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Task Force Targets Budget

by Matthew R. Berg

The NEIU Planning Task Force (PTF), whose function is to identify and target areas in the University budget for effective cost-cutting and report these to the President, unveiled its preliminary report to the University community.

According to the report, the recommended Academic cuts were programs which "have fewer than 10 graduates in each of three consecutive years, and which, in the opinion of the Task Force, ranked low in centrality to the mission of the University." These were: French, Anthropology, and graduate programs in Biology, Earth Science, and Chemistry. The

document continued, "If sufficient justification cannot be found for their continuance, these programs should be eliminated."

The memorandum also recommended that "The University's commitment to intercollegiate athletics should be reconsidered." When asked if this was a serious consideration, Dr. John Boni, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and member of the PTF commented, "The group took it seriously."

The PTF also suggested an administrative cut in Student Affairs. According to the report, "the task force believes that the number of senior

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BOG to be Abolished

by Chris Jacobi

On Wednesday, February 1st, a House Committee passed a plan to restructure the state's higher education governing system. The passage of the bill will reportedly save the Board of Governor's (BOG) schools two million dollars and give the individual schools more control and responsibility.

The bill was approved by the House of Higher Education Committee. Under the bill, the Board of Regents, as well as the Board of Governors, would be abolished. Separate boards would then be established for the universities currently under the BOG, including NEIU.

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Campus Crime Unbearable



by Matthew R. Berg

On Thursday, February 2nd, a white Play-Zone teddy-bear with a green bow tie was stolen from a merchant's table in front of Beck's bookstore.

Dina Pullia, owner of Dina's fashion watches, was selling her merchandise when three individuals approached the table and looked at several items. According to Pullia, "I was helping a customer, and there was a woman and two men to my left looking at my things. I turned to look, and the next thing I knew, I saw this girl strolling up the ramp holding my teddy bear by the scruff of the neck. I yelled, 'Hey, stop! Come back here with my teddy bear.' When she heard this, she quickened her pace and left."

Unable to leave her things, Pullia hailed a friend who called Public Safety with his walkie-talkie.

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Islam, The Fastest Growing Religion in the World

What is Islam?

Islam is not a new religion, but the same truth that God revealed through all His prophets to every people. For a fifth of the world's population, Islam is both a religion and a complete way of life. Muslims follow a religion of peace, mercy, and forgiveness, and the majority have nothing to do with the extremely grave events which have come to be associated with their faith.

Who are the Muslims?

One billion people from a vast range of races, nationalities and cultures across the globe—from the southern Philippines to Nigeria—are united by their common Islamic faith. About 18% live in the Arab world; the world's largest Muslim community is in Indonesia; substantial parts of Asia and most of Africa are Muslim, while significant minorities are to be found in the Soviet Union, China, North and South America and Europe.

What do Muslims Believe?

Muslims believe in One, Unique, Incomparable God: in the Angels created by Him; in the prophets through whom His revelations were brought to mankind: in the Day of Judgment and individual accountability for actions; in God's complete authority over human destiny and in life after death. Muslims believe in a chain of prophets starting with Adam and including Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Job, Moses, Aaron, David, Solomon, Elias, Jonah, John the Baptist, and Jesus, peace be upon them. But God's final message to man, a reconfirmation of the eternal message and a summing-up of all that has gone before was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) through Gabriel.

How Does Someone Become A Muslim?

Simply by saying "there is no god apart from God and Muhammad is the Messenger of God." By this declaration the believer announces his or her faith in all God's messengers and the scriptures they brought.

What does 'Islam' Mean?

The Arabic word "Islam" simply means "submission" and derives from a word meaning "peace". In a religious context it means complete submission to the will of God. Mohammedanism is thus a misnomer because it suggests that Muslims worship Muhammad (Peace be upon him) rather than God. "Allah" is the Arabic name for God, which is

used by Arab Muslims and Christians alike.

Why does Islam Often Seem Strange?

Islam may seem exotic or even extreme in the modern world. Perhaps this is because religion does not dominate everyday life in the West today, where Muslims have religion always uppermost in their minds, and make no division between secular and sacred. They believe that the Divine Law, the "Shari's", should be taken very seriously, which is why issues related to religion are still so important.

Do Islam and Christianity Have Different Origins?

No. Together with Judaism, they go back to the prophet and patriarch Abraham, and their three prophets are directly descended from his sons—Muhammad from the eldest, Ishmael, and Moses and Jesus from Isaac. Abraham established the settlement which today is the city Mecca, and built the Ka'ba towards which all Muslims turn when they pray.

Who is Muhammad?

Muhammad (peace be upon him) was born in Mecca in the 570, at a time when Christianity was not yet fully established in Europe. Since his father died before his birth, and his mother shortly afterwards he was raised by his uncle from the respected tribe of Quraysh. As he grew up, he became known for his truthfulness, generosity and sincerity, so that he was sought after for his ability to arbitrate disputes. The historians describe him as calm and meditative.

Muhammad was of deeply religious nature, and had long detested the decadence of his society. It became his habit to mediate

from time to time in the Cave of Hira near the summit of Jabal al-Nur, the "Mountain of Light" near Mecca. It was here that he began receiving divine revelation from God, which lasted for the next 23 years.

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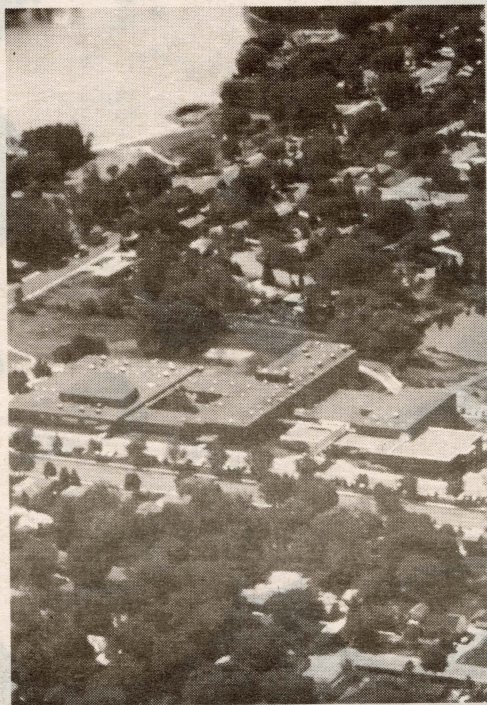
Date of Accident: February 7, 1995

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Where: On Bryn Mawr Avenue

My red Toyota was hit on the driver's side by a hit and run driver. If anyone saw the incident, please contact Yocasta Alicea at (312) 267-0771.

Happy Valentine's Day See Page 7 for Valentine's Day Classifieds



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To report information about a crime on campus please use the confidential information line at extension 4636. For jump starts, auto lock-outs, and all emergencies please contact Public Safety at extension 200 or 203 on campus.



- **Feb. 2 - Criminal Damage:** A student reported damage to an auto in the J-Lot. A loss of \$25.00.
- **Feb. 3 - Theft:** A student reported a wallet taken from an unlocked auto in the F-Lot. A loss of \$150.00. **Medical Assist:** A staff member cut his hand in the Commuter Center. He went to the hospital for assistance.

Public Safety concerns compiled by Public Safety Officer Bob Paprocki

- **Jan. 23 - Accident:** Two students were involved in an auto accident on the Access Road. No injuries were reported. **Theft:** A student reported leaving his books and coat in a public area. When he returned they were gone. A loss of \$400.00. **Medical Assist:** A faculty member slipped on a ramp and was escorted to Health Services. She was later released.

Medical Assist: A student slipped on a wet floor. He refused medical attention. **Theft:** A computer was reported stolen through an inventory check. It was last seen in 1992. A loss of \$1,525.00

- **Jan 24 - Theft:** A contract worker reported tools missing from an unlocked vehicle. A loss of \$2,500.00.

• **Jan 25 - Medical Assist:** A student became ill in class and was taken home by a friend.

- **Jan 26 - Accident:** Two drivers collided in the D-Lot. No injuries were reported. **Theft:** An inventory of a storage area revealed \$7,319.00 worth of material missing.

• **Jan. 27 - Theft:** A student reported her beeper stolen from an un-

attended room. A loss of \$70.00.

- **Jan. 30 - Theft:** A student reported leaving a purse on a copy machine and when she returned the purse was gone. A loss of \$20.00.

• **Jan. 31 - Disorderly Conduct:** An instructor and a student became involved in a verbal dispute. No charges were signed.

• Public Safety Notes •

During the month of January 1995, the Department of Public Safety responded to 2,369 calls for service including 44 jumpstarts and 29 lockouts.

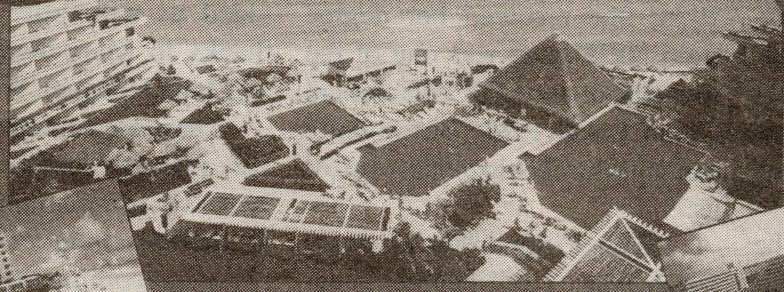
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Letters to the Editor

Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to share, with your readers, an observation I have made over the last few years.

I have been a regular reader of your esteemed newspaper over the last three years or so. A strange commonness in the perspective of contributors (of articles) to the paper has come to my notice. I could not resist sharing my observation with you. A majority of the writers seem to be in agreement over a couple of issues:

1. NEIU does not give students their money's worth, and
2. The staff members at NEIU lack in courtesy and politeness and do not treat students as customers.

I beg to differ with these opinions about NEIU that many of the writers have expressed from time to time. Frankly, I cannot recall an instance where I felt that I did not receive proper treatment from any of the staff members of various NEIU offices or departments. In fact, my experience at NEIU has been enjoyable and productive. Further, I have found the staff members at various NEIU offices to be courteous and helpful. The members of the library staff deserve special mention. They are exceptional people in the sense that they are always ready to help in every way they can. They seem to enjoy what they do and make every effort to ensure that the student gets what he or she is entitled

to.

Second, I fail to find any convincing reason to conclude that NEIU does not give me a fair return on my investment. In my opinion, the most important thing for a student is that he or she receives the education that he or she pays for. I believe that if a student is serious about learning he or she would not be faced by obstacles, at least not those that are insurmountable. Basically, NEIU is a non-research university. Here, professors allocate relatively more time to teaching than to research. Thus, a student can easily and conveniently seek a teacher's help and guidance during his or her office hours. Not all universities provide such free accessibility to professors. NEIU is

unique in its own way.

In my view, it helps to view the world in a positive light and to avoid being overly critical. This is not to say that we shouldn't bring to light inefficiencies or other irregularities, but that one should take a balanced view and form conclusions accordingly. In other words, we should take cognizance of the fact that we pay one of the lowest tuitions of any state university in the Chicagoland area, and perhaps in the whole of Illinois.

We, the students of NEIU, should enjoy what is available to us and strive to make the best of it.

Vineet Sharma
M.B.A. Student

In Memory of Robin Jacob

by Corrine Kilpeck-Bernal

On January 13th, 1995, I was leaving work around 4:30 p.m. As I passed through the Cataloging Department of the Library I stopped to say, "Have a nice weekend," to my co-worker Robin Jacob. We chatted, and I gave her a three fingers up sign. Robin looked at me, puzzled. I told her, "Three day weekend!" Robin appeared to be surprised; she told me she had forgotten Monday was a holiday. We were all looking forward to a long weekend.

Saturday morning we got the call...Robin Jacob was dead. Sunday

was her wake, and Monday was the funeral. All I kept thinking about was that RJ didn't get to enjoy the three day weekend. Myself and fellow co-workers of Robin's never knew what hit us.

Robin Jacob was 41. The same age as me. She started working at the Library on November 18th, 1974. She received her degree from NEIU, and was one of the founders of our AFSCME clerical Union Local 1989. But nothing can say what Robin meant to all of us.

Denise Cirignani from Library Cataloging: "I will miss her integ-

riety, kindness and humor... Robin was a dear friend and a wonderful person to work with each day." Marilyn Brown: "Robin always extended herself to anyone who needed her...she will be sorely missed by all the people she touched."

The University Library provided us with grief counseling thanks to Mary Jane Hilburger and John Hoepfel. We needed it.

There are a tremendous number of faculty, staff and students at NEIU. It is a community. Robin Jacob was a long-standing member of our community, and no one



who knew Robin will ever forget her. If you never had the chance to know her, I'm sorry, and I'm sorry for us who did because we miss her very much.

Editorial

William Shakespeare in "As You Like It" wrote, "All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players." The players on this stage have taken the form of an ex-football star and the people who have been hired to see that he never views another

football field for the entirety of his natural life.

Far beyond the trial of the century lay actors portraying roles transformed from a Hollywood movie. The guilt or innocence of the accused is no longer the issue. The trial has become a stage of

roaming egos and excessive attention to issues dealing with everything except the task of the trial.

For instance, L.A. prosecutor Marcia Clark spent time defending her wardrobe and her choice to display an Angel pin that she

received from the victim's family. She was admonished by the defense and the judge for trying to persuade the jury.

As the stage is set and the players take their positions an Angel in the courtroom may be as close to the truth as we get!

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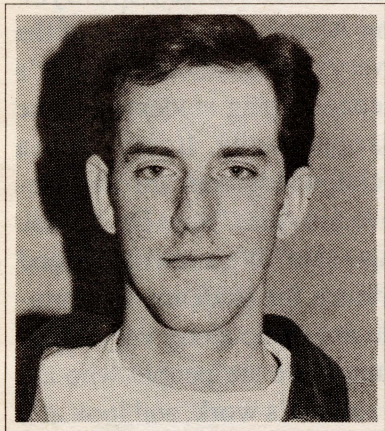
Voice of the Campus

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Chris Jacobi's

The Eagle's Talon

During the past six or seven months O.J. fever has run rampant over the air waves. It seems as if no matter what channel you turn to there is an "O.J. Update" plaguing the screen. Well, I don't know about you folks, but I have had enough of this trial to last two lifetimes.



I'll admit that last June, when I first heard that O.J. Simpson was a suspect in the double murders of Nicole Brown-

Simpson and Ron Goldman, I was a little stunned. Here you have one of the greatest football legends and an accomplished actor being compared to the likes of Jeff Dahmer and other murderers. So like everyone else in America, I watched the television intensely to see what, if any, evidence they had against him. And then came the infamous police chase

on a California freeway that lasted for hours. Forget about the prime-time lineup, the networks made this a television movie as it was happening. It's sad that the big-whigs of television think that America has nothing better to do than to watch fifty squad cars chase a white Ford Bronco down the highway. It's even more pathetic that we, as a conscious intelligent society, sat there for three hours and watched.

Now that the trial is in full swing we get to see performances worthy of oscar nominations. Everyone is putting on their game faces, ready to play ball. For the next few months we will see many people testify that O.J. Simpson was a wife beater and capable of committing murder. We'll also get plenty of people claiming that he (O.J.) would never harm Nicole or do anything to endanger her. Regardless of how many people are called to the stand to tell the "truth" about O.J., the only two people who really know are the ones we can't hear anymore.

Is O.J. guilty or innocent? The question has been asked more times than anyone could possibly count. The answer, however, is something few people know for sure. We all have our suspicions and we've all probably passed

judgment.

In my opinion, he's guilty as sin. Now, I tried to keep an open mind, but so far everything points towards him. I think the thing that clinched it was the playing of a 911 call to the police. As the court listened in horror, O.J. sat there with a stoic expression as if he was listening to a church sermon. I could be wrong, but is this the way you would react if your wife was brutally murdered. I would think that one would be in hysterics, or something a little more than just a blank stare.

I am by no means the lawyer, judge, or jury. So I can't convict a man even if I wanted to. But I think that it's high time that we move on with our lives and forget this trial. If this were to happen to anyone else the person would be in prison for life; no questions asked. But we're not dealing with a common person, we're dealing with the "Juice", so we have to cater to what he wants. And if he insists on carrying this charade on proclaiming his innocence, then so be it.

Whatever happens to O.J. and the trial, you can be sure you'll hear about it right when it happens. The only thing that I'm sure of is that I don't think we'll be seeing him running through airports anytime soon!

Vox Pop

by William Charles

I must have looked like an idiot the last few days; I just can't wipe the grin off my face. On Tuesday, January 31st, I heard the deafening "pop" of many heads being pulled from between buttock blinders. Eyes were opened, deafness cured, awareness heightened; the discourse had begun.

I would like to thank the department chair for a quick response to my concerns; it was just twelve short months ago that I first raised the question of fairness concerning policies that I again sought answers to in the past two issues of the Independent ("It's An Institution" in the January 17th issue and "Letters to the Editor" in the January 30th issue). I am going out on a limb presuming it was the chair that required the professors within the department to address their students in an attempt to discover my identity. It is to these instructors that I extend my sincere thanks and heart felt gratitude for taking the issue beyond that point, offering students the opportunity to voice opinions and participate in a discussion of these perplexing parameters.

My intent, from the beginning was to open a discussion between the Smiling Faces and the Huddled Masses on these issues; I have succeeded. I knew that, with the political

nature of my comments, the department and other administrators would have an interest in finding me to correct my thinking. Will they find out who I really am? I fully expect they will.

I hold no personal animosity toward those with open minds and basic human values. I have been moved by the smiles washing over professors' faces when they realize a student interest in their specialized fields of (as hypothetical examples) botany, ecology, or others. They are elated to find that students have an interest in these fields of expertise, but they are equally frustrated at the lack of opportunity afforded to spread their knowledge.

Unfortunately, from the discussions that have been taking place around me, I feel that my finer points of the past have been missed. I write this with hope that there will be an official response to my treatise of the past, therefore I will restate the basics:

1. The desire and/or the needs of the students have been met with ignorance.
2. Prospective students are lied to through distribution of the Academic Catalog and faulty counseling they receive.
3. The scheduling practices in this institution are archaic and inept.

This is a liberal arts college. My problems do not stem from a lack of knowledge, foresight, or counseling. These problems stem from dusty equipment, empty classrooms, professors not being allowed to teach what they know, and students being turned away from classes in great numbers—budgetary

restrictions? I find this excuse invalid.

If a class is offered on a six or seven year rotating basis, state that in the catalog. If you have no intention to offer and/or you have no instructor qualified to teach a given class, then remove it from the catalog. Correctly advise students during mandated pre-admission counseling and during subsequent meetings. If a mistake is made, accept responsibility for your actions and correct them. Don't place the guilt and responsibility upon the student.

Begin planning class schedules semesters in advance rather than weeks. Make minor changes during those weeks preceding registration. Offer class schedules that accommodate students. This school operates due to the existence of these students and their tuition. Ask the students which courses they plan to take in order to get a rough idea of what should be offered rather than dictating our futures. Offer enough seats to accommodate the students.

I would just like to see you keep your word. Additional majors aren't needed, just additional courses. Actually offer that which you claim to offer. Amend the forty-two hour requirement to include courses taken at other colleges and universities which satisfy the individual course subject matter. Offer sufficient options for the students to fulfill this requirement in a timely manner.

If the Smiling Faces, Higher Ups, and Recommended Others were to look into my suggestions they would find that expansion is possible...even beyond the realm of athletics.

Russians Bridge NEIU Gap Symposium

by Ellen Shepard

The first of four groups of faculty and administrators from Urals State Pedagogical University (USPU) in Ekaterinburg, Russia have arrived on NEIU's campus. Each group will be in residence here for two to four weeks. The first group includes specialists in the fields of Business and Economics. Subsequent arrivals will be Instruction Design and Curriculum specialists, on February 10; Special Education specialists, on March 3; and Leadership Education specialists on March 24th.

While at NEIU, the Russian faculty will participate in classes, workshops, roundtables, and conferences focusing on their areas of specialization. In addition they will tour sites in Chicago and the suburbs, including the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, Fermi Lab, the Federal Reserve Bank, Chicago museums, and the Chicago City Council in session.

Their arrival commences the second part of an exchange program with NEIU. In the fall semester, NEIU began sending faculty and

administrators to USPU. Among those were Edward F. Stuart, associate professor of Economics and International/Intercultural Studies. He lectured nine times a week to the USPU economics department and also guest lectured to English classes and schools in the Ekaterinburg area. He was joined by Dr. Jeanne Baxter, chair, and Dr. Steven Brown, associate professor in Department of Educational Foundations.

Among the NEIU faculty leaving for Russia in the next month or two are Dr. Peter W. Stonebraker, associate professor of management, and Dr. Michael J. Belica, chair, Department of Curriculum and Instruction.

"We are building bridges to create a mechanism for integrating the strengths of the Russian and United States education systems," says Dr. Janet P. Fredericks, executive assistant to NEIU president Gordon Lamb, and coordinator for the Russians' visit.

The program is being underwritten by grants from the United States Information Agency under the Newly Independent States University Partnerships Programs which was first funded in 1992.

Offers Opportunities

by Nektaria Ress

The deadline is approaching for the submission of abstracts for the NEIU 3rd Annual Student Research and Creative Activities Symposium. Dr. John Albazi, Coordinator of the Symposium, is very excited about this year's event. "We're encouraging students to take advantage of this opportunity. It gives them a chance to get acknowledgment for their research and creative activities," says Dr. Albazi.

Dr. Ann House said "It's a rewarding and important experience for students. Opportunities like this do not come along very often. At the Symposium there are people who are interested in the student's work, and look at it and ask questions. It is very exciting."

Students are exposed to public speaking and are able to interact with faculty and staff which is important to NEIU student growth. "It's a great opportunity for students to compete in a mini-conference atmosphere. It helps academically as well as contributing to the development of resumes or vita for employment, graduate school, and future scholarship opportunities", says Dr. Dragan Milovanovic.

According to Dr. Albazi "the best part about the Symposium is to provide students from the colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business and Management, Education, and the graduate College who are engaged in research and creative activities an opportunity to interact with each other and present their works before an audience of their peers."

Students working on a project are encouraged to submit an abstract of their research or creative activity. Students need to select a faculty sponsor to work with him or her in the final preparation of the abstract. The last chance for submission of abstracts this year is February 24. For any questions regarding the submission of abstracts or other questions related to the symposium, contact Dr. Albazi at extension 2626.

Give the Gift of Life for Valentine's Day

Once again, in response to severe blood shortages in both Chicago and surrounding areas, Health Service will sponsor a campus blood drive with Life Source Blood Services of Glenview, Illinois. The blood drive this semester will be held on Wednesday, February 22, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in room CC-217 in the Commuter Center.

To donate a unit of blood, the donor must be at least 17 years of age, must weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and must be in good health. Before donating, the individual should eat a nourishing, well-balanced meal. The donation process is fast, easy and safe. The entire procedure takes about 45 minutes. All supplies used are sterile, used only once and then carefully discarded.

For some, deciding to give blood may be

even harder than the act of giving blood. However, the deep satisfaction one derives from giving the gift of life far outweighs the feelings of apprehension which often restrains people from donating.

Unfortunately, there is still no substitute for human blood. A continuous supply of blood will always be needed to meet the demands of hospitals providing more advanced life saving procedures. Organ transplants, open heart surgery and hemophilia are just a few examples of conditions requiring large quantities of blood and blood components which account for periodic strains on existing blood supplies.

Consequently, every unit of blood collected is accepted with the greatest appreciation and feelings of gratitude. Nothing can be more precious than human blood—the gift of life. Your donation can make a difference.

T.E.A.M. Concept Hits NEIU

Learning wilderness skills, enhancing self-esteem in the classroom, basic climbing, and Native American philosophy are among the diverse classes offered at the 6th Annual T.E.A.M. (Teachers of Experiential and Adventure Methodology) Conference with sessions beginning at noon on Friday, February 17 through Saturday evening, February 18, at NEIU's campus.

T.E.A.M., organized almost a decade ago, assists teachers to network challenge education, and conveys a philosophy that learning should and can be an exciting experience for both students and teachers.

Included on T.E.A.M.'s conference agenda is Judi Sloan 1992-1993 Illinois Teacher of the Year, and Karl Rohnke, the most noted

author on team-building activities, presenting a workshop based on his book, *Silver Bullets*, which examines stunts, initiatives, and games. From Paddle Sporting and First Aid to Native American Culture and the Pentathlon, the T.E.A.M. Conference has something for everyone.

T.E.A.M. is supported by NEIU's College of Education and is located in the Physical Education Complex. For more information and reservations, call Dan Creely at (312) 794-2982.

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VALENTINE'S DAY CLASSIFIEDS

To Jennifer W. - Señorita mas fina, Donde estabas toda mi vida? - Perdido 8675309.

Happy St. Valentine's Day to the classy lady on the Via Vineto who took Rome by storm.

Sparky - I want to wish you a Happy Valentine's Day & a Happy Anniversary. Thanks for all that you have done for me. If I didn't know any better, I would think that you love me. You're the greatest!!! All my love always and forever, Gravy.

To James C. Mitchell Jr. - I just wanted to let you know that I love you - Always! Loving you is as natural as loving sunsets, rainbows and April showers for they are all simply beautiful. Love Always, Tammi E. Beison.

Happy Valentine's Day to my Spookie - Muffin. Every day with you is better than Boo in kitty litter. Love & Kisses, Woobie.

To Mommy - I am so glad that you are my mother and my friend. I love you with all my heart, to the very end. Love Always, Tammi, Your Loving Daughter.

Roxanne - I hope your love comes through, and I hope everyone realizes the skill it takes for someone to keep up the speed you have reached in speech. Love, M.E.

Sal! - Mi amor, Happy Valentine's Day, I love you. Adriana (Yani).

Sneezer - Let's get married, okay? We'll have a kid and a dog or a kid who looks like a dog. Then we'll buy a house in the country, insure the hell out of it, and then burn it down. Spooze.

Lisa - I love you with all my heart and soul. I can hardly imagine what my life would be without you. All I can say is that before you I was not whole - with you I am complete. Love, William.

A-M-Y? Because I'm Mad About U! Happy Valentine's Day to my one and only hunny bunny. You bring happy happy joy joy feelings to me all of the time. I love U. John.

Betty whose beauty is more than skin deep. Your caring, concern and kindness provide an inner glow. May you find true love in your relationships and all you do. The Silver Fox.

Mr. and Mrs., Mom and Dad - Happy Valentine's Day. Thanks for all the support you have given to us throughout the years. Love Always, Joe & Tammy.

To the biggest Nerd I've ever had the fortune to meet. You still manage to surprise me. Love, "it's me."

Teacake - Everyday I love you more than I did the day before, and it makes me more than happy to know that our hearts belong

together always - not just Valentine's Day. I love you...Cupcake.

F.B. - You are sweeter than sugar. You're my honey and all of the above. I love you. F.B.

Para el dueño de mi corazón, Pepé. Happy Valentine's Day. Honey, I love you. Gaby.

TLS - You are my rock and my Gibraltar, though the Israelites speak of Karma...this...this is much more. Love you always. Happy Valentine's Day & Anniversary. Ed E. Tor.

Jenny W. it's Jeff W. saying "Hello, Let's do lunch or see some theatre, have dinner. Break a leg on the 23rd." It's your que.

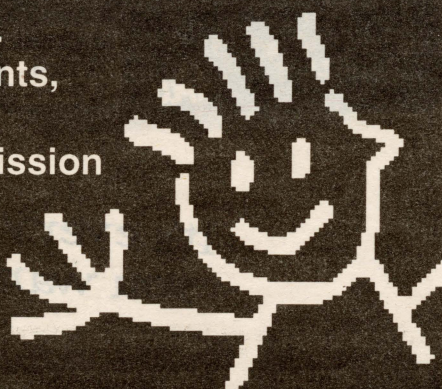
Hi Foxy Roxy whose favorite word is cool! May the pain you feel be one of Cupid's arrows and not a lost tack. Happy Valentine's Day. The Silver Fox.

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Targets

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level professionals in the Student Affairs area is greater than is necessary." Student Affairs did not have a representative on the 18 member committee.

Dr. James MacDonald, professor of Anthropology stated, "What in the world is going on when they say that French and Anthropology are not central to the mission of the University. Multiculturalism is a stated mission of the school, the college, and our department. Certainly their reconsideration of the University's commitment to NCAA athletics is positive, but if we are trying to save money and

give our students a quality education at the same time, the missing consideration is our large administrative costs."

Roman Emano, NEIU student and member of the Task Force, said, "People don't realize that all of these proposed cuts are just suggestions to the President. He is the one that must ultimately make the decisions."

Dr. Boni hinted that many of the imminent changes in the administration and the likely elimination of the Board of Governors system may have a profound effect on all of the PTF work. Dr. Boni summarized his thoughts, "We've been overtaken by history."

Bear

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Safety stated, "At approximately 10:55 a.m. we received a call concerning the stolen bear. We dispatched an officer to the scene, and he filed a report." According to Public Safety, the offender is described as one light-skinned black female, 5'3", wearing a green knee length draw string coat.

Pullia expressed her feelings, "I've been selling things here (at NEIU) for four and a half years. I had a watch stolen about a year ago, but it didn't affect me this much. I feel lousy. You just can't trust people. It's horrible."

BOG

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The bill was passed by a 9-0 vote by the House Committee and then moved to the Illinois Senate where the vote passed by a margin of 33-23. The vote now moves to the full House for debate.

According to Dr. John Murphy, Political Science professor and head of the Union of Illinois professors, "For the bill to go through, it needs a majority vote from the House which would be sixty votes."

In Governor Jim Edgar's State of the State Address last month he said the "restructuring" would reduce bureaucracy, decrease costs, and increase local control over the universities of the BOG. The newly formed boards would be made up of seven members appointed by the Governor, with no more than four members from each of the Democratic and Republican parties.

Lieutenant Governor Bob Kustra also went on to tell the committee that the state is not creating a new bureaucracy.

Members of the NEIU faculty are skeptical of the new restructuring plan. NEIU Provost, Salme Steinberg, did not return phone call attempts by the **Independent**. However, some university faculty feel that instead of saving money by removing the BOG, we (NEIU) might end up spending more.

Mary Barbara Reynolds, Press Secretary for Kustra, informed the **Independent** that the BOG bill had passed the Senate and she further stated that she expected the bill to pass in the House of Representatives. The bill was still being debated in the House as of press time.

Tina Watson Headlines Reunion Concert

by Moneca Willams

Tina Watson, the Princess of Gospel Music, will return to her Alma Mater, Northeastern Illinois University, to headline the 20th Anniversary Reunion Concert of the Black Heritage Gospel Choir on Thursday, February 23, at 7:00 p.m. at 5500 N. St. Louis Avenue.

Founder and Advisor, Marylene Whitehead, noted that Tina started in the choir as a dedicated member and evolved into a dynamic leader and student choir president in 1983. Still a role model of inspiration, Miss Watson continues to influence current members to strive for excellence.

Upon leaving NEIU, Ms. Watson began her professional singing career with the internationally acclaimed, Thompson Community Singers under the leadership of Rev. Milton Brunson. Her first hit solo, "God Cares", has become an international classic. Other albums

featuring Tina include Rev. Timothy Wright and the Chicago Mass Choir, "My Savior's Love for Me". Tina Watson's solo and choir career has taken her throughout the USA, London, the Caribbean and Italy. There will also be an 11:00 a.m. concert on the 23rd for the Board of Education. For further information call extension 3152, M. Whitehead.



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On Film

by Steve Fitzer

"Immortal Beloved"

starring: Gary Oldman
Valeria Golino
Jeroen Krabbe

Johanna Ter Steege
Isabella Rosellini
Christopher Fulford

Beethoven's music is so moving, and his triumph over deafness so inspiring, that it is surprising his story has eluded screenwriters for so long. When Hollywood goes looking for flamboyant historic figures to bring to the big screen, their favorite characters are often artists, writers and musicians. Director Ken Russell has shown a particular interest in classical composers, and Milos Foreman's "Amadeus" is the most critically successful of this genre. "Immortal Beloved" is the latest film biography that searches for the inspirations and emotions that drive musical genius.

After Beethoven's death a letter is found among his papers, addressed to his "immortal be-

loved". Beethoven's friend and consort, Anton Schindler, makes it his mission to find this woman, whom he believes to be the rightful heir to the composer's legacy.

The story's structure bears close resemblance to the classic film "Citizen Kane," as the main character is revealed through flashback, and interviews with those who loved or hated him. This film is Writer and Director Bernard Rose's first attempt at a historic drama, and is a far cry from his previous works, "Paperhouse" (1988), and "Candyman" (1992). Rose characterizes Beethoven as both an avid seducer and moody recluse;

a man who abhors the aristocratic class but is dependent on their patronage and their acceptance. Gary Oldman gives an excellent portrayal of a tortured soul who lusts but cannot love, who composes but cannot hear. Look for a Best Actor nomination in next year's Oscars.

This is one of those rare films where the sound is just as moving as the drama. Beethoven's best-loved pieces (directed by Sir Georg Solti) run throughout the

film, and the blast of Napoleon's cannons are felt in your chest as well as your ears.

The film is so well acted and directed that one can forgive the historic license taken concerning the alleged solution to the "immortal beloved" mystery. The ending is both romantic and poignant. And the scene of young Ludwig escaping to an Alpine lake as the Ninth Symphony builds to crescendo is worth the price of admission.



Steve Fitzer / Independent

• CONCERT CALENDAR •

Feb. 14 - 19 • The Dance Theatre of Harlem • Auditorium Theatre

Feb. 17 • Bobby McFerrin • Centre East

Feb. 17 • Smokey Robinson • Star Plaza

Feb. 18 • The Eagles • United Center

Feb. 18 • Blackstreet, Aaliyah, Chaanging Faces and Brownstone • Star Plaza

Feb. 24 • Tony Bennett • Auditorium Theatre

Feb. 25 • Sheila E. • Star Plaza

Feb. 25 • Aretha Franklin • Arie Crown Theatre

Feb. 26 - 28 • George Clinton and the P-Funk All-Stars • Coronet

Mar. 2 • Joe Cocker • Star Plaza

Mar. 19 • Oasis and Velvet Cruch • Vic Theatre

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blance to Stephen King that the script takes repeated pains to insist Cane is more popular than even Stephen King!

Trent journeys through New England in the company of Cane's editor (Julie Carmen) and finds himself trapped inside the occult fantasy world of the writer. Cane, who is writing his latest novel entitled In the Mouth of Madness, is nowhere to be found.

by Mable L. Buckner

Director John Carpenter turns gothic and modernist at the same time in this scary (if over loaded) paranoid story written by New Line's President, Michael Deluca.

"In the Mouth of Madness" is about an insurance investigator, John Trent (Sam Neill), who is hired to track-down a bestselling horror author, Sutter Cane (Jurgen Prochnow), whose books and fame bear a strong enough resem-

Carpenter established an unnerving atmosphere through elliptical suggestions and various shock cuts. After he arrives the shocks and special effects escalate; even if the old-fashioned horror thrills do not always mesh with the self-referential modernist conceits. Carpenter keeps things moving and provocative throughout the entire film.

Clean Up at Environmental Careers Day

Which of the following describes you? You think water and air pollution are unhealthy. You recycle. You need a job. If you checked any of these statements then you will benefit from Environmental Careers Day, February 23rd, in NEIU's Commuter Center.

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., specialists will share their experiences and give advice on how to start and build a career in the environmental field. Many of the speakers are NEIU alumni who know what it takes to start a job search while still in college. Others are experts in the field who will tell you what you need to know to land a position with a private firm or government environmental agency. NEIU's Placement Office will also offer two workshops which will help you plan and carry out your job search.

"This program will give students a terrific opportunity to ask tough questions and get frank, honest answers from people who have been there," said Laura Sanders of the Department of Earth Science who helped organize the day. "Let's face it, the more inside information you have, the better your chances of landing a satisfying environmental position."

Environmental Careers Day will begin with a resume workshop for students seeking environmental positions. Mr. Lorn Coleman, Director of the Placement Office, will describe how to put together a top-notch resume.

Two panels of NEIU alumni will talk candidly about how they obtained their jobs in the environmental field. They'll also tell you what they're glad they learned at NEIU, as

well as what they wished they had learned. The two panels will also focus on alumni experiences in the private sector and in government.

Students interested in scientific work will learn in one session what makes an "ideal" environmental scientist. Other presentations will focus on specific careers. Students who want positions in environmental chemistry, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), solid waste, ecological restoration, natural area management, and environmental interpretation will find experts on hand who can tell them how to break into those fields.

So you want to be an environmental consultant? You may want to attend the session in which two NEIU alumni talk about how they worked their way to the top, and now head their own environmental companies.

A local firm which specializes in hiring environmental temporary workers will talk about past hiring trends and where the jobs will be in the future.

In one panel discussion, experts will talk about opportunities with environmental agencies of federal, state, and local government. The day will close with a workshop, presented by the Placement Office, on how to conduct your environmental job search.

Environmental Careers Day is sponsored by NEIU and the USEPA Academic Relations Program. For more information, contact committee members Dr. Barbara Winston at extension 2609; Dr. Laura Sanders at extension 2531; Dr. John Al-Bazi at extension 2626; or Mr. Lorn Coleman at extension 3119.

Teachers, Do You Know Your Returning Adult Students?

by Susan A. Loick

Here is a little quiz to test your knowledge of adult learners' characteristics.

1. Lecture method works best for adults.
2. Adults are less flexible thinkers.
3. Adult learners are passive.
4. Adults need to see application to real-life problems.
5. Adult learners prefer less-formal learning situations.

Did you do as well as you expected?

At NEIU, we have a very large adult learner population. And if you know your alternative teaching strategies for adult students, then you know that (1) adult students thrive on self-directed learning; (2) they bring a wealth of valuable experience to the classroom which sometimes precludes the role of "teacher as the authority figure"; (3) adults thrive on task-or problem-centered learning; and (4) they are internally motivated—personal involvement is at the heart of all adult learning.

Answer key:
1. False
2. True
3. False
4. True
5. True

ICTS Test Offered for Future Teachers

Candidates for teacher and administrator certification in Illinois must pass the Illinois Certification Testing System (ICTS) Basic Skills test (and a subject matter test).

During the week of February 27th, students who are planning to complete an approved teacher preparation program (including those who are about to enter or those who may be closer to completion of their preparation programs) are encouraged to participate in the Basic Skills pilot test. The Basic Skills test will be updated beginning with the October 1995 ICTS test administration. Also, beginning in October 1995, Illinois teacher prepa-

ration colleges may use the Basic Skills test as a requirement for admission to teacher education. Therefore, by participating in the pilot test, students will have an opportunity to gain valuable practice experience in taking preliminary versions of the new Basic Skills test.

There is no cost to take the pilot test. The Basic Skills pilot test will be offered at NEIU on February 27, 1995 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. in CC217. For additional information please contact Dr. Michael J. Belica at (312) 794-2957.

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The Adventures of Otto Shoppe

by Bill Kirby



Crossword Companion

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1. Elementary (abbr.)
5. Crush
9. Medical group (abbr.)
12. Mid-calf length skirt
13. Space
14. Man's title
15. Order
17. Preordain
19. Searcher
21. Thought
22. Hodgepodge
24. Doctor's assistant (abbr.)
25. Plural verb
26. Also
27. Born right here
29. Eastern state (abbr.)
31. Has

DOWN

32. Impersonal pronoun
33. Midwest state (abbr.)
34. River in Scotland
35. Einsteinium symbol
36. Person who delivers ice
38. Employ
39. High card
40. Gold symbol
41. British streetcar
42. Shouldn't do (slang)
44. Weak condition
46. Passageway
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51. Recreational vehicle
52. Galt
54. Other
55. Altitude (abbr.)
56. Nothing more than specified
57. Chair

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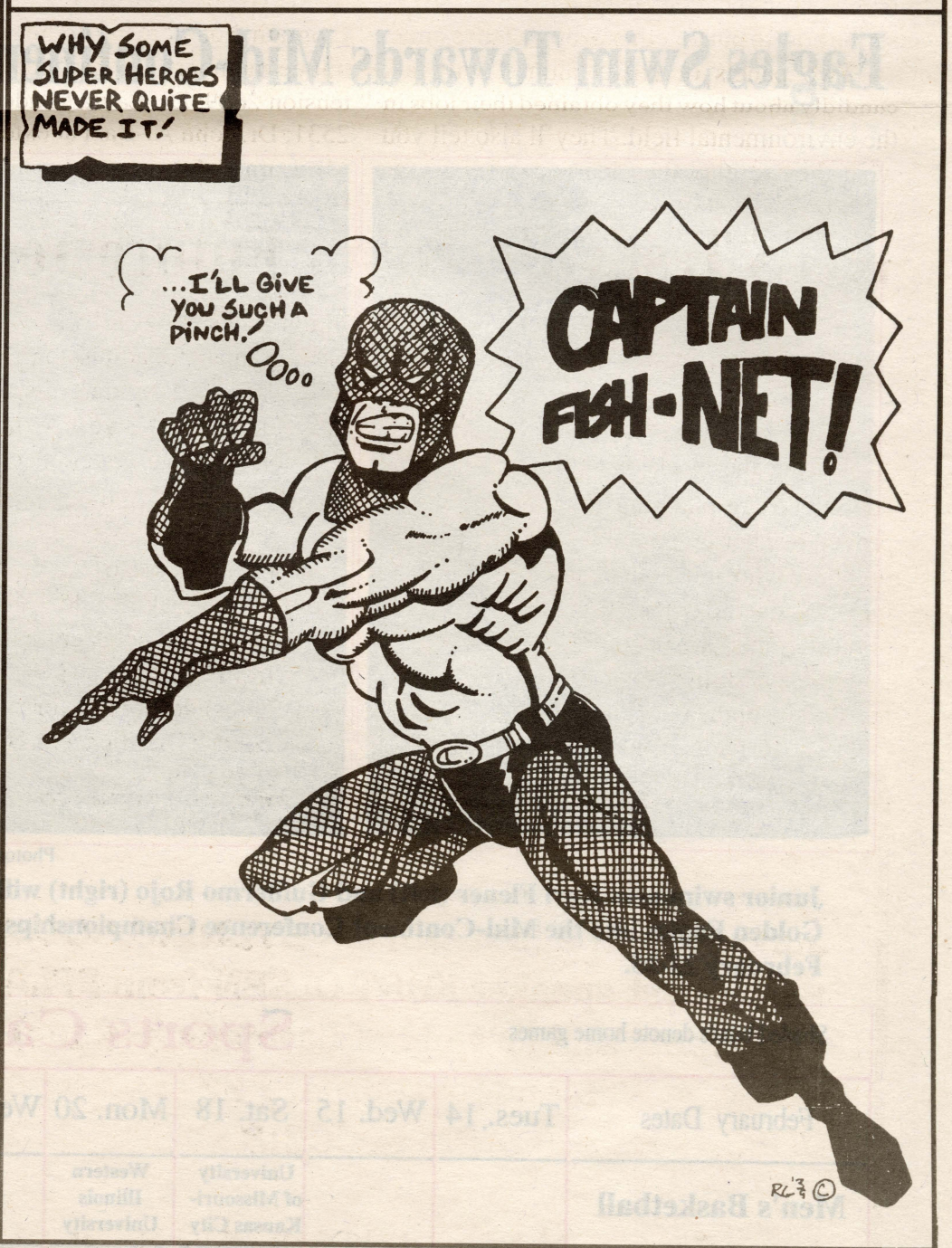
1. Scottish uncle
2. Bottle top
3. Single press run
4. Small (prefix)
5. New England state (abbr.)
6. Displaying devoting
7. Fortuneteller
8. Owns
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10. Belongs to me
11. Space
16. Tantalum symbol
18. Rubber wheel
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25. River in England
27. Polite
28. Likeness
29. Flat-topped hill
30. Judge
34. Lasting
36. Idol
37. Feed trough
39. Regarding (Archaic)
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42. Variable star
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49. Order of St. Augustine (abbr.)
50. Moist
53. 17th Hebrew letter

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Answers to last week's crossword

Wot??

by Raun Gallegos



Happy Valentine's Day
from the staff at
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SPORTS

NEIU competes at the Division I level in the Mid-Continent Conference

On Court Woes Continue

by Joe Yovino

The nightmare that has become the Golden Eagle's 1994-95 season is almost over. With only five games remaining, NEIU has crawled to a 4-15 season record, while compiling a 2-9 record against Mid-Continent Conference foes. All five remaining contests are against Mid-Con opponents.

With high expectations during the pre-season, the Eagles have watched player after player fall to injury as the squad was depleted to only eight players. Head coach Rees Johnson places a different perspective on the lost season. "I feel bad for the seniors. We were optimistic for the season but the injuries killed us."

Injuries and bad luck have caused the Eagles to drop nine out of their last ten games and nine out of their last eleven versus the Mid-Con.

NEIU was dealt more bad news when they learned sophomore guard Marcus West had transferred to Marquette University during

the winter break.

There is some good news for NEIU in the form of next season's prospects. The Eagles have signed Junior College All-American's Devon Hassel and Andrell Hoard along with Harlan High School's Joe Smith. Hassel is a 6'7" JC transfer from Southeastern University in Burlington, Iowa while Hoard is a 6'3" JC transfer from Olive Harvey. The Eagles have also added NCAA clearinghouse casualty Chris Morrow to next year's roster. Morrow is a 6'1" guard out of Morgan Park High School. All four are expected to add a spark for next year's Mid-Con Championship run.

While the news on the court has been disappointing this season, the news off the



Sixth Year Head Coach Rees Johnson is optimistic about the Eagle's next season. New recruits include two Junior College All-Americans.

court is much better as seven Golden Eagle players finished the Fall semester with a 3.0 or higher GPA. The list includes: freshmen Matt Wallace and Mike Schott, sophomores Andy Christopoulos and Mark Heidersbach, Junior Tom Conroy and seniors Craig Nowels and Rob Siler. The team grade point average currently stands at 2.705 while the Eagle's cumulative GPA is 2.69.

Eagles Swim Towards Mid-Continent Conference Championships

by Gary P. Cahill



Photos by Maureen Harty

Junior swimmers Karl Flener (left) and Guillermo Rojo (right) will lead the Golden Eagles into the Mid-Continent Conference Championships on February 23-25.

The NEIU mens' and womens' swimmers have had a difficult journey so far this season. The men posted a 2-12 regular season record while the women finished at 1-12.

First year Head Coach Brian Vogel started late and did not have a chance to scout swimmers. "It's been a tough season, I really didn't have a recruiting class because of my late beginning," Vogel said.

The Golden Eagles are returning just one male and seven women from last year's squad. The remainder of the roster has been filled by walk-ons. This year's team set twenty-five school records; twenty by the women and five by the men.

Vogel is optimistic looking ahead to the Mid-Con Championships. "We should fare well. Sophomore transfer and mens' captain Karl Flener should final in a few events," Vogel commented.

Jennifer Brown and captain Sarah McCulley will be major contributors on the womens' side.

Shaded boxes denote home games

Sports Calendar

February Dates	Tues., 14	Wed. 15	Sat. 18	Mon. 20	Wed. 22	Thur. 23	Fri. 24	Sat. 25	Sun. 26	Mon. 27
Men's Basketball			University of Missouri-Kansas City	Western Illinois University		Central Connecticut University		Troy State University	Chicago State University	
Women's Basketball			University of Missouri-Kansas City	Western Illinois University		Central Connecticut University		Troy State University	Chicago State University	
Men's/Women's Swimming & Diving						Mid-Continent Conference Championships at Buffalo, New York				