an income adequate for its employee(s) and their family. Because employees are financed at a level regarded as appropriate by their government, there is no arrangement for exceptions that enable students whose parents are diplomatic personnel to be employed.

People with Student Visas (F-1) can work part-time on campus, but this opportunity is not available to A-1 students.

• I keep hearing rumors about a "Summer Transition Program" for new students that Northeastern runs during the summer. My niece is interested in attending college next fall; a headstart might be helpful. What can you tell me about it?

Prospective Recruiter

Dear PR:

Sounds like we should offer you a job! From the wording of your question I suspect you know more about the program than you've written.

Basically, STP is an eight week, intensive introduction to university routine for students who can particularly benefit from advanced preparation for the Fall term. A student with a 25 ACT composite and upper 10% high school graduation rank probably, but not necessarily, would not need the additional assistance provided by STP. The university picks up the tab; no tuition, free transportation, lunch, books ... the works.

Students must be admitted for Fall '93 and have, in addition, indicated interest in attending the Summer '93 Transition Program. Admission is selective; an interview would be required. Northeastern

can not guarantee employment to assist students with living costs not related to attendance, however, the six hours of course work completed during the summer would be for classes that would otherwise need to be taken in the Fall. Complete commitment to the program is essential. Students cannot take days off for a family vacation, cannot be absent or leave early for summer work, or other outside activities.

If you think the program might be appropriate for your niece, have her contact Ms. Linda Chenault, Coordinator, Summer Transition Program/Reading Lab, 312-583-4050, ext. 4503 for additional information.

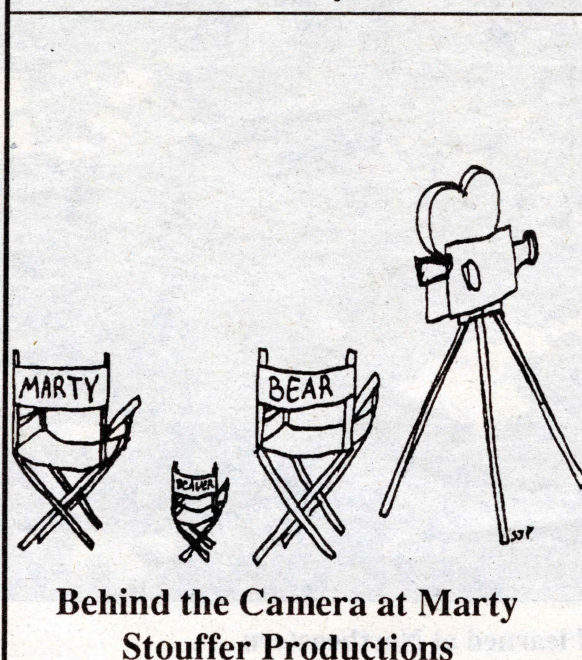
Questions for the Independent Advisor can be sent c/o *Independent*, E-049 or c/o Academic Advising, A109-111 or left in the drop box in The Learning Center, 4th Floor, Library. All letters become the property of the *Independent* and may be edited at our discretion. Author's names will not be published; but, to be considered for publication all letters must be signed and a phone number provided.

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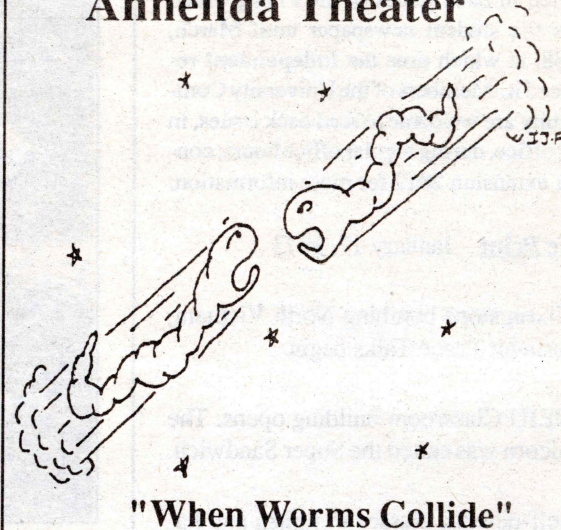
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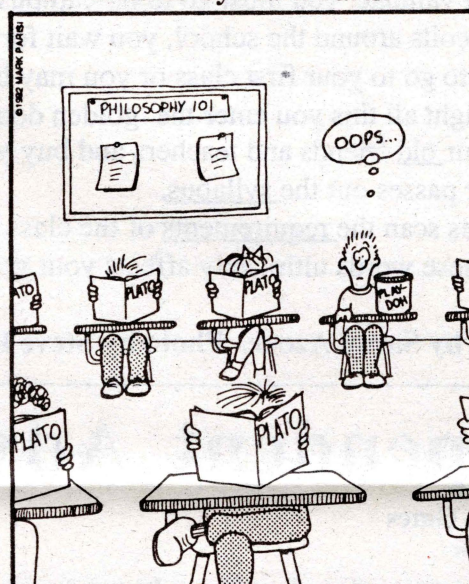
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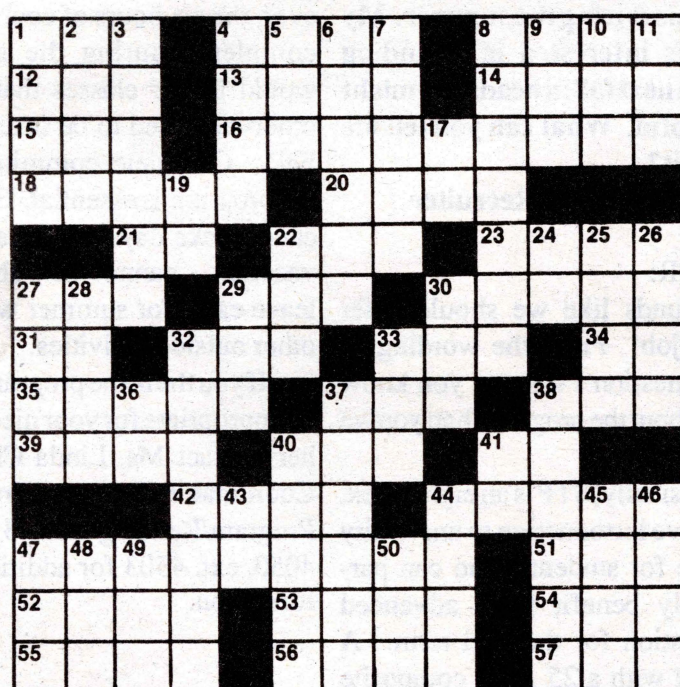
Annelida Theater



off the mark by Mark Parisi



Crossword Companion



ACROSS

1. Winglike structure
4. Arabian prince
8. Note
12. Tattered cloth
13. Ice cream holder
14. Used in fishing (2 wds.)
15. Hail!
16. Part
18. Predictable
20. Aquatic plant (sing.)
21. Football score (abbr.)
22. Pigpen
23. High wind
27. Centimeter-gram-second (abbr.)

29. Amer. short-story writer
30. High male singing voice
31. College degree (abbr.)
32. Painting
33. Conflict
34. Equally
35. Servitude
37. Hearing organ
38. Toward (Naut.)
39. Hearty
40. Paper sack
41. Impersonal pronoun
42. Relative (abbr., pl.)
44. Mitten
47. Divider
51. None
52. Stars and stripes

53. Serum (Pl.)
54. Answer (abbr.)
55. State
56. Cable car (Brit.)
57. Confederate general

DOWN

1. Native of Arabia
2. Volcano ash
3. People with authority to act
4. Ecclesiastic (abbr.)
5. Cow noise
6. Prisoner
7. Answer
8. Person in charge
9. Direction (abbr.)
10. Males
11. Mel — (ballplayer)
17. Officer of the Guard (abbr.)
19. Notice (slang)
22. Drunkard
24. Article
25. Bread
26. Formerly (Archaic)
27. Money
28. Festive occasion
29. Prior time (prefix)
30. Black street substance
32. Typical; usual
33. Swish back and forth
36. Southern state (abbr.)
37. End of Lent
38. Without tone
40. Explosion
41. Mid-west state (abbr.)
43. Erbrium symbol
44. One-thousandth of a kilogram
45. Climbing plant
46. Or
47. Sergeant 1st Class (abbr.)
48. — Whitney
49. Tap gently
50. Os (plural)

Feature's Creatures

Ever wonder who the people are behind the comic strips? Surprise-It could be your fellow students from any department on the campus. The "NEIU Strip" is drawn by Juan Fernandez Saines, an Art Major and a gentleman. He has been contributing strips for a full year. "Second Glance" is by Irene Flebbe. She is a Geography and Environmental Studies Major, and editor of the "Features" page. However, "Off the Mark" and the "Crossword Companion" are purchased, syndicated strips. Your great ideas should have been printed there instead! Gain fame, recognition, and a reputation as being a funny, creative person. You will also gain experience working on a newspaper (Great at resume' time!) and the satisfaction of seeing your ideas published.

If you want to draw a single box cartoon, make your drawing fill an imaginary square that is at least 4x4 inches large. (We will reduce it to fit the page.) If you want, we can put the captions on for you with our amazing Macintosh. If you prefer to work in strips, make them 3 to 5 squares long, at least 4 inches per square. We are also looking for people to draw political and/or editorial cartoons. Whatever you like to draw, let your imagination roam free... then draw it and bring it down to the Independent office (E-049) on weekdays 11:00-5:00.