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Alumni Rae Lewis-Thornton speaks about living with AIDS

By David Chun
Staff Writer

Rae Lewis-Thornton, the dynamic speaker and AIDS activist, spoke at NEIU on April 4 to close AIDS Awareness Week.

Rae Lewis-Thornton is a former Magna Cum Laude NEIU student who worked heavily on the presidential campaigns of Jesse Jackson and Michael Dukakis, and on Carol Mosley-Braun's senate campaign. She was diagnosed with HIV in 1986, at the age of 23, and she now has full-blown AIDS.

Thornton loosened up the crowd by joking about the bad traffic on the Kennedy and her "bad hair day." She admitted to being nervous about speaking at the place in which she once attended.

"I have come full circle today," she said. "I spoke at my old elementary school, my old high school, and my church, so this finishes the tour."

She explained her bent for activism: "I first discovered that I had a knack for political involvement when I was attending Southern Illinois. I left SIU after only a short time and became a political activist. After 7 years of working on campaigns, I decided to get my degree and attend Northeastern."

With the more pleasant introduction out of the way, Lewis-Thornton went to work. "It is awkward that I am here, being treated like a celebrity because I am dying," she said.

Lewis-Thornton kept her illness hidden for a long time. She explained, "I knew that I was infected with HIV when I arrived at NEIU, but I kept it secret, partially because I did not want people to know, and partially because I was in denial. I never read one article on HIV or AIDS the first 7 years that I carried the virus because I was in denial."

photo by Kimberly A. Dudash

Rae Lewis-Throntonmakes a passionate plea for AIDS awarenss.

"When I began graduate school, I began to develop full-blown AIDS. I went from 1 pill per day to 20. I suffered from chronic fatigue. It was harder to hide my sickness. But, just by looking at me, could you tell that I have HIV or AIDS? No."

She said that her plans for the future were changed by AIDS: "Instead of being a professor at Yale or Harvard, I am here talking about AIDS to you."

She was quick to dispel misconceptions about who gets AIDS. She explained, " I was not 'loose' like many of you think. I dated high class men who drove Mercedes and were rich. So, there is, or was, a Mercedes driving, high- powered man out there with AIDS."

Lewis-Thornton then opened up the floor to questions from the audience. She prefaced this segment by telling all questioners that she had no question too personal. Some of the more intriguing questions follow.

Q. Do Pharmaceutical companies hold back research on possible AIDS cures, or vaccines?

A. The nature of Capitalism dictates a cure. Every company is working very hard in the hopes that they are the company that finds the cure. AIDS research is a million dollar industry. Therefore, no, the pharmaceutical companies are not holding back, they are pushing forward.

Q. While Magic Johnson does not have full-blown AIDS yet, he does have HIV. How can lead a full, normal lifestyle that includes the strenuous NBA basketball season?

A. Because Magic Johnson does not reveal to anyone his current condition, it is unknown exactly how he is doing. For the first 7 years of my HIV infection, I lead a normal life without missing a beat. So, he probably has not experienced any signs of full-blown AIDS yet, and therefore is healthy enough to play basketball.

Q. Do you think that the proportion that the National Health Funding provides to AIDS research is fair, or pro-

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"Benefit(s)" of Spanish dance

By Greg Vanover
Staff Writer

Passionate Rhythms! The highly regarded Ensemble Espanol Spanish Dance Theater, the only Spanish dance company in the world with residency status at a university in the United States, is kicking off its 20th Anniversary celebration of Spanish art, education and culture with a gala benefit concert at NEIU on April 20 at 8:00 p.m., in the Auditorium.

The show, entitled "Ritmos Unidos" ("United Rhythms"), will be the first of several this summer for the company and one of the last events to be held in NEIU's auditorium before it undergoes renovation. 60 artists in total (many of whom are

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NEIU welcomes Earth Day founder Gaylord Nelson

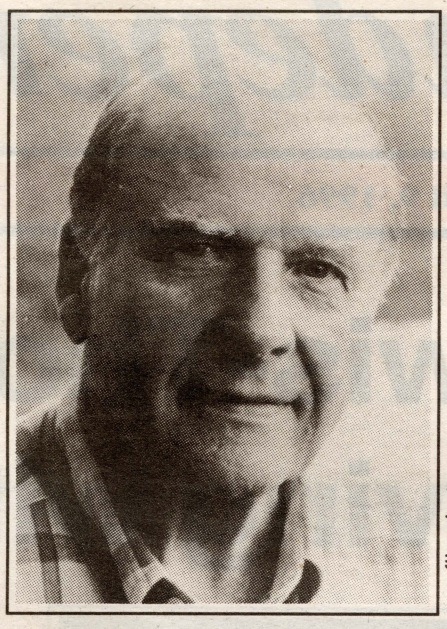
By Dawn Janke
Staff Writer

As we say "Happy 26th Birthday, Earth Day" this April, Gaylord Nelson, founder of the first Earth Day, will be the keynote speaker for our Third Annual Environmental Month.

Nelson's lecture, "Earth Day- Where Do We Go From Here?" will be April 16 at 7:30 in the Auditorium. He will conduct a class on environmental issues on the same day at 1:40 in the Golden Eagles Room. Admission for both events is free.

While honoring him for his lifetime of dedication to the environment, President Clinton described Nelson as, "the father of Earth Day. He is the grandfather of all that grew out of that event—the Environmental Protection Act, the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act. He also set a standard for people in public service to care about the environment and to try to do something about it."

Nelson has been an environmental leader for the past 40 years. His career includes 18 years in the U.S. Senate, Counselor of the Wilderness Society, and recipient of the Environmental Leadership Award (1982), the Only One Earth Award (1992), and the Presidential Medal of Freedom (1995).



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Gaylord Nelson

Nelson is still involved in Earth Day affairs. He served as Chairman of Earth Day XXV. Currently, his focus is on the issues of U.S. population

The first Earth Day was held on April 22, 1970 in an effort to make environmental protection a national issue. 20 million Americans participated. Earth Day has been celebrated ever since; Nelson's vision continues.

Earth Day schedule of events

NEIU will present the following series of lectures, forums, discussions, and field trips in conjunction with Earth Day:

Tuesday, April 9, 1:40 p.m. - Golden Eagles Room
"The environmental theme in the NEIU story: tracing back to the founding days."

Tuesday, April 9, 3:15 p.m. - Heritage Room
"Blue Bag Recycling in Chicago—is it working?"

Thursday, April 11, 1:40 p.m. - North Park Village Nature Center
Brown Bag Network field trip: wetland restoration

Saturday, April 13, 9:00 a.m. - North Park Village Nature Center
Work day: ecosystem restoration

Sunday, April 14, 8:00 a.m. - Wooded Island
(South side of Museum of Science and Industry) (Rain date - 4/20)
Bird walk

Tuesday, April 16, 1:30 p.m.- Golden Eagles Room
Special open class/Gaylord Nelson, Earth Day founder

Tuesday, April 16, 5:00-9:30 p.m. - Auditorium lobby
Eco-expo: Exhibits of environmental organizations and activities

Tuesday, April 16, 7:30 p.m. - Auditorium
"Earth Day: Where do we go from here?"
Keynote lecture by Gaylord Nelson, Earth Day founder,

Thursday, April 18, 1:40 p.m. - Golden Eagles Room
Presentation of Annual Alumni Environmental Award

Thursday, April 18, 3:15 p.m. - Commuter Center
"The Chicago Wilderness"

Extension 200

Extension 200 is available 24 hours a day. Members of the University Community are encouraged to contact Public Safety when they need help, motorist assistance with lockouts or jump-starts, or if they have information about these items.

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

Extension 200 Reports compiled by Public Safety Officer Bob Paprocki

March 3 - *Motor Vehicle Offense*: A non-student was issued five state citations near the campus.

March 4 - *Disturbance* - A disturbance was caused by non-students with no ID attempting to gain entry to the PE building.

March 7 - *Station Information*: A staff member reported a virus placed in her computer.

March 12 - *Criminal Damage*: Two windows in the B-wing were reported damaged. A loss of $250.00. *Medical Assist*: A student was transported to a hospital from the Science building after becoming ill. Health Services assisted in treating her.

March 13 - *Theft*: A student reported leaving a wallet in an unlocked auto in the J-lot. When he returned the wallet was gone. *Theft*: A student reported $25.00 missing from a purse left in a Science building classroom. *Assault-Simple*: A staff member was reprimanded after an incident with another staff member in the D-building. *Station Information*: A student reported a state plate stolen from her auto at an unknown location off campus.

March 14 - *Theft*: A student reported his oil painting stolen from the Art Center. A loss of $310.00. *Theft*: A student reported driving from the F-lot after leaving her purse on her auto truck. When she returned the purse was missing. A loss of $225.00.

March 15 - *Other Police* - Seven non-students were arrested by Chicago and NEIU Police after citizen complaints of gang activity on the 5700 block of Christiana.

March 17 - *Domestic Battery*: A non-student was arrested near the campus after his spouse signed a criminal complaint against him. He was also arrested for narcotics possession.

March 18 - *Theft*: A faculty member reported an AV cart missing since last fall. A loss of $190.00

March 19 - *Criminal Damage*: Unknown person(s) broke a window near the D-building patio. A loss of $138.00.

March 20 - *Public Complaint*: A staff member reported a cash register being tampered with when the department was closed. There was no loss.

March 22 - *Theft*: A student reported a wallet taken from a table in the library where she had left it unattended. A loss of $50.00.

March 25 - *Theft*: A battery charger was reported missing from the PE building. A loss of $150.00. *Criminal Damage*: Two non-students were arrested for trying to break into an auto parked in the D-lot. One person also had stolen a credit card in his possession.

March 26 - *Disorderly Conduct*: A student reported being followed onto the campus by an irate driver. She was instructed as to obtaining an arrest warrant for the other driver. *Theft*: A student reported leaving his wedding band in the PE building men's room. When he returned it was gone. No estimate of loss was given. *Criminal Damage*: A student reported his auto scratched by unknown person(s) while parked on campus. A loss of $200.00. *Theft*: A student reported leaving a blue book bag in the library unattended. When she returned it was gone. A loss of $12.00.

March 27 - *Criminal Damage*: A student was charged with breaking a window in the B-wing. A loss of $252.00 was repaid to the University. *Criminal Damage*: A bulletin board in the F-wing was damaged by unknown person(s). A loss of $30.00. *Theft*: Five baseball bats were reported missing from the PE building. A loss of $500.00.

March 30 - *Station Information*: A faculty member reported unauthorized use of an office in the Science building.

Events Calendar

April 7-20, 1996

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7	8 **9am-6pm** Advance Registration Summer 1996 Cafeteria Meeting Room **7:30-9:30pm** NEIU Jazz Ensemble Auditorium	9 **9am-6pm** Advance Registration Summer 1996 Cafeteria Meeting Room **9am-7pm** Student Government Elections Village Square **12n-4pm** ACT Residual Examination CC 217 **2:30-4:30pm** Asian Forum Alumni Hall	10 **9am-6pm** Advance Registration Summer 1996 Cafeteria Meeting Room **9am-7pm** Student Government Elections Village Square **12n-2pm** CHIMEXLA Lecture CC 216 **7:30-9:30pm** Enrique Vilaseco Concert Auditorium	11 **9am-6pm** Advance Registration Summer 1996 Cafeteria Meeting Room **10am-1pm** Caner Control Information Table Village Square **10am-2pm** Black Heritage Bake Sale Village Square **2:30-3:30pm** AFSCME Election CC 218	12 **9am-6pm** Advance Registration Summer 1996 Cafeteria Meeting Room **8am-5pm** Student Research Symposium CC 214-215-216-217-218-219, Heritage Room, CC 2nd floor lounge **2-9:45pm** Asian Heritage Week Auditorium	13 **7:30-10am** A.C.T. CLS 1001 **8am-12:15pm** ECE Test Alumni Hall
14	15 **9am-6pm** Advance Registration Summer 1996 Cafeteria Meeting Room **9am-1pm** Telemarketing Recruiting Village Square **5-9pm** Latino Film Festival Heritage Room	16 **9am-6pm** Advance Registration Summer 1996 Cafeteria Meeting Room **8am-6pm** State Wide Teachers Job Fair Alumni Hall, CC 214-215-216-217-218-219, CC 2nd floor lounge, Village Square, North Corridor **1:45-2:45pm** Native American Speakers CLS 1001	17 **9am-6pm** Advance Registration Summer 1996 Cafeteria Meeting Room **5-9pm** Latino Film Festival Heritage Room **7:30-9:30pm** NEIU Concert Band Auditorium	18 **9am-6pm** Advance Registration Summer 1996 Cafeteria Meeting Room **7:30-10pm** Student Awards Ceremony Auditorium **1:45-2:45pm** Native American Heritage Day CLS 1002	19 **9am-6pm** Advance Registration Summer 1996 Cafeteria Meeting Room **12n-3pm** Alumni Career Panel Sessions CC217 **7-9pm** Black Heritage Gospel Choir Spring Concert Auditorium	20

African American History month ends in success

By Toly Walker
Staff Writer

The 20th annual Project Success awards ceremony, which honors academic achievement, was held February 29 and marked the end of African American History Month.

Established in 1969 by Professor William Speller, Project Success serves as an alternative entrance method for students who would not otherwise be admitted to college. Success counselors offer one-on-one counseling, as well as scheduling assistance for the first two semesters.

Program participants are also assisted financially, reducing the strain from outside distractions and allowing them to focus on school.

Dr. Speller is enthusiastic about the program and its effectiveness. When asked if it will continue, he replied simply, "How could it not?"

Project Success participants, friends, family, faculty, and administrators gather together after the award cermony held on February 29.

Music education major takes first place

By Mike Buino
Staff Writer

Natural talent and practice, practice, practice was the recipe for 22-year-old Constantinos E. Athanasiou's first place win at the recent guitar competition held by the Society of American Musicians.

Athanasiou began practicing nearly three months before the competition that was held on March 23 at Elmhurst College. The practice and the motivation to win helped to put him ahead of the other six musicians who competed with him in the Collegiate Division Guitar Competition.

"I wanted to win. I thought it was time to win something," remarked Athanasiou.

His parents were the motivating force that started him playing guitar nearly 14 years ago at the age of 8. Athanasiou contends that he was "forced" to play guitar when he was little. Somewhere along the way music and guitar began to grow on him.

Athanasiou is currently a junior studying music education under Professor Anne Waller.

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SUN	April 14	12:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Library Classroom (3rd Floor)
TUE	April 16	1:40 pm - 4:10 pm	CLS 1002 (Lecture Hall)
WED	April 17	9:00 am - 12:00 noon	Alumni Hall (Commuter Center)
THU	April 18	9:00 am - 12:00 noon	Heritage Room (CC - Lower Level)

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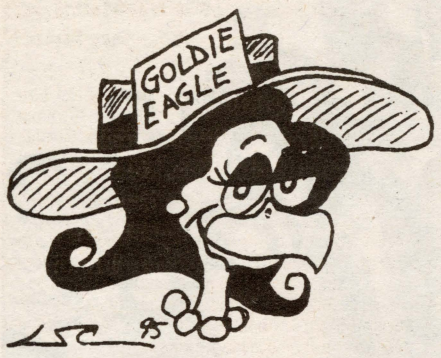
Final exam schedule correction

An error was made on the final exam schedule printed in the Spring 1996 Schedule of Classes (back inside cover). Although May 1, 1996, is the correct date, the day of the week should be Wednesday, not Thursday.

Dear Goldie



Dear Goldie,

Does anyone check the lights and clean off the study cubicles in the A, B, C etc. wings? I use them, and they have been defaced horribly, and the desk tops have never been cleaned (scrubbed would be a better choice of words).

By the way, there was another set outside the Budget office which were never returned after the asbestos removal project. What happened to them?

And what's the deal with the "exclusive contract with Coke?" What do WE get out of it?

Dirty and thirsty

Dear Dirty,

To answer this one we need to take a little journey back in time. Let's set the Way-Back machine to the early 60's....

According to Facilities Management's Gary Bryan, the study carrels are part of the original construction of the building when this was the Chicago Teacher's College. Carrels lined the exterior glass walls in the A, B, and D wings.

Bryan says at the time there were only about 2000 students here, and the carrels were devised so that "just about every student had their own little study space." Each carrel even had its own small locker for student use.

Now, because of study space that has been made available elsewhere on campus (including the still-in-construction student lounge), Bryan explains, "The carrels are becoming obsolete. They're pretty inefficient in terms of providing study space for students."

The carrels are being slowly phased out. In A and D wings, selected units have been removed to provide space for other things, such as lounge seating, or to make room in high traffic areas; carrels were removed from the south side of D wing because of the intense traffic between the Science and Commuter buildings.

According to Bryan, when parts of the D building were rehabbed, "We took the carrels out and didn't put them back." This would explain the missing units outside of the budget office. The carrels in the A and B wings are slated for demise when those wings are remodeled.

If you want to see the carrels stick around, now might be the appropriate time to make your opinions known to administration. The new push seems to be towards lounge space, leaving study space relegated to the library and the new student lounge.

But despite the carrels' seemingly impending doom, the fact remains that they are filthy now. Can't they be kept clean for as long as they're here?

Facilities Management's Dick Henry said that cleaning of the carrels "should be done by building services workers" as part of their regular cleaning duties, but he admits, "They might have gotten badly away from us." Prompted by your letter, he agreed to "take a look at them and get them cleaned up."

About your final concern, according to Auxiliary Services' Mike McIntyre, things go better with Coke. In exchange for a five-year exclusive contract with Coca-Cola, we receive: low prices on 'product'; vending machines free of charge with free maintenance; 150 free cases of 'product'; 200 free t-shirts (which McIntyre gives away to students at special events); and most importantly, a $40,000 rebate.

McIntyre says that $20,000 of that money went to help fund the new playground at the Child Care center. Another $1250 went to the Athletics department. The rest, and the profit that comes from the machines, goes back into Auxiliary Services to help offset prices and provide new things like the debit card readers on vending machines. The 150 free cases of pop are used for various student activity events.

Dear Veg-heads and other health-conscious folks,

If you gave up long ago on finding anything decent to eat at the cafeteria, check it out again. Since we checked in with Food Services a few weeks ago about the lack of vegetarian offerings, new selections have been added under the promotional slogan "To Your Health." Check 'em out; they're pretty good.

On the other hand, the suggestion box that was promised by the cafeteria folks a few weeks ago is still noticeably missing. What's going on Sodexho?

Dear Reader,

Have a question about services offered or procedures at NEIU? Let Goldie help you cut through the red tape. I'll give it my best shot or point you in the direction of experts here on campus. Write me at the *Independent*, c/o NEIU, or slip a note under our office door (E-049, below the bookstore), or e-mail me at uindep@uxa.ecn.bgu.edu. Please write "ATTN:GOLDIE" on the outside of each letter. And remember, there's no such thing as a stupid question.

AIDS

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portionate to other forms of research, such as cancer?

A. I hope for an increase, but until a Democratic Congress returns, that is probably not going to happen. The Constitution dictates a slow and cumbersome process in regards to changes, and therefore the funding needed will take a long time to be received.

Q. Do you feel that your opportunities to speak out on Nightline, Essence magazine, and other forums can be attributed to the fact that you are infected with AIDS, that you are attractive, or both?

A. Neither. I feel that I have been placed under a ministry through God to speak out. I feel that I have represented the issues well. I have turned down Oprah, Sally Jesse Raphael, and other talk shows because I felt that the format was not right. I do what is right and what is needed, not what is popular. I don't care what anyone thinks about me. I just want them to listen to my message. I am who I am, I don't straddle fences, I take what sides that I believe in, and those who can't handle it, tough.

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Erick Sosa and Zaira Guerra pass out condoms to promote AIDS Awareness week.

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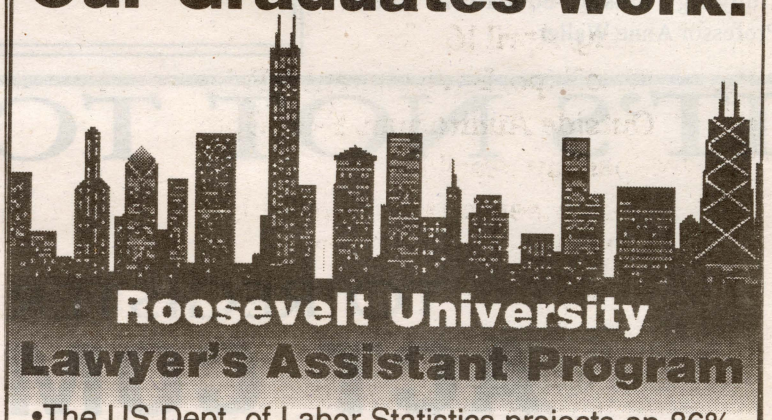

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Civil Service names employee of the year

By Shana Stone
Staff Writer

Congratulations are in order to campus maintenance worker Robert O'Connor, who is the 1995 Civil Service Employee of the Year.

Nominated by his peers, O'Connor was voted Employee of the Month last October. A committee, with President Steinberg as the deciding vote, chose him out of the 11 other contenders as Employee of the Year. In January, he received $300, a plaque, and a luncheon.

O'Connor considers the award an incredible honor. He said, "The experience has been very humbling. It is a real honor to receive such a prestigious award from my peers."

O'Connor has been at NEIU for 26 years. Born in Castle Island, Cokerry, Ireland, he attended technical school there and then moved to the United States in 1957.

In nearly three decades here, O'Connor has seen a lot of changes; when he started here, the Commuter Center, the Science Building, and the Classroom Building hadn't been built yet.

When he's not at NEIU, O'Connor displays a skill people here may never get to see: he likes to waltz. He also enjoys watching TV and old movies.

O'Connor plans to work here as long as he can. He says he enjoys his job and wouldn't change it: "Things are great the way they are."

Meeting to discuss the **Mexican Caribean Studies Minor** Tuesday, April 23, at 2:00 pm in room S 101.

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Monday, April 15
*Volunteer Information Tables, Village Square, 10am-3pm
Tuesday, April 16
*EcoExpo, Environmental Fair, Outside Auditorium, 5-9:30pm
Wednesday, April 17
*Volunteer Information Tables, Village Square, 10am-3pm
Thursday, April 18
*Speaker: Phillip Jackson on Service Opportunities in Chicago Public Schools CLS 2105, 1:40-2:50pm
*Speaker: James Riley on Community Service and Business, CLS 1002, 4-5pm

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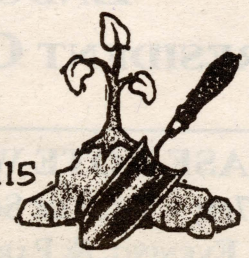

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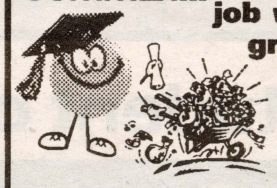

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Computer Science Alumni Career Panel

On Friday, April 19th, the Computer Science Department will be hosting the 5th Annual Alumni Career Panel with some of our successful alumni. Our panelists will discuss their educational background and professional experience in the computer field and answer questions from the audience. The seminar should be of interest to all students who are preparing for a professional career in the computer field. Refreshments will be served.

Date ..... Friday, April 19, 1996
Time ..... 12:00 Noon
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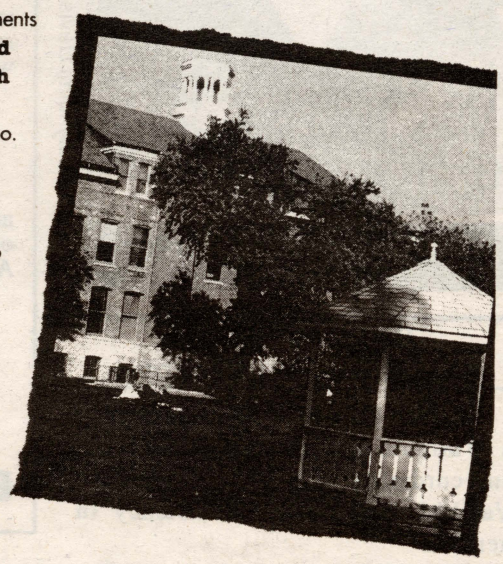

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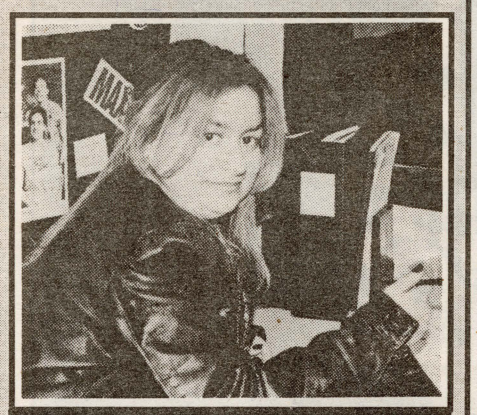
Who's Who at NEIU

Student of the week

By: Shana Stone Photo by: Mimi Davis



Samantha Moscovitch

Over the winter break, while many of us were watching Gilligan's Island reruns, Freshman Samantha Moscovitch went to Russia as part of the United Jewish Appeal Winter Student Mission.

She was chosen for the trip by winning an essay contest in which she wrote about why she should be chosen and her previous community work; that work included helping to raise money for the Jewish United Fund, which gives aid to needy Jews in Russia and Israel.

It was an experience she will never forget. "It gave me a stronger appreciation for being Jewish and being able to help out people who need it," she said.

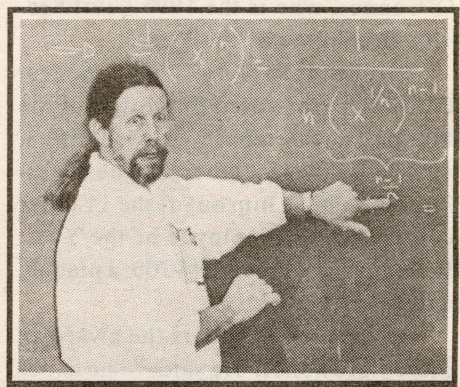
She went to Russia for five days with 35 other contest winners from all over the world. They were able to meet in person some of the Russians who had received money they had raised for the UJA and the JUF.

Moscovitch is just as active on campus. She is a full-time student, Vice President of Hillel, has been a senator for student government for one year, and is on the Programming Board. She also has a part-time job at Rush North Shore Hospital, working for a urologist. When she is not working and going to school, she still volunteers time for UJA raising money and planning events.

Her future goals are as ambitious as her current activities. She would like to go to medical school and become a pediatric surgeon. In her spare time Moscovitch enjoys swimming, playing basketball, roller blading, and dancing.

Professor of the week

by: Yvonne Lee



David Rutschman

photo by Mimi Davis

Students like Math professor David Rutschman because of his easy-going, informal teaching style; Rutschman describes his style as "simply trying to make students comfortable with math."

To make the classroom more comfortable, he keeps lectures to a minimum and encourages group work. More importantly, Rutschman explains, "I try to help students learn, encouraging their learning process. Whatever it takes I'll try it."

Do not be misled. Rutschman cautions that in his classes, "students don't get off easy." There is plenty of homework doled out on a strict schedule.

Born in Columbia and raised in Uruguay, Professor Rutschman began studying math in Argentina. He went on to graduate school in New Mexico, and in 1987 he received his Ph.D. in Applied Math from the University of New Mexico.

NEIU will be without Ruschman temporarily when he returns to Uruguay for a ten-month sabbatical to do research at the University of Montevideo.

Rutschman came to NEIU in the fall of 1989 after his family relocated in Chicago for his wife's job with Amnesty International. He likes the vast diversity at NEIU, not only in terms of culture, but also in terms of age and experience. However, he wishes that students here "weren't as busy as they are."

Rutschman is involved with an unofficial math club here at NEIU—"unofficial" because it's difficult to get students together for a club. His hobbies include research with a group of medical researchers, carpentry, playing piano and reading Latin American literature, especially novels.

Do you have a favorite professor? Do you know an outstanding student? Contact the *Independent* at 312-794-2812, or e-mail us at unidep@uxa.ecn.bgu.edu.

A face in the crowd

Vaso Vasiliki

photo by Mimi Davis

By David Grzelak
Entertainment Editor

As she waited on 25 customers in a 10 minute span, the consistent smile and cordiality of NEIU cashier Vaso Vasiliki mirrors the consistency in her life.

Vasiliki has worked at The Downunder cafeteria for 10 years and is happy with her job's responsibility, which she describes as "to always have everything beautiful and nice for the customers."

Her life outside of her job is consistent with a 22 year marriage and her main interest as "being a good mother for my kids [ages 19,20,21] and husband."

A love for Greece is another consistent facet of Vasiliki. She was born and raised in Greece until she came to the United States at age 14. She discovered some immediate differences between her old homeland and here. "Besides the differences in weather, the main difference for me was that there is beautiful scenery in Greece while here, we only have lakes." She likes to listen to Greek music in her spare time.

As the interview drew to a close, Vasiliki smiled and said, "Have a nice day." — consistent, as always.

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Editorial

Fueling a decline in crime

In the news last week, it was reported that Chicago has the second highest gas prices in the nation. That should not surprise you; the fact that 43% of the price is comprised of tax should surprise and infuriate you. A new source of tax revenue can be realized by incorporating a "modern sin tax;" current sin taxes include the substantial taxation of cigarettes and alcohol.

The "modern sin tax" would include legalizing marijuana and cocaine, taxing the purchase of it, collecting the tax revenue, and using the revenue to help fight the crime created by the illegal selling of these drugs.

Won't legalizing these "modern sin tax" components increase crime? Frankly, it can't get any worse when teens and twentysomethings are being gunned down at a record pace for the lure of the quick buck that a drug transaction generates.

Actually, in our bottom-line society, a massive amount of revenue can be generated with the legalization of the "modern sin tax." With government regulation, new departments can be created along with new jobs. With the revenue, new police can be hired to enhance public safety. With the revenue, the "modern sin tax" can fund drug and crime prevention education.

In fighting the malignancy of drug-related crimes, the tumor of the illegality of marijuana and cocaine must be removed and treated by education and enforcement through the therapy of new revenue to give the patient (society-at-large) a chance to resume living a normal life.

Another Perspective

Letters to the Editor

Tenure Clarification

A recent (March 12, 1996) front page article in *The Independent* ("On the Wrong Side of the Tenure Track") contained several misleading and/or inaccurate statements which bear correction. Contrary to the article, the number of part-time faculty hired each year has not significantly increased since 1990, and all tenure-track or tenured faculty who retired, quit or died were not replaced by temporary or part-time faculty. In fact, between 1991 and 1994, the university hired 38 tenure-track faculty in a variety of fields.

The majority of class sections at Northeastern Illinois University have always been and still are taught by tenure-track or tenured faculty. Part-time faculty teach a relatively small percentage of these sections. For example, the number of course sections taught by part-time faculty in Fall 1995 was 199 out of 1535, or 13% of the total number of sections. For the Spring 1996 semester, 150 out of 1476 course sections were taught by part-time faculty or 10.2%. It continues to be the case that many, if not all, of our part-time faculty are professionals who have other full or part-time employment. There are many reasons why people who have other full-time employment might want to teach one course at a university, and many reasons why universities might want to hire them. In fact, such a practice has been prevalent for many years across the country.

It should be noted that starting salaries for collective bargaining Unit A and Unit B faculty vary by discipline and are set on a combination of adherence to minima established by the applicable collective bargaining unit agreement and by market factors. Northeastern would like to be able to increase the compensation levels for all of its faculty and staff and will continue to seek a level of funding from the legislature which would enable it to do this. The university's relatively tight budgets over the last few years have not prevented it from hiring a number of well-qualified faculty and staff.

Patricia Rea
Acting Associate Provost

Commendation and Clarification

I wish to commend your paper for the well researched article "On the wrong side of the tenure track" in your March 12, 1996 issue.

I would like to clarify two points. First, this semester I count 203 temporary (non-tenure track) faculty on campus, not the 280 reported. Of these, 142 are in the "part time" category. This still works out close to the 30% figure of the total faculty quoted in the first paragraph.

Second, since Ellen Shepard interviewed me, the University Professionals of Illinois (the union representing faculty and professional staff at Northeastern) has received a grant from the Illinois Federation of Teachers to try to organize a large portion of those temporary faculty who are not yet in the bargaining unit. If we are successful we should see a major improvement in the status of temporary faculty at Northeastern.

Barry Dayton
Department of Math

Humor missing from Royko cloumn

This letter is in response to Glen D. Herman's article "In defense of Mike Royko" in the March 12th edition of *The Independent.*

Some "folks" will never know or understand the life of a Mexican-American in the "good ol'" U S of A. Maybe that's why so many "folks" that read Royko's column did not take offense to this so called "joke." Can someone please explain to me what is so funny about statements such as: "Just name one thing that Mexico has done this century that is of any genuine use to the rest of this planet. Besides giving us tequila." I fail to see the punch line! As a Mexican-American, this statement to me only serves to degrade and downplay the existence of Mexico. At the same time this statement only adds to the list of stigmas and stereotypes that already overflow in today's society.

The bottom line is that we need to forget all of the political rhetoric such as political satires and take Royko's column for what it is. It's an assault on all Mexican-Americans who have struggled from day one to achieve any type of social status in this country. Unlike popular belief we are not dope dealers, gangbangers, and dishwashers, but an intricate piece to the puzzle that we call "The American Melting Pot."

Jamie Mendoza
Junior

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Campus Voices

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Around the Beehive

GLEN D. HERMAN

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At this point in the semester, you're probably keeping busy looking over the highlighted sentences and the notes in the margins of your well worn textbooks in preparation for the coming final exams. That textbook, which cost you anywhere from $30 to $70, has served you well. You're probably contemplating selling it back to Beck's at this point too. You're looking forward to receiving some cash in your hand and knowing you'll never have to look at that book again.

Yes it's getting close to that time folks. We're getting ready to partake in that time-honored tradition of putting our books back in circulation. We're contributing to the great continuum of profit while getting a spot of cash for our troubles. It's seems like it's not a bad deal, but did you ever think about what goes on after you sell that book? Did you ever wonder how used book prices are calculated?

I spoke to Mike over at Beck's. He told me that when you sell a book back to the store, they will pay you up to 50% of the original retail price of the book. Beck's will then price the book at 25% off the original retail cost. New books are marked up 20% on the average. So, for a $50 book, Beck's will make a $10 profit (excluding overhead) when sold new. They then make $12.50 in profit (less a modicum of labor in handling and restocking the book) each time that same book is returned and resold.

Are there victims here? Beck's makes out. We get some cash. (Yet, we don't get to name the price). On the whole, it seems like a good deal. Judging by the lines outside of Beck's during finals week, many would agree.

Well, the textbook manufacturers are singing a different tune. I was going through *Bioscience* Magazine when I happened upon an article in which textbook publishers were bemoaning the existence of the used textbook industry — which they claim comprises 60% of all textbooks sold at 4-year institutions.

Their major complaint was that new textbook sales drop 40-60% after the first year a new edition is on the market. According to one publisher, "'the used text industry is parasitic business. The used book [dealers] have few of the publisher's expenses. Distribution is the only cost they share."

This is true. As we saw above, other than a little bit of labor spent restocking a book, Beck's makes pure profit from the sales of used texts.

But, I'm sure few people feel sorry for these publishers who charge exorbitant prices for our textbooks. I have a friend who was a salesman for a college textbook publisher. He likened his job to that of one who sells used cars — only his job had a certain literary bent. He told me stories of wining and dining professors in order to sway them to his company's offerings. He said the job had as much of a shmooze factor as any other sales profession. "Just because I'm selling textbooks doesn't mean I'm not out to make money. We're as cut-throat as anybody else," he claimed.

Like car manufacturers, textbook publishers are in business to make money. And they're getting smarter at it each year.

Case in point: I took an early English literature class this term which required that I have a Norton anthology. Norton has been printing literature anthologies for years. I figured there were plenty used anthologies lurking about in the used book shops around town and I would save myself the $40 by getting a used copy. I found one and was feeling pretty proud of myself for this bit of genius and frugality.

Well, I made it half-way through the semester on my used anthology before I realized it was lacking a good portion of the assigned readings. Fortunately, the nice guys at Beck's came through with a spotless used copy of the later edition for $35 and I was able to catch up with the correct readings before it was too late.

I learned the hard way that every time a new edition of a text comes out, it renders all editions that preceded it worthless. Publishers cut a few stories here, add a few poems there, and viola, they're back in the game. Even though Chris Marlowe hasn't written much lately, I managed to get the wrong *Dr. Faustus* in the older edition.

And that's not all the publishers have up their sleeves. Given the growth of the used textbook industry, publishers are churning out revised editions of texts on a three-year cycle instead of the usual four to five-year cycle. That would explain why Beck's sometimes won't buy those books from you.

Textbook printers are also getting into the custom publishing game. Instead of professors sidestepping the publishers by putting together their own books at the local copy shop for $10 to $20 each, many publishers are now working with your professors to produce individualized texts.

For example, McGraw Hill has a database with hundreds of Chemistry experiments. A professor calls in which ones she wants her class to do that semester, and McGraw Hill prints out a personalized edition with the instructor's name and course number right on the cover. Beck's and the publishers are back in the loop, and you pay $40.

Well, whoever cries "foul" the loudest, there's no escaping the fact that we're the ones who shell out $100-300 each semester for textbooks. We're a captive audience. Beck's knows it. The university knows it. And the publishers know it.

What we need is more outside competition. I went through five stores before I found the aforementioned Norton Anthology. When I was asking around, every used book store owner with whom I spoke acted as if I was asking for the location of the Holy Grail. They seemed to feel that textbooks were some sacred cow that should only be handled by an elite few on-campus shops.

When I spoke to a manager at Crown Books (a national volume discounter), he claimed that textbook publishers won't sell to them. "They only deal with a few distributors that deal only with campus book shops." Monopoly you say?

If more stores competed for our business, we would see prices go down. Not that I don't like Beck's. I'm just tired of eating Ramen noodles so I can afford my textbooks. Do I hear some wheels turning in the business department?

Get involved and vote, man!

The Democratic National Convention being held in Chicago again brings back memories. I was just a 13 year old punk in 1968, when the convention was last held here. The times were so exciting, you would have had to have been brain dead to have not been effected somehow. All the events leading up to and surrounding the Convention were infectious, drawing people like myself looking for a cause. One didn't have to look far.

AMOS POOLE

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Civil rights, antipoverty and the Vietnam War had every city reeling. Dr. King had been slain in April, resulting in racial unrest and rioting around the country and in Chicago. Mayor Richard J. Daley's infamous police force was ready to meet the challenge, going after anyone and everyone that looked "suspicious." They weren't wearing their kid gloves either. They were scary; we called them "pigs."

Most of my friends and I weren't that political. We were in awe of the older guys and gals that were, though. There was the Black Panther Party, the White Panthers, and the SDS (a bit wanton, I would say). Anti-war activists were busy here too. Many of us had strong feelings about all the issues of the day, but my personal favorite was the peace (I think that's how it's spelled) movement.

You say what's the difference between peace and anti-war? There was a distinction. Let's say one was a little more passive. I was a hippy, no grease. Love-ins took precedence over all rallies for this waif. Why? Wine, women and song, of course. Funny cigarettes too. I was never as strong as Mr. Clinton; I inhaled (there were times when I was close to brain dead).

There was no getting around the gravity of the times though. We were getting roughed up by the cops because we were long hairs or were black. We didn't have any rights. The shown was occupied. When the final riots hit, there were tanks in the streets, and a lot of blood flowed needlessly.

Where do we stand now, at the eve of the 1996 Democratic Convention? Many of the issues are the same. The War On Poverty has become the war on the impoverished, as the needy are slated to carry the budget cuts. Job security is on the endangered species list, and justice for all is nowhere in sight.

After viewing the beating of suspected illegal immigrants last Monday, the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Relations called the incident a "flagrant violation of human rights...The evident abuse of authority shown in this case confirms the urgent necessity to take effective actions to eradicate discriminatory attitudes which lead to acts of institutional violence." (New York Times, April 3, 1996) Los Angeles is not the only place in our country this is happening.

Revolution? Maybe. But one thing we found out back then: the war won't be won in the streets alone. It's an inside job. A few of yesterday's revolutionaries are today representatives in government. Some are on the lam; some are dead. But there is still work to do.

If you do nothing else, vote. One thing that came out of that period was the voting age being lowered to 18 years. G et involved! Y ou're needed. W e can still change the world.

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Arts & Entertainment

Revolutionary (United States) premiere of *Fair Liberty's Call*

By David Grzelak
Entertainment Editor

The United States premiere of Canadian Sharon Pollock's "alternative view of the American Revolution," *Fair Liberty's Call*, debuts April 18 at the NEIU Stage Center Theatre.

The play was first performed at the 1993 Stratford (Ontario, Canada) Festival and viewed by NEIU student Peter Piane. He was so impressed by the play that he contacted Pollock directly for the rights to produce it here. The play was submitted to NEIU for approval of the Speech and Performing Arts Department. NEIU Assistant Professor and play director Rodney Higginbotham, who was hired last fall, inherited the challenge of pulling off a national debut for a play which was popular and successful in Canada.

Fortunately for Higginbotham, he has previous experience in producing "costume dramas." Aside from teaching part-time at "many universities" and doing freelance work at numerous off-Loop theatre companies in the Chicago area, he directed *The Point of Honor*, based on the Joseph Conrad novella of two French soldiers fighting with each other. *Fair Liberty's Call* took a great deal of additional research that thoroughly enlightened Higginbotham about parts of the American Revolution glossed over in textbooks.

"As I poured over my research for the play, I never realized so many people moved north (to Canada) to start a life. At the time of the revolution, one-third of the population were for the Brits, another third were for the revolution, and the final third migrated to Nova Scotia and New Brunswick to start anew," Higginbotham said.

As the research continued, Higginbotham came across another startling revelation. "In numerous battles (of the revolution), numerous atrocities on both sides mindful of the current situation in Bosnia occured on a frequent basis. Massacres after the battle had been won happened on both sides. Neither side came off squeaky clean," he said.

Fair Liberty's Call is the story of the Roberts family who move from Boston to Canada. They remain loyal to Britain during the American Revolution and move to Canada to heal the physical and mental wounds of war. A stranger arrives to seek revenge for losses which he incurred during the war, and all involved deal with various topics from justice (eye for an eye) and responsibility over the threat of the stranger's loaded gun.

The play deals with challenging issues and is a challenge to its performers. "These are complex characters in a serious piece. There are no 'bit' roles. Most of the 8 characters in the play are on stage for a majority of the play," Higginbotham said.

The biggest challenge will be to match the success that *Fair Liberty's Call* received in Canada.

Chamber (music) of the heart (strings)

By David Grzelak
Entertainment Editor

The romantic, passionate music of Chopin, Prokofiev and Schumann, performed with instrumental virtuosity by NEIU Faculty and guest artists will create *A Gala Chamber Ensemble* on Friday, April 12, at 7:30 p.m. at North Park's College's Anderson Chapel, 3225 W. Foster.

One of Chopin's last compositions, *Sonata in G minor for Cello and Piano, Op. 65*, opens the performance "with a flow of glorious melodies and a chromatic last movement being the concentrated essence of Chopin."

Prokofiev, whose mid-20th century compositions "act as a stylistic bridge between nationalistic folk music and modern Russian music," is featured in the second performance of the evening. His "most purely classical work" *Sonata in D major for Flute and Piano* was inspired by Prokofiev's fascination with the virtuosity and artistry of French woodwind players and the flute as the instrument in particular. The finale of the sonata "reveals the very soul of the flute."

The evening concludes with the *Quartet for Piano and Strings in Eb major, Op.47* by Robert Schumann. The piece is "thoroughly romantic and emotionally warm" with the ending movement "engaging all players in a continuing exchange of wondrous chamber music."

Two members of the Evanston Symphony Orchestra and two members of the Chicago String Ensemble highlight the NEIU faculty performers. Professor Vincent Oddo, a four-time recipient of NEIU's Presidential Merit and Faculty Excellence Award, doubles as principal violinist of the Evanston Symphony Orchestra, while William Schutt, a NEIU faculty member since 1966, is a member of the first violin section in the ESO (and President of the Society of American Musicians). Mary Shonfeld and Julie Zumsteg perform in the final piece of the evening and should have a familiar chemistry since both currently perform with the Chicago String Ensemble.

Admission for NEIU students, faculty, and staff is free with I.D. Otherwise, general admission is $10, students and senior citizens $5. For further information, call 312-794-3042.

Creative works of Rosellen Brown highlighted by The Apocalypse

By Melissa M. Strauss
Staff Writer

On April 18 at 7:30 p.m. CLS 1002, the Apocalypse Literary Arts Coalition will host a reading of creative works of novelist and short fiction writer Rosellen Brown.

Brown may be best known for her novel *Before and After*, which was made into a film starring Meryl Streep and Liam Neeson. She is the author of three other novels: *Tender Mercies*, *The Autobiography of My Mother*, and *Civil Wars*, which won the Janet Kafka Prize for the best novel by an American woman in 1984. She has also published three collections of poetry and a collection of short stories that have appeared frequently in the O. Henry Prize Stories, Best American Short Stories, and Pushcart Prizes.

Currently Brown is a temporary resident of Chicago. She teaches in the Creative Writing program at the University of Houston, but she has taken a two-year leave from teaching to live and write here while her husband is undertaking a school reform project at the University of Chicago.

Brown said she starting writing at the age of nine when her family moved from New York to Los Angeles. To pass the lonely childhood hours, she explained, "I toted my new best friend, a notebook, everywhere I went. I was happiest when I was in school writing stories, plays, anything that came to me." Looking back on that lonely time in her life, Brown regards her parents' move as a negative experience, but writing turned that experience into something positive and successful.

She has enjoyed the success that writing has brought her. Although she did not take part in the making of the movie, she found that visiting a Hollywood set and meeting Streep and Neeson were very enjoyable experiences. However, the script of *Before and After* passed quickly through her hands, and as many professional writers are when their works are "Hollywood-ized," she was slightly disappointed with the end product.

Brown believes that writing is for people, for an audience that can experience the words as they are spoken. For her, the greatest joy of being a writer is to experience the audience: "There is something wonderfully satisfying about seeing a live, responsive audience as opposed to waiting for the reviewers and critics at a distance." Rosellen hopes to engage in a question and answer session with students after her reading.

She hopes that reading here will bring writing down to earth. She says, "It is important to me that students understand writing as a natural process that anyone can perform at some level. I want students to see my face with my words and realize that words are created by real human beings."

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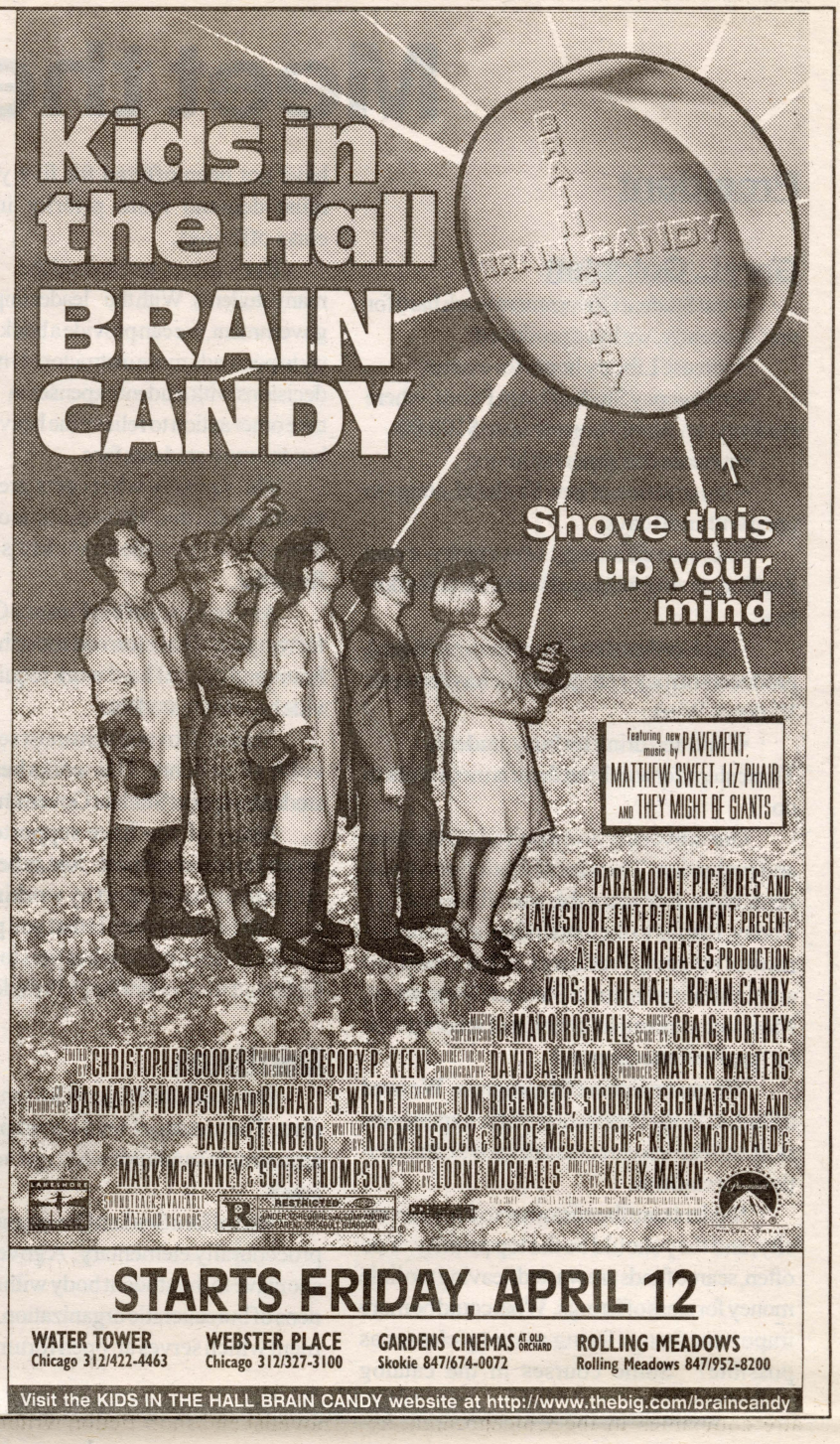

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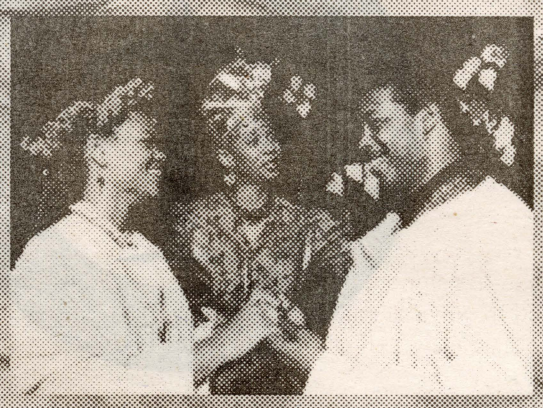

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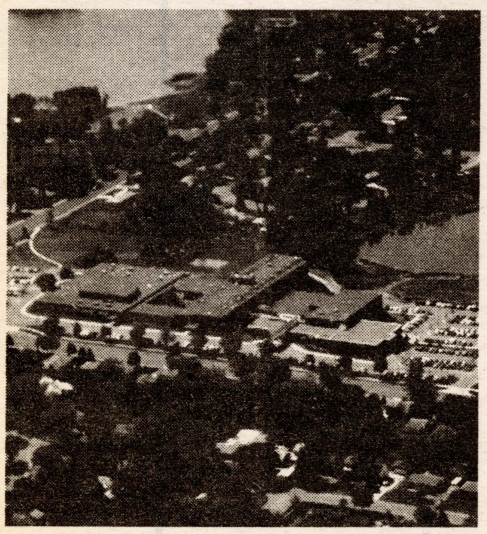

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President

Gary L. Goldblatt

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•Increase computer lab hours;

•Construction of new Student Lounge to open within 60 days;

•Increase efficiency of event-by- event funding, saving thousands of student fee dollars;

•The Northeastern Programming Board, producers of major programs such as domestic Violence Week;

•Food and drink for busy students.

These steps forward, but there is more work to do.

Our university is in a period of refection and evaluation. The administration needs students input. For years, this was all but ignored. Today, thanks to the leadership and commitment of outgoing President Craig Johnson, the administration listens to Student Government. Most recent example: creation of second (winter) graduation ceremony.

We must continue this progress. We need a Student Body President with the experience, skill and drive to successfully advocate solutions for students.

Students are the customers of this university, and they should be the top priority. Too often, scarce funds are wasted, leaving too little money for class offerings. What could be more important than offering as many classes as possible? Some courses in the catalog have not been offered for five years. We must demand more priority in funding class offerings.

Book prices are beyond the means of many students. With the leadership of student government, we can provide a book exchange, try to persuade more instructors to make book decisions with student expenses in mind, and take other action to relieve the heavy financial burden most students face.

The squeaky wheel gets greased. Yet most students don't have the time or energy to demand a better value for student's tuition and fee dollar.

As Chairman of the Finance Committee for two years, I have learned about the countless hours and days of hard work required to provide benefits to students.

Student Government must serve and involve all students. This works best when all students support Student Government.

Many of you have supported me and voted for me in the past. Just as before, I will respond to that support by working hard for you. All I ask in return is that you please give me the 30 seconds it takes you to vote Gary Goldblatt for Student Body President.

Dan Pajak

Dan Pajak for Student Government President. The message I send is a simple one, for I am a simple candidate who represents simple issues.

I stand for a Student Government which is procedurally elementary. A government responsive to the student body without the burdens of bureaucratic organization. A government which serves an open forum for all students to partake.

As your president I believe I can equally represent both the traditional and non-traditional students. At 24 years of age I have spent four years on the campus of NEIU. I have participated in leadership positions as both President of the Fellowship Christian Athletes, and the Student Athlete Advisory Board. I have competed on the NEIU swimming and tennis teams, and have taken an active role in the community by working with different youth organizations. I know that through participation in my many various roles and my military experiences that I can serve NEIU effectively as its top civil servant.

Vice President

William Harris

No statement.

Speaker

Troyvonne Butler

No statement.

Jim Soreng

My name is Jim Soreng, and I am a candidate for the position of Speaker of the Student Senate. I have held this position for the past semester. I feel I have the experience, and I know I have the desire to continue in this capacity. From my experience, this position requires a person who is both dedicated and organized. I feel I have displayed these qualities and if elected I would continue to do so. I hope to have support on election day.

Senator

Erick R. Sosa

Hello, my name is Erick R. Sosa, I'm 20 years old, I am from the northwest side of Chicago, and I am a graduate of Lane Tech H.S. I've been a student here for the past three years.

I have been actively involved in two aspects of student life on campus. I am the Lectures and Special Events Coordinator for the Programming Board and have been a member of the Student Senate for the past semester. Both positions have required a high degree of personal commitment, but as a result of participating in both organizations, I have gained a better understanding of the university system. This, I feel, will enable me to better serve the students of NEIU.

My contributions can be seen through my efforts with the Domestic Abuse/Violence Awareness Week, Winter Festival 96', and the recent AIDS Awareness Week. Contributions I have made through the Senate have been through my involvement with the food tables that SGA has provided to evening students and through the debates that I have participated in during this past semester. I look forward to being an advocate of student interests and I would appreciate your support and your vote.

Estelle Martin

No statement.

Elaine Mean

No statement.

From the President of Student Government

The Student Government Has A List Of Accomplishments To Be Proud Of:

★ Fighting for and winning a demand for a second graduation ceremony. (January 97)
★ Fought for the only student lounge on campus. Completion in May 1996.
★ Negotiated with university officials for extended computer lab hours during weekdays and weekends.
★ Requested extended library hours for the weekday and weekends for the last two weeks of the semester. Of course we won.

We delivered for you...deliver for us.

Vote in the Student Government Elections

April 6, 1996 (Main Campus)
April 8, 1996 (El Centro)
April 9, 1996 (CICS)
April 10, 11, 1996 (Main Campus)

Contact the Student Activities Office for times and locations of polling places. (Extension 3868)

Kurt Gippert
No statement.

Vonterro White
No statement.

Sean Hopp
No statement.

Robert Upchurch
No statement.

Moneca S. Reid-Williams
I, Moneca S. Reid-Williams, will be running for re-election for my seat as a student senator. My interests are for the students. All issues that concern the student body of NEIU concern me. I stand for women's rights and men's rights—people's rights. I also have a concern with how students are treated by the university's faculty and staff. Representing the student body as a whole. I am sensitive to equal rights for all, black power, white power, chinese power, asian power,—people power. I will continue to fight to get more classes added to the school schedule, and fight to get a winter graduation ceremony passed. My position is to provide whatever the students want (within reason) I'll do whatever I can to have the senate approve. Our job is to be a voice for all students enrolled at Northeastern Illinois University and keep their interests at heart. I take my position seriously just as I take the interests of my fellow students peers at heart.

Michael D. McDermott
I have been a member of Student Government for the last year. I feel that I have grown as a member of the Senate and would like to continue to hold that position. I am responsible for extending the Library hours during final examinations. I assisted in the extension of the Computer Lab hours, and I am currently looking into the possibility of changing the University's business hours, so that they will better serve night students. I also voted for a second commencement (graduation) ceremony that will be piloted in December 1996.

If re-elected I will continue to fight for student rights and the slowing of tuition and fee increases. I will work with the new administration to get more classes offered to students. Finally, I would continue to listen to concerns of students and attempt to resolve them.

Terry Madden
No statement.

James Lalinde
I am a senior student at NEIU, majoring in "liberal arts and "spanish". If I become a Senator I will try my best to carry out students issues thru the student government and the administration. I served one term as a senator 1994-1995.

IBHE--Student Rep.

John Prusko, Jr.
Hello, my name is John Prusko, Jr. and I am candidate for the position of Northeastern's Student Representative to the Illinois Board of Higher Education. I am a 21 year old management major just ending my first year here at Northeastern. I have been involved here as a senator in Student Government since I came here last August and wish to expand and reaffirm my commitment to the students here to NEIU in the upcoming year. Having been part of the IBHE for over 3 years I believe I would make an ideal representative for Northeastern.

Northeastern students are affected by the IBHE and it is important that NEIU have the best representation possible. One of my main concerns thus far is an increase in course offerings. We need more course offerings! Unfortunately, before we can do that we need more money from Springfield. As Northeastern's representative I will voice needs such as this to the Board and push for recommend increases to the General Assembly for NEIU so we can all take the courses when we need them.

Important issues such as tuition and fees, MAP funding, access to higher education and other affordability issues facing our students come before the IBHE each year. All these issues directly affect students and their right to a higher education. Student input is needed to make sure decisions on these issues only help students get an education and not prevent them from getting one.

I look ahead to the coming year, and can see only the endless opportunities for the students of Northeastern to benefit from more student input at the state level through the IBHE representative. With your support we can achieve the best for all students here at Northeastern. The IBHE Student Advisory Committee has an excellent reputation of solid leadership and representation, and I would like to make Northeastern an integral part of that continued success.

Don't let your needs go unheard! Even if you do not cast your vote for me, please get out there and vote because it is the only way that you can be sure your needs are heard and responded to. I thank you in advance for your time and thank you for your consideration of my candidacy, and I look forward to your support on the election days.

Board of Trustees-- Student Rep.

Yahale Yadede
Go to the Anthropology Department and you will find information about the worlds of past civilizations. We respect the archeologist but would prefer that our own civilization not pass into the fog of history and into the archeologist's domain.

Rather, we must strive to support the vitality of civilization of Northeastern Illinois University.

Let it be a civilization where students' needs for academic fulfillment (such as having a diverse choice of courses, and the professors to teach such courses) are of the highest priority; where students have the freedom and opportunity to pursue meaningful cultural interests; where athletics receives support appropriate for the secondary role it plays in most students lives; where potentially interesting and beneficial programs (such as the relationship with Russian educators) are designed to maximize the benefit for students (such as offering Russian language classes as well as opportunities for students to study in Russia); where student fees are allocated prudently to most faithfully serve students' needs and decisions about fee use are carefully considered (unlike the recent hasty action to remove Netscape from the large number of computers in the Classroom Building Compute Lab).

I have significant experience as a Student Senator and Secretary of the Northeastern Programming Board where I have endeavored to consider issues thoughtfully and bring constructive, creative ideas into the discussion (just as I have on the air at WZRD, 88.3 FM).

Support me in becoming your next Student Representative to the NEIU Board of Trustees and I will be a sincere voice for student interests.

Lewis Carmichael
No statement.

Jim Soreng
My name is Jim Soreng, and I am a candidate for the position of Student Representative to the Board of Trustees. I would like to take this time to tell you a little bit about myself and the reasons I am running for this position. In my two years here at Northeastern and with my involvement in both the Student Senate and Northeastern's Programing Board, I have become deeply concerned with the quality of Student Life at this University.

I have been an advocate for the issues that I feel are most important to the students of Northeastern. Some of the specifics include:

- An extension of library hours
- A second Graduation Ceremony
- An extension of computer lab hours

In addition to my membership in the Senate and Northeastern Programming Board. I have also been the student representative on numerous University wide committees. Through these committees and the interactions with the members, I have been able to get a better understanding of how this university operates. Northeastern is similar to most other Universities in that it relies on Committees and their numbers to provide insight as the type of direction the University should take. I have been a part of this process for the past two years and would like to take my experience and be your Representative on the Board of Trustees. Thank you for taking the time to read this and I hope I will have your support.

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Benefit

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The Mexican Folkloric Dance Company of Chicago will begin the event by performing traditional dances in elaborate costume to colorful, joyous and upbeat "Mariachi" music by the Sones de Mexico Ensemble. The Tierra Colombiana company will then be performing a traditional "La Cumbia" dance to the music of Aires de mi Tierra and Cuerdas Colombianas.

The Ensemble Espanol will open the second act with a "Bulerias," or "gypsy gathering," with Flamenco singer Maria Elena "La Cordobesa" from Cordoba, Spain and the accompaniment of Flamenco guitarists Mateo and Greg Wolfe. Percussionist Mick La Briola will help the Ensemble close the night's festivities with his contribution to "Flamenco Rumbas," a carribean-influenced dance. During intermission, refreshments — notably tapas and wine — will be served, and a silent auction will be held.

Ensemble Espanol has performed to rave reviews nationally and internationally in a variety of formats, including television, opera, film, and symphonic. Its founder and director is Dame Libby Komaiko, Professor of Dance in the Department of Music at NEIU.

Because it is a benefit performance, there will be no free tickets offered to either faculty or students. Reserved tickets must be paid for in advance. Admission is $20 for adults, $15 for children under 12. Free parking is available in parking lot "D" located at Bryn Mawr and Central Park Avenues. For tickets, call Israel Sanchez at (312) 583-4050, ext. 3015.

Record

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ern Illinois in the first game by 18 points, the team lost to Buffalo, the number-one team in the conference.

The Eagles were unable to keep up with Buffalo as they shot close to 60% from the floor. The Eagles were held to just 35%, and they lost 80-64.

The Eagles are looking to add some height to next year's team. "If Jones gets in foul trouble, we're a team of midgets," said Lopez. The coaches are heavy into the recruiting process until April 8. The signing date is April 10.

The coaches are very pleased with the way the season went and with the nucleus of Dawkins, Clarke, and Jones. All three will be returning to give the Eagles championship hopes next season.

Softball

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No team can win without pitching, and the Eagles have spread the wealth in the win department. Jill Meyer and Jennifer Hines have combined for eight wins from the hill, while Bree Aronowitz has picked up the other three.

The Eagles will do battle at home against UIC April 11th and Eastern and Western Illinois later that weekend.

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Sun	4/14	12:30-3:30pm	Library Classroom (3rd Floor)
Tue	4/16	1:40-4:10pm	CLS 1002 (Lecture Hall)
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NEIU competes at the Division I level in the Mid-Continent Conference

SPORTS

Record setting Eagles find themselves

By Courtney Viamille
Staff Writer

If you really do get better with experience, the Women's Basketball team will be in the chase for a conference championship and tournament again next year.

"This year we were finding ourselves," said assistant coach Ed Lopez.

The Lady Eagles found their way to a new NEIU school record for Division I wins in a year. They finished with a record 16-12. They also set new records for points in a game, with 105, and in a half, with 60 vs. Troy State.

A host of individual records were also set by the Lady Eagles. Mid-Continent Conference Player of the Year, Radiance Clarke, set the new NEIU Div. I scoring record with 548 points. Delores Jones was named to the All-Mid-Continent Conference for the second straight year and broke her shot blocking record in a season with 76. This ranked her 4th among NCAA Div. I schools. Clentana Dawkins set a new record for steals, with 130, and assists, with 152.

Despite the individual and team accomplishments, they fell short in the conference tournament. After beating East-

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Golden Eagles' athlete of the week Tiffany Campbell

Complied By Mark Johnson
Staff Writer

Tiffany Campbell
file photo

Eagles sophomore Tiffany Campbell (Mundelein, IL) has been named the *Independent* Athlete of the Week for her softball statistics last weekend. The second basemen led the Golden Eagles to a 4-2 record with wins vs. Loyola at Wright State and Butler (2) hitting .562 (9-16) in the six games including a (4-4) performance in the 7-6 win vs. Loyola.

Tennis teams prepare for championships

Edited By Mike Ryan
Sports Editor

The NEIU men's and women's tennis teams will have a busy April, playing over 20 matches in preparation for the Mid-Continent Conference tennis championships later this month. The men's tournament will be held April 18-20, hosted by Troy State University in Montgomery, Alabama. The women's tournament is set for April 25-27 at Central Connecticut State University.

Tennis coach Mark Johnson looks forward to the month ahead. "Our teams have a busy month ahead, and they will be at their best for the conference tournaments," said Johnson. The women's team features one senior (Michelle Mayer) three juniors (Heidi Hoffman, Melissa Lentz and Nattalie Enger), and two freshmen (Renee Horswill and Nicole Redelsperger).

The men's team has two seniors (Dan Pajak and Mike Hirsch), two junior transfers from Oakton CC (Nick Irantos and Hardik Patal), Steve Gonc and sophomore Raj Balu on the 1995-96 roster.

Baseball begins conference title chase

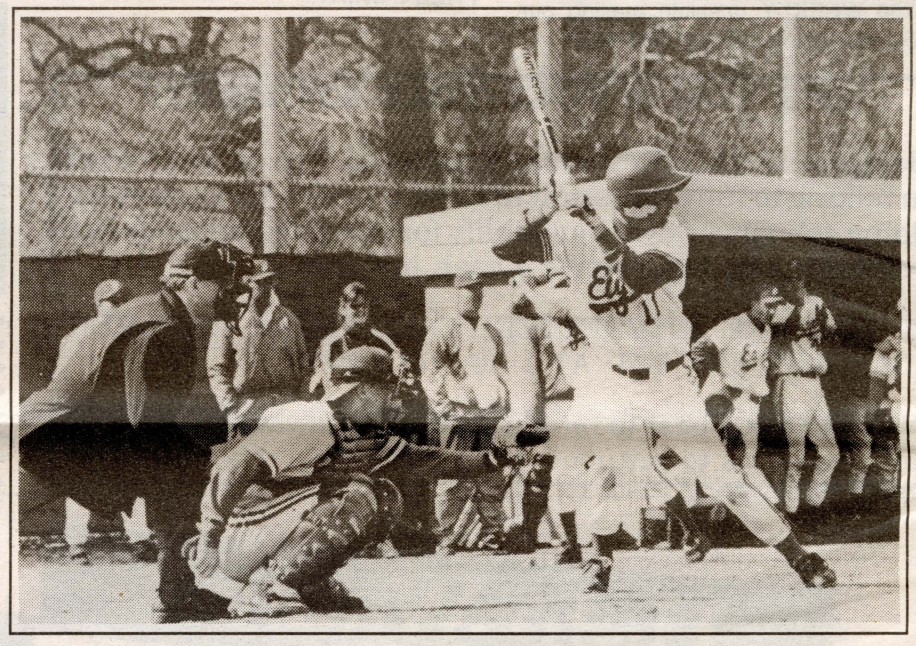
By Mike Ryan
Sports Editor

The baseball team returned home to the cold of Chicago after going 5-1 on the six day road trip in the sunshine of Ft. Myers, Florida. As of April 2nd, the Eagles were 11-13 overall and 4-4 in conference play, while facing both Eastern and Western Illinois in the conference chase.

"We're playing good baseball and really hitting the ball well," head coach Jim Hawrysko explained. Leading the offensive charge has been junior third basemen, Matt Dunne(.457 21 RBI's), outfielder John Will (.371 1 HR 15 RBI's), Rob Bruce (.325 4 HR's 23 RBI's).

Keeping the Eagles in the championship hunt from the hill are Jamie Puorto and Jim Jasper. Puorto has been the "go to" guy while striking out 43 batters in 51 innings pitched. His ERA is an impressive 2.61, while going 5-2 in seven appearances with six complete games. Jasper is back after suffering an arm injury, and his 0.84 ERA has been a pleasant gift to the Eagles staff.

The Eagles are in the middle of the conference schedule that features a big four game set at Valparaiso, April 6, 7. The non-conference showdown at home against the Northwestern Wildcats is scheduled for April 17th at 2pm.



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Matt Dunne poised to slam.

Eleven wins for softball Eagles

By Mike Ryan
Sports Editor

While most people believe in the saying, "There's no place like home," the softball Eagles have had no problem playing on the road so far this season. The Eagles have clicked their heels to a 9-4 road record while winning 11 of their first 17 games.

The Eagles as a team are hitting an impressive .302 overall and have five different players hitting above the .300 mark. "We're off to a good start," said head coach Joyce Wellhoefer.

As of April 2, shortstop Michelle Oswald was hitting an incredible .500, with a team-leading 24 hits, 1 home run, and 16 RBI's. Shelly Willmann (.354), Nancy Campbell (.333), Jennifer Espisito (.302) and Bridget Hall (.302) have all made solid contributions as well. Tiffany Campbell has also come on strong, hitting .298 overall, which included a six game spree of hitting well over .500.

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Sports Calendar

Shaded boxes denote home games

April dates	Tues. 9	Wed. 10	Thur. 11	Sat.13	Sun. 14	Mon. 15	Tues. 16	Wed. 17	Thur. 18	Fri. 19	Sat. 20
Baseball	University of Wisconsin 1:30 pm	Illinois-Chicago 3:00 pm		vs. Chicago State 1:00 pm	vs. Chicago State 1:00 pm			Northwestern 2:00 pm	vs. Illinois Chicago 7:00 pm		
Softball	vs. Northern Illinois 3:00 pm		Illinois-Chicago 3:00 pm	Eastern Illinois 12:00 noon	Western Illinois 12:00 noon		DePaul 3:00 pm	vs. Valparaiso 3:00 pm			St. Louis 3:00 pm
Men's Tennis	vs. Eastern Illinois 3:00 pm	vs. UIC 3:00 pm						vs. Valparaiso 3:00 pm	Mid Continent Conference Championships Troy, Alabama		
Women's Tennis	vs. Eastern Illinois 3:00 pm	Chicago State 3:00 pm						vs. Valparaiso 3:00 pm			
Golf					Bradley Spring Invitational Pekin, Illinois				25th BEU Classic West, Illinois		