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Chicago, Illinois

Simon kicks off new presidential lecture series

By THOMAS J. FOLEY
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Former Illinois Senator Paul Simon spoke before a large audience at Alumni Hall Friday, April 18, reinforcing an educational philosophy espoused by many but practiced by few: understanding through serious study of foreign languages. This concept would make some kind of foreign language study a requirement at some or all levels of education. It also includes higher rates of student exchange in study abroad programs.

"We are the only nation in the world where you can go through grade school, high school, college, get a Ph.D., and never have a year of a foreign language," Simon said. "These are indications of an inward look on the part of our nation that is not healthy."

"What if, before the Vietnam crisis, there had been an exchange program between Northeastern Illinois University and [a university in] Vietnam?"

According to Simon, the days of the dominant super-power nation is at an end; the world leader of the future will be the "skill-power" nation, and the United States is in grave danger of not being that leader. The key to being that "skill-power" nation lies in our commitment to education.

Foreign language study and exchange programs alone can not quick-fix the education system.

Former Senator targets education/society issues

Other countries, particularly industrialized European and Pacific Rim countries, send their elementary age children to school 240 days a year. The United States requires only a 180-day school year, ostensibly, Simon said, because the United States used to be highly agrarian. Simon claimed that the current system involving an extended summer vacation was instituted because of the need for rural children to work their parents' farms. This is much less common today, where farms are increasingly industrialized and automated.

Tied into this educational crisis is the cultural problem of the politics of pandering. As an example, Simon cited Clinton's liberal use of \$5.6 million for public opinion polls in his first term, claiming Clinton would be stronger without them. On the other side of the coin, Simon cited the Marshall Plan, instituted after World War II to help rebuild the devastated countries. Public opinion was very much against the plan, but congressional Democrats and Republicans unilaterally supported the plan, because "it was the right thing to do," Simon said.

For those people who think that education is not at a crisis point in this country, Simon brought out a chilling comparison: "In fiscal year 1949, the federal government spent 9% of its budget on education. This

fiscal year, we will spend less than 11/2% on education."

In a world driven increasingly by economics instead of strong-arm conquest, foreign language skills become even more important, for as Simon indicated, "You can buy in any language, but if you wish to sell, you must speak the language of your

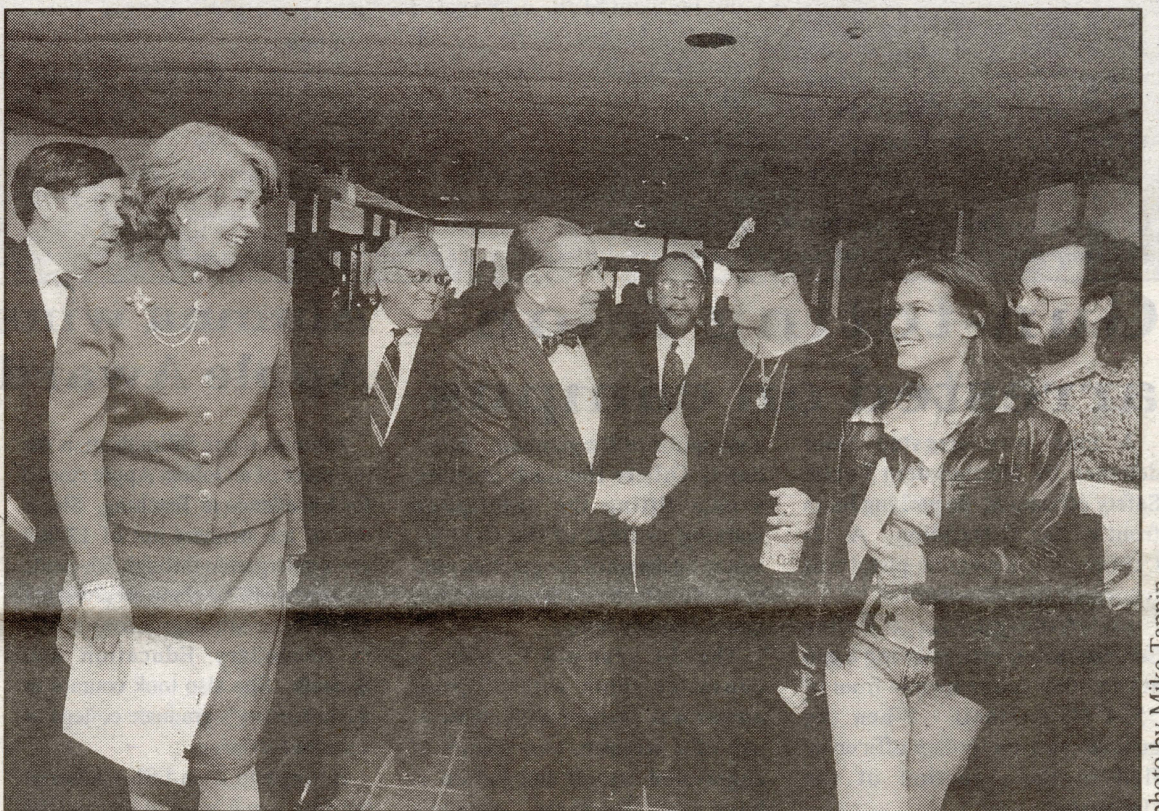
customer."

As an illustration of that point, Simon brought up the 1980 Iranian hostage crisis, in which 54 American citizens were taken hostage in the American embassy in Iran. Of those 54 hostages, only five spoke Farsi, the predominant language of Iran. "We were

communicating with the elite in English, rather than speaking to the people on the streets, and that we cannot afford to do."

Simon brought all of his points concerning our abdication of true leadership in favor of pandering to the public's desires by our elected leaders and the need for serious

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Paul Simon, former United States Senator from downstate Illinois, now a professor (SIU-C) speaks with students after his lecture in Alumni Hall.

photo by Mike Tappin

Simon speaks with the Independent

By THOMAS J. FOLEY
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The Independent had the chance to talk privately with former Senator Paul Simon about government, education, the media, and the biggest problem facing college students today. The following is an excerpt from the interview with the senator-turned-professor.

Ind: How are you adjusting to life in academia?

Simon: I must say I am enjoying it. It's something I've always enjoyed doing, and I hope the students at Southern Illinois are enjoying my lectures as much as I enjoy lecturing.

Ind: What, in your opinion, is the single most important issue facing college students today?

Simon: Definitely cynicism. We have a big problem with it not only on our college campuses, but all over, throughout society. But the college students are our future leaders and they most importantly must move away from this attitude.

They must get involved in the political process, for that is the way to change things.

Ind: There seems to be a general distrust in this country, not only of politicians, but of the media as well. As someone who has worked in both fields, and as someone the media has reported on for years, do you feel this mistrust is warranted? If so, why?

Simon: Yes, I do think that the media and politicians have both earned a little distrust, and both probably for the same reason. We, politicians and the media, are pandering to the public's desires. Look at how many politicians consult polls. Some consult polls before taking any stance at all on issues. And the media is just as bad. For example, I think there must have been a thousand times more coverage of the O. J. Simpson trial than there was of the tearing down of the Berlin Wall. The media rationalizes it all by saying, "we're just giving the public what they want." There is far too much frivolity in today's media, and not enough 'meat-and-potatoes.'



Ind: Two days before you chose to retire from the U. S. Senate, you spoke at Steinmetz High School on Chicago's northwest side. Did something you observed or experienced there influence your decision to retire? What did lead to this decision?

Simon (laughing): I remember the school well. No, nothing there led to my retirement. Actually, it was a decision my wife and I arrived at some six months previous to my visit to Steinmetz. We had taken a vacation and gone to New Orleans. We spent the whole weekend in the hotel listing the pros and cons of my retiring from office. We felt that change is good, good for my constituents, good for the Senate, and most of all, good for my family.

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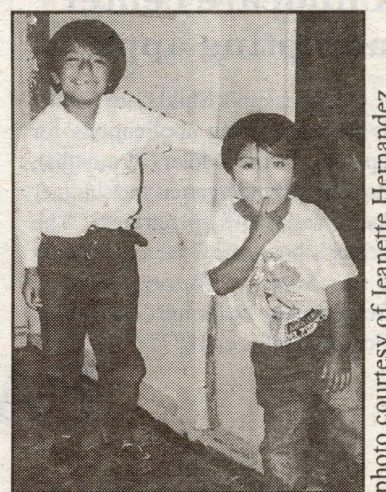
Volunteers sent to Guatemala

By JEANNETTE ROCUANT
STAFF WRITER

It can be easily observed that the political climate of Guatemala is as unstable as the grumbling volcanoes overlooking the land. Most estimates denote some 3,000 people make their living off of scavenging alone and that two out of five Mayan babies die before the age of five. Politically, human rights are in their infant stages due to a recent end of a damaging ten year civil war over land reform, targeting the predominant Mayan residents who make up 60% of the Guatemalan nation. The average family income scrapes in \$200 a year.

Thousands of civilians and soldiers have been slaughtered during the war, to a point where a poet described it best, "The earth may never soak up all the bloodshed."

For the past five years, Professor Renny Golden, of NEIU's Criminal Justice and Women's Studies Departments, has volunteered for the Minnesota-based Godchild Project and its tributary economic development project, *Familias de*



The Godchild project provides children with homes and education.

Esperanza (Families of Hope). The Godchild project attracts U.S. volunteer groups to build homes and other buildings along with poverty-stricken families. Collectively, the families and various groups are slowly building sturdier homes and more children are becoming financially capable of attending school. Boys, much more often than girls, are chosen to attend and few children graduate

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photo courtesy of Jeanette Hernandez

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Campus Police Reports

April 16

Theft: A student reported two text books missing from her auto while parked in the J-Lot. No estimate of loss given.

April 20

Medical Assist: A student was injured during a ball game and transported to an emergency room.

April 23

Accident: A pregnant driver became dizzy and lost control of her auto in the D-Lot and struck another auto. No injuries reported. Damage estimated at \$500.00.

Theft: A student reported leaving a watch on a sink in the library. When she returned it was gone. A loss of \$200.00.

Deceptive Practice: An altered Level 1 parking permit was found in a vehicle parked in the K-Lot. The offender was traced and made restitution.

The case was handled administratively.

April 25

Theft: A student left golf equipment in a University vehicle. When she returned two clubs were missing. A loss of \$150.00.

April 26

Medical Assist: A handicapped student fell when a handrail came loose from a wall near the bookstore. He was transported to a hospital by ambulance.

April 27

Other Police: University police assisted the Chicago Police Department (CPD) in arresting five offenders in a stolen vehicle, wanted for aggravated battery in a nearby park. All five were transported to the 17th district.

April 28

Mischievous Conduct: A

faculty member reported a security bar missing from a cabinet used to store test papers. Nothing was found missing.

Hit and Run: A student reported her auto damaged by an unknown person while parked in the G-Lot.

May 05

Disorderly Conduct: Chicago Fire Department trucks responded after two pullboxes were activated by an unknown person(s). The fine for false fire alarms is \$300.00 and up to one year in jail.

May 06

Service To Other Police: A university police officer apprehended one of two persons burglarizing a vehicle near the campus.

The offender was charged with a felony.

May 07

Station Information: Two

phone calls were recorded as being made by a former faculty member who had been arrested for theft. This is an ongoing investigation.

May 08

Service To Other Police: A university police officer spotted and arrested a person who the CPD was searching for.

The offender, a felon on probation, was apprehended in front of the C-Bldg. A 32-caliber semi-automatic handgun was recovered.

Theft: A non-student reported leaving a book unattended in the Library.

When she returned it was gone. A loss of \$30.00.

May 12

Theft: Library personnel reported state property missing over a two-week period. A loss of \$50.00.

Compiled by Public Safety Officer Bob Paprocki

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Gun-toting felon arrested on campus

A man was arrested after detained by Northeastern Public Safety officers in the parking lot in front of the C-Building. A 32-Caliber semi-automatic pistol was recovered from the suspect.

An off-duty Chicago Police Sergeant saw a man pointing a gun at two other young men in front of 5534 N. Kimball. When the gunman saw the police officer he fled in the direction of the University.

The Public Safety office responded to the CPD call for assistance and put out the

Childcare center accepting apps.

Northeastern's Child Care Center, is now accepting applications for openings in the toddler (15 months), preschool, kindergarten and summer camp (ages 6-8) programs. The center's hours are 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Sessions may be for full or half-days. For more info., call (773) 794-3079.

description of the gunman. Public Safety Officer Hamideh observed a man fitting the description walking in front of the C-Bldg., where he detained the gunman until the CPD officer and the two victims could identify him.

The 34 year-old suspect, a convicted felon with 15 prior arrests was charged with unlawful use of a weapon, two counts of aggravated assault and failure to have a firearms owner's identification card. Felony charges were approved by the Cook County State's Attorney's Office

Terrell reappointed head of MUFP

Melvin C. Terrell, Vice President for Student Affairs and Professor of Counselor Education, was reappointed National Coordinator for the Minority Undergraduate Fellows Program (MUFP). He was also recently appointed editor of the National Association of Student Affairs Professionals (NASPA) Journal for 1997-98.

Alumna wins Golden Apple Award

Alumna, Clare Billingham, is the recipient of a Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching. She is one of ten winners out of 12,000 pre-kindergarten through 5th grade nominees. Billingham received her Bachelor of Arts degree from NEIU in Secondary Education and Spanish. She also took courses in the university's graduate college as a student-at-large.

Billingham is an ESL teacher at the first grade level at James Otis School in Chicago. Among her accomplishments at the school, she

created her own bilingual program combining phonics with whole language methods. She also secured a \$25,000 grant from the Chicago Community Trust for school beautification.

Founded in 1985, the Golden Apple Foundation is committed to teacher recognition, recruitment, renewal and reform. Each winner receives a tuition-free fall term sabbatical at Northwestern University, a personal computer from IBM and \$2,500. The winners will be honored on a WTTW (Channel 11) broadcast on May 28 and June 1.

pursue careers in higher education and in student affairs.

Accepting the appointment, Terrell said, "My term as National Coordinator has been both challenging and rewarding. It is an honor to continue to serve my profession and these minority students who need mentoring, advising and counseling. I am eager to continue to donate my time and resources toward enhancing this excellent program."

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ecom2%: Changes in store for e-mail & internet

By DAWN KUCZWARA
STAFF WRITER

If you have recently noticed an e-mail message in your mailbox from someone named "A Nnounce," this is not some strange scam (or an unsolicited commercial e-mail message) trying to get you to "Lose Weight Fast." Instead, it is an important message regarding changes that you must make with your e-mail address due to the upcoming break from the ECN system.

Formerly, ECN was paid for the University's access to the Internet. The hardware, or computer equipment, was located off campus at the ECN facilities; and the university had a high speed digital connection between our campus and ECN. However, for a number of reasons, the school has decided not to extend its contract with ECN which expires this summer. Instead, the university will be contracting with an outside company to provide access to students and faculty. This means that the hardware will soon be at NEIU, and the reconfiguration of the high speed lines should increase the speed of access to the Internet.

Frequent performance problems were cited as the main reason for not renewing the contract with ECN, according to Tony Keller, the Manager of Client Services. One of the most recent examples is the down time and loss of e-mail when a computer disk failed. Another problem, contributing to this massive change from ECN was the lack of speed with the connection to the Internet.

"This will be a big move," Keller

E-mail address corrections required

said. He also pointed out that the choices make now were with the future in mind. In addition to picking a new Internet Service Provider that would provide services and make future

some will be going away. For instance, many people use a program to read their e-mail called PINE, while a minority uses a program called ELM. When the change over is complete, ELM will no

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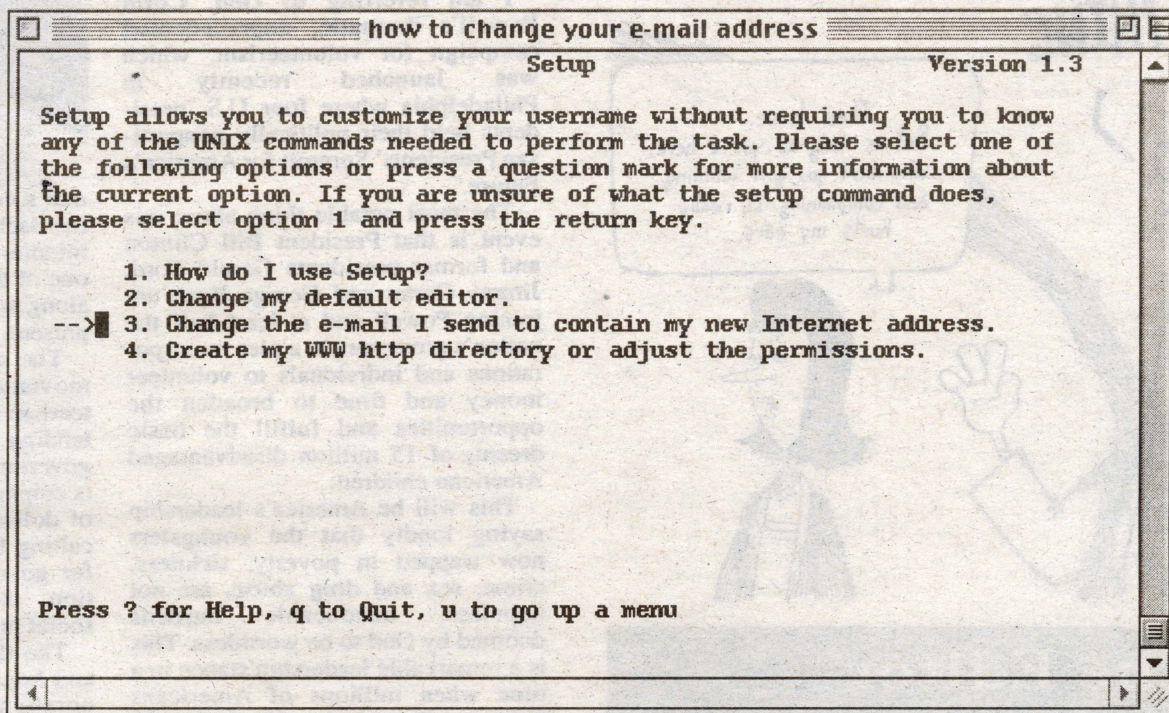
One change that will affect users is the need to change your e-mail return address. The instructions on how to do this are in the e-mail "ANnounce"

address. To complete the process, log in to your account. At the "ecom%" prompt, type "setup" and hit "enter". You will be given a number of choices — choose "Change the e-mail I send to contain my new Internet address." Follow the instructions on your screen, and hit "q" to quit when you are finished. Once the change is completed, you will receive e-mail letting you know that the change is complete.

After the change, you can send e-mail with your new address which will be shown to you during the change. The new address is easier to remember and type. For instance, my address changed to **D-Kuczvara@neiu.edu**. One important note - you must unsubscribe to any mailing lists that you are on, and re-subscribe to them after you receive e-mail notification that your address has been changed. These instructions are also available on line at <http://www.neiu.com>.

Other changes will include needing to change web page and listserv addresses. Users will be notified of what changes they need to make regarding these services when academic computing is ready to make the changes. The entire move from ECN will need to be completed by July 1, 1997, when NEIU's contract expires. "We'll be done before that," assures Keller, and mentions that once NEIU has the equipment, users will be moved over in 100 user batches. With over 12,500 users, it's a big job ahead. Keller points out "We really need everyone to be patient."

Questions about the change over should be directed to J-Lucas@neiu.edu, or call x4357.



moves easier, if needed, a second provider could be used as a backup connection to the Internet and assist in preventing downtime in outbound and inbound connections.

The bright side is that the user will experience few changes. A recent survey showed usage of certain software packages did not warrant their installation. Many of the common services will still be available, although

longer be available for users.

Users who access the system at home should not need to make any changes to their settings except possibly the phone number, according to Keller. As long as you set up your system the way you were instructed, you should be fine. If you do not call the NEIU modem numbers, you will need to change that. The only modem number that will now be available is (773) 267-

In case you've deleted it, here's the gist of the message. Because of the change over, everyone's e-mail address will be changing. Until your account is actually moved off of the ECN system, your old e-mail address will still work (for instance, my address on the ECN system is **udkuczwa@bgu.edu**). To make a smoother transition, users are being asked to complete a simple process to change their return e-mail

Interview

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Ind: Political Science professors claim we are in the fifth of this country's two-party systems, this latest one settling into place in 1932 with the New Deal Coalition. What new issues or voting blocs may cause the next political realignment?

Simon: Well, there's always some shifting, so it's hard really to predict. Definitely the Christian Coalition has a great deal of power and is presently in a good position, but again, that may not last.

Ind: How important is it for American society to retool its elementary and secondary educational systems and why?

Simon: It is extremely important. Because of things like odd working hours and the tendency to watch TV as opposed to reading, schools are going to have to do these things that the parent used to do exclusively. Children who are exposed to reading at an early age tend to read more for pleasure as adults. It gives the kids a real head start. Making preschool mandatory should be one step. Another thing we must do is pay our teachers more and hold them much more accountable for their teaching. We also should lengthen the school year. We have one of the shortest school years of any industrialized nation. We are falling behind, and it is tragic.

Ind: President Clinton advocates a mandatory two years of college for all Americans. Is this a viable option?

Simon: I don't think that two years of mandatory college attendance is really necessary, but I do feel that college should be made available to anyone who desires to attend. The old G. I. Bill, which was available to nearly everyone after World War II, provided each student with \$2400 for college. Today, that would amount to about a \$10,000 Pell Grant. You're not getting that much financial aid, are you?

Ind: No, sir, I'm not. What about trade schools as an alternative?

Simon: A definite alternative. Not everyone can be an English Literature major. The world needs carpenters and plumbers as well. We as a society tend to look down upon those who work with their hands. We have to get away from the idea of higher status for white collar workers.

Ind: Could you please explain your position on recent Republican legislation pushing for English as the official language?

Simon: Gladly. English-only legislation is superficially attractive, but actually has no meaning whatsoever. It helps to promote anti-Asian and anti-Hispanic sentiments. I debated Senator Molinari on this topic, and I kept pressing her to explain what it means.

"If I spoke only Chinese, and was subpoenaed to appear in court," I said, "would that mean I couldn't have a Chinese-English translator available?" "No, it doesn't mean that," she kept saying. It is very reminiscent of the policies of the old "Know-Nothing" party of the mid-1800's. They were afraid the Irish would ruin the country.

When New Mexico became a state, the residents spoke predominantly Spanish, and the state published many of its official documents in Spanish for

convenience. Today, New Mexico still publishes some of its documents in Spanish, and it hasn't hurt the English-speaking majority in this country at all.

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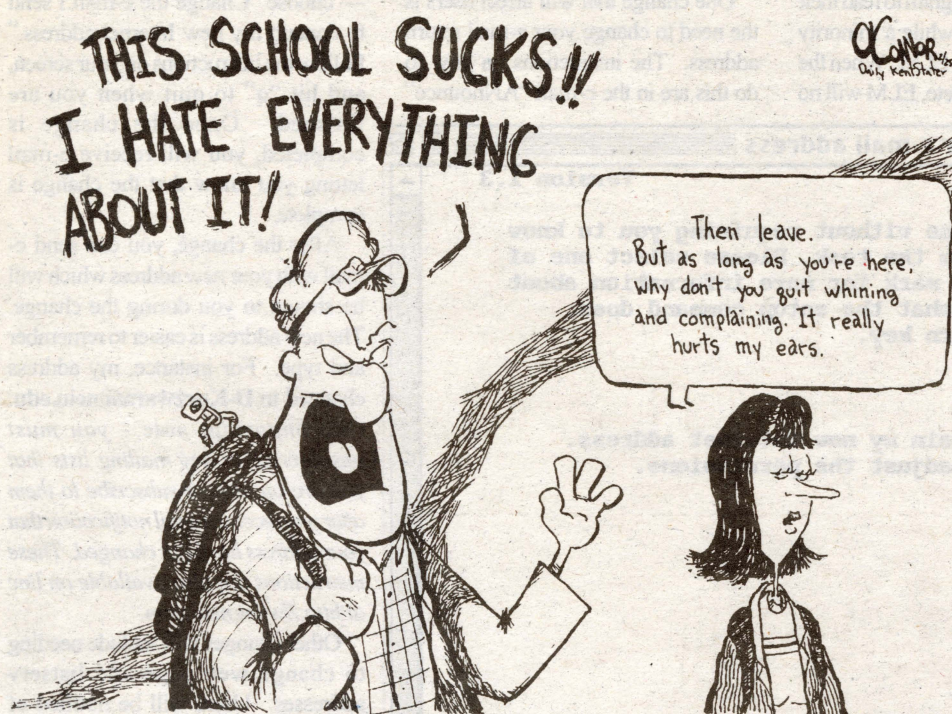
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Perspective****Letters to the Editor****Call for interdisciplinary studies program**

I am writing to request that Northeastern's Graduate School establish a Master's Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. As a teacher employed in the field of secondary education I can't think of a more valuable commodity. Traditional Graduate Degrees of study have been pigeonholed by the particular subject area which they are composed of. For example, people who seek a Master's in Math only study Math; those interested in Chemistry study Chemistry, etc. This one-dimensionalizes education and results in scholastic overkill for teachers such as myself. As a Graduate student in mathematics I am having to take courses in areas of study I could never hope to introduce my students to.

While subject specific advanced degrees make sense for those who wish to matriculate on and teach at a higher level (i.e. community college) or earn bigger dollars by switching to the private sector, it would benefit educators more to have the option to diversify their backgrounds by studying advanced coursework in several areas. Math doesn't just exist in a textbook explaining algorithms, but can be found in ancient cultures' astrological chartings which dictate agricultural practices such as planting and harvesting. Mathematics is also used to calculate P and S waves in the determination of the timing and severity of earthquakes and tsunamis. Likewise such chemical concepts as pressure and temperature may be utilized in environmental science to curtail Greenhouse gas emissions through deep sea sequestering of CO₂ (carbon dioxide).

As I have mentioned only a few, many topics in learning and knowledge are interrelated and consequently educators seeking a Master's Degree should be able to develop their backgrounds accordingly. In a profession where the norm is for school districts to reward (financially) the title Master's irregardless of what field it lies within, Northeastern would be doing a service to humanity to allow educators to diversify themselves by creating a graduate interdisciplinary studies program.

—TOM KREBS
Grad student stymied by tradition

Mental Health Awareness

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Along with the stresses of everyday living, many are beginning to feel anxious with finals and graduation so near. This is a very busy month for the entire University. For this reason, on Wednesday, May 8, the nurses from

Health Service will be presenting an audiovisual presentation, along with brochures and pamphlets regarding mental health, stress management, stress reduction, and coping strategies. Take the time to stop by our table in Village Square from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM on May 8 for free information and literature, or stop by the Health Service office (B-117) anytime for free information regarding this and other health concerns.

—HEALTH SERVICES

Bathroom blues

How long does it take to remodel a bathroom? The ones on the first floor of the Commuter Center have been closed temporarily since October 1996.

—Ruthanne Bruze

Cafeteria: Food's good, but the hours stink

This began as a congratulatory memo, based on a personal experience, but other information that has surfaced means that this will be a mixed message.

Let's start with the good part. Recently (for the first time in the 10 years I've been at NEIU), I had the opportunity (and the hunger) to have breakfast in the cafeteria. I don't know what changes (if any) may be planned during the next year(s), but my suggestion would be to not change anything about breakfast. The selection on the menu was tasty, varied, and was prepared in a prompt and friendly manner. I availed myself of the special, which included biscuit and gravy (not something I would usually eat) and even this was very good. As I took my breakfast in a carry-out, people I passed commented on how good the meal smelled.

Now to my disappointment. It has come to my attention (via N-vision) that the cafeteria will be closing at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday (4/30). Perhaps you were unaware of the fact that finals run the full day on the 30th? It is unfortunate that you seem to be deserting our students in what may be their hour of greatest need.

On a related issue, it has come to my attention that the cafeteria will be closing at 2:00 p.m. during the summer term. Perhaps you were unaware that there are evening classes during the summer?

I have raised similar issues previously, but apparently any earlier comments I have made have been lost to history. I recognize that the cafeteria is a *for-profit* venture. However, like the remainder of the University, it is a venture intended to serve our clients, the students. To the best of my knowledge, other University services (e.g., Records Office, Deans' Offices, Cashier's Office, Bookstore) will be providing service to our late afternoon and evening students during the summer. I would hope that the cafeteria could do the same.

—PAUL DOLAN

Editorial**Carl Rowan's Commentary**

It could turn out to be as important to America, socially and economically, as the GI Bill of Rights.

I am referring to Gen. Colin Powell's dramatic, unprecedented campaign for volunteerism, which was launched recently in Philadelphia where four U.S. presidents held their politically nonpartisan Presidents' Summit for America's Future.

The most notable thing about this event is that President Bill Clinton and former presidents Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter and George Bush are joining Powell and at least half the nation's governors in a plea to corporations and individuals to volunteer money and time to broaden the opportunities and fulfill the basic dreams of 15 million disadvantaged American children.

This will be America's leadership saying loudly that the youngsters now trapped in poverty, sickness, crime, sex and drug abuse, are not hopeless, uneducable burdens doomed by God to be worthless. This is a remarkable leadership stance in a time when millions of Americans have swallowed the "Bell Curve" bull that governmental and charitable programs to lift the so-called underclass are colossal wastes because those in the "underclass" are inherently inferior, intellectually, morally and otherwise.

It is of monumental importance to have the nation's leaders reject this slander, and to say that not only can we help make deprived youngsters proud contributors to this society, but we must do it to avoid the raging anger produced by scorning and oppressing them.

I liken this initiative to the GI Bill because that program providing for federally-financed education after World War II lifted millions of for-



mer soldiers and sailors, whose families lacked learning and money, into middle- and upper-class status. I am one of the former GIs who benefited, along with my entire family, past and present.

The second great thing about this movement for increased volunteerism is that its leaders are not pretending that it can be a substitute for government social programs. Powell is emphatic in saying that the billions of dollars of volunteerism that he is calling for can never be a substitute for government financing of education, medical, welfare and other social programs.

The third point to note with pride and hope is that more than 150 corporations, and many universities, civic groups and individuals already have responded positively to appeals by Powell and the presidents. They have agreed to build safe playgrounds, after-school havens for children with working parents, give free health coverage to children who don't have ordinary access to it, provide Internet training, give scholarships, give education on drugs and training in personal safety.

If this program comes to full fruition and maintains this kind of enthusiastic support for the long run, America clearly will become a wondrous place, not just for long-deprived children, but for all of us.

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Voice of the Campus

Last semester, I was involved in a minor skirmish with a fellow student. Actually, we were having a political discussion, which was a continuation of what we had debated for several months. On this last occasion however, the guy became very irate and actually got in my face. While I was quickly trying to figure out how to diffuse the situation, he shoved me and challenged me to a fight.

I stood there flabbergasted and in a state of shock. After all, this is a university and we are supposed to be civilized scholars. As I was going to my next class, I debated what my course of action should be. After consulting with several peers and professors, the general consensus was that I should file a complaint with Public Safety.

When I went to Public Safety and told them what had happened, they were very concerned about the incident. They explained all of my options clearly and left the choice up to me. Even though I could have had the perpetrator arrested,

being a nice guy, I chose the mildest route possible (another option was student due process). I simply asked that a Public Safety officer talk to the perpetrator and explain to him the seriousness of his actions (Assault and Battery), and ask him to apologize. This course of action was originally suggested by the Public Safety officer as the mildest form of action that could possibly be taken.

Public Safety then sent two officers to talk to the perpetrator and he did apologize. The point of this story is that I feel that Public

Safety did an excellent job handling the incident in question. Indeed, they do a superb job of keeping our students and campus safe with little or no fanfare. Additionally, they even find the time to assist the CPD in the general area of the University. In the end, I would just like to say "Keep up the good work" but please go easy on those parking tickets, as Level I spaces were probably oversold again this semester.



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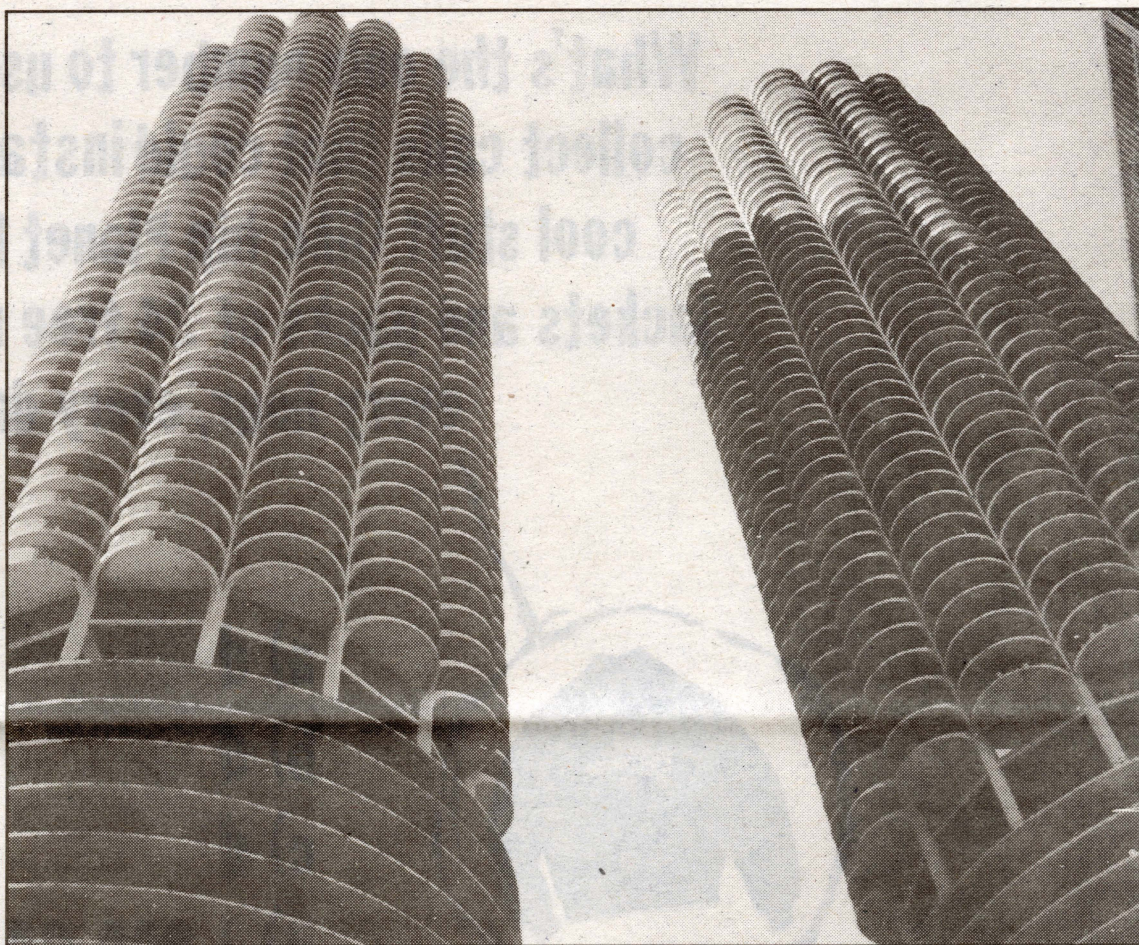
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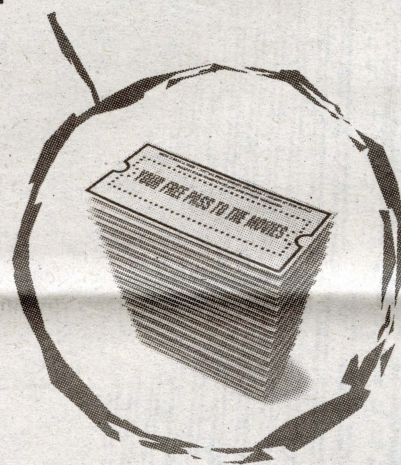
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Five guitarists not just Hawaiian slackers

by David Grzelak, REV Editor

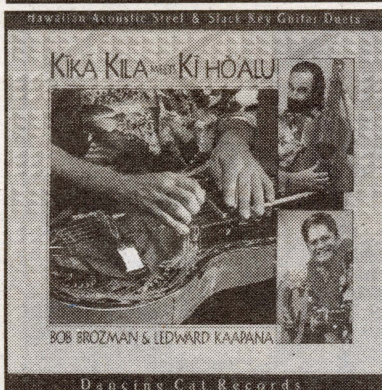
They ain't no Don Ho. Fortunately, the five artists on the four albums of slack key guitar rhythms embody the depth of traditional Hawaiian music without the help of the islands' favorite "Ho."

Traceable to the 1830's, the slack key guitar differs from regular guitars by "slacking" some of the guitar strings to a different tuning. This allows the musician to play a bass rhythm with his thumb while performing the chording and solos with the remaining fingers on the same hand.

Of these "Hawaiian Slack Key Masters," the duet of Bob Brozman and Ledward Kaapana draw a modern feel from the traditional origins of the music. In *Kika Kila meets Ki Ho'alu*, the emphasis on instrumental virtuosity adds impetus to the normally laid back rhythms. The opening track, *Maika'i No Kaua'i*, features a Hawaiian country ho-down rhythm smothered by seething dueling 80's-guitargod (Eddie Van Halen, Yngwie Malmsteen) riffs. The raw mix accentuates the impeccable techniques and simple chord structures of *Ka Lei E* and the percussive (without percussion instruments) and campy *Hula Blues* with audible squeaks of hands moving up and down the guitar neck. With this excellence holding across the waltzing of *Akaka Falls* and the lullaby *Kalama'ula*, *Kika Kila meets Ki Ho'alu* highlights the series.

The most traditional vocals (and the best nickname) of the

four albums belong to James "Bla" Pahinui on *Mana*. His guttural and coarse vocals make the soulful *Ka'ena* sullen and the uptempo *Aloha Ka Manini* melancholy. The body in his voice helps overcome the often



repetitive picking patterns in *Kaua'i Beauty* and *Isa Lei*. His sound feels the most traditional of the four with a definitive blues edge.

Keola Beamer offers the most original tracks in *Mauna Kea White Mountain Journal*. The gentle and all-to-brief *Sea Bird* (1:24) shows Beamer's rhythmic strength in a concentrated form.

His style is reminiscent of a guitarist playing like a pianist with his cover of *Sweet Lei Mamo* sounding like a classical sonata. Like Brozman and Kaapana, Beamer shows his musical dexterity and flourishes in



Hi'ilawe and *Ulili E* (*The Wandering Tattler Bird*). And, the authentic Hawaiian feel of *Pupu Hinuhinu* (*Shiny Shell Lullaby*) mark the beauty of his style.

The stream of consciousness award goes to George Kahumoku, Jr. in *Drenched By Music*. Where the previous three albums have 12 to 16 songs, this album has only 10. Of the 10, *Kauanoeanuhe* and *U'i*

Lani are over six minutes long and *Kaulana O Kawaihae* (*Famous is Kawaihae*) is almost nine minutes. The mother of them all is *Kaulana Na Pua* [*Famous are the Flowers (Children)*] that clocks in at over 12 minutes of rich, traditional luau-type music. Aside from the numbers, the resonance of Kahumoku's 12-string matches the ease with which *Queen's Jubilee* and *Ho'oipoipo O Wai'anapanapa* (*Courtship of Wai'anapanapa*) audibly flow.

As a collective effort in representing the traditional music of Hawaii, these Hawaii 5.0 aren't just tiny bubbles, they're the "Ho" thing.

Kika Kila meets Ki Ho'alu by Bob Brozman and Ledward Kaapana
Mana by James "Bla" Pahinui
Mauna Kea White Mountain Journal by Keola Beamer
Drenched by Music by George Kahumoku, Jr.
 (all four albums on Windham Hill Records)

Ratings based on four albums as a whole:

MUSIC: B Brozman and Kaapana are the highlight of the four.

PRODUCTION: B Some raw (Brozman and Kaapana), some clean (Kahumoku, Jr.).

LYRICS: Incomplete Lyrics in a different language; for presentation, see review.

OVERALL: B All four are solid efforts.



The Stage Center Theatre opens its three-play Summer Stock season with the 1940 classic *Arsenic and Old Lace* on June 12-14, 19-21, and 26-28 at 7:30 p.m.

The Foreigner, a modern comedy about a group of devious characters who think their victim knows no English (but does) runs in mid-July.

The high comedy about the eccentric Bliss family in *Hay Fever* closes the Summer Stock schedule. For ticket info., call (773) 794-6652.

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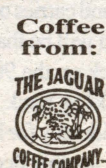
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Dave's RANT

by David Grzelak

"Two-thousand zero zero. Party over, oops! Outta time..."

With less than 1000 days to the year 2000, (956 including today to be exact), I've had a revelation. We are not ready for the new millennium.

I'm not talking about politics, global warming, or anything relevant. I'm talking about pop culture and its outlets and expressions. The insidious clinging to past decades trends, fashions and heroes borders on the pathetic. It's everywhere. Nickelodeon split into a new network, "TV Land" just to have another outlet for "Hogan's Heroes" and "I Love Lucy." 70's-theme bars are popping up around the nation. VH-1 is promoting the new Paul McCartney album.

Fashion is another victim. 70's silk shirts and tees featuring 70's cartoons, products, and TV shows are staples of club kids. Most of that stuff wasn't cool then and it sure as hell isn't cool now.

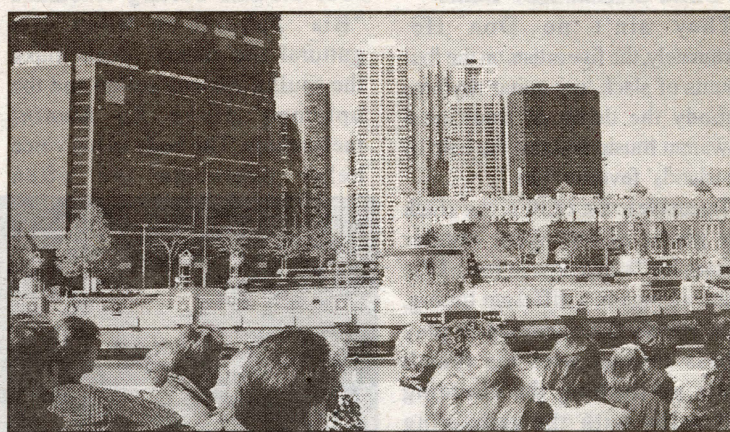
Radio? Please. Of the two "alternative" rock stations, one clings to its 60's staples [The Doors, The Stones, The Who, The (very) Dead] as much as the other threatens to do the same to its 90's counterparts (Pearl Jam, Smashing Pumpkins, Bush, Stone Temple Pilots). The programmers have to realize that unlike other generations, our generation is too diverse and hopefully too smart to let them run these retreads down our throats for the next 20 years like so many Springsteen albums.

With the obsession with retro fashions, stars (gee, what's Marcia, Marcia, Marcia doing now?), and music (may the all-70's station rest-in-peace), the question is WHY? The answer is money. It's easy to promote a new Paul McCartney album on TV. It's easy to throw together an adult contemporary or classic rock or oldies or all-news station or all-blab station on the radio. It's easy to repackage 70's fashions in 70's "boutiques" as retro-fashions in this era of retromania. And for all the politics and spirit of change of the 60's, these same people who are now running VH-1 and the retroclubs, and the radio stations may force us to do culturally what they did politically and socially.

The resources are available. There are a gazillion culture and sub-culture magazines and on-line sites to inform the masses. The one thing that is needed is a cause. The 60's had the Vietnam War as a catalyst to protest for change. For the cultural revolution of the new millennium, the catalyst will have to cut across the incredible diversity of interests.

I really wish I had an answer, but I am incredibly tired of our culture settling for the past rather setting the path for the future. If this decade is any indication and carries over to the next, the pattern will be that we will fondly look back on the 90's as the decade of looking back to other decades to find identity for its decade while we begin another decade.

It's a boat... it's a bus... it's a tour of Chicago



Chicago's architecture provides the backdrop for the many tours that are offered daily. See our list of different tours around Chicago on the next page.

Bussing around the sights of downtown

by David Grzelak, REV Editor

Through the daily grind of commuting, one can forget how breathtaking the sites of Chicago can be. On the **Chicago Motor Coach Company** double decker bus tour, passengers get a great look at the city in an hour to an hour-and-a-half.

The CMCC features an open-roof and enclosed roof double deck. Where the open-roof lets you enjoy the fresh air, the enclosed roof features the luxury of tinted windows along with cushy and reclining bucket seats. I rode on the enclosed bus and had the best seat in the house — the front window seat which offers the same view as the bus driver, only one floor up. Even if you don't get that seat, the side windows are wide enough to see unimpeded if you have a window seat and a slight crane of the neck if you're on the aisle.

The best deal is the \$15 round trip where you can get on and off as you



please at any of the 8 stops which include Sears Tower, The Art Institute, Field Museum/Shedd Aquarium, Navy Pier, North Pier Chicago, The Water Tower, Wacker Street at Michigan, and Michael Jordan's restaurant.

On the tour itself, our tour driver Henry was a hoot. He started the tour by referring to Wacker Drive

hear a pin drop, to which he added "must have been a bowling pin."

His free and easy manner was as fun as the sights were spectacular. As the tour wound its way to the Shedd Aquarium stop, the northbound lane on Lake Shore Drive from McFetridge Drive (near Soldier Field) offered a breathtaking look at Navy Pier on the right and the unparalleled majesty and diversity of Chicago's architecture. As the bus back into the city around Michigan Avenue, the pace was a bit more leisurely because of traffic. This gave me the opportunity to look up at the skyscrapers that I've always taken for granted being a native Chicagoan.

The comprehensive tour gave a good view of all the tourist spots possible from approximately Pearson to Roosevelt and Lake Shore Drive west to Franklin. If you don't know the history of the city, you can learn from this tour. If you already know all about the city, you can sit back and enjoy the ride.

The First Lady of boat tours

by Jennifer Dickerson, Staff Writer

I've lived in Chicago almost all my life and have never been on a boat in Chicago. Last weekend, I broke that streak and went on an architectural tour down the Chicago River on the Chicago First Lady boat tour.

The sun shone down on the near capacity crowd of 100 fellow tourists. Our tour guide, Judith Randall, narrated the trip that began with the Michigan Avenue bridge which is estimated at about 100 years old. The tour hit other high points such as Lake Point Towers, Navy Pier, and the Chicago

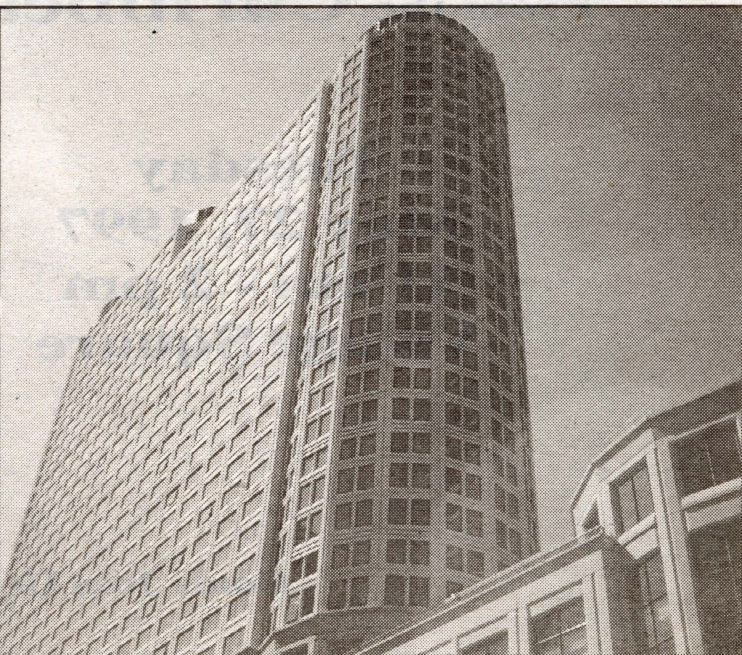
Sheridan hotel.

Randall added to the pleasant atmosphere by providing a friendly and informative voice to the visual sights. The First Lady features a lower level bar where you can help yourself to a variety of snacks and drinks.

The tour was sponsored by the Chicago Architecture Foundation, a non-profit organization that dedicates their time and effort to provide the public with information about the varied and storied architecture of Chicago. For tour times and dates, call (312) 922-3432 x226.



(Above and left) views from the river of Chicago's massive mounments to architecture



The Sheraton Chiago Hotel and Towers, along the riverside.

One if by bike, two if by plane

by David Grzelak, REV Editor

If you want to see Chicago by submarine, you're out of luck. Otherwise, here are some interesting options:

An El of a tour

Running from June 14 to October 18, the CTA runs Loop Tour Trains departing from the Randolph and Wabash Station on a 40 minute tour. Admission is free, but you must reserve advance tickets through the *Chicago Office of Tourism*.

CONTACT: The Chicago Office of Tourism (312) 744-2400
TIMES: Saturdays 12:15 p.m., 12:55 p.m., 1:35 p.m., and 2:15 p.m.
COST: Free. Must reserve tickets in advance.

A Cesna 172

Chicago By Air offers a 30-minute general tour of Chicago covering Meigs Field to the Museum of Science and Industry, north to the B'ahai Temple "and beyond." You need only 24 hours advance notice, even for the 45-minute champagne flight.

CONTACT: Chicago By Air, Inc. (708) 524-1172
TIMES: Reservations required (24 hours notice). Flights available from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
COST: \$165 per couple for the 30-minute general tour to \$185 per couple for the champagne flight.

Pedal-lers Allowed

Bike Chicago offers a free, close to two-hour tour departing from their location on Navy Pier heading north to Oak Street then to and through (walking, not riding) Lincoln Park Zoo to Fullerton to the North Avenue buoy to Buckingham Fountain to the Adler Planetarium then—GASP!—back to Navy Pier. It's not a race, so the pace should be fine. There are stops along the way to catch your breath.

CONTACT: Bike Chicago 1-800-915-BIKE
TIMES: Monday through Friday, 1:30 p.m. starting June 1.
COST: The tour is free. Bike rentals are available at \$8/hr or \$30 for the day.

Hoof It

Chicago Architecture Foundation Walking Tours feature two-hour tours on "Early Skyscrapers" (1880-1940) and "Modern Beyond" (modern skyscrapers 1940 to the present) in addition to separate excursions "On or About Michigan Avenue" and "Streeterville."

CONTACT: Chicago Architecture Foundation Walking Tours (312) 922-3432
TIMES: Days vary and times range from mid-morning to mid-afternoon depending on the specific tour.
COST: \$8 to \$10 per tour, depending on tour. Multi-tour discounts available.

Horse Hoof It

Noble Horse offers horse and carriage rides (some antique carriages) and diverse selection of tours covering the Lakefront, Lincoln Park, Michigan Avenue, and the Riverfront. Times are flexible, but for obvious reasons, tours don't run during rush hour. For an extra cost, the carriage will even pick you up from city restaurants.

CONTACT: Noble Horse (312) 266-7878
TIMES: Reservations recommended. Depending on weather, tours run daily 'til about midnight.
COST: \$30 per half hour, most tours 1/2 to 1 hour.

Just Hoof It

Put on your sneakers, and tour the city where you are the one who runs the tour. You and an "Audio Architecture" tour. These self-guided walking tours of Chicago's Loop are available for a fee at the Shop at the *Cultural Center*, 77 E. Randolph.

CONTACT: Chicago Office of Tourism (312) 744-2400
TIMES: Anytime you have time to get the tape.
COST: \$5 rental fee for the tape

Other Tour Options

Tour Black Chicago (312) 332-2323
Pullman Historic District Tour (773) 785-8181
State Street Cultural Walk Contact the Greater State Street Council
Inlingua International Tours (312) 641-0488

A river's view of the city

by Michael Buino, Editor in Chief
You don't have to be a tourist to enjoy one of the Chicago by the Lake, Ltd. historical or architectural boat tours. These 90 minute tours along the river and the lake offer a splendid view of one of the most beautiful skylines in the country. These tours leave from the North Pier's east dock, located at 465 E. Illinois.
The architectural tours offer insight into the architects who built the massive structures that loom over the Chicago river.
From the simple elegance of Ludwig Mies van der Rohe's IBM

building that exemplifies his dictum, "less is more" to the unique shape of Bertrand Goldberg's Marina City, the diversity of the city's architecture parallel's the diversity of the city's people.
The historical tours will tell the story of how Chicago grew from a tropical sea over 400 million years ago to the thriving metropolis that stands today.
Tours leave the dock every hour, prices range from \$12 for children to \$18 for adults.
For more information or advanced purchases call, (312) 527-1977.



Lake Point Towers.

Photo by Jennifer Dickerson

Notin' to Do

Stage Center Theatre

June 12-14, 19-21, 26-28
Arsenic and Old Lace, The 1940 classic comedy of charming and innocent ladies who fill their cellar with the corpses of old men.

Off-Campus Theatre

Opens June 14 thru August 3
Locked-Up Down Shorty's, a modern-day drama of the residents of a decaying steel town devise a scheme to remedy the abandonment of their town, American Blues Theatre (773) 769-1797.

June 14 and June 20
The Invisible People, an evening of mime in two-acts featuring the solo work of Gregg Goldston and the ensemble vision of C. Nicholas Johnson, Athenaeum Theatre (773) 935-6860.

Opens June 20 thru July 26
28: *The State of Humanity in a High-Tech World*, studies the social effect of advancing technology on everyday life and the associated isolation it encourages, The Goodman Theatre (312) 443-3800.

Art

Opens June 7 thru August 10
New Art In China, Post-1989, 30 artists representing the avant-garde art of China use paintings, sculpture, prints and mixed media works to critique politics and glamorize the consumerism and pop culture of China, Chicago Cultural Center (312) 744-6630.

Books

May 27 at 6:30 p.m.
George Carlin signs copies of his new book on "rants, lists...and other assaults on culture and politics, *Brain Drippings*, Barbara's Bookstore 1350 N. Wells (312) 642-5044. (signing only)

May 28 at 7:30 p.m.
Robin Maxwell discusses the mysteries she found in researching her historical novel debut *The Secret Diary of Anne Boleyn*, Scotland Yard Books, Winnetka (847) 446-2214.

Festivals

June 5-8 from 12 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Chicago Blues Festival, several stages of blues in Grant Park, (312)744-3315.

June 14 and 15 from 12 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Chicago Gospel Festival, several stages of gospel in Grant Park, (312) 744-3315.

Concerts

May 21 Robyn Hitchcock, House of Blues
May 22 Chris Whitley, Double Door
May 30 Collective Soul, Riviera
May 30-31 Barry Manilow, Rosemont Theatre
May 31 Dio, Vic Theatre
May 31 Roar Tour with Iggy Pop, Sponge, Reverend Horton Heat, Tonic, Bloodhound Gang, and others, World Music Theatre
June 2 Supergrass and The Pulsars, Metro
June 7 Susanna Hoffs, Double Door
June 17 My Life With The Thrill Kill Cult, Metro
June 20 Lee Ritenour, Skyline Stage at Navy Pier
June 24 Mary Chapin Carpenter, Ravinia
June 27 Elvin Bishop, Legend's

Correction! Correction! Correction! Correction!

In the last issue of the Independent we incorrectly credited the English department as the sponsor of the Debra Bruce Poetry Reading. The Sponsor was the *Apocalypse, Northeastern's Literary Digest*.

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Special Agent Booty La Roux

Dear Special Agent Booty La Roux:

I have been seeing my girlfriend on and off for about three years. Last month she told me she needed space. I have respected her request. I have not seen her for about three weeks and now I hear she is seeing someone else. Just before she told me she needed space I was thinking of proposing to her, but now I am not so sure. Any suggestions? It was all rather sudden, we had no big fight or anything, and she's left me dazed. I love her dearly, but I don't know what to do. Should I let her sort out her wild oats or should I claim my woman? What do you think I should do about her? Please Help! Sucker for Love



BOOTY LAROUX
ADVICE

Dear Sucker:

Well the first thing I have to say is that no woman ever wants to be claimed. What is she luggage? An undiscovered piece of land? A car to be auctioned off? A trophy? Such a chauvinistic attitude is what probably kept the relationship from being steady.

Well, Sucker, maybe your girlfriend has been feeling the relationship is getting a little too serious and she needed space. So what! Let the poor girl have her space, is it only men who need their space? We women can be afraid of the "C" word (Commitment for you lay people out there) just as much as men. Maybe it's nothing you should get all worried about, she may just need a little time to step back and reevaluate her love for you and what the relationship means to her. She may come back and you'll find she needed that time to think about all the things that make her love you; i.e. being responsible, honest, loving, caring, good in bed, etc. Or she may never come back because just the opposite; e.g. irresponsible, selfish, irritating, and a lousy lover. She may want to give you some space so that you can shower and groom yourself- it may be a hint. Whatever the case you must learn to respect her decision and move on.

As for the rumor that your woman may be seeing someone else, it should not give you the motivation to go and 'claim your woman.' You should give her a call and simply request where the relationship stands. Does she want to get back together? Does she want to still see you and other people? Or does she want to call it quits? Your girlfriend may need some space, but be careful if she's coming back after playing the field; she may have caught something more than just a kiss. As Booty always says, "Keep it clean before it turns green."

Proposing marriage is the last thing you should do right now. An ultimatum may not be what she needs right now. Let the relationship be what it is going to be, don't force her to love you when she may just be confused. Give the girl some time to breath and live a little. I swear you men just want us to settle down. Jump into the 20th century before its over. Women no longer want to be tied down, to be barefoot and pregnant, or at home with all the brats while their men are out with the hommies. Homies my ass! We want to go out with the nenas and have some fun and not worry about having kids and building a family yet. We want to establish a career, and not have to depend on alimony when that bastard leaves you (which has been known to happen).

Life is short and don't let it pass you by. Sucker, go out and live it up, don't mope around the house and wait for her to call you. GO and party, enjoy yourself; this doesn't mean go out and sleep with anything that moves. Booty always believes in being in love before making love.

Well to wrap it up for you; read this article about twelve times, because you men never get it the first time around. Whatever you decide to do, know it's for the best, and you can always find another woman who can make you just as happy, maybe even happier. Good Luck and Stay SAFE.

Love always, Booty.

Attention my beloved readers:

Recently I received news about a person who said that my column was too racy for this newspaper. Well I have nothing to say on my defense because I feel there is nothing to defend. The school newspaper is a place for students to express themselves, and I think this student has expressed herself quite well thank you very much. I hope that the person who has said these comments is not inferring that such a university with many diverse people, does not have a place for Special Agent Booty La Roux. Lighten up, this is the 90's almost the year 2000, and Booty is going to talk about whatever the hell she wants, relationships, roommates, drugs, Selena, sex - yes that does include of all orientations, and what ever the hell my readers feel they want to write about! Racy? RACY? Yes, and so much more..

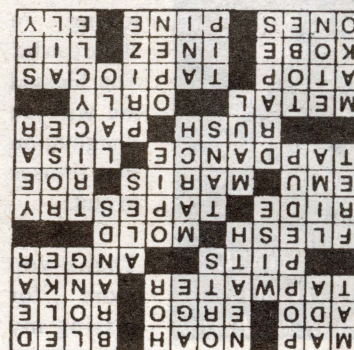


The works of photographer William Frederking are on exhibit at the Chicago Cultural Center

Exhibition Opening at Chicago Cultural Center

Chicago photographer William Frederking documents the grace and motion of Chicago dancers in a series of black and white pictures. The collection dates back to 1989 and captures the essential compositional elements and beautiful choreography performed by the dancers.

Exhibition is open Monday - Thursday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and Sunday, noon - 5 p.m. Admission is free.



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The little things...

Even though Mother's Day is over and Father's Day is still a few weeks off, I feel like taking a few minutes to say to my parents two words that I often forget to say: Thank you!

Thank you mom and dad for bringing me into this world and helping me to learn what was needed to live and grow on my own. Thank you for taking the time to read to me and showing me how loving a smile can be. You blessed me with an imagination that refuses to quit.

LAURA R. HADLEY
FEATURES EDITOR

knees and bumped elbows. I remember the lunches you made for me to take to school and the snacks you had for me when I came home. There were trips to the park, talks on the front porch and planting together in the garden. I was always surprised that you didn't try to keep me inside during the summer even though I would always come home covered in mud.

Thank you dad for bringing home a paycheck and keeping us warm and safe and fed. You weren't always there when I would turn around but age and experience have shown me that you were still there in a different way. Thank you for your love of history and writing which I will always treasure.

I wonder sometimes if we forget to acknowledge our parents. Now, I realize that not everyone has had the opportunity to live with both parents. For some, "parents" are aunts, uncles, grandparents or other adults who aren't even related to us. Some only had the opportunity to live with and know one parent - mom or dad. But whomever they were, they loved us and cared for us no matter what the situation was.

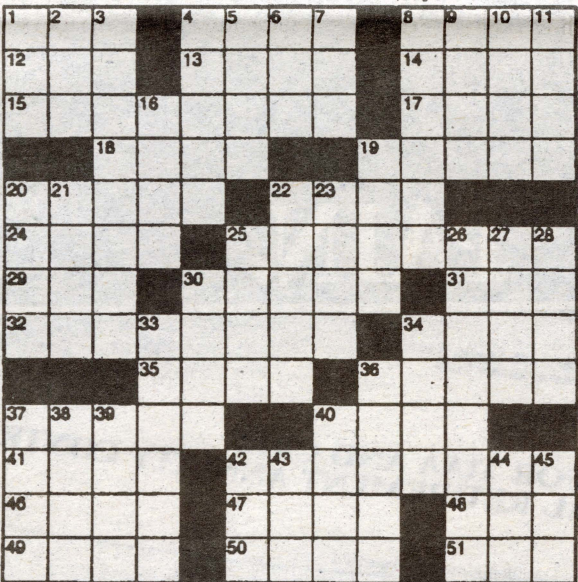
That's why I find it sad to think that our lives have become so hectic and busy that we need special days of the year to remember those whom we love. These are the people who raised us and showed us love, no matter what day it was, just because of who we were - special.

Take a moment, maybe not today but soon, and let those people who showed us our first taste of lasting love know how much they have done for us. I know that without my parents, I would not be the person I am today and for that I say again to them: Thank you.

Crossword puzzle

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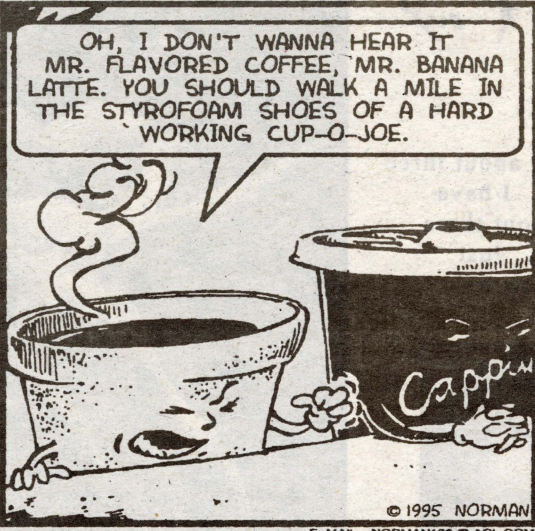
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- 20 Skin
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- 24 Hitchhiker's desire
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- 29 Ostrich's cousin
- 30 He hit 61 in '61
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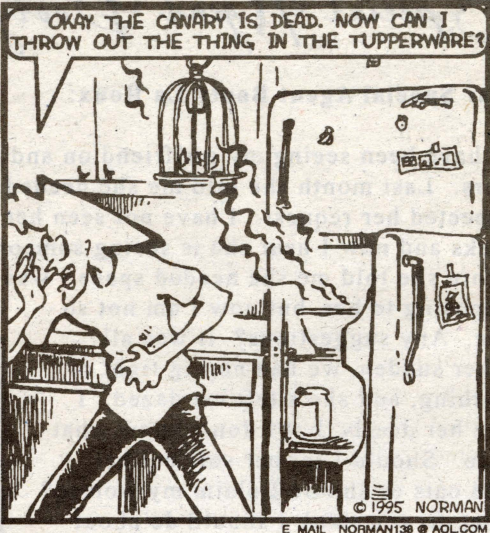
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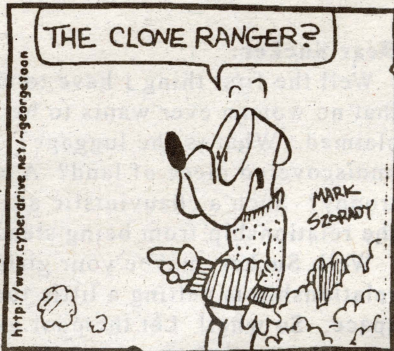
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THIS MAN'S WORLD

As journalists, we try to not merely report the news in a clear and understandable, yet titillating fashion. Sometimes, we choose to make news at the same time. Such is the case of Carol Marin of NBC news, who decided to leave her news team because there was already too much fluff on the news — thereby creating more fluff. She felt that the decision to hire Jerry Springer (You know, "Next on Jerry Springer — Lesbian Mothers in Leather who ride Harleys receive Make-overs") was not going to help change the texture or content of the news one bit. Jerry showed Carol and everyone else that he was a man of principle and integrity by resigning a week later when the going got a little hot. I'm sure you heard about it — it was on the news. More fluff. ANNOUNCER: "This portion of the news is brought to you by FLUFF. When was the last time you had a fluffemutter?"

This might be a good time for me to try to create and report the news at the same time. Since you have probably missed any mention of this on the news, I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that May is officially Asian Pacific American Women's History Month. I assure you that this is true. It

must be true because I heard it on the news. If you still doubt me, (a task that is normally reserved for my wife) just ask any Asian Pacific American Woman with a history — if you can locate one. It took me awhile to figure out that they were actually talking about the women of Hawaii (sounds like a photo lay-out in *Playboy* magazine.)

This sounds a little self-serving, but I'd like to announce that I have decided to announce that June will be designated for "National-Italian-American-Male-Who-Fancies-Himself-A-Writer-Married-To-Irish/German-Artist Woman-Living-Together-On-The-North-Side-Of-Town-Month." Whew! I'm glad I got that announcement out when I did. It's my understanding that if I had waited another fifteen minutes June would have been declared "National Haitian Multiple Body-

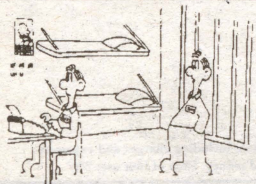
Pierced Circus Performer Month."

I don't really expect very much celebrating to go on during the month, but for the parade, we'll have to block off both ends of Michigan Avenue and route all traffic to Grant Park to inconvenience as many people as possible. With a clear path, my float (a large Cadillac in the shape of a chariot with a fully equipped bar) can cruise leisurely and unimpeded. The women lining either side will distribute flowers to the onlookers according to their respective resemblance to Christie Brinkley. As with all city functions, liquor will not be allowed to be brought in by the spectators, but beer will be available in the float behind me; sold by my brother-in-law for \$4.50 a bottle, also in the tradition of City functions. The float behind that will feature Angel-hair pasta. The price won't be set until the Health Department determines how much real hair is in it.

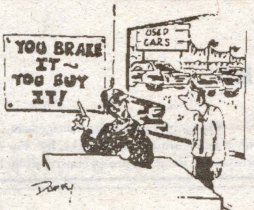
At the moment, I am still working on some of the other features of the parade, but they are not finalized yet. I am trying to get Carol Marin to agree to be the grand marshal. She'd look great with a fresh make-over leading the way on her Harley, dressed like a lesbian biker mom in leather. Stay behind the ropes please.



JOHN ROSSI
STAFF WRITER



"Do you really feel you're in a position to write an advice column?"



"No test-drives. We have a policy."

Deck the halls with quiet

Isn't it wonderful? The halls of NEIU are quiet, uncluttered, and bright and airy looking. The break between the spring semester and the summer semester is the best time. It is amazing how much a student can accomplish at this time compared to the seemingly endless hours of waiting during the regular semesters.

This week I accomplished numerous tasks. I started with financial aid because that usually takes the longest and is the most frustrating. I had to make sure that my scholarships were in order and that my Veterans Grant wasn't being charged. Next, I had to check if I was eligible for work study during the summer semester. The personnel told me they didn't know but that financial aid was working on it. Not letting that deter me, I called Federal Student Aid and found that although they could not guarantee it, my records did indicate that work study might be available to me. I can never understand why I can get an answer through one source and not another even though the have the same information. I realize that work study is a school program and there may not be a position for me.

I am at a point when I finally decided what majors to pursue and what minors might be applicable. Since I want to teach, I need to be an Education Major. I also have about 90 some credit hours in the Non-Traditional Program (B.O.G.).

Yes the B.O.G Program for Non Traditional Students is alive and well! I am a B.O.G. Major and an Elementary Education Major. I have ninety credits with B.O.G. and about seventy something in the traditional program. In B.O.G. I need 37 credit hours in the 300 level courses to obtain a degree. In the traditional program I need 77 credit hours more in Elementary Education and a minor along with my general education courses required for Elementary Education.

If I finish the Non Traditional first, which seems most likely, then I can substitute teach while I'm finishing my elementary courses through the CAP Program. I had very informative discussions with Dr. Karr (Elementary Education), Dr. Sait (Certification Alternative for Professionals Program), Ms. Simin Rasmussen (Elementary Education Program Advisor), Mr. Jay Jans M.A. (Non Tradition Degree Program/B.O.G. Program Advisor), and anyone else I could get to listen to me. The die is cast, I now know how to choose my courses until I graduate and then into the CAPS Program.

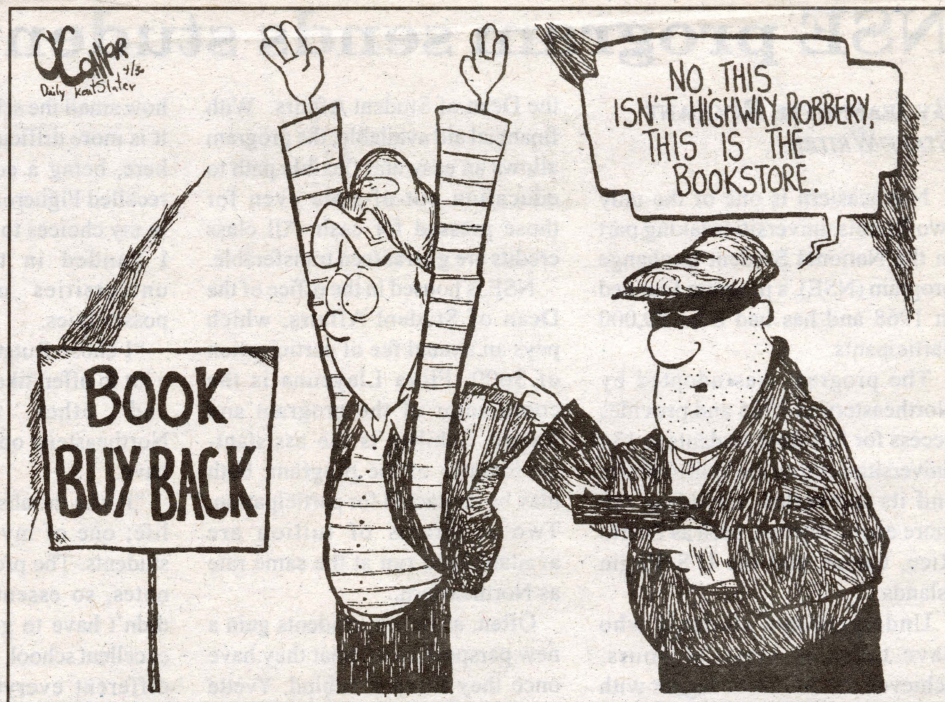
I also had to find out the procedure for requesting a credit overload for the summer semester. This was the easiest item to accomplish. I needed to write a letter to the chair of my first major (B.O.G.) explaining the courses and why I needed to take an overload. Since I will only have one credit hour over the maximum allowed of twelve, I hope there will be no problems. I turned in the letter and I will be informed whether or not it is approved.

I needed to go to the classroom building to room 4010 and request permission to register for the EDFN courses I need to get started in my Education Major. They too, will let me know Friday of this week or early next week if I will be allowed to register for the classes.

Besides getting all of this accomplished, I started rehearsing in the play *Arsenic and Old Lace*. I have a very small part and this is my first try as a performer. You should attend the play to see the editor of the Independent, the Chair of the Northeastern Programming Board and other students. The play is comedy being directed by D. Richard Hessler. Look for the advertisements and be in the audience. *Don't drink the wine!*

A busy but very rewarding week. I think (except for books) that I'm ready for the summer semester to start.

-- JACK ARBUTHNOT



Start a student club in 1,2,3,4..."easy" steps

So, you have a good idea: getting a group of people together to form an organization here at Northeastern. A couple of your friends think that it is a great idea and they, of course, will support you and the club and become members. This is a start but only a start. There are a lot of bridges to cross before you get your club up and running.

First, you need to check and see if there is a club in existence that is exactly what you are trying to form or close enough for you to become a member of it and incorporate your ideas with that club. It is much easier to associate with a going organization than to start one from ground zero.

Next, check with students activities (above Becks Books) and let them know of your intentions. They will give you very good advice and all the paperwork that is necessary to begin your project. You have to get a petition signed by about thirty students that will be used as verification that enough students have shown interest for you to continue (I found this the easiest part of the process).

A preamble and a constitution have to be written geared for your individual club. Student Activities will give you a sample to use to modify according to your club's needs. An advisor has to be chosen that will write a letter to student activities showing the willingness of the potential advisor to participate. This

needs to be turned in with the rest of the paperwork. A form must be filled out which requires the signature of the club's founder and the advisor. The papers will be reviewed by the Student Senate Charter Committee and, if all is acceptable, the club will be chartered.

Now comes the real work, trying to get the students to attend meetings. It doesn't happen overnight. Poor timing and not enough commitment from students can leave the attendance very lean in the beginning. Hopefully, you can get enough attendance to nominate and elect officers. You need a president, vice-president, treasurer, and a secretary. An individual club can have more officers if required.

Once you have officers in place, then you can appoint (the vice-president's job) chairs for your standing committees. Standing committees usually are for the duration of the club. At-Large committees are for a specific task. When the task is completed they can be disbanded or merged into one of the standing committees or become a standing committee by itself.

This has only been an introduction to a very small amount of information that is needed to start a club. Hopefully, I can add more data in subsequent issues of the *Independent*. Good luck in getting your project up and running and much success with it.

-- JACK ARBUTHNOT

Quotables...

"Ask of her, the mighty mother:
Her reply puts this other
Question: What is Spring?
Growth in everything."
Gerard Manley Hopkins

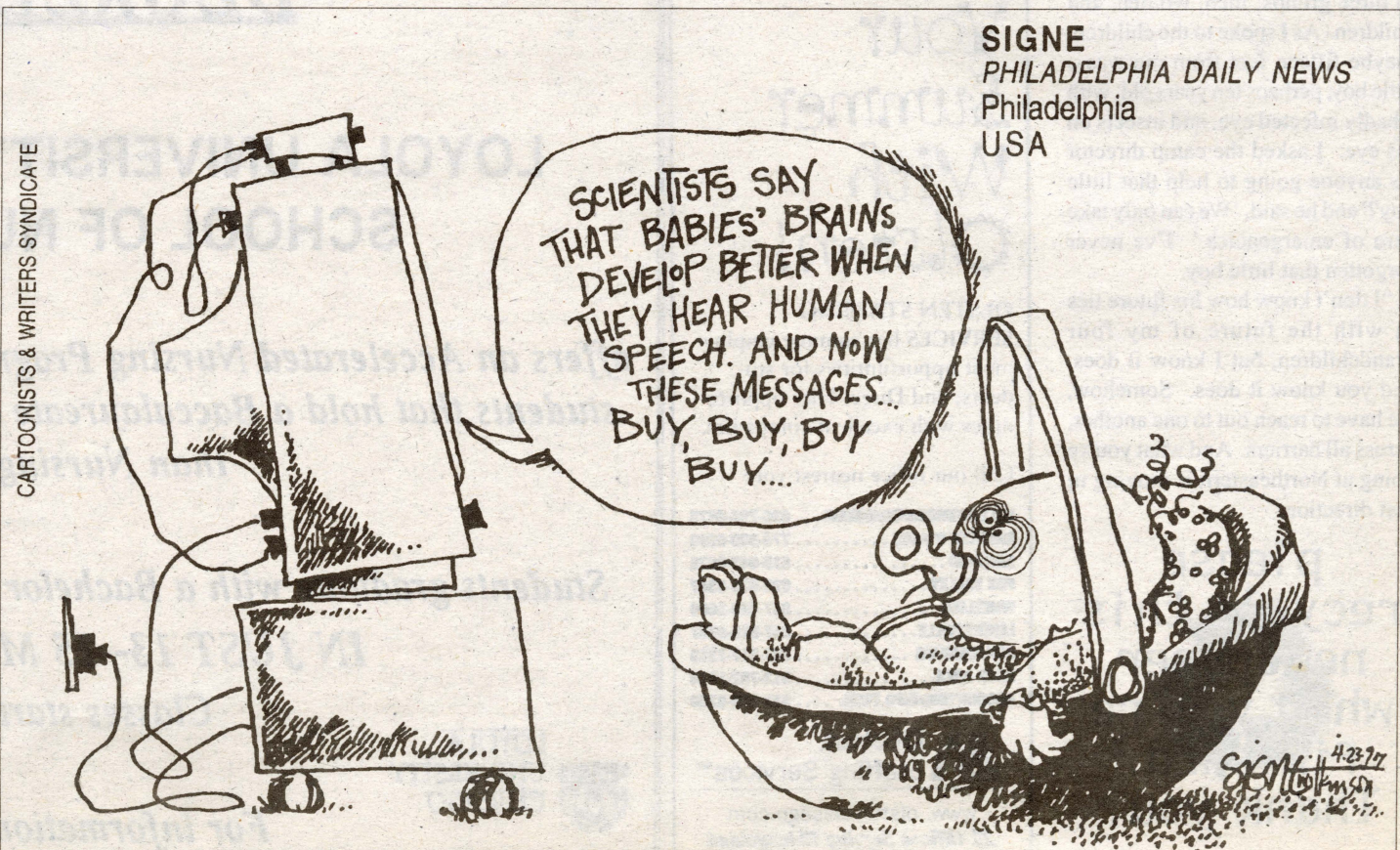
"Can't you feel it, now that spring has
come;
that it's time to live in the scattered
sun."
James Douglas Morrison

"New York is one of the capitals of
the world and Los Angeles is a
constellation of plastic, San Francisco is
a lady, Boston has become Urban
Renewal, Philadelphia and Baltimore and
Washington blink like dull diamonds in the
smog of the Eastern Megalopolis, and New
Orleans is unremarkable past the French
Quarter. Detroit is a one-trade town,
Pittsburgh has lost its golden triangle, St.
Louis has become the golden arch of the
corporation, and nights in Kansas City
close early. The oil depletion allowance
makes Houston and Dallas naught but
checkerboards for this sort of game. But
Chicago is a great American city. Perhaps
it is the last of the great American cities."
Norman Mailer

"Well, the first days are the hardest
days, don't you worry any more;
'Cause when life looks like easy-
street, there is danger at your door."
Jerry Garcia

"Whatever it is that the government
does, sensible Americans would prefer that
the government do it to somebody else.
This is the idea behind foreign policy."
P. J. O'Rourke

"A little learning is a dangerous
thing;
Drink deep, or taste not the Pierian
spring:
There shallow draughts intoxicate
the brain,
And drinking largely sobers us
again."
Alexander Pope



NSE program sends students across the United States

BY JEANNETTE ROCUANT
STAFF WRITER

Northeastern is one of the only two Illinois universities taking part in the National Student Exchange program (NSE), a program founded in 1968 and has had over 50,000 participants.

The program was adopted by Northeastern in 1985 and provides access for full-time students to 134 universities across the United States and its territories, including the more exotic regions, such as Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Undergraduate students who have taken at least 24 hours, achieved a 2.5 GPA or higher with 2-3 letters of recommendation can apply to the program. Other than personal expenses, the application fee is \$130, which is divided between the NSE and the office of

the Dean of Student Affairs. With financial aid available, the program allows an easy and flexible path to education out-of-state even for those pressed for cash. All class credits are guaranteed transferable.

NSE is housed in the office of the Dean of Student Affairs, which pays an annual fee of participation of \$600. Flora Llaycuna is the coordinator of the program and Valerie Schiller is the assistant-coordinator of the program; both may be contacted for participation. Two programs of tuition are available and run at the same rate as Northeastern.

Often, as in life, students gain a new perspective of what they have once they leave it behind. Yvette Figueroa exemplifies this; she returned to Northeastern after only one semester in the program.

"I initially found myself disappointed with NEIU. I realized

how small the school was, and how it is more difficult to make friends here, being a commuter school," recalled Figueroa. When I turned in my choices to Flora (Llaycuna), I handed in the five largest universities on the list of possibilities.

"I chose Rutgers because it had a lot to offer, like horseback riding and other activities that Northeastern obviously wouldn't have.

"It was the absolute shock of my life; one of my classes had 600 students. The professors sold their notes, so essentially, you really didn't have to go to class. It's an excellent school, but I realized how different everything was," said Figueroa, who has visited several east coast schools, adds, "East coast students are much more competitive, and you really can't expect help from fellow classmates.

I did well, but I could have done so much better here. I excel here."

Diana Hiraldo is currently in her third semester here and on exchange from Puerto Rico. Like many students, Hiraldo wanted to gain experience and independence, but had to adjust to a second language. She also noted how schools differ from around the country both socially and academically.

"Students here are very helpful but I found them at the same time more segregated and distant," states Hiraldo. "When you don't have friends or family here, it's a very drastic change, but the language is becoming easier, and I'm meeting more people."

Eric Likness of South Dakota State University agrees, "Academically, the classes are similar. The professors are competent and the courses

challenging. However, socially, I'm finding it a little difficult to adjust because people seem to be more closed off, more involved in their own private life."

"NSE challenged me to become more independent and aggressive, I had to learn to adapt to new people and new places," explains Kimberly Seidel of Portland State University, who traveled to the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. "It was one way I was able to prove to myself and future employers that I was responsible and capable."

According to Llaycuna, "Sometimes students become frustrated with the university. This helps them to see things in a different light. In the end, it doesn't matter which university you go to, the name at the top of your transcript does. That's you. You are the university."

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international education together in a poignant little ball with the following anecdote:

"I chaired a subcommittee on Africa for about eight years. When Rwanda just started to emerge as a problem, I got on the phone with Senator Jim Jefferts, a Republican from Vermont, and we called General Dulaire, a Canadian general in charge of a small contingent of about 250 U. N. troops stationed in the capitol city of Rwanda. He said that if we could get 5,000 to 8,000 troops quickly, we can stop this. Jim Jefferts and I got a handwritten note to Warren Christopher of the State Department at the White House, saying 'let's do something quickly.' This was in May. In October, after tens of thousands of people had been killed, the U. N. Security Council finally acted, and the French, to their credit, immediately sent 2,000 troops down there. Because we did not act quickly, the violence spilled over into Burundi and it is spilling over into Zaire today.

"Later on, I was in Malawi, in the southern part of Africa, which had a population of about seven million people. It also had one million refugees. I went to this refugee camp in the southern part of Malawi. The camp director asked me to speak to some of the refugees, and I said I'd be delighted. The refugees were seated on the ground in three groups; men, women, and children. As I spoke to the children, maybe fifteen feet from me was a little boy, perhaps ten years old, with a badly infected eye, and insects on his eye. I asked the camp director 'Is anyone going to help that little boy?' and he said, 'We can only take care of emergencies.' I've never forgotten that little boy.

"I don't know how his future ties in with the future of my four grandchildren, but I know it does, and you know it does. Somehow, we have to reach out to one another, across all barriers. And what you're doing at Northeastern is moving in that direction."

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Guatemala

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past the third or fifth grade.

Though peace negotiations have stabilized the political atmosphere, Golden describes it as a "fragile peace." Their world is a sharp contrast from the comfortable standard of living most American students enjoy. Renny suggests that those who are interested in participating in this kind of project study the culture and political state of the country in order to comprehend more completely what to expect and why.

It seems painfully obvious that what is learned in such a selfless program extends beyond the classroom, and should be at least in part financially supported by the university. Both students and benefactors alike gain lessons absent from textbooks.

According to Masha Veidenbaum, Coordinator of International Affairs, international learning experiences such as humanitarian projects can earn no college credit here unless it involves an actual academic course. Therefore, the group study, though recognized as formidable and educational, is not recognized by the university as an academic study nor would it allot academic credit to students

participating in the project.

Also unfortunate was that department's limited knowledge of volunteer study projects helping the

When asked further of the mechanics of volunteer projects, she talked about volunteer studies such as internships, but such similar studies

enthusiasm many have for such a project.

"A program such as this helps our students get a global view of service.



Professor Renny Golden volunteers in Guatemala. (Photo courtesy of Jeanette Hernandez)

disadvantaged abroad. Focusing exclusively on the Godchild Project, Veidenbaum mentioned, "I know nothing of this project, it hasn't been presented to me. I don't know to whom a group would apply to get it funded besides an outside donation."

seem to be the extent of most university students' exploits. It is rare to find a volunteer study abroad program that not only benefits the enlister, but the disadvantaged as well.

Alyce Claerbaut of the Dean of Students Office exemplifies the

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Northeastern hosts Mid-Con Baseball Tournament

By THOMAS J. FOLEY
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The Northeastern Golden Eagles Baseball team posted an impressive 16 - 7 against Mid-Continent Conference Western Division opponents, qualifying them to host the Mid-Continent Conference Championship Tournament from May 9 to 11. The Conference, divided into two divisions, is held each year at the home of the team having the best Conference record, alternating between the two divisions each year. The tournament is double-elimination, and features the top two teams from each of the Conferences

Defending champ Eagles fail to repeat

Northeastern and Western Illinois, posting a 3-1 tournament record. Right fielder Bryan Kelly won the tournament MVP award by batting nearly .500 (9 for 20) with 7 RBI's. In Game Four against Northeastern, Trojan pitcher Dean Cordova turned in a stellar performance, going the distance while allowing only five hits, the least in the tournament for a complete game.

Western Illinois Leathernecks

Western Illinois had the dubious distinction of being the first team eliminated from the tournament. They went 0-2, losing to Troy State

they tagged starting pitcher Brian Quinn and his reliever Matt Field for six combined runs.

Game 2: Northeastern Illinois 12, LIU-C. W. Post 3 (Friday, May 9, 2 p.m.)

The defending Mid-Con champion Golden Eagles took the Pioneers to school in pitching, hitting, and base running. Eagle's ace Jamie Puerto pitched a complete game, posting 10 strikeouts and allowing only six hits and no walks. The Eagles also batted .342 as a team and stole six bases. Shortstop Dan Vrbancic had the game's only home run, as he went 3-for-5, with three RBI's and three runs scored.

Game 3: LIU-C. W. Post 7, Western Illinois 6 (Friday, May 9, 4 p.m.)

The C. W. Post Pioneers achieved their first Mid-Con tournament victory by eliminating the Leathernecks in a see-saw of a game. The Pioneers didn't gain firm control of the game until the eighth inning, when they went ahead 5-3. They never trailed after that. The Leathernecks turned in a lackluster performance at the plate, posting only a .242 team batting average. The Pioneers, on the other hand, shelled Leatherneck pitcher Brett Kelley for 15 hits over nine innings, putting up an impressive .384 team batting average.

Game 4: Troy State 5, Northeastern 2 (Saturday, May 10, 11 a.m.)

In a rematch of last season's Mid-Con tournament championship game, the Trojans reversed the result to qualify for the title game for the third straight season. This game was decided early, as the Golden Eagles committed their three errors in the first three innings, resulting in three unearned runs for the Trojans. Trojan pitcher Dean Cordova was on fire, allowing just five hits and six walks and striking out four in the best complete game effort of the tournament.

Game 5: Northeastern 7, LIU-C. W. Post 4 (Saturday, May 10, 2 p.m.)

The Eagles jumped out to an early lead, scoring six of their seven runs before the fourth inning had ended. But the Pioneers weren't ready to go down without a fight, as they battled back into it with three runs of their own by the seventh. This caused the Eagles to pool their efforts as they emptied their bullpen of four pitchers

in the winning effort. Starter Jay Kvasnicka got the win and ace closer Brian "Sidearm" Sullivan got the save. Middle relievers Craig Hallgren and Doug Kirar contributed workman-like performances with two innings apiece in the team victory.

Game 6: Northeastern 7, Troy State 3 (Sunday, May 11, 11 a.m.)

Eagle's southpaw Jim Jasper thoroughly confounded the Trojans, as the Eagles once again scored all the runs they would need by the end of the fourth inning. Jasper, who pitched 8.67 innings, allowed only one earned run, scattered 10 hits over eight innings, and struck out eight. "Sidearm" Sullivan came in and squelched a bases-loaded rally in the ninth to earn his fifth save of the season and his second of the tournament. Trojans Rhodney Donaldson (cf), Kenny Krey (ss), and Bryan Kelly (rf) had two hits apiece, and starter Shawn Pyles lasted only 3.33 innings.

Game 7: Troy State 9, Northeastern 3 (Sunday, May 11, 2 p.m.)

Once again, an early error in the outfield led to the ultimate demise of the Golden Eagles, allowing three Trojan runs to score in the first inning. Troy State never looked back, as they added six more runs in the following six innings. Eagles starter Jay

Kvasnicka lasted only 3.67 innings, allowing five runs (two earned) on seven hits and four walks. The Eagles looked anemic at the plate as well, batting only .205 as a team. Chris Langford pitched a complete game for the Trojans, allowing only seven hits and two walks while striking out six. Troy State moves on to host the Midwestern Collegiate Conference champion in a NCAA Play-in series, with a NCAA Division I Tournament bid at stake.

Mid-Continent Conference Baseball 1997 All-Tournament Team

Tom Blake, LIU-C. W. Post, 1B
Rhodney Donaldson, Troy State, OF
Dan Eide, Troy State, 3B
John Fodrowski, LIU-C. W. Post, 2B
Brian Hantosh, Northeastern, OF
Jim Jasper, Northeastern, P
Bryan Kelly, Troy State (MVP), OF
Kenny Krey, Troy State, SS
Chris Langford, Troy State, P
Brian Quinn, Western Illinois, P
Mark Raciti, Northeastern, C
Jorge Soto, Troy State, DH



Eagles catcher Mark Raciti gets a rare hit off of Troy State's Dean Cordova.

two divisions.

Troy State, appearing in their last Mid-Continent series, won the tournament, but not before Northeastern forced a seventh and final game in the double elimination tournament. Other teams qualifying for the tournament were Western Illinois University and Long Island University - C. W. Post.

Northeastern Golden Eagles

Northeastern finished the tournament with a 3-2 record, posting victories against the C. W. Post Pioneers and the Troy State Trojans. The Eagles got excellent performances out of pitchers Jim Jasper and Jamie Puerto, but ultimately were done in by lapses on defense. Costly errors in the final game against Troy State resulted in their second tournament loss and subsequent elimination. The defending Mid-Con champs pitching also broke down as the Trojans hit an impressive .375 in the final game.

Troy State Trojans

The 1995 Mid-Con champion Trojans made their third consecutive, and final, appearance in the tournament and lost only one game all weekend, to the Golden Eagles. They recorded victories over

and C. W. Post, finishing their play on Friday, the first day of the tournament. They were destroyed by Troy State 15-3 in the first game, but lost a 7-6 heart-breaker to the Pioneers.

Long Island University - C. W. Post Pioneers

The Pioneers came into the tournament as the only team to beat the Trojans in the regular season, sweeping them 2-0. They also were the only tournament team to play the Trojans during the regular season. The Pioneers posted a 1-2 record in their first-ever tournament appearance, beating Western Illinois and losing twice to the Golden Eagles.

Game Summaries

Game 1: Troy State 15, Western Illinois 3 (Friday, May 9, 10 a.m.)

The Trojans pounded the Leathernecks, scoring six runs in the first four innings and tying the Mid-Con record for most hits in a game with 22. Trojan pitcher Jason Fawcett went the distance, allowing only 10 hits and one walk while striking out four. Tournament MVP Bryan Kelly (rf) and designated hitter Jorge Soto contributed one home run and three RBI's apiece. The Trojans biggest inning was the sixth, when



Eagles 3rd baseman Matt Dunne and catcher Scott Cartier catch Trojan's baserunner Kenny Krey in a run down.

Eagles' swimmers make the grade

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Holding a 2.80 GPA or higher is difficult for any student, but for an athletic team to hold a cumulative 2.80 GPA is even tougher. The Golden Eagles Swimming team earned the honor of Academic All-America Swimming Team by the College Swimming Coaches Association of America. This is the third straight year the team has received this honor.

The men's team attained a cumulative GPA of 2.98, which ranked them 19th nationally among NCAA Division I teams. The women finished with a combined GPA of 2.84, just 0.40 points behind #1 Penn State University.



The Troy State Trojans admire the Mid-Con Conference Championship plaque (all photos by Thomas J. Foley).

Congratulations!

As we were going to print, we learned that Karen Hall, former women's basketball coach for Chatham College in Pittsburgh, Penn. has been named the new basketball coach for the Northeastern Lady Eagles.