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## An Interview with Dr. Gordon Lamb

The President Speaks Out About NEIU in a Candid Interview with Independent Staff Reporter Ellen Shepard

On March 9th, Dr. Gordon Lamb announced his resignation as President of NEIU, effective in September of this year. On March 23rd, he spoke to *The Independent* about his new job at Western Illinois University, his accomplishments at NEIU, and his vision of NEIU's future. This is part I of a two-part series. The following are excerpts from that interview.



University Relations

**I:** What will you be doing in your new position as a Distinguished Service Professor of Music at Western Illinois University? What is your background in music?

**L:** I've talked to the Dean and the department head at Western and will look sometime next year to-

at doctoral programs, with a doctorate in choral music from the University of Iowa. I'm looking forward to returning, doing some teaching at Western, which has an excellent music department.

**I:** Are you a singer too?

**L:** Well, I started out as a singer...

**I:** Baritone?

**"And that's the responsibility, I think, of the president: to try to do things...create an opportunity for the university to be positioned to handle the real challenges that are coming in the future."**

— Dr. Gordon Lamb

wards setting up exactly what courses I will teach, but it will be in the area of choral music. My background in music, of course, is in choral music. I taught at the high school level and at the University level for years and taught

**L:** Tenor. Not active, as they say. My background before NEIU, to make it brief, was a number of years as a choral conductor, University of Texas at Austin, University of Texas at San Antonio, and got into administration at San

Antonio as head of the School of Music. Then they asked me to be Vice President of Academic Affairs, and it was from that position that I became president here, in 1986.

**I:** What do you think were your greatest accomplishments at NEIU?

**L:** I think the increased attention to academics at the University is an important one, through a variety of the testing measures that have put into place and have been refined, and implementation of some standards that needed to be

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## An Exercise In Waste

by Matthew R. Berg

The budget for the Center for Exercise Science and Cardiovascular Research (CESCR), a program which currently has 28 majors, has grown to almost one million dollars.

According to the 1993-94 NEIU budget, the operating cost of the CESCR was \$446,003. In an

NEIU report to the Board of Governors (BOG) dated June 16, 1994, an additional \$225,000 was requested "to establish a center for delivery of a program for preventative care in DuPage County." Subsequent reports to the BOG dated July 21st, and September 22nd, asked for \$35,000 and \$60,000 respectively for "physician coverage," and a "lease for equipment."

Early in 1995, at a meeting of the College of Education Academic Affairs Committee, another \$229,000 was requested by CESCR Director George Lesmes for a Masters Degree in Physical Therapy Program. The College of Education oversees the CESCR. However, reliable sources state that Director Lesmes reports directly to NEIU President Gordon Lamb.

Reportedly, members of the committee could make little sense of a program for a terminal de-

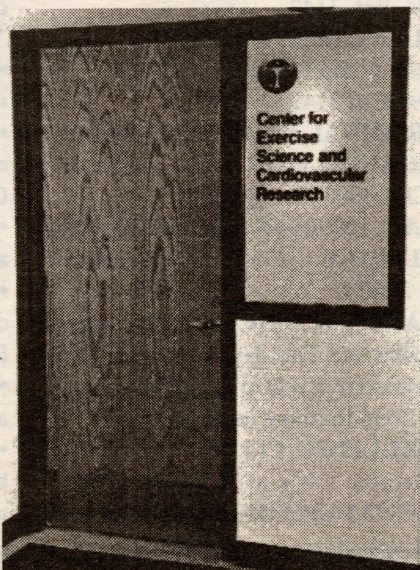
gree without an undergraduate program to support it, and without any graduate level program leading to licensure of physical therapists.

Members were also mystified by the almost \$5,000 to be appropriated for travel to the newly opened Corporate Risk Reduction Group Center (CRRG) located in Downers Grove, and affiliated with Lutheran General Hospital.

The CRRG Center, which is a branch of the CESCR, was opened in the Fall of 1994. The CRRG Center does not have the NEIU logo or name on any signs outside of the building.

NEIU Provost Salme Steinberg stated in an interview with the *Independent* that the CESCR and the CRRG provide "good name recognition. Being side by side with this top institu-

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## Women

- International Fellowship
- American Association of University Women (AAUW)
- Focus Professions Fellowship (AAUW)
- Science and Technology Fellowships (AAUW)
- \*Glamour Magazine Award
- \* AARP Initiative 10th Anniversary Award
- Career Development Grant (AAUW)
- Margaret Keldie Scholarship Awards

## Ethnic Minorities

- Focus Professions Fellowship (AAUW)
- Predoctoral and Dissertation Fellowships (Ford Foundation)
- Consortium for Graduate Study in Management Fellowship
- American Geological Institute (AGI) for Earth Science majors

# Student Clubs and Organizations

- **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS.** - meets Wednesdays (AWG-108) at 12:00 pm and Thursdays (CLS 2005) at 1:40 pm.
- **APOCALYPSE LITERARY ARTS COALITION** - meets Tuesdays at 1:40 pm in E-041 or stop in anytime.
- **ART CLUB** - meets Thursdays, 1:40 p.m., B 119. Ext. 2918.
- **ASPIRA** - meets Thursdays, 1:40 p.m., S 112. Ext. 3153.
- **BLACK CAUCUS CLUB** - meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:40 p.m., CLS 3094. Ext. 3142.
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- **THE INDEPENDENT** - only the best damn newspaper this side of the Mississippi. Ext. 2812.
- **MANAGEMENT CLUB** - For more information regarding membership, contact M. O'Malley at ext. 2650.
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- **QUE ONDEE SOLA** - meets Thursdays 1:40 p.m., E 041. Ext. 2954.
- **S.C.E.C.** - Student Council for Exceptional Children meets on alternate Thursdays at 1:45 p.m. in CLS 3020. Ext. 3040.
- **THE SCI-FI CLUB** - meets on alternate Tuesdays, 1:40 p.m., CLS 2005.
- **THE SOCIOLOGY CLUB** - meets every first and third Tuesday, 1:40 p.m., CLS 2094.
- **STUDENT SENATE** - stop by E-210, above Beck's Bookstore, anytime.
- **U.P.R.S.** - Union of Puerto Rican Students meets Tuesdays, 1:40 p.m., E 041. Ext. 2718.
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### Public Safety concerns compiled by Public Safety Officer Bob Paprocki

**Mar. 6 - Disorderly Conduct:** A student became upset after receiving test results in Health Services. No arrest was made, but Student Due Process notification was made. **Disorderly Conduct:** Two students were involved in a verbal altercation over noise making in the Library. No charges were filed.

**Mar. 7 - Theft:** A faculty member reported the theft of three textbooks and a box of tissues from an office in the Classroom Building. A loss of \$115.00.

**Mar. 8 - Criminal Damage:** A faculty member reported graffiti in the Library. A loss of \$50.00 to clean. **Theft:** A visitor to the campus left a coat in the auditorium. When she returned it was gone. A loss of \$100.00. **Suspicious Person:** A staff member and a student aide reported being harassed by a student. A report was made and the offender warned that Student Due Process would be evoked if he persisted.

**Mar. 9 - Medical Assist:** A staff member was transported to a hospital after becoming ill in the P.E. Building.

**Mar. 10 - Station Information:** A neighbor reported that on three occasions someone had taken her delivered newspaper from her front porch and proceeded down the B-Drive. **Disorderly Conduct:**

A student reported an altercation with another student over a third student's attentions to her. No charges were filed. **False Police Report:** Three youths activated an emergency phone near the P.E. Building and yelled "help!" All three were apprehended and warned to stay off campus. **Station Information:** A report was made by an instructor about a student who made a threatening remark after he complained about a class. No charges were filed.

**Mar. 13 - Theft:** A staff member reported an apparatus missing from the Science Building. It was last seen in July, 1994. A loss of \$1565.

**Mar. 14 - Station Information:** Two students reported finding unidentified female clothing near the campus. The Chicago Police Department was also notified.

**Mar. 15 - Theft:** Four textbooks were taken from an office in the Classroom Building. A loss of \$98.00.

**Mar. 16 - Criminal Damage:** The handicapped door opener in the Classroom Building was found damaged. An unknown amount to repair.

**Mar. 17 - Accident:** Two



non-university debris. A cost of \$350.00 to empty.

**Mar. 21 - Theft:** Unknown thief(s) took screws from a bike parked on campus. A loss of \$1.00

**Mar. 22 - Other Police:** Two NEIU Police Officers arrested a man who had stabbed another man three times and fled to the 3700 block of Devon Ave. He was charged with Aggravated Battery at the 16th District.

**Mar. 23 - Criminal Damage:** Workers reported a board pulled away from a window on a building under construction. **Criminal Damage:** Graffiti was reported in the B-Wing. A loss of \$20.00 to clean.

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# Student Government Elections to be Held April 4th & 5th

## Candidates' Statements

### Troyvonne Butler

Hello, my name is Troyvonne Butler and I am running for Senator in Student Government. I am a sophomore here at NEIU. I am currently the secretary of the Black Heritage Gospel Choir. I'm very well organized as well as outspoken. I'm dependable and I can get tasks done. There are some issues here around the University that I am very concerned about. My biggest concern, with me being a parent is the child care center. If you elect me to your senator I will make sure to the best of my ability that some concerns around this University are taken care of. Even if all the concerns of students at NEIU are not dealt with at least our voices will be heard. So on April 4th, and 5th don't forget to vote for me...Troyvonne Butler for Senator!

### Adeeb S. Asad

I should be elected as the Illinois Board of Higher Education Representative for NEIU because, I have served in a leadership capacity in a student organization for two years and I have been a senator for one year. I have served on the Finance Committee and the Charter Committee and I have other experience working with committees of people. I have an interest in the progression and continuity of higher education in Illinois. If I serve on this board, as the student representative, NEIU students will be well represented. I will use my leadership skills and abilities to effectively serve all students.

### William J. Harris

Hello, my name is William J. Harris, and I'm running for the office of Vice President of the Student Government Association, here at NEIU. I'm currently a senator and the acting Illinois Board of Higher Education Student Advisory Committee Representative (I.B.H.E.-S.A.C.). I'm also a charter member of the new Program Board, as well as a executive officer of the Black Student Movement (Vice President & President). The reason why I would like to become the next S.G.A. Vice President is two-fold:

1. I have the experience as well as the dedication to serve the student body in this capacity/role and to represent the "ENTIRE" student body and university Community.

2. To put it simply "I CARE", about what happens here at NEIU, and I feel that when one has the opportunity they should make themselves available and serve their fellow students, and be a clarion call for them as their representative.

Thank You.

### Gary P. Cahill

I promise this, and I promise that... you don't want to hear promises and I won't make any. I will work for the Students (that's you!). I will listen to any and all comments and complaints. There are issues that are of concern to all of us, I will address the issues that face us. My job will not be easy. I need you to vote for me so I can get to work! I will be a hands-on senator. I will listen to you. I care about you, the student, and I care about NEIU. There's a lot of work to be done and I'm ready to get started.

### Mike McDermott

Hello, my name is Mike McDermott. I am running for Student Senator. I have been at NEIU since 1991. I am a full-time student majoring in Sociology and I have a full-time job, so I can relate to the stress that many

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- ASAD, Adeeb  
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- COLLINS, Titus  
 CAHILL, Gary P.  
 DUNCAN, Danyelle  
 REID-WILLIAMS, Moneca  
 BUTLER, Troyvonne  
 MCDERMOTT, Michael  
 MURPHY, Tawanda  
 HUNTER, Regina  
 MITCHELL, Marie R.  
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- JOHNSON, Craig  
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students deal with. If elected, I would like to see some of the student areas returned to the students. For example, the Programming Board is supporting a petition for the Unicorn to be changed back into a student lounge. I support this petition and hope that it is passed. I would also support a measure that would increase the selection of courses offered. So remember to vote for Mike McDermott for Student Senator on April 4th and 5th.

### Titus Collins

If elected to the Student Senate, I, Titus Collins will become an active member of the Finance and Charter Committees, I will help make thorough and fair decisions for the needs of the various school organizations. I also will have an open mind and ear to any student with needs and concerns that may benefit the entire student body. My achievements include: In 1992 I helped establish and become Vice President of the Black Student Organization at St. Patrick High School. I also received my diploma from St. Patrick High School. In 1993, I became a member of the Black Heritage Gospel Choir. In 1994, I became a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Omicron XI chapter and was elected Secretary. I am licensed by the State of Illinois to solicit Life Insurance as a representative and manager at Oak Park based office for Primerica Financial Services. In 1995, I was appointed Treasurer of the Black Heritage Gospel Choir.

### Moneca S. Reid-Williams

Age: 22

Position Running For: Student Senate Seat

I am a former President and recently resigned Vice-President of the Black Heritage Gospel Choir. I now reside as the choir's Junior Advisor. I am a member of the Black Student Movement, the Black Caucus, and the Black Heritage Club. I have attended NEIU for four years and I am currently in my last semester of my junior year. I am quite active in the university and have seriously devoted my time in fighting for all of the students and organizations. I believe in fighting for the people and get some of the things that we students desire to have and changes that we want changed around the university done. I am the mother of four and have always been family orientated. I am a Christian, a hard working employee of the PSO Department, and a hard working student majoring in Psychology. I plan to graduate in May of 1997.

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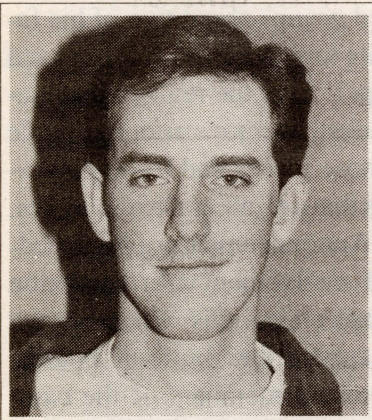
# Voice of the Campus

The opinions expressed on this page are those of members of the university community, and do not necessarily coincide with those of the editorial board of the Independent.

Chris Jacobi's

## The Eagle's Talon

Is it Monday already? Could spring break '95 really be over? Please say it's not so. Please tell me this is just a bad side effect from doing shots of So-Co and dancing naked on the bar singing showtunes.



Well I guess it's true, back to school. I guess the only consolation is that we only have a month left of school. So what did you all do over your much-too-short vacations? I know some of you went to South Padre or Daytona Beach. And I am sure some of you got so drunk that when you woke up, you were wondering what you were doing on the beach in your underwear with a nipple ring. You could've sworn you just had two beers and turned in early. Well I have just one

thing to say to all of you who might have overdone a bit and now you have to explain that other person's name tattooed on your arm. Good for you! I'm proud of all of you for doing your best. And don't worry about it if you can't see out of your left eye, your sight should return in about a week.

While you guys were partying in Florida or some other warm place, I was getting cultured and doing something educational. I went to New York City. Yes, I was in the Big Apple, the largest city in the U.S. What was I doing you ask? Well I was doing what any other responsible college student in N.Y.C. would be doing...drinking my butt off. Even if I'm not in Fort Myers Beach, I can still party as hard as the next spring breaker. The only thing different about drinking in New York is that the cabs won't stop if you wobble into the street.

I did, however, do more than just drink while in the city. I saw the Statue of Liberty (big disappointment), and I went to the top of the Empire State Building (very tall). I guess the only difference between Chicago and New York is that people in New York just don't

give a damn. I saw cabs stolen from people. I saw an elderly woman pushed to the ground because she didn't walk fast enough. Now I know people in Chicago are fast paced and sometimes rude, but until you walk around in Times Square you haven't seen anything.

New York had homeless people and beggars. The only difference between them and the homeless of Chicago is that they yell at you if you don't give them anything, but you still walk by anyway.

I do, however, envy the people that were fortunate enough to go someplace warm. But I bet they didn't get to see a man yelling at a stoplight or a lady trying to bite her own face. That is, of course, unless they got a hold of stale, flat beer.

I guess the point of this column is that it really doesn't matter where you go for spring break. Even if you stayed home and worked, at least you got a break from school. Sure...it's nice to go somewhere and do something different, but it's not necessary. Now if you'll excuse me I have a doctor's appointment concerning the removal of a tattoo. I wonder who this girl Tina was anyway?

## We're Not Worthy

by William Charles

I'm listening to her speak of imagery and theory. She "throws" them out for our perusal, admits that she may be going too far, dismisses her tidbits as too much of a stretch, and later will test our recollection of these formerly over-zealous rantings. Her appearance is a homogeneous mixture of W.C. Fields and

a mole. Her hair the style of Elton John, the delicate hue of car exhaust. Her voice a conglomeration of Mel Blanc's finest. She offers expert interpretation of the subject matter. We can only stare, blankly, as she dazzles us with ingenuousness. A student offers alternate interpretation which represents the collective opinion of the student body and is met with an open-mouthed, frosty-eyed stare.

She then continues; we're not worthy. Lifting her shrimp-colored face to the fluorescent light, she raises her hands as if to evoke the spirit of the ceiling tile. She has

perfected the art of screaming without actually raising her voice, preaching to us like a minister in a leaky tent. She throws her head back, almost enticing her spectacles to slide from the tip of her nose. Her zirconium earrings dangle, refusing to deny the laws of gravity and physical motion; proving that for every motion there is an equally comical reaction. Student opinions are welcome, she needs something to dismiss as incorrect; her opinion is of ultimate importance.

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## McDermott's Muse

by Mike McDermott

### A Familiar Ring

Did you ever wonder to where the birds fly  
 From the earth to high into the sky  
 From north to south in the fall  
 From south to north in the spring  
 All the birds signing has a familiar ring.  
 Did you ever wonder why the bears snooze  
 During the winter months in a cave  
 Sleeping better than you after a long night of booze  
 Sleeping with such security is brave.  
 Waking in the spring  
 All the bears growling have a familiar ring.  
 Did you ever wonder why your parents made you do chores  
 Even after explaining to them that they are all a bore.  
 You are older now and still cursing mad  
 Because you swore that you would never become your dad  
 But try as you may  
 There are still bills to pay  
 Reality sure has a familiar ring.

# Professor of the Week Reverend Kenneth Leech to Speak on Ethics and the Social Gospel

compiled by Sara Capetillo  
photo by Martin Felix

**Name:** Timothy H. Scherman  
**Birthplace:** Bronxville, NY  
**Fields of Expertise:** American Literature, with a specialization in the nineteenth century; Criticism and Theory.  
**Educational Credentials:** B.A., Dartmouth College; Ph.D., Duke University. Recipient of a Core Grant for 1994, 1995.

**Philosophy:** "My brother likes to say he never met a Ph.D. who didn't think he (or she) knew everything about everything. He's not alone in this opinion. It's our job to convince these people otherwise. That means we have to continue to learn--to show our students that, yes, we have more knowledge than perhaps they do in our field of expertise, but that we are continually learning about what we teach, and that to stand pat on our current knowledge is cultural and intellectual suicide."

**Future Plans:** "Completing two books, *Going Public: Authorship and its Production in the Antebellum United States*, and an edition of the prose writings of Elizabeth Oakes Smith. One day I'd like to have a Ford 150 and some place to keep all my power tools. I'd also like a few more cats, but Pam (my wife) doesn't."

**Hobbies:** "Carpentry, Golf, Tennis, Running, Photography--wish I had more time for 'em all."

**Words of Inspiration:** "...it appears as if men had deliberately chosen the common mode of living because they preferred it to any other. Yet they honestly think there is no choice left. But alert and healthy natures remember that the sun rose clear. It is never too late to give up our prejudices."--H.D. Thoreau



The Reverend Kenneth Leech, a priest of the Church of England and a noted author and theologian, will be on NEIU's campus Tuesday, April 11th, to meet with classes, visit with students, staff, and faculty, and participate in a 1 pm Eucharist scheduled for CC-214.

As "community theologian" at St. Botolph's Crypt Centre, Ken, as he prefers to be known, has spent most of his ministry serving the homeless, the hungry, the unemployed, and the disenfranchised. Arguing that "Christianity goes disastrously and dangerously wrong when Jesus is worshipped but not followed," he spends his time providing food and shelter for those in need and is often seen visiting with the lonely at some neighborhood pub well into the early hours of the morning. "A good priest," he contends,

"doesn't need to be respectable."

While on NEIU's campus as a part of the joint Lenten series sponsored by the Episcopalian, Roman Catholic, and Lutheran ministries, Ken, Fr. Ken if one insists, will spend time talking with interested groups about two of his favorite topics: ethics and the social gospel. Ever the ready conversationalist, he enjoys meeting people in those places and for those reasons that are integral to their lives.

Announcements of his scheduled involvement with discussion groups on campus will be posted on appropriate bulletin boards. Interested members of the campus community are invited to these discussions and to the 1 pm Eucharist on April 11th. Specific questions may be addressed to C. Jeriel Howard (extension 2960) or Richard Higginbotham (extension 4476), the Episcopal Campus Missioners at NEIU.

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tion (Lutheran General) helps us (NEIU). The affiliation gives us a legitimacy."

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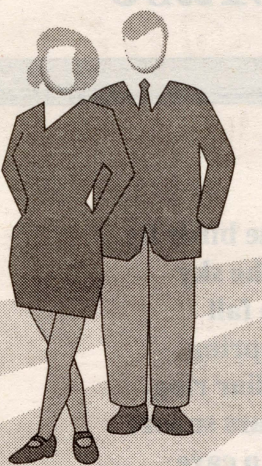
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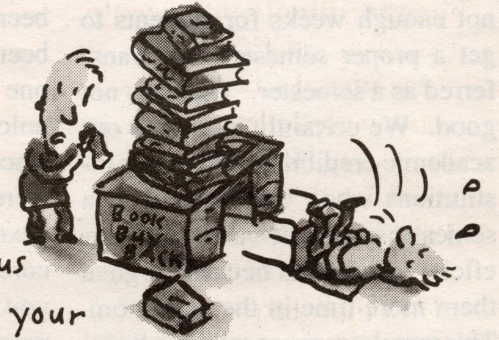
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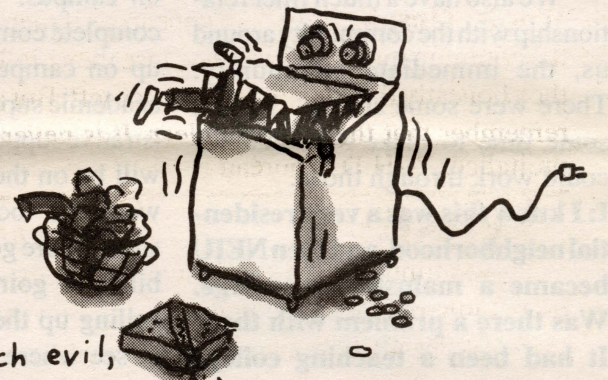
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## Interview

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put into place to provide more structure in the academic standards. Also the change to a semester — you probably weren't here when it changed to a semester.

**I: No, what did it use to be?**

L: It used to be a trimester and it had not enough weeks for students to get a proper semester, but transferred as a semester. That was not good. We certainly increased our academic credibility with other institutions when we changed to a semester system. It was highly beneficial to students because it gave them more time in the classroom. This translates eventually, we hope, to a higher quality baccalaureate.

**I: What sorts of testing measures?**

L: Well, there are several different kinds. They've implemented some pretty broad English exams, and a new Mathematics examination, and various kinds of things that link to those that provide a basis that make sure that students have the fundamentals in those areas before they graduate.

We also have a much finer relationship with the community around us, the immediate community. There were some strains. I spent some time to make sure that we could work through those.

**I: I know this was a very residential neighborhood, and then NEIU became a mainstream college. Was there a problem with that? It had been a teaching college originally, right?**

L: Yes, with far fewer students. There were 2500 students, or so. And now we're up over ten thousand. Of course that has an impact on the area around us. That was a concern brought to me when I came and every time we made a change, we worked with the community on that change. We've gotten some fine community leaders throughout the city and the suburbs to work with us to develop private funds that are there to assist both our students and our faculty. The premiere of that, of course, has been our Recognition Dinner. This is our eighth annual Recognition Dinner this year. We started this my second year here, and half of the moneys generated from that go toward minority scholarships, and half of it goes to faculty development, for certain projects that couldn't be funded otherwise.

**I: Scholarly? Research projects?**

L: Scholarly projects. They vary between what I would call pure research projects and applied research projects. So that, for example, one might have a project to work with students in a junior high school, or an elementary school.

Fifteen hundred, two thousand dollars would be very helpful, we can provide it out of these funds. We provided faculty members in art, science, just everywhere. Sometimes to assist them in finishing a manuscript that they need help with, maybe some research assistants, some typing.

Let me talk about what I think are some of the key things that I've been involved in and I think we've been helpful about. I'll mention one briefly: computers and technology. It's been a concern of mine since I came and found out that we were not in very good shape. By next year we'll have a fiber optic core on the campus, which leads you into the next century of technology. And it's simply a must, we have to be there. We now have a couple of smart technology classrooms, as they're called, where every student has a computer and the professor has a computer. We'll be building more of these every time we can get enough money out of the budget to do it. We've got them built into the new Fine Arts building that will be coming up.

We have provided far more computers for students and faculty on campus. We have a new and complete computer system coming up on campus which will be for academic support as well as administrative support. All registrar items will be on there and eventually, it won't be too far down the line, students are going to have the capability of going to computers and calling up their records, checking to see where they are, how many credits they have.

We also want to establish some student, as we call them in the business, "kiosks," in various places where students use a computer to say, "Yeah, I'm a drama major or I'm a history major, but I've thought of majoring in Geography. Which of my classes would count towards Geography?" And you can do this. The technology is there, we've just got to be able to get to the point where we can have it programmed. I think technology is critical to the future of all universities. It changes the way people think about learning, and it changes the way people teach.

Physical plant improvements I think have been very important for the campus. We have now re-roofed every building on the campus, finally finishing with that Science Building that we had worked so long to get money for. Of course our new fine arts facility will be an excellent facility for the programs in that area.

**I: Where is that building, and what's it going to be?**

L: It's a renovation of what was the old gym. [Near the health center] there used to be a gym, a swimming

pool, and a building. So that all comes out. We will also tear apart the current auditorium, and re-make it into a nice auditorium. Instead of the crazy steps that are there, it'll have a real slope, it'll have an orchestra pit. There will be cultural events, speakers, and those kinds of things. And then of course we'll have a small recital hall, and areas for art, and music, and drama offices in that new building. That's going to be a tremendous help.

One of the things that was really necessary when I came was that we bring some really good management into the physical plant area. And we've done that. We've gotten far more for less money than we ever could have had before. The campus is in better shape. The whole reconfiguration of parking lots and those kinds of things, which seem unimportant to many people, but are really important to how people get on the campus, move around the campus, and it's nice to be able to have a parking lot that doesn't have sixty-four big holes in it.

Recently, we implemented co-generation of electricity. We generate our own electricity during peak hours so we don't have to buy it from Commonwealth Edison during the peak hours, and then we use them in the off-peak hours. That has been a very good move for us

and will be extremely beneficial to the University, long after I'm gone.

**I: It saves us money?**

L: Oh absolutely. We're going to save a lot of money, I bet. But we have to first pay off the money that we borrowed to do it, and then the savings come. We're very excited about it.

But these are long-range things. And that's the responsibility, I think, of the president: to try to do things...create an opportunity for the university to be positioned to handle the real challenges that are coming in the future, from every source. Energy cost is one of those. I mean you can't ignore it, but it's not in a classroom. But everything affects what you do.

I would include in this, a properly structured athletics department. We did not have one that I believed was properly structured. It did not serve the student athletes very well. And I think that we have an excellently structured, very viable athletics department [now], based on a very small amount of money. It's a very slim, rather lean operation. But they work very hard and I think they're making a good contribution

**Part two of Dr. Lamb's interview will be continued in the April 17th issue of the Independent**

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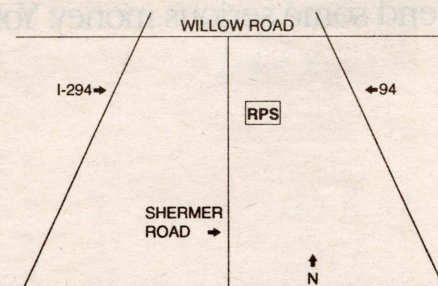
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# Working This Year's Job Fair

by George Bagel  
Assistant Director of Placement

With NEIU's Annual Job and Career Fair coming up on April 12, 1995, at the upper level of the Commuter Center, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., I thought it would be appropriate to offer some helpful hints on how to make the most out of this event.

**1. Dress professionally.**

The more professional you look, the more interested the employer will be in you. Make no bones about it, every time you approach an employer's table to discuss their job openings, you are about to be interviewed.

**2. Bring a resume (many copies).**

Make sure the resume you bring states your career objective, is an adequate reflection of your background and abilities, and does not contain a lot of bull. The best way to do this is to have your resume critiqued by a job counselor in the Placement Office.

**3. Check out the employers.**

When you enter the job fair make sure you obtain a program from the Placement Office representative at the registration table. The program will list the employers in attendance and the job opportunities that they have. Identify your "top ten" and speak with them first.

**4. Keep your presentation brief.**

Remember that you will only have, on average, 4-5 minutes with the interviewer. It is a screening interview. It will not be in depth.

**5. Be confident and outgoing.**

When you approach an employer's table, smile and give them a firm handshake. Be confident but not arrogant. Companies say they are interested in seeing the face, personality, and motivation of the candidates, not just the resume.

**6. Ask meaningful questions.**

It is not necessary to do research on companies before the fair, but they expect you to ask questions about their company and the openings they have. Ask probing questions about their job opportunities and tell them how your background would be of benefit to their organization. Do not ask about salary or benefits. By all rights, you should be more interested in the opportunity than the salary and benefits at this stage of the game.

**7. Be patient and personable.**

If there are long lines of people in front of a table, ask the recruiter if they would prefer that you just drop off your resume and follow up with a telephone call. This will show them how professional and considerate you are. A good impression goes a long way. If they wish for you to follow up with a phone call, be sure to get their business cards.

**8. Build contacts.**

Career fairs are a great way for students, from freshman to graduate students, to

see **Jobs** page 10

# ----- Legal Eagle -----

John D. Ioakimidis is an Attorney at Law. His office is located at 2601 W. Peterson, Chicago, IL 60659. (312) 561-8820. John is an NEIU alumni with a B.A. in Political Science. He will assist in any questions regarding Law that the NEIU Community may have. For more information or questions you can contact John at the address above or the office of the Independent.

A person wanting to become a U.S. citizen must file an "Application for Naturalization" Form N-400 with Immigration and Naturalization (INS), and satisfy 10 requirements. The applicant must: 1) be a lawful permanent resident; 2) be at least 18 years old; 3) have good moral character; 4) be able to have a fairly simple conversation in English; 5) be able to pass a basic test on U.S. history and government; 6) have made a home in the U.S. for at least five years; 7) have been physically present in the U.S. for at least half of the said five years; 8) not abandoned the U.S. as a residence in the last five years; 9) take an oath of loyalty to the U.S.; and 10) intend to permanently reside in the U.S.

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where the examiner will swear the applicant in and do three things: 1) ask questions pertaining to the N-400 application; 2) assure that the applicant can read, write, and speak English; and 3) ask the applicant a few basic questions on U.S. Government and History. If the applicant satisfies the requirements, the examiner will approve the application, and soon thereafter, the applicant will be issued a Certificate of Naturalization after attending the swearing in ceremony.

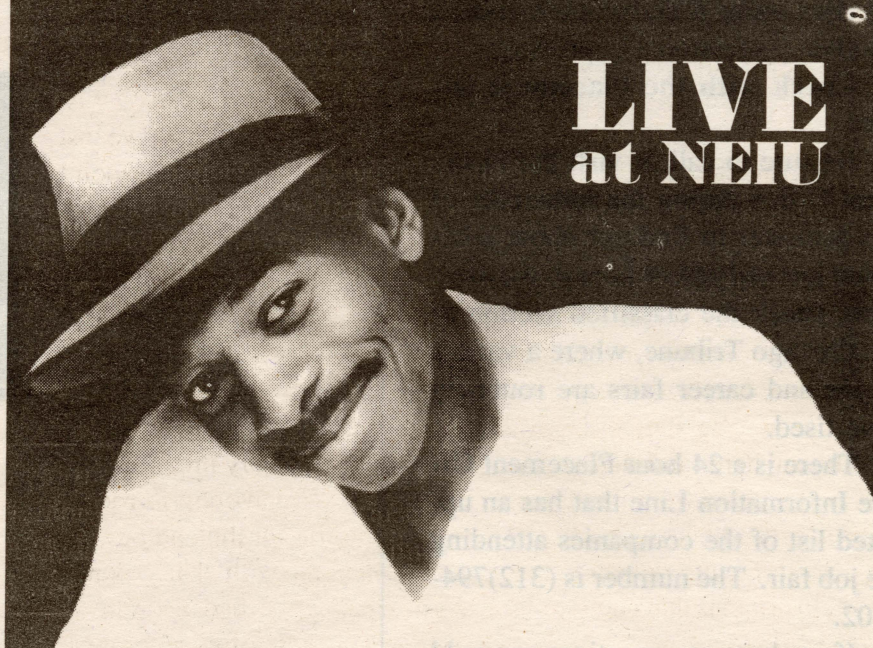
In closing, the above information only states the general rules and does not reflect the details and exceptions associated with this area of the law. Regardless of when one chooses to pursue the road to citizenship, the process becomes fluid with competent assistance.

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She goes on; we're not worthy.  
 When examining our note-taking abilities, she requires that we recall her minutiae verbatim. The sheer energy of her genius, it is believed, should imprint her unspoken thoughts upon our minds. Inability to recall these words of wisdom—no matter how historically or factually incorrect—is grounds for a lowering of one's grade. Pointing out her oversight of accuracy is not looked down upon, but it also doesn't elicit serious consideration. An "A", she has told us, is all but unattainable.

She doesn't stop; we're not worthy.  
 The gesturing of her hands and arms would embarrass George Bush, she puts him to shame. With Hitler's energy and the forearms of an orangutan she drives her point home. I begin to feel sleepy. Very, very sleepy. My mind drifts, my eyes wander. My eyelids are heavy. I see in the seat before me a student reviewing a piece of lined paper scrawled on with blue ink. I read something about body piercing and undergarments; I decide it's better if I don't snoop. Out of the corner of my eye I see the flash of earrings and spectacles and I return my eyes to the front of the room.

Time stands still; we're not worthy.  
 I look around the room at future purveyors of knowledge and I wonder: Why am I here? I would rather attend the Black and Decker school of fingernail removal. I kick myself in the head as I remember that the Biology Department offered no alternatives.  
 It goes on and on; we're not worthy.

**Jobs**

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learn about various careers, build up a network of contacts, determine what qualities are most important for each position, and obtain interviews and possible employment.

**9. Don't burn your bridges.**

If there is a company that interests you but doesn't have any openings in your area, make contact with them anyway. It is not unusual for a student to get a call from an employer weeks or months after a job fair when an opening does occur if that student made a positive, professional impression.

**10. Check with the Placement Office.**

Be sure to call or visit the Placement Office during the remainder of this semester to find out about additional job and career fairs in the area. Also, check the classified section of the Chicago Tribune, where a variety of job and career fairs are routinely advertised.

There is a 24 hour Placement Office Information Line that has an updated list of the companies attending the job fair. The number is (312)794-6502.

If you have any questions or would like assistance developing your resume, stop by the Placement Office, B-117, or call (312) 794-2868.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## KoKo's Chicago Blues is Red Hot

by Mable L. Buckner

KoKo Taylor has been hailed as the "Queen of the Blues" for more than thirty years. Her gritty and powerful singing style combined with her total dedication to her songs is the true definition of soul. With her exuberant, good-time approach and her tough-as-nails band, she can make the reluctant dance, and the quiet shout.

Now in her fifties, KoKo still performs over 200 times a year. She recently completed a U.S. tour with B.B. King, Buddy Guy, Lonnie Brooks and Junior Wells. Her latest album, entitled "Force of Nature" has just been released. "Wang Dang Doodle," which was produced by Willie Dixon, is her most popular song to date.

KoKo's dedication to her songs has earned her more awards than any other blues singer, with five of her albums being nominated for Grammys. On March 3, 1993, Mayor Daley honored KoKo with the "Legend of the Year" award and declared the day "KoKo Taylor Day."

March 2, 1995 marked another one of KoKo's successes with the opening of her new nightclub, KoKo Taylor's *Chicago Blues*, located at 7 W. Division. Blues artists who have contributed their talents at the club have been: Big Time Sarah, Junior



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**Koko Taylor's Chicago Blues, located at 7 W. Division, opened on March 2nd.**

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Interviews  
with Lou  
Rawls,  
Cicero  
Blake, and  
Johnny  
Mathis**

## School Got You Down? Here's a Student Who Really Has the Blues

by Kimberly Dudash

Tony Llorens, who besides being a music major here at NEIU, is a tremendously talented keyboard player who has worked alongside such Blues legends as Albert King. During the time he played with King, Tony jammed and shot a video with Stevie Ray Vaughn and also opened up for ZZ Top.

Currently, Tony is playing keyboards for BTS Express (Big Time Sarah's band). BTS Express recently played at KoKo Taylor's Place and at Blues Etc. Unfortunately (for us—not Tony), BTS Express is going to be on a tour in Europe for most of the summer, so they probably will not be doing any jamming in Chicago. However, you can still check out BTS Express on April 6th at B.L.U.E.S. on Halsted.

Tony will also be performing in NEIU's Jazz Combo on April 10th at 7:30 p.m. in NEIU's auditorium. If you're interested in musicals, Tony will be playing keyboards in Jesus Christ Superstar, which he currently directs. You can catch these performances on April 7th and 8th at 8:00 p.m. and April 9th at 4:00 p.m. at Providence of God Church located at



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18th & Halsted.

Besides playing the Blues, Tony can be found using his culinary expertise to create scrumptious dishes for his two sons. He also teaches music at Resurrection and St. Thomas Aquinas and is the music minister at St. Martin DePorres.

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The play is flavored with the

playwright's authentic, if self-serving "I was there" perspective, "Laughter on the 23rd Floor" feels like the television show it depicts. It is a collage of sometimes silly vignettes whose humor stems more successfully from extravagantly eccentric, yiddish-inflected delivery than the actual quality of the material.

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# SPORTS



## The History of Sports Journalism

This is the third in a four-part series dealing with the history of Sports Journalism and the writers who influenced the sporting world.

by Joe Yovino

Christian K. Messenger wrote numerous books about the people who influenced the world of sporting journalism. Messenger often wrote about the men and women who wrote sport's columns and dealt with their incalculable contributions to the sport of writing. In *Sport and the Spirit of Play in American Fiction*, Messenger deals with the writings of Ring Lardner, who he calls the most talented sportswriter in the history of journalism.



Messenger, throughout his chapter entitled, "Lardner: The Popular Sports Hero" gives him credit for pioneering a new style of sports journalism that has never

been matched. Messenger gives Lardner credit for finding a perfect environment for humorous realism in the physical world of professional sports. Lardner, according to Messenger, presented the athlete and his environment as a representation of society. Lardner transformed a spirit of writing that had never been read before. He gave birth to new sports characters and transformed modern fiction. In 1919, when Lardner was at the height of his career, he gave life to a profession that had previously only reported stats and figures.

Lardner often showed the darker nature of the sporting world. He wrote of disorder and wasted lives, but most importantly, he wrote about the truth through triumphs and defeat.

## Softball Hits Stride

by Gary P. Cahill

The Lady Eagles softball team has dominated lately winning six out of their last seven games. NEIU finished their spring break road trip with six wins and only two losses.

The Eagles, who won only fourteen games all of last season, have already won six games this year. NEIU's season record now stands at 6-4. "It was a good road trip. A chance to go outside and play some games," said third year head coach Joyce Wellhoefer. "Everybody got some experience, ev-

erybody played well."

Four freshman pitched during the Eagle's latest road trip and Wellhoefer said she is very impressed with their performance. "The pitching did the job, we were untested (entering spring break). I was real happy."

The Lady Eagles will have a test in the next two weeks, playing eight games in that time frame.

NEIU is currently led offensively by Freshmen Michelle Oswald and Stephanie Sorensen. Oswald is currently hitting .618 (21 for 34) while Sorensen is batting .480 (12 for 25) on the sea-



3rd year Head Coach Joyce Wellhoefer led the Lady Eagles to their most successful season ever last year.

son. Freshman Brandi Wargo leads the Eagles in pitching with thirty-three innings pitched and a 3.39 ERA. Wargo's record stands at three wins and two losses.

## Netters Winless on the Season

by Gary P. Cahill

The mens' and womens' tennis teams are winless so far this season compiling a combined 0-11 record.

NEIU features only two returning women, Heather Sachs and Karen Gill. They will compete in the first and second individuals slots.

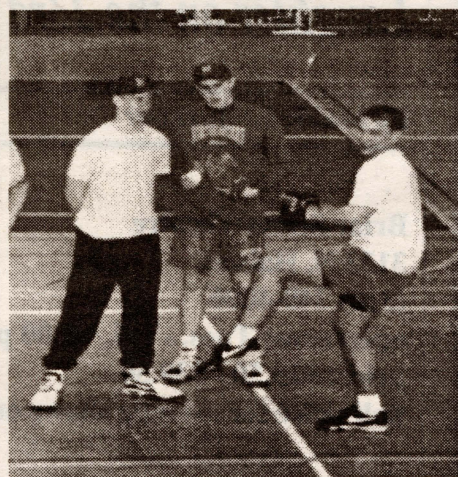
Johnny Oracion and Pierce Hutchings are the sole returnees for the mens' team. The rest of the roster has been filed by other sport athletes

and walk-ons.

The women lost key players Kristen Hinkforth and Elaine Hutchings to academic ineligibility. The Lady Eagles finished 1-17 last season. (We're) very young and inexperienced. We're playing with lot of college players who have not played high school or college tennis," Head Coach Mark Johnson said. Natalie Enger and Shelly Hurst should contribute for the women. "We're going to take our lumps (but) we'll do our best," Johnson commented.

The men finished 7-13 last year and are currently 0-5 this season. "It's been a rude awakening for them," Johnson remarked, "They have their moments when they're playing good tennis. They're just playing teams that are better than them."

The men feature Oracion in the number one slot, Raj Balu at the number two slot and basketball team managers Duc Chau and Mike Hirsh. "There's no easy matches for us. The players are giving it the best they have," coach Johnson commented.



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## Eagles Cold in Heat

by Joe Yovino

The Florida heat left the Eagles cold as NEIU lost six out of seven games during their recent stint in the south. The Eagle's sole victory came against Niagara University (5-2) before the team lost their

final five games.

NEIU has currently lost eleven straight running their season record to 2-17.

Eleventh year head coach Jim Hawrysko gave his summation of the season thus far. "I'm frustrated because we don't make the plays when we need to."

Shaded boxes denote home games

### Sports Calendar

April Dates	Tues. 4	Wed. 5	Thur. 6	Sat. 8	Sun. 9	Mon. 10	Tues. 11	Wed. 12	Thur. 13	Fri. 14
Baseball	Northwestern University	UW-Milwaukee (2)		Valparaiso University (2)	Valparaiso University (2)			UW-Milwaukee (2)	University of IL-Chicago	
Softball	University of IL-Chicago		Northwestern University	Valparaiso University	Western Illinois University		Bradley University			Butler University
Men's/Women's Tennis		Valparaiso University (W)	University of IL-Chicago (W)		UW-Milwaukee (M)	UIC (M) Indiana State (W)				Northern Iowa Univ. (W)