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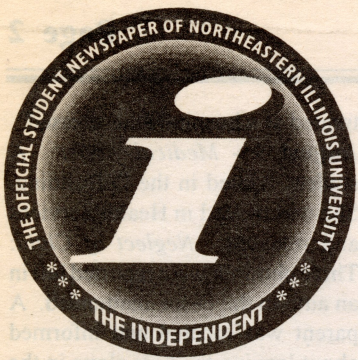
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Welcome back... please take a number



As employees become acclimated to the new university-wide computer system, students found themselves waiting in line upwards of two hours at financial aid and up to an hour in the cashier's line.

New computer system draws the (long) line(s)



photos by Kimberly A. Dudash

by Kimberly A. Dudash
Editor-in-Chief

Most students realize that prior to, and during the first weeks, of the fall semester will entail a bit of patience while waiting in line at financial aid and at the cashier's office. However, patience was pushed to the limits when many students found themselves waiting in lines for up to two hours during the weeks of August 5 and August 19. And the breaking point came when many financial aid recipients were informed that their files had not been fully processed.

While waiting in these long-drawn-out lines, one could hear the echoes of staff people mumbling and complaining with the name Cars being mentioned periodically. All

the griping is due, in part, to the university installing its new integrated computer system, EdVenta, which is manufactured by Cars Information Systems. "[Financial aid] hasn't seen lines this large since '87/'88, when the last computer system was installed. The long lines are partially due to Cars," said a financial aid employee.

Besides learning a new computer system, financial aid experienced a delay in receiving student aid reports "due to programming errors and weather conditions in D.C.," said Financial Aid Director J. Marshall Jennings. All the financial aid offices across the country were set back. Finally in April, the Department of Education rectified the situation and began sending student aid reports out again, he said. "This didn't help the process."

Normally, financial aid begins to input data received from student aid reports as they come in. However, the computer system wasn't ready until June, so we couldn't process the information until then, stated Jennings. Financial aid employees have been working evenings and the last four Saturdays to ensure that students will receive their financial aid awards, added Jennings.

Complaints about the system have ranged from claims of inadequate training to the overwhelmingly windows-based system. "In my opinion, the training was unorganized. Cars' personnel came out and said, 'This is Cars, this what you do, good luck.' We only received a day of training," complained the employee.

"The system is not user friendly.

There are too many screens. What used to take one screen [to input information] now takes two to three screens. The system does, however, have potential," commented an employee from the bursar area.

Questions have been raised regarding the timing of installation. "Fall is our busiest time of the year. The system should have been installed earlier so that by fall we would have had a handle on the new system," stated another source.

In an interview with *The Independent*, Administrative Affairs Vice President Peter C. Wollstein and University Computer Services Executive Director Malik K. Rahman explained the need for a new university-wide computer sys-

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Commuter Center to receive face-lift

by Michael F. Buino
Associate Editor

Commuter Center bathrooms will soon close for renovation. The dingy bastions of gloom will soon be replaced with brighter, friendlier facilities when an overhaul of the Center begins this semester. Student complaints and concerns prompted the changes.

Addressing student concerns has been at the center of planning stages for the remodeling of the Commuter Center. After a year of planning, research and data gathering, the results have been analyzed. Architects A.M. Kinney Associates, Inc. will present their findings and remodeling ideas to the university community. Blueprints, models, and drawings will be put on display

Bathrooms first to get flushed

in the Village Square the week of September 16.

Director of Auxiliary and Procurement, David Jonaitis, remarks that the remodeling ideas that Kinney will present are based on information that was gathered from students. Focus groups surveyed students last fall to find out why the commuter center "wasn't home."

"Overall students felt that [the Commuter Center] was dark, dingy and dated. The rest room facilities need work. Students want a good, modern, clean feel," said Jonaitis.

The conditions Kinney has to meet include listening to the student input, assembling the data, and creating a project statement that must reflect the students' desires.

Students will once again be asked for their opinions when Kinney displays their remodeling plans and three alternative plans. Students will be asked if these plans address their concerns.

The actual remodeling, to be completed in three phases, should begin in the fall. Phase I begins with the remodeling of the center's 6 bathrooms. "We used student input to design a bathroom with a better appearance," said Kipp.

Repairs to the bathroom will include new lighting, tiles, counters, higher ceilings, and wider corridors. The new bathrooms will be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); the wider corridors in the bathrooms will al-

low people in wheelchairs the room needed to maneuver, said Kipp. The first floor bathrooms may close as soon as October 1. The other bathrooms will remain open until the first floor bathroom repairs have been completed.

Other Phase I repairs will include the changes needed to make the elevator ADA compliant.

The second phase of construction should begin during the summer. Phase II will include the remodeling of the cafeteria seating areas.

"The students' wants, desires and needs, should be well reflected in the expenses we incur," said Jonaitis.

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Trapped and liking it



Stage Centers production of Agatha Christie's famed mystery, *The Mousetrap*, will run one final weekend.

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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 with motorist assistance, lockouts, 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.

Compiled by Public Safety Officer Bob Paprocki



June 6 - Medical Assist: A student was transported to a hospital after becoming ill in the PE Building.

June 8 - Aggravated Battery: Two persons were arrested near the access road after belating a driver and damaging his auto which was stopped at the traffic light. Weapons and witnesses were located. This was a gang related crime.

June 10 - Criminal Damage: Graffiti was reported at the PE Building. No estimate of loss was given.

June 11 - Public Complaint: A student was escorted to a Dean's office to arrange a hearing about his classroom conduct.

June 17 - Disorderly Conduct: NEIU police were called to the D-Building after a campus visitor became irate with the staff. No charges were filed and he was escorted from the campus.

Disorderly Conduct: Unknown person(s) activated a fire alarm in the G-Building. It was reset by CFD and the engineers.

June 19 - Traffic Violations: A non-student was arrested and issued three state citations after violating traffic laws on the campus.

Other Police: NEIU police responded to a call of a teenager with a knife near the campus. This person was arrested and turned over to the CPD.

Station Information: A student reported a male jumped over the fence of the cemetery and approached her on the access road. The man appeared to be intoxicated and fell to the ground. He ran back into the cemetery grounds and disappeared.

June 20 - Battery: A student was arrested at CICS after the battery of another student.

June 22 - Station Information: A student requested the assistance of the PSO in the arrest by warrant of a roommate for theft, however the roommate student dropped all

classes and disappeared.

June 24 - Traffic Violations: A non-student was arrested and issued four state citations for traffic violations near the campus.

Medical Assist: A student was referred to the escort service after complaining of being followed by an unknown person.

Theft: Several diskettes were reported stolen from a library work area. A loss of \$150.00.

June 25 - Battery: A staff member was arrested after striking another employee. He was transported to the 17th District.

June 26 - Traffic Violation: A non-student was arrested and issued two state citation for disobeying a stop sign near the access road.

Hit & Run: A student reported his vehicle damaged by an unknown driver in the F-lot. Estimated loss of \$500.00.

June 27 - Suspicious Circumstances: A staff member reported human feces in a urinal in a Men's room in the Classroom Building.

July 1 - Station Information: A student reported a bicycle rider running into her parked auto in the J-lot. No estimate of damage.

Medical Assist: A student was struck in the head when a door swung open as she was entering a hall. She was transported to Health Services, then to a hospital by a family member.

Medical Assist: A young student of a summer prep program was transported to Health Services after breaking a window and cutting her hand.

Traffic Offenses: A non-student was issued three state citations for violations near the campus.

July 3 - Accident: A staff member was injured while operating a piece of machinery on campus and an elevator door was damaged.

Theft: A student reported personal property and cash taken from a locker in the PE Building. A loss of \$173.00.

July 8 - Criminal Damage: A

student reported a few lockers damaged in the PE Building.

July 9 - Assault: A staff member was arrested after another worker felt threatened by his remarks.

July 10 - Traffic: A non-student was issued two tickets after disobeying a stop sign near the access road.

July 11 - Theft: A student reported his Illinois vehicle registration sticker stolen while on campus. A loss of \$48.00.

Medical Assist: A student was treated by Health Service nurses after having a seizure and transported to a hospital.

Medical Assist: A student injured her back while dancing in the A-Wing. She was treated by Health Service nurses and left with a family member.

July 12 - Building Check: A student was assisted from a classroom pit area after leaping in to retrieve a bicycle lock. She was not injured.

Accident: A non-student working on a stage production reported suffering from headaches after a prop gun was discharged near her face. She refused medical treatment.

July 15 - Theft: A student reported a knapsack stolen from the library. A loss of \$30.00.

Theft: Another student reported her change purse missing after leaving it on a table on the third floor of the library. A loss of \$30.00.

July 16 - Medical Assist: A student became ill in the library, was treated by Health Service nurses, and then transported to a hospital.

Hit & Run: A student reported her auto damaged by an unknown driver while parked in the D-lot. A loss of \$500.00.

July 17 - Natural Causes: A student reported a broken window on her auto. It appeared to have been broken by the heat from within the area itself. No estimate of damage was given.

July 18 - Medical Assist: A staff

member was transported by another worker after being injured by machinery on campus.

Criminal Trespass: Two non-students were arrested after being seen leaping over the fence into the cemetery. They were transported to the 17th District.

July 19 - Station Information: A staff member reported computer tampering in an office in the Classroom Building.

July 22 - Medical Assist: A child at the Day Care Center was treated by Health Service nurses after running into a table.

July 23 - Theft: A staff member reported personal property taken from an office in the A-Wing. A loss of \$80.00.

Hit & Run: A staff member reported \$400.00 damage to his auto by an unknown driver while parked in the J-lot.

July 24 - Theft: A student reported a watch stolen from a locker in the PE Building. A loss of \$200.00.

July 25 - Disturbance: An altercation was reported between an employee and a supervisor. No charges were filed.

July 29 - Theft: A staff member reported noticing his Illinois registration sticker missing while parked on campus. A loss of \$48.00.

July 30 - Medical Assist: A staff member was treated by Health Service nurses after bumping her head on a shelf. She was driven home by a friend.

July 31 - Aggravated Battery: A staff member reported an unauthorized use of an ATM card. When confronted the offender attempted to flee, was subdued, and arrested. This person was found to have several outstanding warrants against him.

August 2 - Station Information: A staff member reported suspicious marks on an office door.

Accident: A student was injured while playing basketball in the gym. He was

treated at a hospital and released.

August 5 - Medical Assist: A student fainted in the D-Building. She was treated in Health Services and released.

Neglect of Child: Three children were reported left in an auto in the D-lot unattended. A parent was located and informed about leaving the kids alone in the auto on a hot day.

August 6 - Medical Assist: A student became ill in the Science Building. She was escorted to Health Services and later released.

Criminal Damage: Graffiti was found in a Classroom Building elevator. A loss of \$20.00 to clean.

August 9 - Criminal Damage: Graffiti was found in the Classroom Building. A loss of \$5.00 to clean.

August 10 - Suspicious Auto: A NEIU police officer noticed a damaged auto driving near the campus. After an investigation, it was learned that the driver had been involved in a hit and run. He was issued several tickets and arrested.

August 11 - Service to Other Agency: A college in the city was notified that one of it's staff members was a convicted child sex offender after two NEIU police officers stopped his auto on the campus for suspicious activity.

August 13 - Theft: A copy machine was reported missing from the El Centro campus. No estimate of loss was given.

August 14 - Criminal Damage: A waste container was knocked over and damaged in the PE parking lot. No estimate of damage was given.

Medical Assist: A person being tested in the PE Building fell while on a treadmill. He was transported to a hospital.

Suspicious Auto: A University neighbor reported a suspicious auto to NEIU police. This was revealed to be a stolen and abandoned auto, which was returned to its owner.

August 15 - Accident: A student was involved in a traffic accident on the access road. No estimate of damage was given.

Medical Assist: A staff member was taken ill while cleaning in the library. He was transported to a hospital.

August 16 - Criminal Damage: Graffiti was found in the A-Wing Men's room. A loss of \$20.00 to clean.

Accident Property Damage & Injury: Four people were transported to a hospital after a drunk driver collided with another auto near the campus. Damage was estimated in the thousands.

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Honors Program hires full-time coordinator

by Kimberly A. Dudash
Editor-in-Chief

After Dragan left his lair and Stoltze split, the Honors department may have finally found a beacon in Ricki J. Shine. Shine joined NEIU on June 25 as a full-time coordinator of the University Honors Program.

Within one year, the program lost two coordinators due to various reasons. The two former coordinators shared one main complaint, however: both felt that there was too much work for a part-time coordinator to effectively handle.

Shortly after Herbert Stoltze's resignation, the Faculty Advisory Committee for the Honors Program sent a recommendation to Mohan Sood, Dean of the Graduate College and Honors Program founder, recommending that the coordinator's position be upgraded into a full-time one. Following receipt of the memo, Sood, in consultation with President Salme H. Steinberg and Acting Provost Therese Schuepfer, decided to make it a full-time position.

As a fellow and co-coordinator for the "Preparing Future Faculty" project, in which NEIU and three other institutes participate, Shine has "gained important administrative experience in managing activities of faculty, students and administrators in the five consort-



Ricki J. Shine (left) counsels sophomore Pedro Guardian on the Level I Honors program.

ium institutions," said Sood.

Shine is currently a Ph.D. candidate at Northwestern University in American urban and legal history. She earned her Juris Doctorate degree from Arizona State University, and prior to beginning her studies at Northwestern, she practiced law in Phoenix.

For the past six years, Shine has also taught a number of undergraduate courses in history at Northwestern, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago and Oakton Community College, including courses for honors students.

"I love teaching and working with students," exclaimed Shine. While many people may wonder why someone who loves teaching so much would take an administrative position, Shine claimed that being the coordinator of the Honors Program will enable her to work one-on-one with students.

"Being able to work with students, getting to know them and helping them achieve what they want to achieve" is what's important, said Shine. "My door is always open to students," she added.

As the new kid on the block,

Shine is "trying to be flexible about [her] goals." Creating a sense of community of scholars outside the classroom is Shine's main objective. It is very important to garner more activity outside the classroom, she said.

One of her future aspirations for the Honors Program include an intimate, 15-student intensive seminar for freshman within a specific discipline. The idea, said Shine, is to more fully prepare these students for upper level classes.

"The freshmen seminar would be similar to the seminar/

colloquium in Level II honors, but it would be brought down to Level I honors," said Shine.

Shine is also looking forward to creating a listserv for honors students and creating a Web page. Having access to a listserv and Web site will make communication between the Honors Program and its students easier, quicker and more efficient, said Shine. It will also encourage conversation between students, she added.

In keeping with her desire to create a sense of community among scholars, Shine is planning a get-together this fall.

Provost search digs up prospects, Schuepfer's name missing

by Michael F. Buino
Associate Editor

Looking for a job this fall, well, there is a position open on campus. The right person for the job must hold an earned doctorate, have significant teaching and scholarly qualifications, as well as strong leadership skills. This person will be a member of the senior leadership team and will have to act for the President in her absence.

Sound like a tough gig? The person who fills the position of Provost will be the university's second-ranking officer and chief academic officer. A search and screen committee comprised of faculty, staff, and students had to review applications, talk to applicants over the phone, and verify credentials.

The final list of candidates has been released and open meetings have been scheduled for the university community to meet with the prospects. Meetings will be held from 1:40 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Golden Eagles Room on the following dates, August 29, Dalmas Taylor; September 5, Lewis Jones;

September 5, Estela Lopez; September 10, Arthur Bloom; September 12, Mildred Garcia. Comment forms will be available at each of the meetings. "Feedback and comments are valuable and the search and screen committee would appreciate receiving such comments," said Steven Brown, professor and chair of the provost search and screen committee.

After the meetings, the committee will present their evaluations of each candidate to the President for final selection.

"I feel very good with regards to the screen's findings and look forward to meeting all candidates," states Brown.

While the final list is made up of five qualified individuals, one familiar name has been left off the list. Acting-Provost Therese Schuepfer's name is not one of the five on the final list. When asked why Schuepfer is not on the list, Brown replied that committee activities are confidential. Schuepfer said that she withdrew from consideration for "personal reasons."

"I think the candidates look good," remarks Schuepfer, "I am

excited to see what happens in the future." After the position is filled Schuepfer says she will take a six-month educational leave. When Schuepfer, who has a tenure with the university, returns from the leave she may resume teaching psychology.

Background information provided by the search and screen committee reveals that the candidates have extensive and varied backgrounds in academia. Taylor, a Psychology professor at the University of Texas at Arlington, has held the position of Provost at both Texas and the University of Vermont. Taylor received his Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of Delaware.

Jones, presently the vice president for academic affairs for the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System, obtained his Ph.D. from the University of Iowa. Prior to his current position, Jones was the vice president for academic affairs at Mankato State University in Minnesota.

From 1990 until 1995, Lopez served as vice president for academic affairs and planning at Inter American University of Puerto

Rico. She is currently a senior associate for the American Association for Higher Education. Lopez received her Ph.D. in Spanish Literature from Columbia University.

Bloom is presently the dean of visual and performing arts at Kutztown University in Pennsylvania, where he has served since 1991. Prior to that position, Bloom was dean of communications and

fine arts at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. Bloom received his Ph.D. in Theater History from Yale University.

Garcia is presently assistant vice president for academic affairs at Montclair State University in New Jersey, where she has served since 1988. Garcia has a Ph.D. from Columbia University-Teachers College.

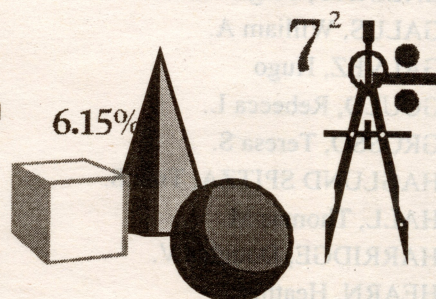
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by John Prusko, Jr. 09 Nov 95

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College of Arts & Sciences

Dean's List, Spring 1996

Dean John Boni has announced the Dean's List honoring high achieving majors in the College of Arts & Sciences. The list cites majors who achieved a 3.8 or better grade point in the Spring 1996 term. It is divided into two sections, one recognizing full-time students (12 hours or more completed), the other recognizing part-time students (6 to 11 hours completed).

The list will be posted in the Science Building. Each student will receive a congratulatory letter from the Dean, and the student's home department and local newspaper will be notified.

FULL-TIME STUDENTS

ALEJANDRE, Hector
 ARGENTINO, Diane M.
 AUERBACH, Leslie C.
 AUSTIN, Robert W.
 AVILA, Jose Salvador
 BACZAK, Gloria J.
 BAFFA, Chip J.
 BARATI, Jennifer N.
 BERNHARDT, Heidi D.
 BIENIEK, Ewa T.
 BODUCH, Betty G.
 BONELL, Carolyn M.
 BORJA, Sonia M.
 BRANCATO, Nina Rose
 BROWN, Angela M.
 BUCKMAN, Nora Ann
 BULUCOS, Danika D.
 BUNDY, Karen Charisse
 CASCIO, David J.
 CASTRO, Jorge
 CIMA GLIO, Scott M.
 CONROY, Susan E.
 DANIEL, Karnit
 DE LA GARZA, Ann L.
 DECHRISTOPHER, Anthony J.
 DIAZ JR., Michael J.
 DOMINGUEZ, Roberto C.
 DUNN, Darcy L.
 DUNNE, Matt
 DURAN, Amalfi
 DYMITROWICZ, Sandra Marie
 EARLY, June A.
 EICKER, Elizabeth Ann
 ENZLER, Cindy S.
 FEUERSTEIN, Geneveva S.
 FOY, Kevin M.
 FRANKLIN, Debra L.
 GALIANO, Sergio Leonel
 GALUS, William A.
 GALVEZ, Hugo
 GOULD, Rebecca L.
 GROSSO, Teresa S.
 HAGLUND SPITZA, Tina S.
 HALL, Thomas M.
 HARRIDGE, Douglas V.
 HEARN, Heather
 HEIDERSBACH, Mark Andrew
 HOYNE, Laura Marie
 JACOB, Bobby
 JENKINSON, Gregory T.
 JOHNSON, Steven R.
 KELLY, Patrick
 KENNEDY, Sonia Jean
 KOLLIGRIS, Maria L.
 KRANENBURG, Dale W.
 KRUTUL, Urszula M.
 LADINO, Carlos E.
 LANE, Ernest L.
 LEONARD-SCUDDER, Kari

LEVIN, Ellen
 LISOWSKI, Steven Edward
 LONGBRAKE, Kristy K.
 LUZIETTI, Robyne L.
 MALDONADO, Diana
 MARRERO, Mara L.
 MARSHMAN, Lawrie Louise
 MARYLES, Cheryl
 MATHIOT, Kimberly Morgan
 McWHIRTER, Michael L.
 MELICHIAN, Denisa S.
 MORRIS, Marybeth
 N'SOUARI, Edith-Mireille
 NGUYEN, Lan Kim
 NGUYEN, My Hoai
 NIKAMALFARD, Mersedeh
 NORTH, Sheila Jo
 ORTIZ, Carlos R.
 OSHANA, Domarina
 OSTERKORN, Dora D.
 PAWLAK, Thomas M.
 PEREZ, Christina M.
 POCK, Kristen D.
 POHL, Jennifer Kate
 POKORNI, Daniel
 POLLAK, Timothy Mark
 PROVENZA, Roxanne Beth
 PRUSKO, Mary Jo Anne
 PUCKELWARTZ, Lynn
 RAMAN, Shruti Ravi
 REDZIC, Ognjen
 REINWALD, Cynthia A.
 ROBINSON, Sandra J.
 RZADZKI, Jill L.
 SAIEVA, Mary E.
 SCHALLER JR., Edward A.
 SCHEINKOPF, Jeffrey S.
 SCHERRER, Renae
 SCHROEDER, Richard A.
 SIENKOWSKI, Misty L.
 SIMOKAITIS, Christine A.
 SMITH, David B.
 SORRISO, Ruth Ivelisse
 STOCKWELL, Louis R.
 STRATEGOS, Elizabeth
 SULLIVAN, Colleen Ann
 THOMAS, Ollie M.
 THOMAS, Suzan S.
 TROTTER, Carlotta Rennee
 ULINCY, Kathleen M.
 VANSTELLE, Jane L.
 VLAHOS, Maria
 WAINTRAUB, Ernest Walter
 WALDO, Alberty
 WALSH, Erin
 WELLS, Bryant A.
 WENDT, Catherine M.
 WHALEN, Lola C.
 WILLIAMSON, Aimee C.
 ZAGHLOUL, Dawn M.

PART-TIME STUDENTS

AFZALI, Saeid
 ALLEN, Lisa Michele
 ANDRUSS, Timothy Y.
 ARVIDSON, Janice M.
 BAE, Kevin J.
 BARBEE, Emanuel L.
 BASILE, Carlo P.
 BAYAN, Lucia F.
 BENNETT, Lisa Renee
 BERG, Margo J.
 BYRNE, Lorene Helen
 CASANOVA, Nanette C.
 CASTILLO, Chiara Giusti
 CHEESEMAN, Angelique J.
 CHITMAN, Karina
 CINCOTTA, Nicholas A.
 CINTRON, Gladys E.
 CLASSEN, Deborah M.
 COHEN, Janeen T.
 CONDON, Kimberly K.
 CONTOS, Selma A.
 DAUGHERTY-CAFFERO, Ann Marie
 DAVIS, Mary E.
 DELANEY, Richard
 DESSENT, Steve Robert
 DI MODICA, Antoinette R.
 DUCE, Patricia R.
 DUNN, Torrence L.
 EHRLICH, Mary Ann
 FARFAN, Cecilia
 FIKE, Heather J.
 FOLEY, Laura J.
 FRIEDMAN, Michelle Sara
 GANAN, Scott J.
 GIOMETTI, Deborah S.
 GONZALEZ, Lynette
 GOODFRIEND, Carole A.
 GRAMMATOPOULOS, Nicolette K.
 GUY, Carol Ann
 HALGAS, Pauline
 HAMADEH, Linda
 HANSRAJ, Mahjabeen
 HARDING, Kelly M.
 HARDING, Patti A.
 HAUT, David A.
 HENNESSEY, Timothy E.
 HERNANDEZ-KALIN, Jeanette
 HORD, David L.
 HUANG, Hsiu-Ling
 IN, Ellen D.
 JACKSON, Gregory G.
 JAGLA, Stanislaw
 JAMES, Steven
 JIMENEZ, Petty J.
 JOHNSON, Mark
 KABAT, Christopher J.
 KRACHOW, Beronya I.
 KAMARAT, Adam, J.
 KENMOTSU, Steven Yukio

KENNEDY, Charles Anthony
 KINCHELOE, Shauna Sue
 KISNER-GRIFFIN, Mary B.
 KOEHLER, Sandra C.
 KREKLOW, Mark A.
 KRIPOTOS, Evanthis
 KRIZ, Brian R.
 KRUSER, Kimberly Kay
 KUHNS, Sara
 LA'COUR, Anthony B.
 LATIF, Mohammad A.
 LEDFORD, Karen L.
 LEWIS, Walken I.
 MACHADO, Luis Roberto
 MAITINO, Robert Anthony
 MARING, Jane Marie
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Vice president packs it up for the Great Northwest

by **Kimberly A. Dudash**
Editor-in-Chief

Golf lessons, and maybe some steelhead fishing, will take the place of fiscal management responsibilities when Administrative Affairs Vice President Peter C. Wollstein heads out to Portland, Oregon as a retiree.

After nearly 10 years of service, Wollstein has watched and been an integral part of NEIU's ever-evolving infrastructure. "This institution isn't what it was 10-years ago," he said.

In the 9-plus years of his tenure, Wollstein stated he has seen "every roof on this place replaced." On his first day, he was greeted with parking lots that were "in a total state of disrepair." And if that wasn't bad enough, he soon found out to his dismay that the university didn't have enough money in the parking program to pay for repairs, he said.

One of the first obstacles tackled by Wollstein was raising parking revenues. "Evening students, who make up a large percentage of the student body, weren't being charged for parking," Wollstein said. In order to raise the necessary funds, night students had to begin paying for parking while rates had to be increased, he added. This summer marks the end of all the parking lot repairs.

Moving forward and overall improvement was the "tone set by former President [Gordon] Lamb. He built himself a team that moved

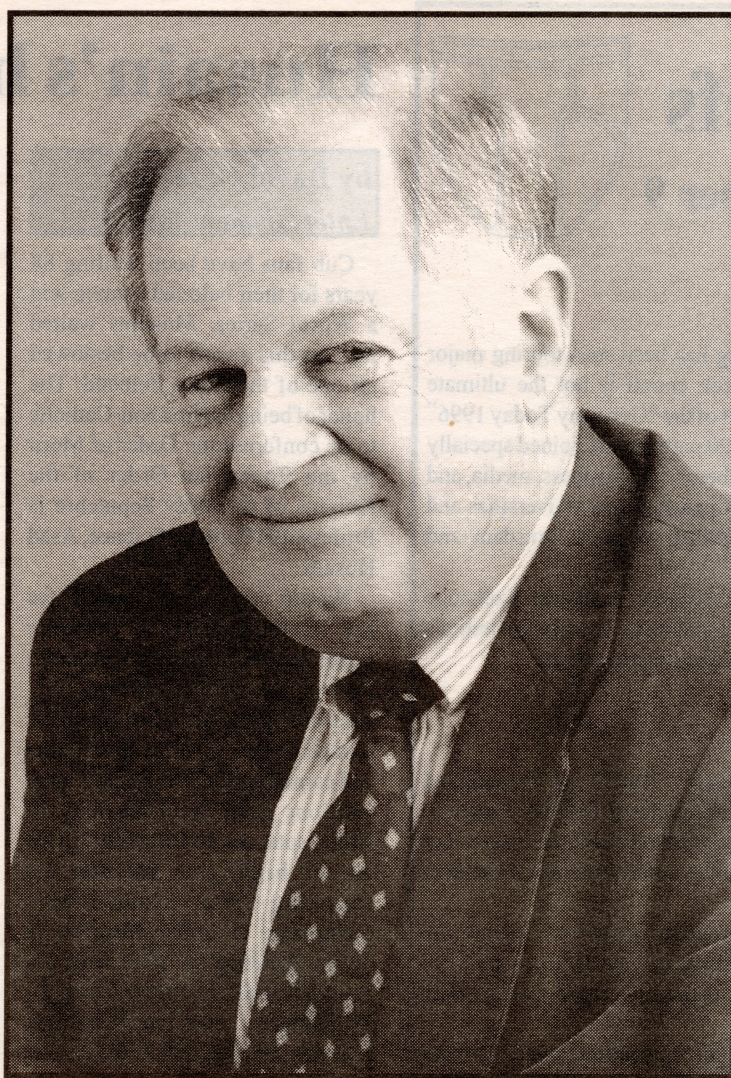
in [a forward] direction," said Wollstein. The provost office was key in bringing up standards, he said. Given the limited resources the university had, Wollstein is amazed at the "vast difference" of today's university compared to what it was 10-years ago.

"Lamb's tenure was very successful. There were a lot of challenges and those were difficult years, and he and the entire president's counsel met the challenge," Wollstein added.

NEIU's facilities will continue to rumble with construction in the years to come. Bids for the construction of a new Fine Arts building, which will replace the area previously occupied by the old gym, are due September 12. Assuming a contractor falls within our price range and we accept the bid, construction will start shortly there after and should continue for approximately two years, said Wollstein.

Upon completion of the proposed Fine Arts building, the College of Business and Management may find itself relocated to either the A or B wing, or both. "The Business College is a little more dispersed than they ought to be. They need more space, and we need to find a home for them. The A-wing makes the most sense," Wollstein continued, "However, that will be studied as soon as there is money to study it."

Wollstein will be joined by his wife Marianne as they pack up, leaving all these headaches behind, and move to Portland. Wollstein



Peter C. Wollstein

spent 7 years as the assistant vice president at Oregon Health Science prior to coming to NEIU. "We really liked it out there, and decided a year ago that Portland offered the best mix of culture, nature, ocean and mountains. The Oregon coast is absolutely the greatest."

Wollstein's retirement will become effective on August 31. While getting everything in order for his

successor, Olin Cleve McDaniel, Wollstein is mentally preparing himself for his biggest shock, "The day I don't have to come in here and think about what is on the table."

President Salme H. Steinberg will be hosting a farewell reception tomorrow, August 27, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the Golden Eagle Room. All are invited to attend and bid farewell to Wollstein.

Calling all stars

by **Dave Chun**
Staff Writer

Everybody wants to be a star. A new program lets students do just that.

The Student Admissions Representatives, or STARS, has been established to allow NEIU students to assist in the process of recruiting prospective students.

The program, created by Admissions counselor Diane Scoma and Joy Trocola-Kowles, is in need of more volunteers this fall.

The criteria is simple. Any student with a 2.5 GPA or higher, good communications skills and a willingness to travel to different high schools is welcome to inquire.

"We began this program last spring and we had about 7 or 8 students volunteer," said Trocola-Kowles.

"We have students accompany counselors on trips to high schools or for a college night. We also had the students present at the open house for NEIU."

Scoma adds, "It really gets through to high school students when someone their own age, especially one who recently graduated from that very high school, tells them what NEIU is like."

The program's flexibility makes it possible for volunteers to work around their school and job schedules.

Interested students may contact Diane Scoma at Extension 3640.



President Steinberg receives honorary award

President Salme H. Steinberg, encircled by graduates of the Clemente Community Academy in Chicago, where she recently received the 1996 Distinguished Service and Leadership Award from the Vietnamese Parents Association (VPA) and the Academy.

President Steinberg was honored and acknowledged for dedicated service and outstanding leadership to Asian-American students through NEIU's "Project Success" program.

The award was presented at the 20th anniversary celebration of the Vietnamese Education Program at Clemente. The Asian-American Coalition of Chicago was one of the sponsors of the event.

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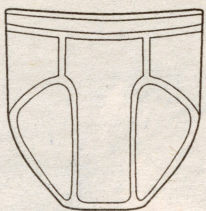
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President invades Germany

University President Salme H. Steinberg has been seen touring major cities throughout Germany. The two-week circuit is not the ultimate summer dream vacation. It is, however, part of the "Germany Today 1996" program. President Steinberg, one of only 20 participants, joined specially selected academic administrators and members of the business, media, and political spheres of the United States and Canada to tour universities and government organizations in Bonn, Frankfurt, Dresden, Potsdam and Berlin.

"Germany Today" is a program of the German Academic Exchange Service. The agency promotes international relations between institutions of higher education through academic and scientific exchange.

Terrell — a national Fella'

Vice president for student affairs Melvin C. Terrell was reappointed national coordinator for the Minority Undergraduate Fellows Program. Terrell will head the program that encourages African-Americans and other minorities to pursue careers in higher education, and in particular, in student affairs administration.

The Fellows Program is a mentorship program that allows students the opportunity to work with student affairs professionals and take part in a four-day training conference each summer, in addition to an internship study program.

On accepting the appointment Terrell said, "It is indeed an honor and a privilege to serve my profession and the students who need mentoring, advising and counseling in a practical way regarding opportunities in higher education. We will continue with a very hands-on approach, allowing students to engage in real life management decision-making, conflict resolution, and problem solving."

Crime rate in paradise on the rise?

Planning a vacation to Jamaica? Might want to read *The Jamaican Crime Scene: A Perspective*, the most recent book written by Bernard Headley, professor of criminal justice.

A native Jamaican, Headley explores the impact of his country's sometimes stormy past on its modern-day inhabitants and immigrants as he addresses the issue of the prevalence of crime among the people of this island paradise.

While I doubt this book would send readers scurrying to their travel agents to change itineraries, the information in the book will offer a perspective into the country's history, economy, and some suggestions to stem the rising incidents of violence.

Kudos to Psych Professor

Carol Gaetjens, Assistant Professor of Psychology, was nominated as Illinois candidate of the Chicago-Greater Illinois Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for the 1996-97 MS National Achievement Award.

Gaetjens, also the Coordinator of the Master of Arts Degree Program in Gerontology, was nominated by the five 1996 graduates of the Gerontology Program.

Dance, baby, dance!

The Department of Music and the Dance Program are sponsoring classes in ballet, creative movement, and jazz dance for children. Classes for teenagers and adults include Jazz I, Ballet I and II, and Beginning Pointe.

Get the whole family involved, classes begin September 10. For more information and schedules, contact Rachel Burton at (312) 794-6138.

Fresh food at the cafe?

It's true. The cafeteria will have a new showcase cooking section with a different theme every day. The made-to-order meals will be prepared while you wait in about three minutes. Mexican cuisine and vegetarian meals are two of the proposed theme days.

Also new for the fall, the cafeteria will add a Colombo frozen yogurt kiosk. Two flavors and a twist everyday and on those special days toppings will be available as well.

All the vegetarians on campus this is for you, so pay attention. The cafeteria will have one "hot" vegetarian entree everyday, this is in addition to the veggie burgers and subs already served.

Going, going, gone...

Not really gone, just moved. The Center for Exercise Science and Cardiovascular Research to the College of Arts and Sciences. The center will be joined with the Biology department. The shared common academic interests of both programs is one of the reasons being given for the move.

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Husain's honor sets precedent

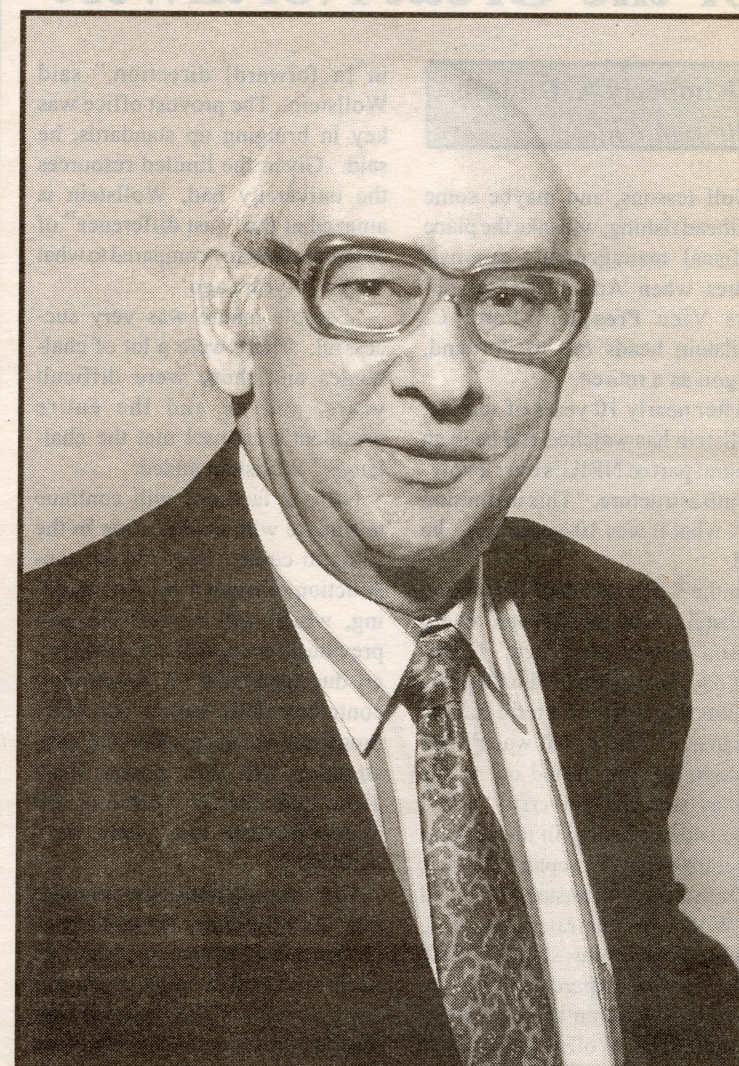
by David Grzelak
Entertainment Editor

Cub fans have been waiting 88 years for their beloved team to win a World Series. Muslims waited 897 for this award to be bestowed on one of their own beloved. The honor of being the first non-Catholic to be conferred the Order of Merit by the Equestrian Order of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre is Professor of Political Science, Asad Husain.

Husain received this award for his lifelong work to promote understanding and bring a peaceful dialogue among Christianity, Judaism, and Islam. He came to the United States in 1954 from India and earned his Ph.D. in International relations from the University of Minnesota. Aside from NEIU, his career highlights include his founding the Consultative Committee of Indian Muslims in North America in 1969 and co-founding the Parliament of World's Religions in 1993 which brought together 6000 people representing 13 religions.

His work and life lead directly to the mission of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre. Founded in 1099, the Knights' mission is "to further the equality of all people, to support peace and justice in the Holy Land, and to increase the hope that Jews, Christians, and Muslims may live in harmony." There are over 17,000 inductees worldwide (7000 in the United States).

Husain received the award as a humble representative of his faith. He said that by the Catholic Church agreeing to work with Islam for peace, there is a clear indication that Islam is one of the major religions accepted in America.



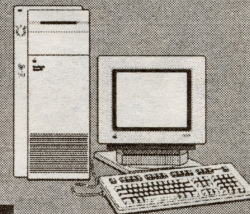
Professor Asad Husain, President of the American Islamic College, was honored with the rare Order of Merit presented by the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, a Papal Knighthood founded in 1099. He was honored for years of work to increase understanding between the world's greatest religions.

"This is a very great honor and notes high-level recognition of Islam in America. It demonstrates that many good people want to collaborate to increase understanding," said Husain.

The guest members at the

presentation included Arch-Bishop Joseph Cardinal Bernadin who presided over the interfaith call to prayer. For Husain, a lifelong commitment toward interfaith peace and harmony culminated in a "World Series" of honors.

Academic Computing News



by Bill Moressi, Director of Academic Computing

Academic Computing Services

Workshops for Fall '96

The following workshops for Northeastern students are being offered every week throughout the semester. There is no additional cost for these workshops. All participants receive associated documentation for further future reference.

Topic	Days	Time	Location
Introduction to e-mail	Monday	9-10 am	CLS 2108
Introduction to Wordperfect/Win	Tuesday	11 am-12 pm	CLS 2108
Introduction to e-mail	Tuesday	6-7 pm	CLS 2108
Introduction to Paradox/Win	Wednesday	1-2 pm	CLS 2108
Introduction to e-mail	Thursday	1-2 pm	CLS 2108
Introduction to Wordperfect/Win	Thursday	3-4 pm	CLS 2108
Introduction to HTML	Friday	10-11 am	CLS 2108
Introduction to Netscape	Friday	1-2 pm	CLS 2108

Extended hours for CLS Bldg. labs

The Academic Computing labs have expanded hours of operation. The labs in the CLS building will now be open later, and also on Sunday. If you use the computer labs on Sunday or after 1:00 PM on Saturday, you must first register with Public Safety.

Classroom Building (CLS 2108, 2109, 2096)

Monday - Thursday:	8:00 AM to 11:00 PM
Friday:	8:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Saturday:	8:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Sunday:	10:00 Noon to 6:00 PM

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Attention Elementary Ed majors

Orientation meeting, September 16, 5:30 - 7:00 PM. and September 17, 1:45 - 3:00 PM. Both meetings will be held in the Commuter Center, room CC-217. If you want to learn about declaring your major, admission to the program, new assessment procedures and other important related information, you better show up.

Library nutty for the net

Interlibrary Loan allows you to request books or journal articles while you browse the library's Web site. Also, a list of on-line databases, including ILLINET On-line and UnCover Web, are available on the library Web site. Project Muse provides access via electronic subscription to all journals of the Johns Hopkins University Press. Visit the library to find out more about these on-line offerings.

Sorority girls on campus

The university's only sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha Inc. will be participating in "Family Day" at Parkhouse nursing center on Saturday August 31. Anyone who wants to help out should contact June Earley at (847) 998-6657.

GMAT prep course

If you want admission into an MBA program you must take the GMAT. It will be given on October 19. A prep course for the test will be offered by the College of Business and Management. Beginning September 7 and running through October 5, the class will meet Saturday mornings from 9am-1pm. Registration is on-going through August 30. Currently enrolled students, alumni, and staff pay a mere \$225. Everyone else can tack on an extra \$100. To register, call Mary Coleman at (312) 794-2647, or come in person to CLS-0041.

The day the lights went out @ NEIU

After a contractor dug a little too deep and hit a ComEd cable at Lawrence & Kimball, the university experienced a power outage on the afternoon of August 20. Fortunately, most of the school was only left in the dark momentarily. The power outage occurred while facilities management was conducting a test-run on the co-generator system. The cogen system was apparently up to the challenge. The only building left in the dark was the physical education building, which is not juiced by cogen.

"If we had not been testing cogen, we would have experienced a blackout for about 10 minutes, until we were able to start the generators again," stated Joseph P. Kish, assistant vice president for facilities management. "We need a reliable emergency generator, and cogen proved effective."

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In order to ensure that student needs are met, the committee maintains two student members. Kimberly A. Dudash, editor of *The Independent*, and former Student Government President, Craig Johnson have been on the committee since last fall. Former President Johnson left the committee when he graduated.

Mark Kipp, director of the Commuter Center, sent a letter to new Student Government President, Gary Goldblatt, on May 8, 1996, inviting him to personally attend the planning meetings or to send another student representative. Over three months later, President Goldblatt has failed to either attend a meeting or send a representative in his

place.

When asked to comment President Goldblatt responded, "As president, I am committed to advocating student interests whenever possible, especially in campus decision making. I receive many requests, almost always by telephone, to appoint representatives to various committees. I never received the memorandum in question. The next meeting of this committee will be on August 29 from 1-3 p.m. Either I or a student representative will attend."

Students who want to have a say in the reshaping of the Commuter Center should visit the Village Square in September, look at the plans, drawings, and models that will be on display, and then take the time to offer an opinion, said Jonaitis.

NEIU cop resurfaces maritime disaster in newly published book

by Dave Chun
Staff Writer

An explosion that is believed by some to be the country's worst maritime disaster is the focus of NEIU public safety officer Gene Eric Salecker's new book. *Disaster of the Mississippi* tells the story of the explosion of the Sultana, a Civil War steamboat in 1865.

The story is told from a passenger's perspective. Most of the passengers were Union prisoners of war being sent home. The boat's maximum capacity was 400 passengers, the ship's officers were bribed to take on additional passengers, ballooning the total to over 2100 people.

The extreme overload created a situation that caused the boilers to burst, ripping the boat in half. The death total was around 1500.

To complete the 346 page book, which includes maps, appendixes, and line drawings, Salecker spent over 17 years researching, culminating facts, and piecing the book together while working at the university.

Salecker has spent the last 14 years as a NEIU officer, but also received his BA in History at NEIU as well. With the book now published Salecker is making public appearances to promote the book.

Salecker says that his interest in the Sultana disaster comes from his studies of the Civil War.

"I have always been a Civil War

aficionado, and I read as many books on the subject as I could. I ran across a book written by the grandson of a survivor of the explosion. I was so interested in the whole subject," remarks Salecker. "However, because the explosion occurred in the same year that the Civil War ended and President Lincoln was assassinated, there was a clear lack of information and documentation on the Sultana. This sparked my interest."

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Initially, all Salecker wanted to do was compile a list of the people aboard the Sultana, because there was no conclusive list available. Because the passengers were natives of 6 states, Salecker had to research the libraries of those 6 states.

"I looked at old manuscripts, and used old newspaper microfilms that were available. Eventually, the list was looking complete. Within that time I joined an organization of people who were relatives of the disaster, or just interested people like me. They were helpful in acquiring information for me," he said.

About 7 years ago, following the suggestion of the organization, Salecker decided to reformulate his

list and began the process of turning it into a book.

Along the way, Salecker ran into some stumbling blocks. The biggest problem was lack of information. "With the war ending, and Lincoln being killed, the American people really did not care about a boat blowing up. So, I had to really dig to find what I needed," he remarked.

Salecker, then a student aid working in the library, was able to use his resources at NEIU to acquire information. Salecker says the research department was more than helpful in getting information for him. Juggling a job and writing a book can be a difficult task.

"As a police officer, the department has been so helpful in giving me the time I needed to put this book together," comments Salecker, "Now that the book is complete, the department has been great in giving me the opportunity to promote the book."

Salecker is now working on his second book. The new book is about the B-17 bombers in World War II. "The B-17's are known for being used against the Japanese, but they were used against the Nazi's as well, and I would like to bring attention to that," said Salecker, "There is much more information available, and because the event took place more recently, there are survivors available. I also am now experienced in putting together a book, so I anticipate, a much quicker completion."

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Face in the crowd: Cassandra Riemer

by Michael F. Buino
Associate Editor

A warm smile and dazzling personality are the first things one will notice when they meet this week's *Face in the Crowd*, Cassandra Riemer, the program associate of the Women's Services and New Directions programs.

A mother of five

A mother of five children whose ages range from 2 to 20 years old, Riemer has had a lot of experience working with kids.

Once an assistant coach for her child's soccer team, she is now a "soccer parent" going to her child's games to support and cheer them on to victory.

Hobbies

Hobbies, when she has time for them, include arts and crafts and traveling to tropical paradises like Montego Bay, Ja-

maica. Riemer's favorite color is purple and almost any way you cook it, chicken is her food of choice.

Volunteer services

Riemer will use her experience working with both the Boy and Girl Scouts of America to start a children's group that will offer an alternative to hanging out on the corner, and will work to build their self-esteem.

New directions

Riemer has been working at the university for 7 years, providing a helping hand to students. New Directions is a program that offers assistance to returning adult students over 25. Riemer is a member of the staff that organizes evening orientation meetings, counseling sessions and advisement for returning students.

"No two days are ever the same. You never know what a student is going to come in with,"

remarks Riemer. Sometimes students who come into the office just need reference material, sometimes they just need to get something off their chest, and on occasion they even need help finding a place to live.

Support groups, private counseling, and seminars are a few ways Riemer reaches out to help students. Classes are held on such subjects as stress management, relationships, rape and AIDS.

Assertiveness class

One of the most popular classes sponsored by the Women's Services program is the Assertiveness class. The class teaches women how to be more aggressive.

She likes to go to classes and speak to students about social issues. It is the best way to reach a large number of people, said Riemer.

"Seeing students come in, hav-



Cassandra Riemer

photo by Kimberly A. Dudash

ing anxieties, talking about their problems, and then seeing the light click on over their heads and knowing their ready to challenge and overcome their obstacles is the best part of the

job,' said Riemer, "We have a lot of success stories."

Students who want to find out more about these organizations should stop by room E-043 or E-047C, below the book store.

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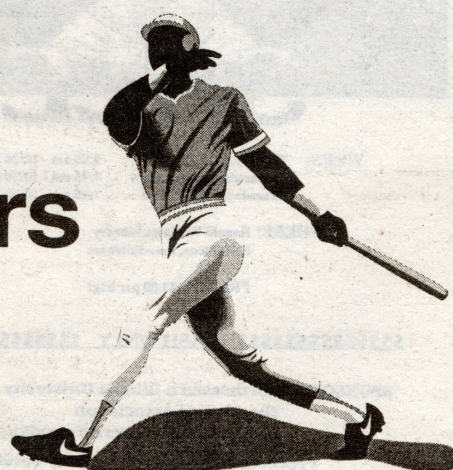
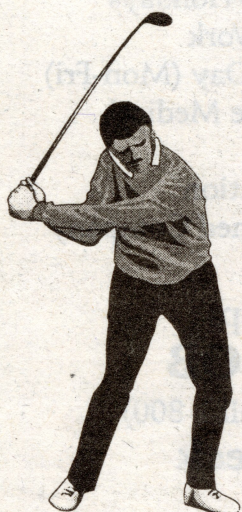
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Class takes students on Mayan exploration

by Janice Wolf

From exploring modern-day Mayan villages and ancient Mayan ruins to observing a rainforest ecosystem firsthand, participants in this year's Belize Field Experience class will find their interests stimulated on a number of fronts.

The course, offered for the spring semester in the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, is a regional-research geography class built around an 8 day tour of Belize, a small Central American country tucked into the southeastern corner of the Yucatan peninsula.

In its fourth year of operation, the course has traditionally attracted students from a variety of fields including geography, anthropology, biology and geology, said class instructor Libby Hill.

Belize is a multi-ethnic, multi-lingual and multi-cultural society, which gives students a variety of perspectives from which to explore it, Hill said.

For example, the country's two major ethnic majorities, Mestizo and Creole, coexist with a number of culturally distinct groups including the Afro-Caribbean Garifuna, various communities of Mayans, and Mennonites of European origin. English and Spanish are spoken widely, and many natives speak one or both along with a somewhat decipherable Creole language and various dialects of Mayan.

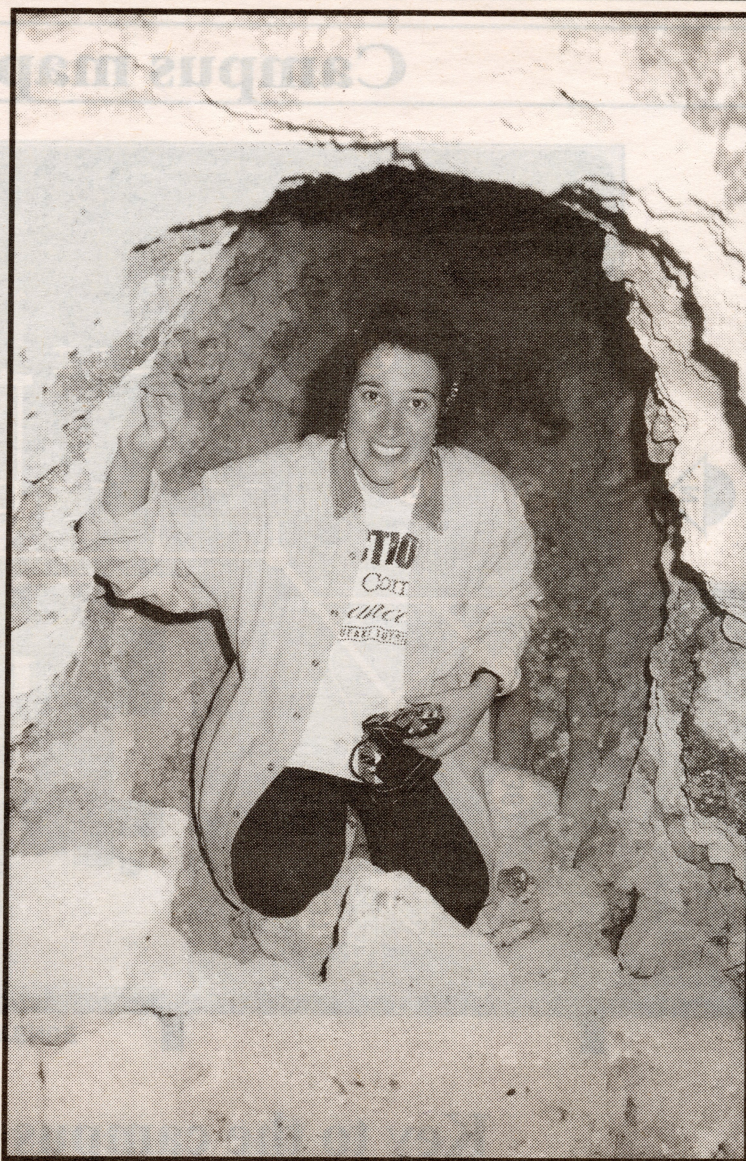
For students interested in ecology, Belize's relatively unspoiled tropical forests are a living laboratory of mammal, bird and plant species. Nature reserves protect habitats and give visitors glimpses of black howler monkeys and an occasional toucan.

Protected forests have helped preserve plant species such as the rare black orchid. The country's low population density has prevented the level of environmental degradation experienced by other developed countries, and Belize is actively trying to keep it that way through long-range sustainable environmental planning.

Archaeological sites such as the preclassic Mayan settlement of Lamanai and the recently discovered tomb of a Mayan ruler beneath the village of La Milpa offer glimpses into the ancient civilizations that occupied this part of the world a thousand years ago.

This year's itinerary will include a visit to the Bermudian Landing Baboon Sanctuary, a boat ride up the New River to Lamanai Archaeological Reserve, a New Year's Eve overnight stay in a Mayan Village, New Year's Day festivities in the town of Punta Gorda, a drive through Mennonite farm country to Rio Bravo Conservation Area, exploration of the rainforest and Mayan ruins around La Milpa, a visit to the town of San Ignacio, and snorkeling and fishing around the coral reefs at West Snake Caye.

The tour is unique, said Hill, because it spends a great deal of



Graduate student, Irene Hogstrom, explores Mayan Tomb in Belize.

time exploring the less-trodden inland part of the country.

The trip departs Chicago December 27 and returns January 3.

The cost of the three-credit course is approximately \$1275 per person, plus tuition; the price includes all sightseeing, transportation, accommodations and meals.

Space is limited and a deposit of \$50 is required by October 10.

The trip, in the words of Hill, is "fast-paced, and accom-

modations are locally-owned and basic. Trip participants should be adaptable and adventurous."

Students are required to research and write on an approved topic, submit an essay and attend several class meetings prior to and following the trip.

For more information contact Libby Hill at (847) 475-2096.

Copies of the trip itinerary are available in the Geography and Environmental Studies office in the science building, room 346-A.

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tem, why it was installed at the time it was, and also responded to the complaints being made.

Cars is a fully integrated system, allowing data entry and retrieval information to be automated between departments, said Wollstein. For instance, when a student goes to financial aid in order to make an address change to his/her file, financial aid makes the correction automatically updating the student's file in all other departments.

With the old system, students would have to go to financial aid, then to admissions and records in order to make the necessary changes to their files.

"Cars offered us the best opportunity, allowing us to get maximum functionality at the lowest cost," said Wollstein. The system, which Wollstein refers to as the "Burger King" approach because it allows for continuing modifications, cost the university approximately \$970,000. That total includes the basic plan plus modifications.

The other two systems that had similar capabilities were substantially higher, with prices beginning at \$1.5 million, said Wollstein.

In order to lessen the amount of future information transfers, the system had to be up and running at the beginning of the fiscal year, said Wollstein. The fiscal year begins on July 1.

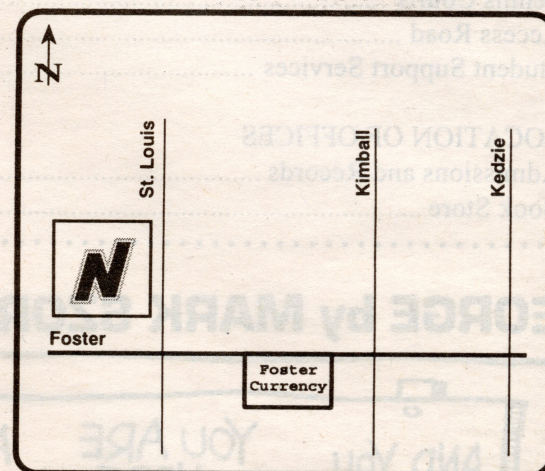
"[The computer system] wasn't thrust upon anyone," remarked Rahman. All departments using the Cars system collectively decided that this was the right time to install it, he said.

"We are aware of the difficulties. In any new system there are system glitches, resistance to change, concern amongst people that they may lose their jobs because of automation—it takes time" to become acclimated, stated Wollstein.

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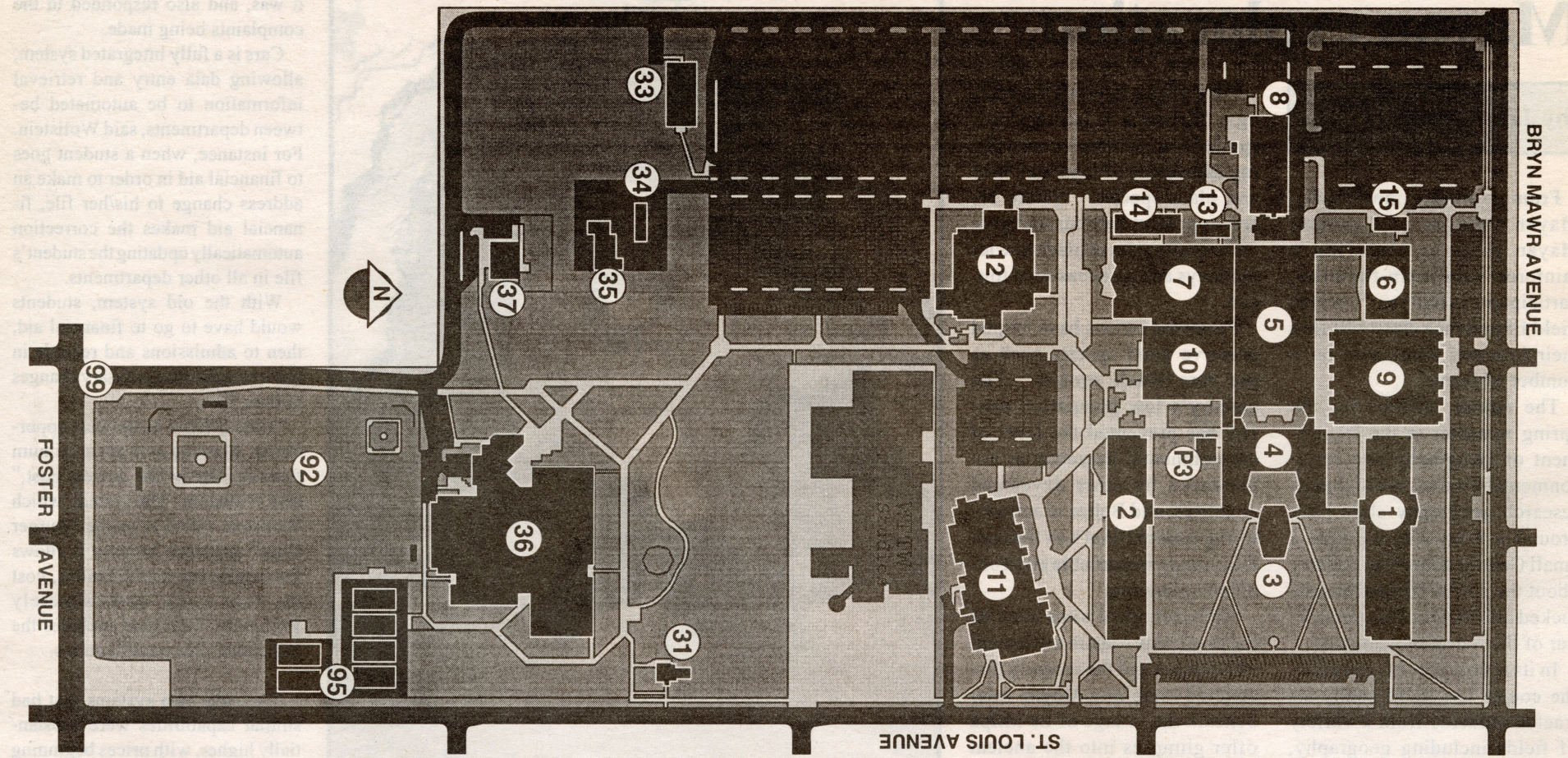
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GEORGE by MARK SZORADY



Parking lot construction brings significant changes

Parking lot construction has been completed, and there are a few significant changes to vehicular and pedestrian traffic patterns. You must enter and exit Lot A at Bryn Mawr and Central Park, and all traffic within the lot is two-way.

The cross-over between Lot A and Lot D north of Public Safety is closed. It has been replaced with a pedestrian walkway and planting island that extends to Bryn Mawr. The area along Bryn Mawr at this location remains a "No Parking" zone, allowing it to be used as a convenient campus pedestrian "Drop-Off" point.

Parking is not allowed immediately in front of the Classroom building. The handicapped parking is now consolidated to the east, and a few "Drop-Off Only" and Carpool spaces are located to the west of the building entrance.

In Lot D, handicapped parking, motorcycle parking and "Drop-Off Only" spaces are located immediately north of the Public Safety building.

As a service to the university community the following information is presented as a reminder. According to Illinois State law, all traffic exiting the parking lots must yield to traffic on the access road and city streets.

The speed limit on the access road is 20 miles per hour. In front of the Child Care Center, the speed limit is reduced to 10 m.p.h. Please watch out for children.

Wherever possible, pedestrians should use sidewalks instead of walking through the parking aisles. In instances when there isn't a sidewalk existing, pedestrians are urged to use the concrete islands as 'markers' as they walk through the parking lots.

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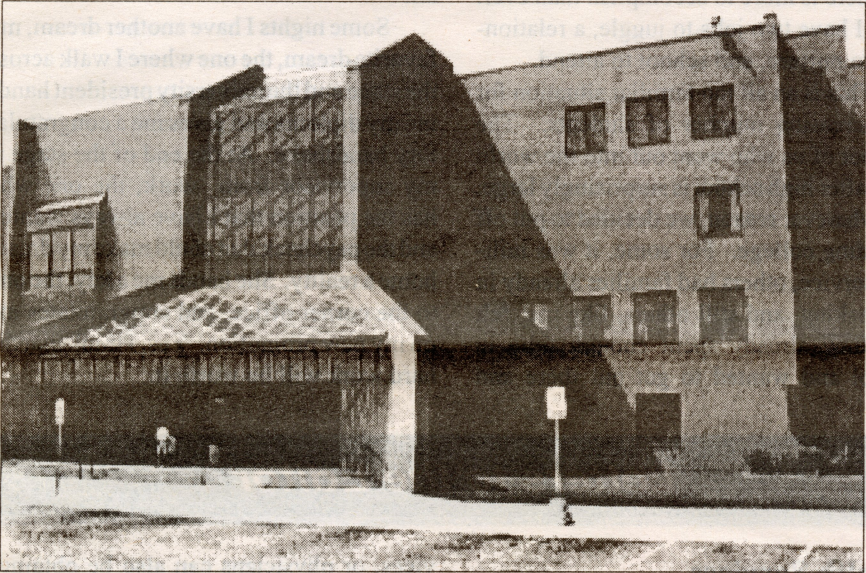
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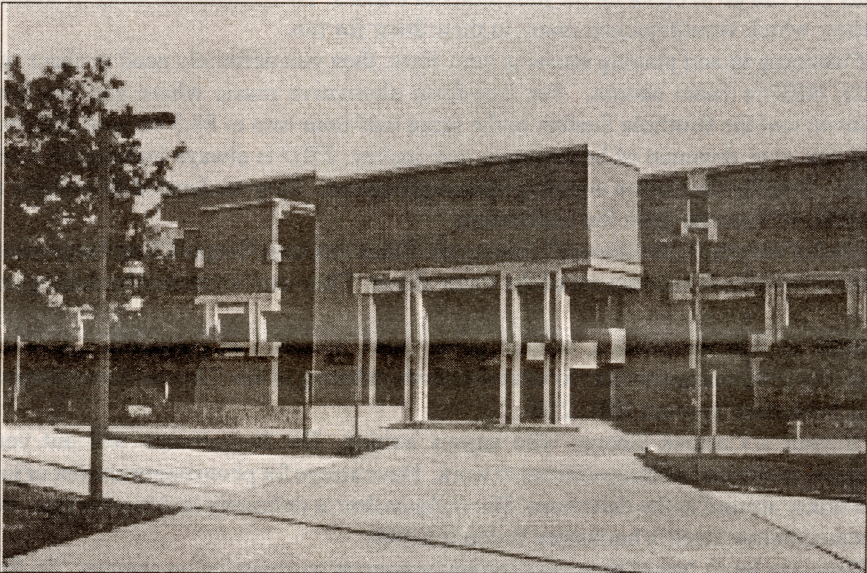
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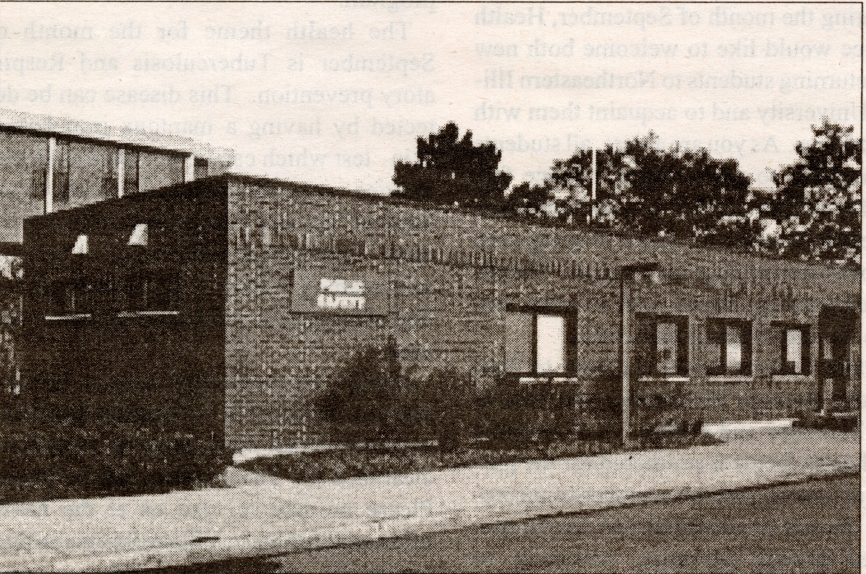
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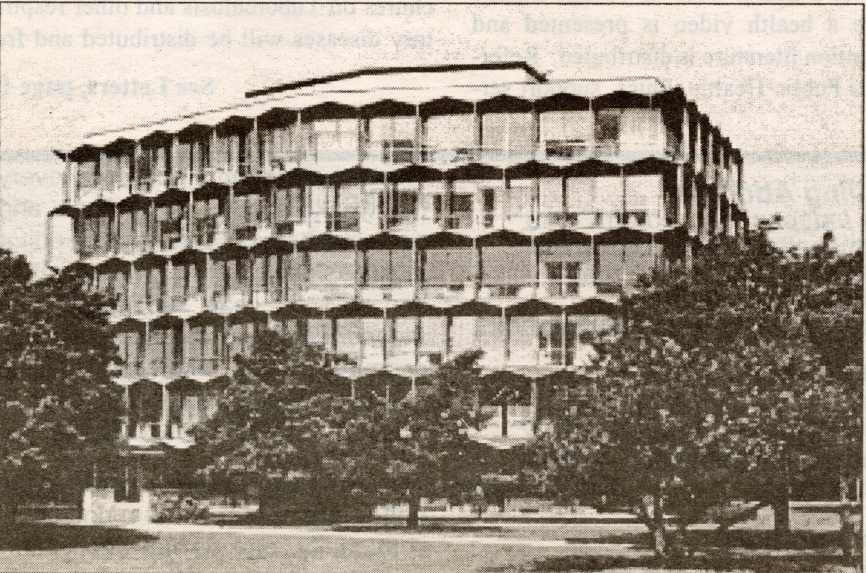
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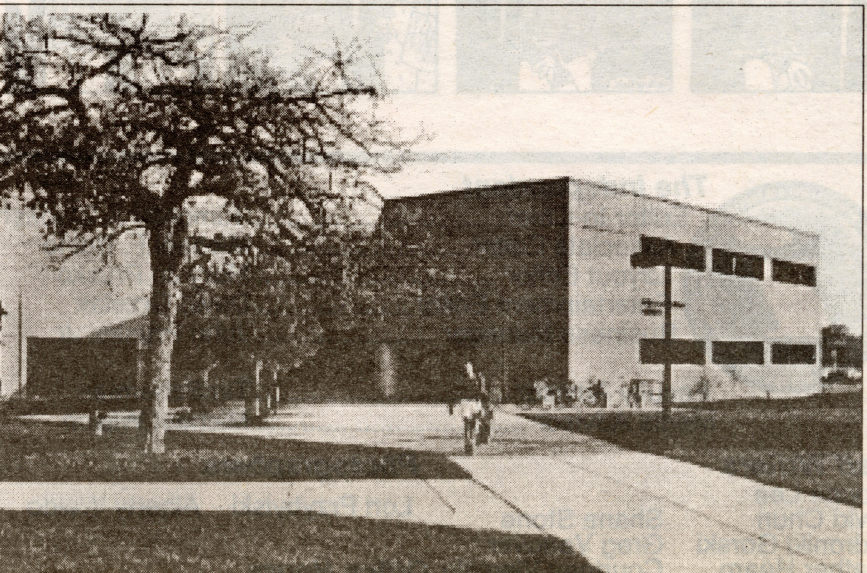
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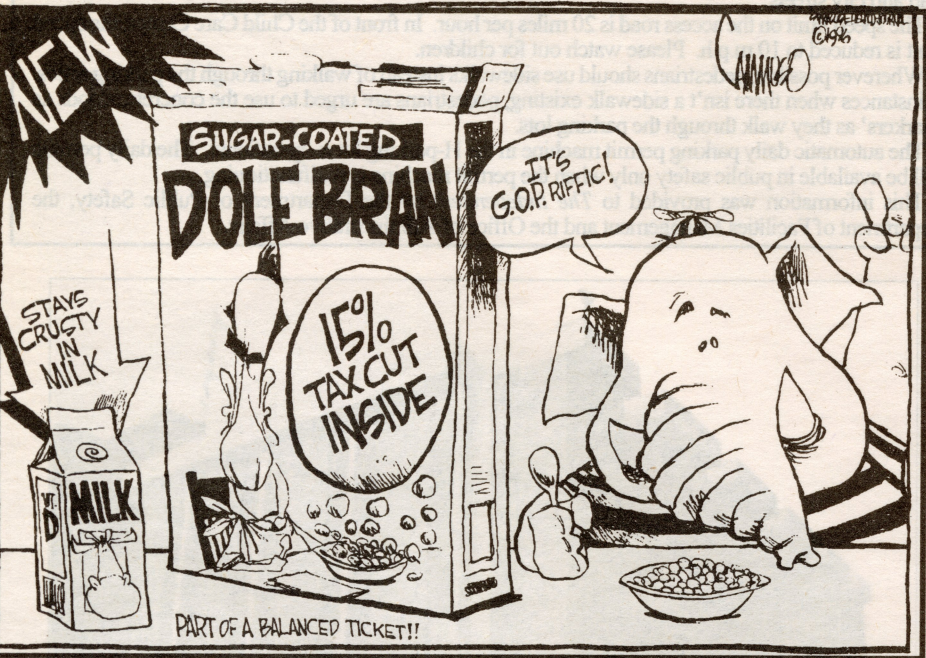


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Another Perspective



Editor's Edict

Even though the summer temperatures entice us outdoors for a lazy day at the beach, it's time once again to crack open the books and be disciplined. While the thought of going to school and studying everyday doesn't sound that exciting, there are many places around campus you can go to break up the monotony of classes. NEIU offers an array of student activities, which would quench many in their thirst for fun.

If listening to and playing music is your forte, then you definitely need to check out WZRD, NEIU's radio station. For free-form alternative music where you can hear Beethoven and the Butthole Surfers in the same half-hour turn to 88.3 on your FM dial. And if you ever dreamed of becoming a disc jockey, ZRD is always looking for more wizards. Stop by the station and pick up an application. They are located downstairs in room EBL-059 across from the auditorium.

Tired of singing in the shower? Joining the Black Heritage Gospel Choir can provoke the shyest individual to come out of the water closet. They can be reached by dialing ext. 3856.

Have an itch for politics, student government promises to provide quick relief. Student Government is a perfect forum to cultivate debating skills. They are located above Beck's bookstore in room EBL-210.

If your a Curious George who enjoys writing, *The Independent* will put your inquisitive nature and writing abilities to work. Have an eye for photo opportunities or just like to tinker around in the darkroom, *The Independent* is definitely looking for you. We are located below Beck's bookstore in room E-049.

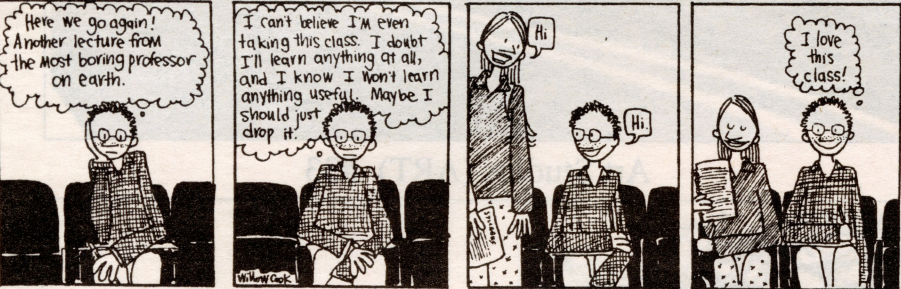
These are just a few of the many student organizations existing on campus. To find out more about other organizations, stop by the Student Activities office above Beck's bookstore, or call ext. 3868.

Ever dream of being cast on Broadway or in a major motion picture? Well, that may be a long way off, but you can step onto the stage by auditioning with Stage Center. NEIU's theatre has fall, winter, spring and summer productions, and is always looking for new talent. Only interested in being a member of the audience, contact the theatre box office at ext. 6652 for upcoming production dates and times. Tickets are free to all NEIU students. Stage Center is located in the F-wing, on the west side of the Classroom building.

While it is important to do well in school, future employers and graduate schools look for individuals who do more than just attend classes. Proving leadership abilities and responsibility is accomplished by becoming involved in all sorts of activities and groups. Anything you get involved in is more than just extra-curricular, it's also a resume builder.

Campus life is what you make it. Get involved.

STAMPEDE



Voice of the campus

Laura R. Hadley



Back to school blues

It seems that going back to school and becoming a continuing education student has changed all the usual laws of time for me. My days used to be the standard 24 hours of work, social life, and sleep (8 hours worth). My days used to have plenty of time in them. Lately though, the hours of the day seem to have been cut from 24 to 18 and there is more to accomplish than ever. Now I have two jobs to juggle, a relationship to nurture, and school to attend.

This is an all too familiar situation for an increasing number of students. The number of us who went out into the world right after high school is surprisingly large. For whatever reason, we decided to put off attending college. For some, it was military service, others had families already in the making, and still others, like me, felt that they already spent enough time in school and wanted to get out there and

make some money. Parents and teachers told us that a high school education wouldn't get us anywhere, but of course, being the age we were, I can bet we didn't bother listening to what they had to say. We have since learned though that they were telling us the truth.

Going back to school isn't as easy as I thought it would be. Juggling school and a full-time job is a pain. When I decided to go back, my only option was night school because my job required me to work days. Some nights it seemed like I would be a student forever and my dreams were filled with high school nightmares of failed classes and bad report cards.

There were days when I had to choose between work and school because the homework load didn't take into consideration those of us with lives outside the hallowed walls of the institution that we were attending. Time with my family became a rarity. When friends from work would ask what I thought of the latest movie in the theaters, I found myself feeling a bit left out, wondering if returning to school was worth it all.

Some nights I have another dream, my favorite dream, the one where I walk across the stage and the university president hands me my diploma and gives me a congratulatory handshake. At the end of the stage is my supervisor from work, the one who has the position that I have always wanted and the paycheck that could make my dream home a reality. She hands me a key, the one to the corner office, and congratulates me on my new promotion. Yes, I think that the hard work will be worth it.

Letters to the Editor

Health Services

During the month of September, Health Service would like to welcome both new and returning students to Northeastern Illinois University and to acquaint them with our services. As you are aware, all students are required to pay a health service fee. This fee entitles students to unlimited visits to Health Services for free screening tests and over-the-counter medication. Handicapped parking permits and all other services are offered on a daily basis.

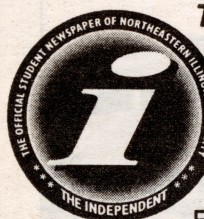
Health Service hours are 8am to 7pm Monday through Wednesday and 8am to 4pm Thursday and Friday. Each month a new health theme is promoted for the purpose of raising general awareness concerning a disease or condition that can be prevented through education, screening, or immunization. In addition, Health Service reserves a health table in Village Square where a health video is presented and prevention literature is distributed. Referrals to Public Health clinics, support ser-

vices, or physicians can also be obtained from the registered nurse presenting the program.

The health theme for the month of September is Tuberculosis and Respiratory prevention. This disease can be detected by having a mantoux intradermal skin test which can be obtained at Health Service every Monday and Tuesday from 8am to 7pm and Wednesday from 8am to 4pm. Student must return in 48 to 72 hours for a reading in order to obtain a clearance. The clearance is valid for a period of one year.

Should the individual have a positive reaction, he/she will be required to obtain a copy of the radiology report in order that a clearance for Tuberculosis can be issued. Please be sure to visit us at the health information table in Village Square on September 12, 1996, where a video on upper respiratory diseases will be shown. Brochures on Tuberculosis and other respiratory diseases will be distributed and free

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College of Education

Dean's List, Spring 1996

The following students have been named to the College of Education Dean's List for the Spring, 1996 term. They made this list by achieving a 3.8 or higher GPA for the term. Only 215 students achieved this status and are all to be commended for their hard work.

FULL-TIME STUDENTS

Hadeil Abdelfattah
Linda Adams
Grace Anderson
Amy Andrews
Vasiliki Antonopoulos
Zoralla Aroca
Yalila Assria
Andrew Barnitz
Lynnelle Berry
Deidre Bertola
Patricia Bessick
Victoria Bielat
Jerald Boisso
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Marya Deda
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Flor Flores
Sherry Fogell
Monique Foos
Ken Freedman
Julie Fuentes
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Cynthia Giarelli
Kristine Gierke
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James Haack
Celeste Hall
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Patricia Henberger
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Anna Hernandez
Carmen Hernandez
Sandra Hernandez
Maxine Hirn
Michael Hirsch
Lisa Horstmann
Salvatore Iaccino
Kelly Johnson
Elizabeth Johnson
Leah Kalinoski
Yelena Kaminskaya
Judith Kaplan
Kerry Kearley
Judith Keil
Patricia Kennedy
Alice Keuth
Laverne Kind
Catherine Klebba
Alexis Knight-Larson
Marinos Kolligris
Theresa Korczyk
Andria Koutsopoulos
Rosanne Kumiega
Christine Layton
Nilsa Lebron
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Arthur Takaoka
Lisa Tripp
Vasiliki Valkanas
Julio Valle
Dave Vanoni
Katrina Vasmadjides
Vaudney Vazquez
Carrie Villacres
Jennifer Warren
Karen White
Kerri Wilk
Aleta Zimmerman
Teresa Zobott

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Jill Hjelmgren
Jo Anna Hopson
Maria Horvath
Maria Huertas
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Trese Kuhnle
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Kathryne Prepura
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Miriam Rivera
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Cecilia Ruiz
Holly Schaefer
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Renee Sutherland
Keia Thompson
Allen Tom
Ronald Tomczak
Robin Upchurch
Carolyn Van Vorst
Melissa Webster
William Whitlock
Lauren Woll
Helen Ystrom

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Rosemary Baroni
Marianne Bateman
Anne Bekker
Jeanne Bernacchi
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TB tests to Public Health Clinics will also be offered.

Wishing you a year of success, happiness, and health,

The Health Service Staff

S.G. President welcomes all

Welcome to the 1996-97 school year. Studying hard and attending classes are top priority. Intelligent use of leisure time is

also important.

For the first time, we have a Student Lounge, thanks to Student Government. It is located under the bookstore, and it is the nicest lounge on campus.

The Grand Opening party for the Student Lounge is Tuesday, August 27, from 1:30-8pm. Join us there for pizza, sandwiches and other refreshments, provided by Student Government.

I will look forward to meeting you there. Talk to me or other Student Government

representatives about opportunities for you to provide valuable input into university decisions that affect your experience here. You can attend the Student Senate meeting in the Lounge on August 27 at 7 pm.

If you can't meet us in the Student Lounge, stop by the Student Government Office, or the Student Activities Office, above the bookstore.

You will benefit from increased library and computer lab hours this academic year. These were increased due to Student

Government's efforts, but there is always room for improvement.

Student Government works best when all students participate. Our university's greatest asset is the diversity of backgrounds, experiences and skills of each of our students, staff members, and employees. If you will share what you have to offer with others, we all can profit.

Have a great year.

Gary L. Goldblatt
Student Government President



Tina Haglund (Mrs. Boyle) and Eddy Patay (Mr. Paravicini) in "The Mousetrap." The last weekend of the run will be September 5, 6, and 7.

TERESA GETTY

an installation



Jeffrey

Beginnings . . .

is a series of exhibitions showcasing NEIU art students that are about to or who have recently graduated, which places them in the memorable position of embarkation. They are about to leave the sanctuary of school and launch careers as professional artists. All of the artists in this series were selected because they show promise of greater things to come.

"Jeffrey" will be shown August 26 through September 13 in the Art Gallery. The reception will be held on September 3 from 1:40 to 3:00 p.m. For more information call ext. 2644.

Get to know (your) Self

by David Grzelak
Entertainment Editor

In my spare time, I like to think up titles for movie sequels. Self's latest release *subliminal plastic motives* with its subterranean song textures and quirky production would make the ideal soundtrack for *Ace Ventura 3: When the Oxygen Tank Ran Out*.

At their best, Self builds songs through a collage of quintessential alternative eccentricities. In English, the songs *Stewardess* and *So Low* mix a gurgly guitar layer with vocal stylings reminiscent of They Might Be Giants/Beck. The Cranberries/Weezerish backbeat stay out of the way while the predictable pauses and vocal breaks kill any musical momentum.

Their "self"-identity is lost with lame attempts at Green Day/Bush commercialism in *Cannon* and *Missed The Friction*, and the most interesting titles (*Borateen* and *Big Important Nothing*) yield nothing but alerno-tripe.

Self is caught in a conundrum. Their strength lies in showing signs of building a distinct sound (*Lucid Anne*), but too often fall into the depths of the unimpressive (*Superstar*). Self should try to push the envelope rather than licking it. Self, "*subliminal plastic motives*" (Spongebath Records/Zoo Entertainment)

LYRICS: C- "if I were dead, she wouldn't love me anymore..." in *So Low*

MUSIC: C nothing spectacular; same chord progressions beaten into the ground

PRODUCTION: B+ some experimentation with guitars and the odd-timed cowbell

OVERALL: B-

Trapped and liking it

by Michael F. Buino
Associate Editor

If you missed Stage Center Theatre's first two productions of the summer stock season, *Seven Keys to Baldpate* and *The Bat*, don't miss the chance to see a performance of the season's final show, Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap*. Find out what you have been missing — the murder and the mayhem of the 1996 summer stock season.

A young couple, Mollie Ralston (Betty Boduch) and Giles Ralston (Sal Scianna), open a guest house in the country and unwittingly invite a strange parade of visitors into their home.

A snowstorm strands this unlikely group while one of them is murdered. The Police Sergeant (J. Carlos Panizo) arrives on skis, and the mystery unfolds as more than one of these house guests reveals a past that he/she has tried to forget.

Everyone is a suspect, Christopher Wren (Jonathon Murphy), an architect with a nervous energy; Mrs. Boyle

(Tina Haglund), an acidic old woman; Miss Casewell (Jennifer Barati), a manly woman; Major Metcalf (Tom Weckler), a pleasant old military man; and the mysterious stranger whose car has overturned in a snowdrift, Mr. Paravicini (Eddy Patay).

With a swing of the hip and a nervous giggle, Murphy's performance provides many of the evening's laughs. The entire cast works well with each other, giving the ensemble performances a very nice feel. Boduch and Scianna make a charming couple on-stage.

The show, directed by Speech and Performing Arts Professor Richard Hesler, has already run for two weekends in August, and will be held over for one final weekend of performances on September 5, 6, and 7, performances begin at 7:30 p.m.

The last performance played for a near-full house, so make your reservations early. For prices and ticket reservations, call the Stage Center box office at (312) 794-6652. Admission is free for all current NEIU students, faculty, and staff.



Auditions for Bertolt Brech's
Caucasian Chalk Circle

will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday,
September 10 and 11 in F109.

Many roles available.

Performance dates are Oct. 31, Nov. 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9.

Directed by Anna Antaramian



Kerry McKeon and Martin McClendon bring to life the struggles of Bernie and Joan.

Chicago's sexual perversity

by Kathleen T. Shiel
Theatre Critic

Sexual Perversity in Chicago has always been an excellent source for audition materials. It is full of personal, expressive and honest monologues and dialogues. Until now, *Sexual Perversity in Chicago* hasn't seen a major Chicago production since before it was made into the 1986 film *About Last Night*.

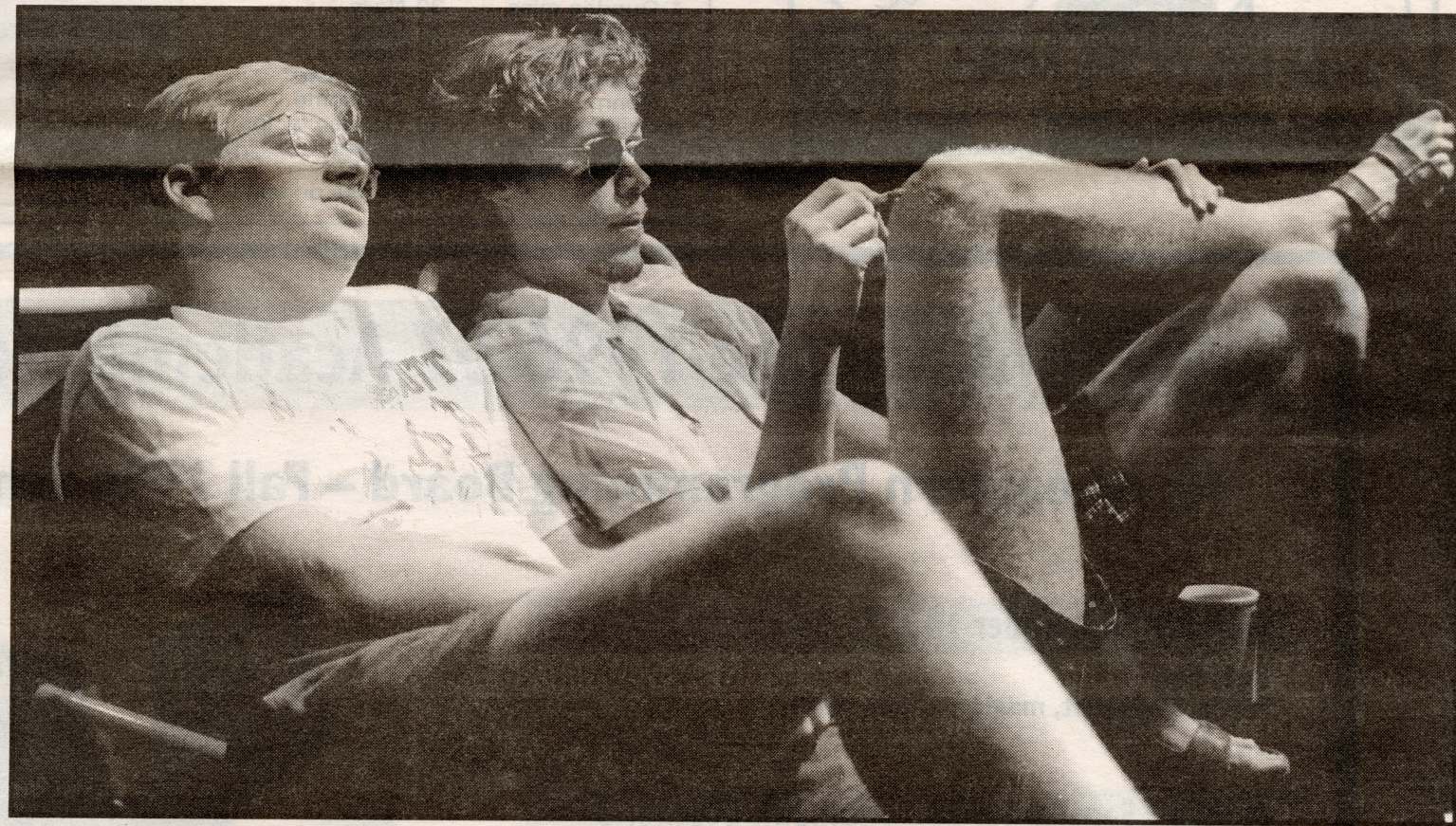
Through the very intelligent and talented Blue Collar Theatre Company, it has returned to Chicago and is currently being performed at the Organic Theatre Lab.

With a very simple set, a futon couch, a bed, an office desk, and a bar table with three stools, set and light designer Steven Decker created four very different environments in which four people's lives centered.

The four person cast of Katie Balash, Martin McClendon, Kerrie McKeon and Joel Mehr brings the lives and struggles of Deborah, Bernie, Joan and Dan before us in a complete and honest production.

Directed by David Billotti, the four actors create "an exacting portrait of how men and women love and fail to love each other."

As an audience we are witnesses to the rise and fall of Deborah (Balash) and Dan (Mehr). Dan is suffering from insecurity and machismo while Deborah is constantly needing more attention



Joel Mehr and Martin McClendon in the last scene demonstrate one of the reasons men and women fail to love each other.

and openness from Dan.

Deborah's roommate Joan (McKeon) is bitter at everyone who comes her way because in some way or another they have afflicted her. Deborah has left her to live with Dan; Joan feels Dan has stolen Deborah from her. And if that wasn't enough, on one of her "bad days," Bernie hits on her in a bar. McKeon plays this part so well that while her lines are very funny, she delivers them with such neurotic anger that you're afraid she'll yell at you for laughing.

Dan's "friend" Bernie (McClendon) offers his useless and detrimental advice, instilling more paranoia and negativity into Dan's head about women. McClendon plays a really good

Direct to "U" from NEIU

by David Grzelak
Entertainment Editor

Batya Goldman "slaps her forehead" and the literary underground feels the pain. The birth of *U-Direct*, a Chicago literary and current events quarterly magazine, is a free (in Chicagoland) and invaluable resource to the literary X'ers (age 18-25+) of the area. Goldman, the editor and publisher, has given writing workshops at NEIU. David Hernandez, poetry editor and NEIU "writing consultant" contributes his vast experience.

Managing editor, Dan Weinberg, a May 1996 NEIU graduate says that even in the short life of the magazine (est. August 1994), he has noticed some subtle changes in the development and maturity of *U-Direct*.

"Our philosophy has shifted from listing (open mic venues and underground magazines) to concentrating more on local news and poetry publishing," said Weinberg. For an "underground magazine," the irony of becoming more mainstream does not bother Weinberg.

"We are definitely more serious and less frivolous than, let's say, *Lumpen Times*. We are more middle



of the road and are trying to bring different topics to future issues like raising children in an urban environment," he said.

In reading the back issues, the see *U-Direct*, page 16

creep; you hate him because he is such a pig, but at the same time you find him very interesting. Like a car accident, it's sort of a disgusting captivation.

If you don't mind the four cigarettes that Bernie smokes and you are not easily offended by the carefully crafted use of profanity, then you need to HURRY. This show closes September 8th. It is very funny, well done and thought provoking.

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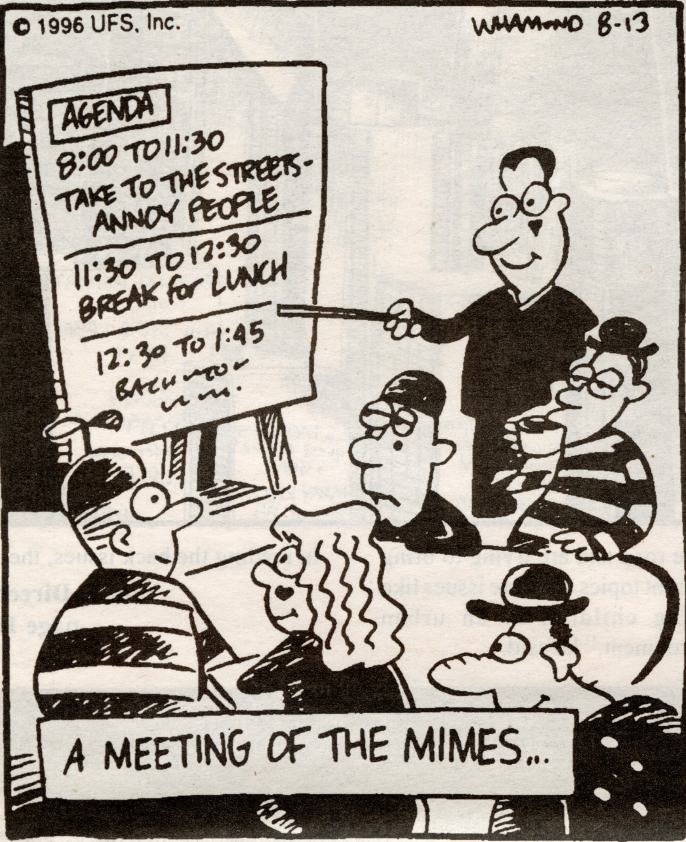
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news stories prove to be captivating and thought provoking. In past issues, local features included the story of a 12-foot wooden cross memorial at the corner of Rush and Huron with the names of 61 children under the age of 15 murdered in 1993. This strength is the reason for the subtle shift in editorial content of *U-Direct*.

The real strength of the magazine is being a "how to" and "where to" guide to aspiring literary minds of the this generation. And with over 100 poetry submissions per quarter, *U-Direct* is a resource for the unpublished.

With a distribution of over 8000 copies to cafes, high schools and colleges, open mic venues and out-of-state distribution to Cleveland and Los Angeles, *U-Direct* is rooting itself deep into the underground.



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- 1 Defeat
 - 5 Book of maps
 - 10 "— old cow-hand..."
 - 14 Suit to —
 - 15 Jelly fruit
 - 16 Shopper's delight
 - 17 Ollie's pal
 - 18 Thistlelike plants
 - 20 Of sound
 - 22 Cerise
 - 23 Choose by ballot
 - 24 More mature
 - 26 Family member
 - 27 Avenue
 - 29 Stops
 - 33 Individual
 - 34 The — Scott Decision
 - 35 — a la mode
 - 36 Exist
 - 37 Ancient Asian land
 - 39 Honest —
 - 40 "— Got a Secret"
 - 41 Poet Pound
 - 42 Drive insane
 - 45 Dwelled
 - 47 Order
 - 48 Transgress
 - 49 Goods
 - 50 Blouse
 - 53 Utter
 - 54 Causes to merge
 - 58 Charge of wrongdoing
 - 61 Melee
 - 62 Gratis
 - 63 Show style
 - 64 Fuss
 - 65 Hardy heroine
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 - 67 — White
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- 30 Nails
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- 46 Editions
- 47 Sluggish streams
- 49 Relinquish
- 50 Float
- 51 Land measure
- 52 Frosts a cake
- 53 End of gang or ham
- 55 Jungle king
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- 60 Court divider

Answers to this week's crossword puzzle will be posted here in the next issue of *The Independent*.

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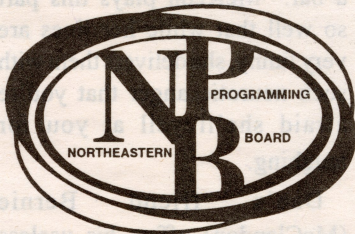
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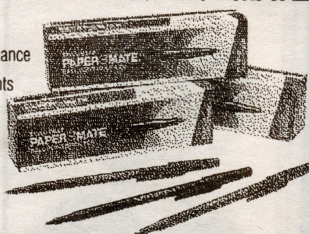
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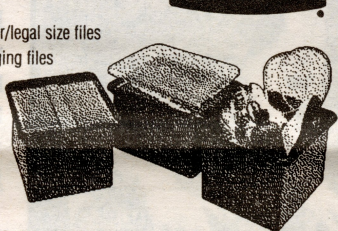
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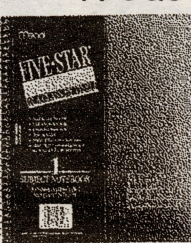
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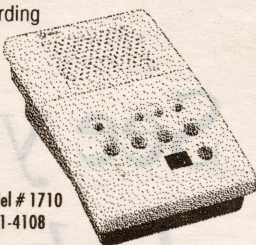
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(L-R) Sheila North, undergraduate Music Education; Julie Weiskircher, music teacher at Westchester Elementary; Beth Gauriel, music teacher at Fox School; Kelli Parrott, undergraduate, Environmental Studies; Greg Nelson, Music Education major.



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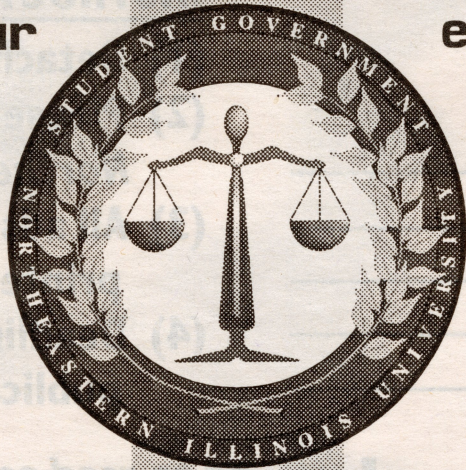
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