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Tuesday, October 16, 2001

Impeached and convicted

SGA Speaker Madix thrown out of office. "It's not over," she says after conviction.

TEMPERS FLARED AND BATTLE LINES WERE DRAWN AT THE OCTOBER 4TH SGA MEETING. ALL NORMAL SGA BUSINESS WAS SUSPENDED, PENDING THE IMPEACHMENT TRIAL OF THE SPEAKER OF THE SENATE, LYNNE MADIX.

by Brian Blaszkowski
Associate Editor

Kendra Young, Vice President, remarked that when all SGA business is put on hold, the student body suffers. "It's very unfair that the situation would have to come down to this," Young remarked. She continued by telling the senators in attendance that "It is your responsibility to take care of your business."

At the beginning of the meeting, Madix attempted to call roll, which is one of her duties as Speaker, but President Gary Gaspard stopped her, saying that she cannot act as Speaker today since she is on trial. He went on to say that Senator John Bracich would act as Speaker for the meeting. Gaspard told those assembled that there were eleven pages of impeachment procedures

and charges.

Bracich read from a list of charges made against Madix, which included neglect of duty, abuse of office privileges, unethical conduct, failure to follow constitutional procedures, and abused privileges of the chair during the June 25th meeting, among others. Madix pleaded "not guilty" to all the charges.

After the charges were read and Madix entered her plea, Young read from the SGA constitution, citing Madix's failure to turn in the minutes from several meetings as one instance of her failure to perform her duties. Madix answered by stating that she could not turn in incomplete minutes, and she was holding onto them until she was able to finish them. Young interrupted Madix and read another charge, claiming that the SGA is missing minutes from the July 11th, August 1st, September

18th, and September 27th meetings. Young went on to say that the position of the Speaker of the Senate is a paid position.

Madix defended herself by saying that the minutes are to be made available within ten days, and then submitted at the next meeting. Young then asked Madix if she was orienting any of the new senators, another duty of her office. Madix responded by saying she called each of the new senators at least twice. Madix also passed out copies of a letter signed by Cecily Minziti, who



Former SGA Speaker Lynne Madix throws up her hands as she defends herself at the controversial October 4th impeachment hearing.

PHOTOS BY LUCY RENDLER-KAPLAN & GEORGIA LAGOTIETIS

wrote:

"As requested by Speaker Madix, I called all the Senators two to three days before Senate Orientation session[s] which were scheduled June 12, August 1, and

September 21. In each case I spoke with the Senators or left messages, except two phone [numbers] had been disconnected."

Madix contended that this proves she was attempting to orient the new senators, and she can only do so much. "It's up to the senators to *show up* for orientation. If you're going to punish someone for the low turnout, punish the senators who didn't show up to orientation."

Young then objected to Madix's "going on," claiming that these were "serious charges." Young then asked Madix why she never contacted Gaspard.

"Your office is just down the hall from him," Young said. Madix cited pending issues with Gaspard, and said she feels uncomfortable talking to him. Young then claimed that Madix is difficult to work with, and began to play a message left by Madix on Young's voice mail. Madix objected, saying that it's illegal of Young to record Madix without her expressed permission. Madix refused to give Young permission, but

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American military begins strikes in war on terrorism

by Lucy Rendler-Kaplan
News Editor

American and British forces launched air and missile attacks against Afghanistan on Sunday, October 7th, the first attacks against terrorists believed to be responsible for the September 11th attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Cruise missiles, launched from British and U.S. ships, and missiles and bombs from long range bombers and carrier based fighters, struck the Afghan capital, Kabul, as well as the cities of Kandahar and Jalalabad. Additional strikes followed into late Sunday night.

The Pentagon has reported that the assault began at 8:57 p.m. in Afghanistan. There were seven areas targeted. At the same time, the anti-Taliban Northern Alliance attacked the Taliban militia north of Kabul.

President Bush said that the ruling Taliban government in Afghanistan "will pay a price" for hiding Osama bin Laden and the leaders of his Al Qaeda terrorist group. "The battle is now joined on many fronts," Bush said in his speech from the White House after the attacks. "We will not waver, we will not tire. We will not falter and we will not fail."



An F/A-18C Hornet takes off onboard the U.S.S. Carl Vinson on a bombing mission to Afghanistan.

As the attacks continued, the State Department warned of possible retaliatory action against United States citizens throughout the world. U.S. diplomatic installations braced for potential attacks in Indonesia, Pakistan, and elsewhere.

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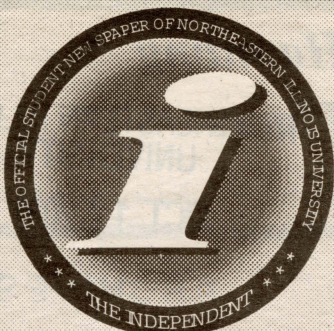
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AROUND CAMPUS

Folk singer Holly Near to perform at Recital Hall

Long before the phrase "world music" hit the streets, there had already been a vast underground music scene. A significant part of that under-appreciated genre was women's music. Singer/songwriter Holly Near has been at the forefront of that music scene for around twenty years.

Holly will be in concert at NEIU on Thursday, October 18 at 7:00 PM in the Recital Hall. Admission is free for students with I.D. and \$15 for general admission, staff, and faculty.

The Box Office reports that tickets are selling steadily for the concert. Do not miss out on this fine opportunity to celebrate diversity right here on campus. In addition, to understand better the depth of Near's personal commitment to her work as both a musician and an activist, you can attend a workshop with her. Learn how to get the word out on avenues of your own interest. The workshop, Singers in the Storm: Living an Activist Life, will be from 1:40 - 3:30PM at SU 214 and is open to all.

Workshops galore!

Thursday, October 18th
Introduction to Microsoft Word
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CLS 4066

Friday, October 19th
Open Computer Lab Session
1:30-3:30 p.m. CLS 4066

Tuesday, October 23rd
Introduction to Microsoft Word
1:30-3:30 p.m. CLS 4066

Tuesday, October 23rd
Resume Writing Workshop for TEACHERS
5:30-6:40 pm SU-219

Thursday, October 25th
Introduction to Microsoft Excel
1:30-3:30 p.m. CLS 4066

Thursday, October 25th
Internet Job Search Workshop
1:40-2:40 pm CLS-2054

Tuesday, October 30th
Introduction to Microsoft Excel
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CLS 4066

Tuesday, October 30th
Internship Workshop
1:40-2:40 pm Placement Office C-330

Vantage Point airdates

Northeastern's radio show, "Vantage Point," hosted by David Unumb, professor, Speech and Performing Arts, airs Sundays at 6:30 a.m. on WTMX-FM (101.9).

October 21, 2001
"Adolescent Bulimia" with special guest, Daniel Le Grange, director of the University of Chicago's eating disorder program.

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"Among Friends" with host and executive director, Lisa Ridolfi.

Upcoming Deadlines

October 22nd - November 21st: Advance registration via TTRS for Spring 2002. See the schedule of classes for more information.

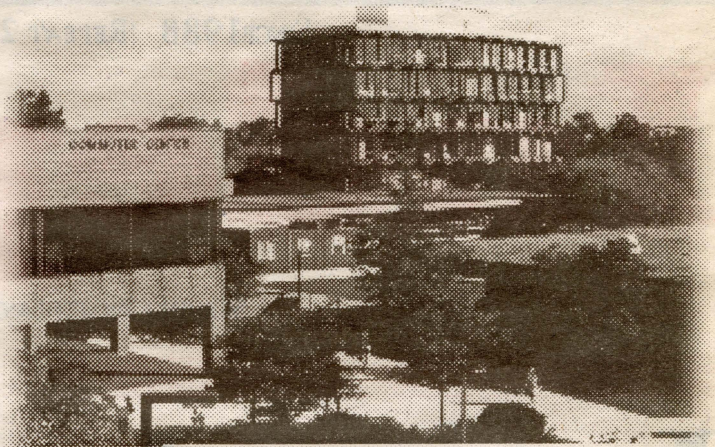
October 22nd, 7:45 p.m.: Last day for 25% refund/credit of tuition for complete withdrawal of all Fall 2001 classes via TTRS, reducing credit hour load to zero (less a \$10 complete withdrawal fee). No refund/credit for reduction in credit hour load.

November 1st, 7 p.m.: Third deferred payment for Fall 2001 due.

November 9th, 7:45 p.m.: Last day to drop a course or completely withdraw from Fall 2001 classes via TTRS.

November 9th: Grades for removal of incompletes for December 2001 graduates are due in the Records Office.

All departments and organizations are invited to use this space to make students aware of important deadlines. E-mail your information to The Independent at neiu_independent@yahoo.com.



Upcoming Events

October 15-17, 2001
El Centro Anniversary Celebration ; Call (773) 777-9955 for information.

October 16 & 18, 2001
Information Table
National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week; 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Village Square

October 18, 2001
Information Table
Women's Services against Violence; 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Village Square

October 18, 2001
"Co-Occurrence of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault;" 10:50 a.m.-12:05 p.m. Library, 3rd Floor Classroom

October 18, 2001
How To Create a Website seminar hosted by the Future Teachers Club; 1:40 p.m. FA 104

October 18-20, 25-27, November 1-3, 2001
Dancing at Lughnasa, Main Stage, NEIU Stage Center Theatre, all shows at 7:30 p.m. Admission \$10.00, senior citizens and non NEIU students (with valid ID) \$8.00, children \$6.00, NEIU students/faculty/staff with ID free.

October 19, 2001
The Lira Ensemble performs in the Fine Arts Center Recital Hall. Concert begins at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25. For more information, call the University Events Box Office at 773-442-INFO (4636).

October 24, 2001
Changing School Talk Sponsored by the Sociology and Women's Studies Departments; 5:40-6:55 p.m. CLS 3081

October 24, 2001
Survivors of Incest Discussion; 7:05 p.m. Library, Lower Level Classroom

October 25, 2001
Bake Sale hosted by the Future Teachers Club; 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Village Square

October 25, 2001
Self Defense Demonstration; 10:50 a.m.-12:05 p.m. F-109

WATCH OUT! Deadline coming

Deadlines for the Independent are one week prior to the date of publication. The following is a list of publication dates for the Fall 2001 semester:

October 30th
November 13th
November 27th

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Afghanistan

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Across our country, there was heightened security at airports, seaports, water refinement plants, and government facilities. Vice President Dick Cheney moved to an undisclosed location as a precaution. Despite the added security precautions, the NFL played its full schedule of games.

The October 7th strikes came two weeks after President Bush issued an ultimatum to the Taliban to hand over Osama bin Laden. The Taliban ambassador to Pakistan has reported that bin Laden and Mullah Mohammed Omar, the Taliban's supreme leader, survived the first wave of attacks. "By the grace of God, Mullah Omar and bin Laden are alive," Afghani Ambassador Abdul Salam Zaeef said in Pakistan. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said that bin Laden was not specifically targeted in the first strikes, but broader terrorist networks were, as well as anti-aircraft sites, military headquarters, airfields, and Taliban tanks. "The aim was to wipe out Taliban anti-aircraft weapons and aircraft."

At the same time that the United States and British forces bombed Afghan targets, two cargo planes dropped over 37,000 food packets to starving Afghans to send a message that the strikes are meant to harm terrorists, not ordinary people. The packets of food have a picture of a person eating from a pouch and are stamped with an American flag. Written on the package is a statement in English, French, and Spanish, saying the food is a gift from the people of the United States. The U.S. and British military also dropped leaflets and made radio broadcasts into Afghanistan to explain the United States' action.

In his address on the 7th, barely half an hour after the strikes began Bush said, "More than two weeks ago, I gave Taliban leaders a series of clear and specific demands: close terrorist training camps, hand over leaders of the

Al Qaeda network, and return all foreign nationals, including American citizens unjustly detained in your country. None of those demands were met. And now the Taliban will pay a price."

On the subject of targeting camps and communication systems, President Bush said, "We will make it more difficult for the terror network to train new recruits and coordinate their evil plans."

Governments around the world sided with the American and British action. German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said that Germany has given its "unreserved backing." Leaders in Pakistan said that the Taliban leaders brought the strikes on themselves. The Russian Foreign Ministry also issued a statement supporting the attacks. "It is time for decisive action with this evil," the Russian statement said. "Terrorists, wherever they are in Afghanistan, Chechnya, Middle East or the Balkans- should know that they will be taken to justice." Canada, Australia, Germany, and France have pledged military forces, and 40 countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Middle East have granted air transit or landing rights for military operations. President Bush has reported that many countries have also already shared intelligence. Pakistan has offered the United States airspace rights for its military campaign. India, Pakistan's rival in that area, also has offered help.

Bush administration officials are quick to point out that the military action is not an attack against religion, nor is it aimed at the Afghan people. "Our objective is to defeat those who use terrorism and those who house or support them," Rumsfeld said shortly after the attacks began. "We also seek to raise the cost of doing business for foreign terrorists who have chosen Afghanistan from which to organize their activities, and for the oppressive Taliban regime that continues to tolerate terrorist presence in those portions of Afghanistan which they control."

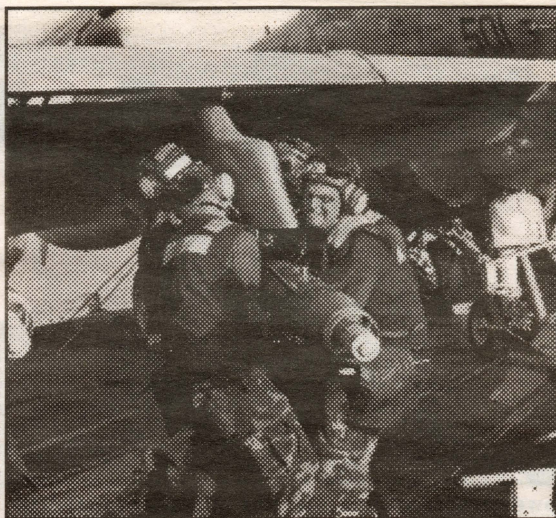


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The crew of U.S.S. Enterprise muscle ordnance into place as aircraft are readied for strike missions.

Defense Secretary Rumsfeld and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Richard Myers announce the military strikes.

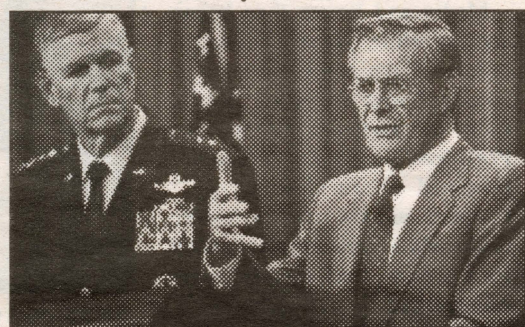


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A crewmember readies an F-14A Tomcat for upcoming flight operations in support of "Operation Enduring Freedom" on the flight deck of the U.S.S. Enterprise.

President Bush confers with National Security advisor Condoleezza Rice in the Oval Office. Rice worked with the Bush Senior administration during the Gulf War.

BY SCOTT PLENCNER

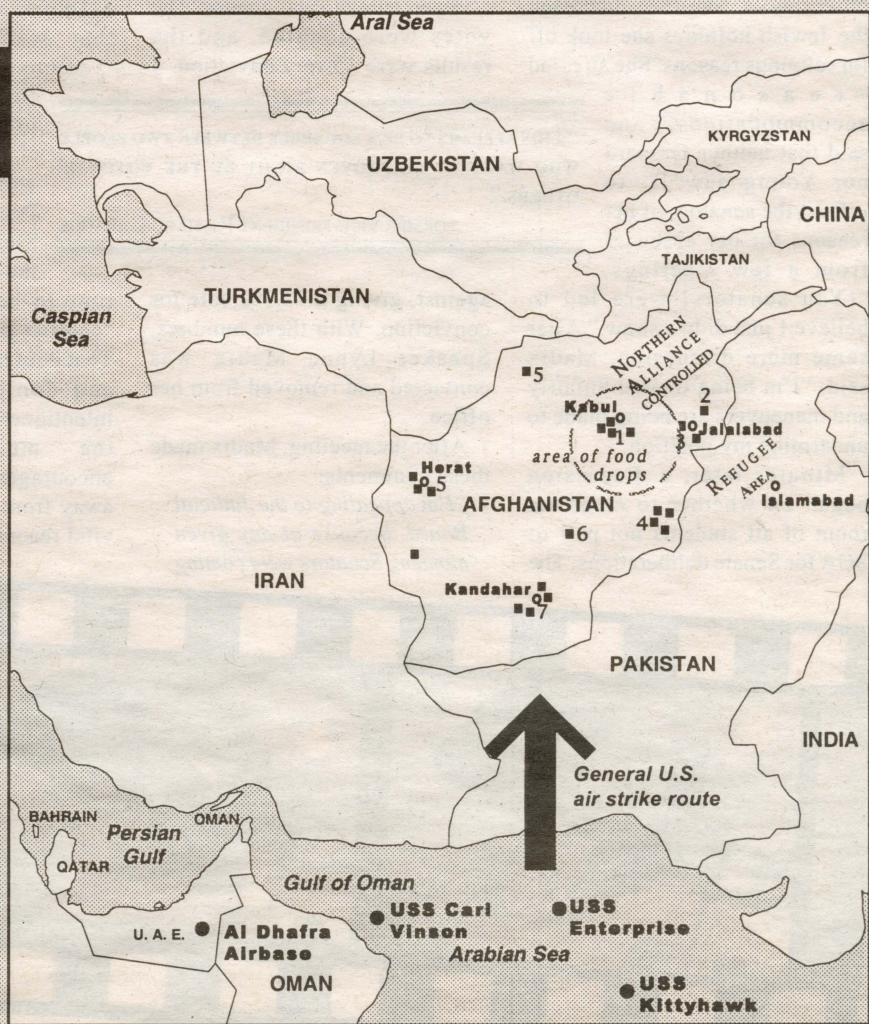
a closer look...

Since last Sunday, the military has stepped up its efforts. After disabling the Afghani airforce and anti-aircraft danger zones, the military has commenced continuous bombing, day and night. Along with bombs, the U.S. planes are dropping food and rations around the city of Kabul, which acts as capital to the ruling Taliban. Special ops forces may already be in place on the ground to aid in quick attacks of al-Qaeda bases and Taliban hideouts.

- 1.) **KABUL REGION** The city of Kabul houses official government buildings of the Taliban. Army bases, airports, and al-Qaeda training camps that surround the city have been destroyed.
- 2.) **ABU KHABAB** This camp was suspected through intelligence of housing chemical weaponry.
- 3.) **DURUNTA** This al-Qaeda camp is buried in a mountainside. Serving as an intelligence headquarters, it was leveled.
- 4.) **AL-BADR** Caves south of Khost that serve as military storage areas were hit Sunday.
- 5.) **WESTERN AIRFIELDS** Afghani airports near Herat and Mazar-e Sharif have been bombed, disabling the entire Afghani Air Force.
- 6.) **INFRASTRUCTURE** Cross-national highways and power lines were destroyed to hinder enemy mobility.
- 7.) **KANDAHAR** This city, housing bin Laden's headquarters and home is heavily guarded by anti-aircraft cannons. The city is surrounded by caves and bunkers and may serve as the hiding place for bin Laden and his top associates. The city has been heavily bombed by U.S. and British forces.



(Left) A squadron of F-15s is refueled high above the Indian Ocean during air strike missions last Sunday.



Madix impeached

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Young played the first message regardless.

Madix and Young then began arguing while Gaspard called for order. "When another person is talking, I wait my turn." Madix said, "But when I'm talking, Vice President Young and President Gaspard try to shut me up." Gaspard quickly tried to restore order, while some senators called for a recess. A ten-minute recess was granted.

Former SGA Vice President Richard Caragol was in attendance for the meeting. When asked for his opinion of these proceedings, Caragol said, "The whole thing is a joke. The prosecution is ill-prepared, the Senate is completely violating the constitution and Robert's Rules of Order...this appears to be a squabble between two people who want to be proven right by the votes of others."

After the recess, Madix responded to charges of misconduct during the June 25th meeting. Madix said that she was tense due to sexual harassment charges she had filed against Gaspard.

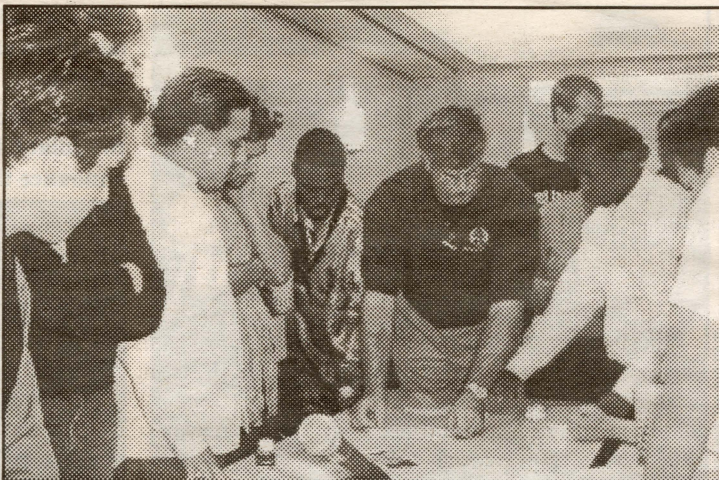
She apologized for misbehaving, but then added that she feels she wasn't the only one whose temper was flaring during that meeting. She then said that she had been called a "bitch" from people of the highest level of SGA. Gaspard responded by saying that Madix should treat herself with "more respect." Young followed by saying, "Who's on trial here, anyway?"

In response to Gaspard's quip, Madix questioned the credibility of the individual whom she believed is behind the charges, namely President Gaspard. "If I can get kicked out for personal vendettas, so can you [senators], and we can't have that," Madix said.

In response to one of the allegations, Madix read the university policy on reasonable accommodations for religious observances. She then discussed the Jewish holidays she took off for religious reasons. She stressed "reasonable accommodations," and said that neither Gaspard nor Young saw fit to inform the senators of her reasons for her absences from a few meetings.

"[You senators] were led to believe I just didn't show." After some more discussion, Madix said, "I'm being treated unfairly and maneuvers are being made to undermine my position."

Minutes later, a discussion began on whether to clear the room of all students not part of SGA for Senate deliberations. The



An anxious crowd gathers around Director of Student Activities Walt Sommers as he counts the votes for and against conviction.

motion was defeated and the audience was allowed to remain in the room. Kendra and Madix, however, were removed from the room.

During deliberations, an

"If I CAN GET KICKED OUT FOR PERSONAL VENDETTAS, SO CAN YOU, AND WE CAN'T HAVE THAT."

FORMER SPEAKER LYNNE MADIX

Independent reporter caught up with Vice President Young, and asked her what she thought of the proceedings so far? Young answered with, "What I do know so far is that the evidence she's provided has shown that she has not been doing her job."

After Madix and Young left, several Senators stressed that while they may not like an individual, they must look at the law and the law *alone* when making their decision. Senator John Haptonstall interrupted this line of discussion by questioning the legality of impeachment by memo. "You [Gaspard] set a dangerous precedent when you can impeach someone with a simple letter."

Discussion continued as Gaspard then urged the Senators for a rapid vote. Haptonstall objected, saying "We have the right to deliberate as long as we want." Senator Bracich then joked, "Thank you, God, for inventing democracy."

Soon after this, the ballots were collected and counted. There were 19 Senators, and for conviction, a 75 percent vote was needed. The votes were counted, and the results were 15 for conviction, 4

"THIS APPEARS TO BE A SQUABBLE BETWEEN TWO PEOPLE WHO WANT TO BE PROVEN RIGHT BY THE VOTES OF OTHERS."

FORMER VICE-PRESIDENT RICHARD CARAGOL

against, giving a 78.9% vote for conviction. With these numbers, Speaker Lynne Madix was convicted and removed from her office.

After the meeting, Madix made these comments:

"I'm appealing to the Judicial Board, because at any given moment, Senators were coming

and going [from the meeting]. People are afraid to let me know who voted against me, but I already know who voted for me, so I know who voted against. It's not over. Every time I tried to defend myself, Gary interrupted."

Later in the evening, Madix also questioned Gaspard's judgment in chairing the impeachment

of an officer who has recently filed sexual harassment charges against him. When asked about the accusations Madix made about the sexual harassment, Gaspard refused to comment.

Senator Anne Davis was asked what were her thoughts on the proceedings. She said, "I'm one of the people who objected. I feel they violated our constitution."

Senator Haptonstall echoed these sentiments by saying, "My first objection is there was no vote on impeachment, and that, in my interpretation, makes the trial illegitimate. Secondly, the trial was conducted improperly and was far from fair," he continued, "While I agree the speaker was not fulfilling her responsibilities, every person, guilty or innocent, is entitled to due process. It is a sad day for justice when persons are willing to sacrifice the rights of the guilty to achieve a desired goal."

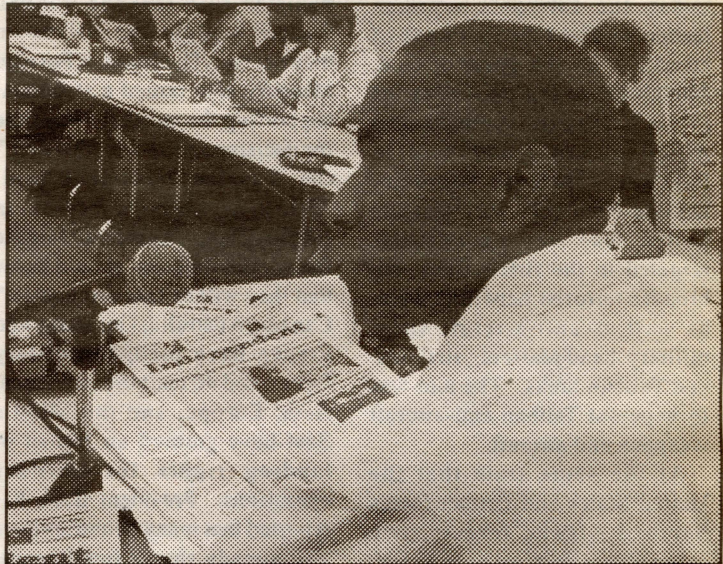
"We are having a late election because of Lynne." He also commented that Lynne was removed as chair of the troubled Election Committee because she did not do any work. Gaspard said that Madix is "angry" and "jealous" of Senator Linda Berlow, who replaced her in that committee.

"Any time there is a wound," said NEIU President Salme Steinberg, responding to the controversy, "it takes time to heal." She added that "conflict is in every organization. That does not mean you step back and don't participate. Good intentioned people are always in the majority." Steinberg encourages students not to turn away from the SGA, since it is a vital resource for the students.

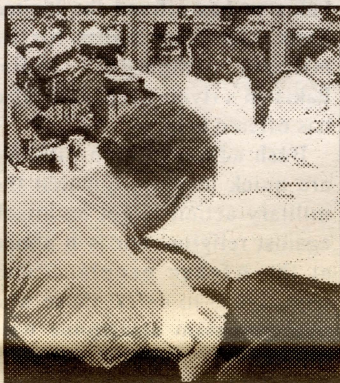


(Left) Richard Caragol, former vice-president, confers with Gaspard. Caragol said, "The whole thing is a joke."

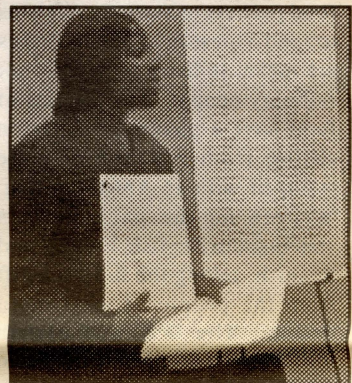
(Below) President Gaspard and the Senate read through the *Independent's* article on the fiery June meeting which Madix ran.



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Senator John Haptonstall was critical of the impeachment.



Vice President Kendra Young acted as the prosecution during the impeachment.

The day after the impeachment trial, Gary Gaspard had more to say. "The losing basketball team always wishes there was more time on the clock," he said. "That's what was going on yesterday." He said that the focus of the impeachment was Madix's lack of doing work and her "excuses" to get out of work. He added that the "unethical conduct" charge, based on Madix's "inappropriate messages" on Young's voice mail, seemed the strongest case for Kendra to make, using the tapes. He concluded by stating that Lynne and her people voiced "opinion and not fact" at the hearing.

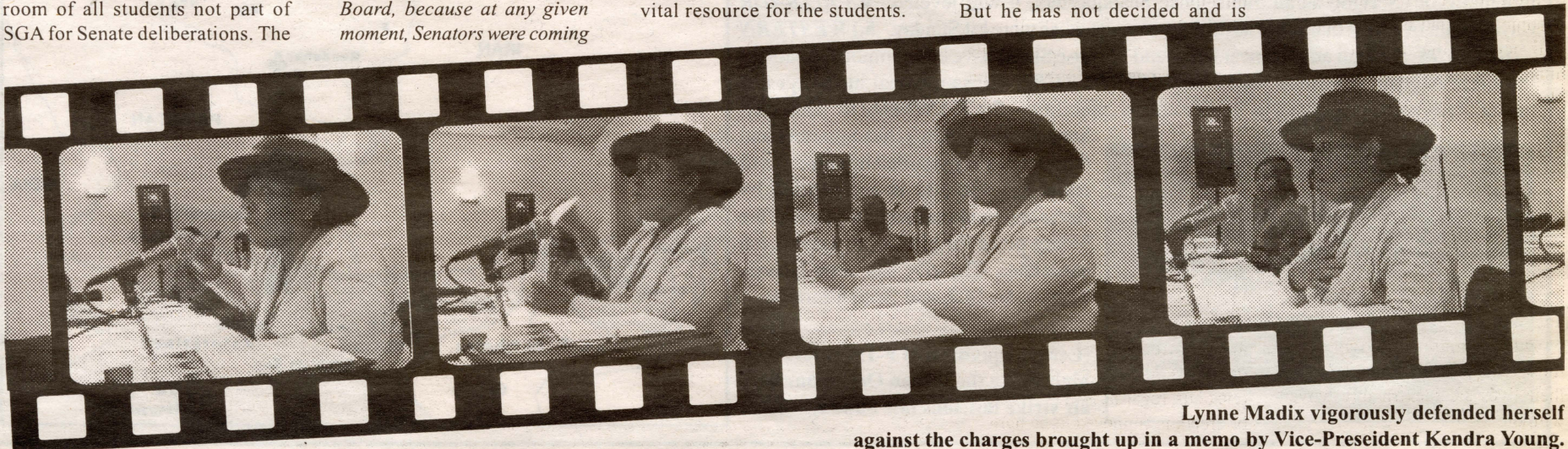
When asked if he had anyone in mind to replace Lynne, Gaspard hesitated before answering. "John Bracich would be a good choice politically," he admitted. "He was against the Young appointment." But he has not decided and is



President Gaspard and Vice President Young shake hands after the conviction.

entertaining other people. He has the right to appoint someone to the vacant seat.

[With pool reporting by Lucy Rendler-Kaplan, Georgia Logothetis, Bryan Conyers, Luke Neris, Victor Dula, and Scott Plencner.]



Lynne Madix vigorously defended herself against the charges brought up in a memo by Vice-President Kendra Young.

PHOTOS BY LUCY RENDLER-KAPLAN & GEORGIA LOGOTHETIS

One victory for education students

by Joey Kandelman
Staff Writer

Many education majors at Northeastern are thrilled now that they are able to attend their previously unavailable required classes. ELAD-EDFN 305 and 306, two mandatory foundation education classes, were added Wednesday, September 5th, to satisfy the needs of their education major and minor students. Without taking both of these foundation courses, it is impossible to proceed with either a major or a minor in education. ELAD-EDFN 306 is required before taking any education courses and 305 must be taken within the span of simpler education courses.

Every section within both of these classes was completely filled even before the junior standing had ended; hence some students with junior standing were not permitted to add these courses. Needless to say, all late registration students were denied access as well.

This has been a recurring problem every semester for many years. As a result, the faculty has determined that the fairest way to deal with this

problem was to set up waiting lists on a first-come, first-served basis. On the Monday before classes start, there are waiting lists posted in the hallway of the education department. Students who were not able to register for ELAD-EDFN 305, 306, and/or 307 are encouraged to sign up on these lists. Lists for all sections of each of these classes are posted and each student may sign his or her name and phone number on as many lists as he or she wishes.

Northeastern has a clear policy that if a student from any class does not show up to the first day of class and does not call the professor or department with prior notice, the professor has the right to drop them from the course and give away his or her seat to another student. Once it is established that there are vacancies in the class, the professor refers to the list for that class and session. He or she announces the name of the student at the top of the list. If that student is standing there at that time, he or she can fill the open spot. If that student is not there, however, the professor reads the next name on the list, and so on, until all vacant spots in that class are filled.

Paula Del Campo, the Coordinator of Student Services in the Education Department, is in charge of posting, maintaining, and forwarding these lists to the professors. "Signing up on a list does not guarantee you a spot, but it gives you a better chance to get in than those lower on the list," she said. "People on the list, in turn, get a better chance than students who just show up to class on the first day."

On the day that the lists are opened for students to sign up, students form a line spanning the full length of the hallway and sometimes even around the next corner, hoping to get a good spot on these lists. Some students arrive at eight in the morning or earlier, long before the waiting lists are posted, just so they can be first in line to sign up for the classes.

Usually during finals week of any given semester, the education department posts signs on their bulletin boards informing students about these lists. If students inquire, either by phone or in person, the staff at the education department will gladly inform the students about these lists. However, not all education students were able to find out about these lists until Monday, August 27th the first day of classes, when the professors began reading off names on the lists. Subsequently, twelve of these outraged students began roaming the halls, searching for anyone who could help them add this course to their schedules. For many of these students, failure to enroll in either of these classes would

have meant denial of access to any other classes at Northeastern. Refusing to simply get a refund in tuition and wait until next semester, they went door-to-door throughout the school, voicing their issues to anyone who would listen.

"We weren't trying to raise hell or cause problems. We just want to get through school," remarked Erin Yost, a student in the group. After searching for a time, they reached Dr. Janet Fredricks, the Chairperson of the education department. She heard their case and referred them to Paula Del Campo. The students were told to talk to her if they wanted to add a new class.

The students signed a petition to open a 305 class and made phone calls to Professor Del Campo for both a new 305 and a new 306 course. Once the students convinced Professor Del Campo that there was a large demand to open a new class, she compiled a list of names and phone numbers from the petition, the phone calls, and from the remaining students on the waiting lists.

"In order to add any new class at Northeastern," Professor Del Campo explained, "there need to be four elements: a large enough student population interested in taking the class, an empty room on the campus during a given time, enough space inside that room for all of the students, and a professor willing to teach the class at that time."

Professor Del Campo then needed to find an instructor to teach these courses; either a current teacher at

Northeastern who was available for this class or a qualified teacher who was able and willing to teach on short notice.

They found two professors already on staff willing to teach these new sections of 305 and 306. Professor Meiners, the teacher of the new 305 class, was originally co-teaching a different course. The enrollment of the class this semester was small enough to only require one teacher, so she was now available to teach 305. Professor McNelly was originally supposed to teach a different class, but it was cancelled due to a lack of enrollment. She agreed to teach the 306 class instead.

The next obstacle Professor Del Campo needed to address, for each class to be opened, was finding an empty classroom during the time slots that the professors agreed to teach. According to the department of education, at the outset, all classrooms were occupied. Once Professor McNelly's class was cancelled, however, her room and availability opened up simultaneously.

Once Professor Del Campo had found that all four elements were up to par and consistent with one another, she conveyed the information to the Chair of the department, Dr. Janet Fredricks. Dr. Fredricks codified and organized the information, approved the new classes, and passed it on to Dr. Nan

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"Stop inspecting and start respecting," says McCloud

by Georgia Logothetis
Staff Writer

Telecommunications lawyer and professional orator Patricia Russell-McCloud kicked off the second day of Northeastern's "Equity in Action: Diversity and Equity" Conference with a speech on multiculturalism. Murrell J. Duster, Dean of Academic Development and Chairman of the Equity in Action Committee, says that the mission of the conference was to discuss how "diversity broadens our understanding of the global/education environment for students, faculty, staff, and the community." The weeklong conference focuses not only on the issue of Affirmative Action, but the issue of our increasingly diverse society.

The keynote address on October 9th, presented by Patricia Russell-McCloud, focused on the changing demographic landscape of the nation, and on the importance of respect among cultures. According to McCloud, "We are all part of a groupology," since we all identify with some specific cultural or social group. It is inevitable that there will exist classifications within our society because humans are innately diverse. The changing demographic landscape of the 21st century compels us to face the challenges of diversity. The melting pot has become the salad bowl. Hispanics will become the majority in the minority...People will be browner, blacker, and poorer."

She also addressed the issue of minority/majority relationships: "People of color will comprise two-thirds of the world. Is two-thirds a minority? Be prepared for culture shock," says McCloud. "We live in a society in which a growing number of people around us speak and live differently. We cannot possibly isolate ourselves from those who are different, because their lives are inextricably woven with our own."

McCloud went on to say, "Knowledge is power and ignorance is not bliss. We must make a concerted effort to learn more about those around us, and attempt to eradicate the racism that plagues our society. Racism is like rain: it's either falling or gathering somewhere. People see color, and anyone who sees me and doesn't see color is blind!" Race is a social fact, not a physical one, but it is a reality all the same. We must face the issue if we are to fix it.

Nothing will change in America unless you change your mind. In order to overcome prejudice, all people, minorities and majorities alike, must alter their perspective. Minorities are not parenthetical; they are not an afterthought. All people are just that: people, each with gifts and talents that can benefit society. If we want to advance as a people, we must rise to the challenge before us and answer the call for excellence and equity. We can all make a change by accepting a global perspective on life." As McCloud pointed out, "Being a man or woman is a matter of birth. Being a man or woman that makes a difference is a matter of choice."

In the 21st century, the battle against the -isms (racism, sexism, ageism, etc.) continues. "There will always be guided missiles and misguided men," said McCloud. "Yet, we cannot let the disillusion of a few hinder the progress of the many. Change is the only constant, and America is becoming more and more diversified." McCloud urged people to "stop inspecting and start respecting. Rejoice in the vibrant cultures that surround you."

Martin Luther King Jr. said that "we must live together as brothers and sisters, or we will die together like fools." McCloud recommends that people begin to think globally, appreciate others, and have dialogues. As McCloud said, "Every one of us, regardless of race, culture or creed, is supposed to be here."

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Giblin, the Dean of the department of education. She approved the new classes, and turned the information over to the Provost, Dr. Estella Lopez. Upon reviewing the information, she, too, approved the opening of both 305 and 306, budgeted the funds to pay the teachers and everyone was happy. Each approval was necessary because if hypothetically there was another similar case with another class which was competing for the room, someone would have to decide who would get the room.

Once the class opened, Mrs. Del-Campo called every student on the list of people who wanted to enroll and said to show up on Wednesday so that they may attend. Both classes started on Wednesday, September 5th. EDFN 305 runs from 4:15pm until 6:55pm; EDFN 306 runs from 7:05pm to 9:45pm. Everyone who attended the first day of classes got in. Today, there are 16 enrolled students in one of the classes and 15 in the other.

On the second day of classes at Northeastern, a student e-mailed Gary Gaspard, the President of the Student Government Association. When Gaspard read the e-mail, he

called a meeting with the Provost, Estella Lopez. Once she was aware that there was such a high demand to add these two classes, she was willing to give permission to the Department of Education to open a class, provided they could find a vacant room. Just a few days later, Dr. Giblin reported the information to Dr. Lopez and Lopez approved it.

"We couldn't believe that it worked out because other students have said that it hasn't worked before" Erin said, ecstatic and relieved that the class was opened. "This enabled us to move on and continue on the road to our careers."

"We want students to get out and graduate," Mrs. Del Campo said. "We don't want to hold them back, but we have to work it within the framework of the available resources and the needs of other parts of the university at large. . . Our goal is not to make life difficult for students. Our goal is to do the best we can with the resources we have."

Mrs. Del Campo wanted to give a piece of advice to students and readers of *the Independent*. This advice applies not just with college, but with an institution of any kind: "If there is a question or problem with the procedures of an institution, ask questions directly from the source until everything is crystal clear."

The formation of a minority caucus

by Simon David Ivanoff
Staff Writer

Many believe the day that the Black Caucus movement stopped November 25, 1987, was the day that Mayor Harold Washington passed away. After the death of Harold Washington, the Black Caucus movement split up and moved on. Now, after 14 years, the movement has returned with a different purpose.

"Crisis has refocused the cause" said Robert Starks, associate professor, CICS, Inner City Studies Education, NEIU, early Monday morning at the Seventh Annual "Equity In Action" program meeting. "We reformed after the city's refusal to allow Alderman Murphy to become a member of the Black Caucus." "At first, we brought up the issue, but not as a serious one... somehow, this issue became an agenda of the caucuses."

"A black caucus is not progressive" said former state Alderman, Dick Simpson. "There is a racial struggle in the city council... what we need is an opposition block which offers alternative programs to Mayor Daley. We do not need to be a one party state... a tyranny of a

small group in city hall."

At this point, Equity in Action is more about bringing together all of the minorities in Chicago rather than simply bringing up one specific group, which, according to EIA, would only set our city back. Those promoting the movement feel that Mayor Daley is focusing only on rich neighborhoods and areas inhabited by certain ethnicities.

Not every group of minorities feels obligated to fight for this cause. For example, there are 19 seats in the city council held by blacks, and instead of being used as leverage to help the Caucus movement, they are focusing on trying to get another spot in the council. Many of the Hispanic members of the City Council were personally appointed by Mayor Daley, so their jobs, their reputations, and their livelihoods depend on helping Daley carry out his plans, causing them to feel "obligated to Daley." The Asian community has no seats in the city council. "We have no hope whatsoever that this particular group of Aldermen would do anything progressive," said Simpson. "We need to mobilize to gain power... to start a Minority Political Caucus."

Union warns of foreign steel flood

(MEDIALINK) United Steelworkers of America (USWA) President Leo W. Gerard was joined by a broad-based coalition of political, business and community leaders in urging the International Trade Commission (ITC) to find that the tidal wave of foreign steel that is flooding the U.S. market is doing irreparable harm to the American steel industry, steelworkers and steel communities.

Their testimony was offered at the ITC's sole field hearing, held at the Radisson Hotel in Merrillville, Indiana as part of an investigation into the harm being inflicted on the American steel industry by the flood foreign steel inundating the U.S. market. The ITC investigation was triggered when the Bush Administration in June filed a Section 201 petition under U.S. trade law asserting industry-wide injury to the American steel industry.

Indiana Governor Frank O'Bannon testified that "our domestically produced steel is lying in piles - unmarketable - and our steelworkers are being told to stay home while our foreign competitors continue to over produce and to unload steel here in our country at prices that shift unemployment to our country."

Witnesses at Friday's hearing included testimony from steelworkers at four companies that



Members of the United Steelworkers of America rally behind a banner "Save American Steel," October 4, 2001 in Merrillville.

have already been liquidated. Twenty-four companies have been in bankruptcy since the Asian financial crisis sent steel prices into a persistent downward spiral in 1997. More than 27,000 steelworkers have already lost their jobs.

Testimony was also offered by representatives of the local banking industry and by representatives of local school districts, who cited the significant injury to the community in lost commerce and to the public sector in lost tax revenues that would worsen unless action is taken to remedy the devastation that the flood of imported steel is inflicting on steel communities.

"It was crucial for the Commission to receive testimony

from workers at the companies that have been liquidated," said Steelworker International President Leo Gerard, "because, with their plants already closed, there was no way for the ITC to get data on them and include that critical information in its findings."

Gerard, who had testified before the ITC in Washington, D.C. on September 17, said he is optimistic that the Commission will rule that serious harm has been done to the steel industry because "the evidence of harm that they have been presented has been overwhelming."

He also cited earlier ITC testimony by Tom Ridge, who resigned Friday as Governor of Pennsylvania to become Secretary of the newly-formed Cabinet Office of Homeland Security, in which Ridge characterized the link between the country's economic and national security.

"When the civilian market is threatened by the glut of foreign imports," Ridge testified, "the military's capability is put at risk. We all know the events of last week highlighted the need for a stable domestic steel industry. Not just steelworkers and their families - but all Americans - are made vulnerable by unfair imports."

The Governor's testimony, Gerard said, "bears witness to the reality - long overlooked and tragically spotlighted by recent events - that America cannot be secure if we allow the steel industry to continue to be held hostage by the predatory practices of our trading partners."

Gerard said that the issue of the nation's economic security, especially during a downturn, was not merely a question of producing more steel domestically, but involved a broader commitment to building ships, bridges, transportation systems, and energy and environmental infrastructures.

"Revitalizing this economy will require renewing our commitment to an industrial sector that is not being savaged by trade," Gerard said. "Securing temporary import restraints that stop foreign steel from flooding this country is a crucial first step in restoring that kind of economic vitality."

Faculty under fire at roundtable

by Bryan Conyers
Staff Writer

NEIU faculty and staff came under fire at a recent round table discussion hosted by Dr. Patricia McCloud, author and motivational speaker. The event was meant to cap off the second day of the seventh annual Equity in Action: "Diversity and Equity," a series of panel discussions spanning October 8-12, 2001. Issues of racism and prejudice were brought up by students.

"I think the professors should go into some cultural competence or training or something so they can be a little more opened minded rather than so narrow minded," one female student said.

Following the suggestion, a barrage of complaints were made by students who agreed with what their peer had said.

Even faculty members added to the discussion, voicing their frustrations against xenophobic co-workers who refuse to acknowledge or accommodate students from multi-ethnic backgrounds.

One administrator attempted to defend her colleagues, "As a member of the administration and member of the faculty, I think diversity and multiculturalism is something we all strive to deal with. As we learned today it presents many opportunities and many challenges, but I think what we have to be careful of is not to stereotype administration and not to stereotype faculty as well because everyone is different and the experiences they bring to what they do is also very different. And that's what were talking about today and that's what we need to celebrate, and that is very

concerning to me because you don't want to stereotype those people."

The administrator alluded to a discussion taking place the following day entitled, "Meeting Diversity in the Classroom." She noted this discussion could better address the grievances of students. She was then interrupted by a faculty member who disagreed with her.

"For every think-tank where we have provided and presented the problem, I have noticed that the ones who need it are never at any of these programs and I imagine that it will be the same way tomorrow."

The discussion ended shortly after this comment, before the former administrator could respond.

Concerning her comment made about faculty members not attending discussions that address multiculturalism and diversity, the staff member went on record as saying, "There are some wonderful teachers here, however not every one of the teachers welcomes the students with open arms. In a way some of them are so negative that they actually block the student, especially the innocent student, the young student, the student who has not had experience dealing with that kind of impasse, racism, hatred, or whatever you want to call it..."

She further went on to say, "What hurts me is when a freshman is told when they first walk into a class that they might as well drop because they're going to fail. I just can't get with that type of sick, toxic mentality from a so-called instructor.... I just can't get with it! What kind of monster would do that to a child?"



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EDITORIAL BY SCOTT PLENCNER, CHIEF EDITOR

If this war isn't justified...

History has once again called on the United States.

The unthinkable has happened. Over one month later, Lower Manhattan is still covered in ash, some of it human ash. Workers are still sifting through six stories of debris, occasionally coming across the dismembered and charred body parts of mothers and fathers who kissed their kids good-bye in the morning and ran off to work, not thinking that that was the last time they would see their loved ones. A Commerce Department employee I know told me of the smell that she described as that of "burning meat," around the Pentagon days after the attack. Innocent people suffered gruesome deaths at the hands of fanaticism and a small group of men claiming to speak for God. We must not forget this. We must not let the sights and sounds and smells escape our memories.

We waited one month. We cried, we fumed, we raged. For the most part, we are over the raw emotions that had to be dealt with and we are doing what has to be done. We are deliberate. We are emotionless. We have replaced revenge with duty. America is facing the challenge of terrorism head on. While this proves a messy, distasteful occupation, it is what we must do and what we have done. While the rest of the world concedes, we know we must fight.

In the first decade of the 1800's the Barbary Pirates, operating out of ports in Tunisia and protected by the Tunisian government, which they funded, wreaked havoc on the world's shipping routes. While most of the world conceded to the bothersome violence and quietly paid ransoms and protection tributes, the new, fledgling government of the United States was forced to take a stand in 1801. The Navy bombarded the city of Tunisia, which offered safe harbor to the criminals, until the nation was forced to sign an agreement to renounce the terrorist activity of the pirates.

The United States has a long history of standing up to enemies the rest of the world would rather not deal with. The Barbarians were not an official government, in much the same way al-Qaeda is not an official government. But the pirates, like bin Laden's group, performed an act of war on the free people of the United States and they paid the price by the destruction of the nation that aided and abetted them. There is a precedent for this.

Academics and neo-hippies, who would have their tongues cut out if they lived under the Taliban, are running around amid this call of duty, calling for peace. The majority of Americans, however, know that if war is not justified in this case, if war is not justified following the destruction of so many American lives in an attack on the freedoms that define us, then no war is justified. The campus activists say that we are the terrorists. Tell that to the widows and orphans of the September 11th attacks.

The same people that called me a "racist" for not supporting the U.S. military involvement in Kosovo, are now telling me that I am a "racist" for supporting the violent end to violent terrorists.

They say there is no guarantee for victory. They say the terrorist network is too extensive. The job, they claim, is just too much. Landing men on the moon seemed like too much when President Kennedy first proposed it. The American ability for making the impossible possible is unmatched by any society in history. We have brought daylight to the night through the light bulb. We outlived communist Russia without the help of atomic bombs and freed Western Europe of the Nazis. We have built steel cities through the clouds, cured diseases, and persevered through civil war. We have operated under the same liberty-guaranteeing, democratic Constitution for over two hundred years, something that seemed impossible in 1787 when it was drawn up. The American spirit defies the impossible. No job is too big, not even the destruction of terrorism.

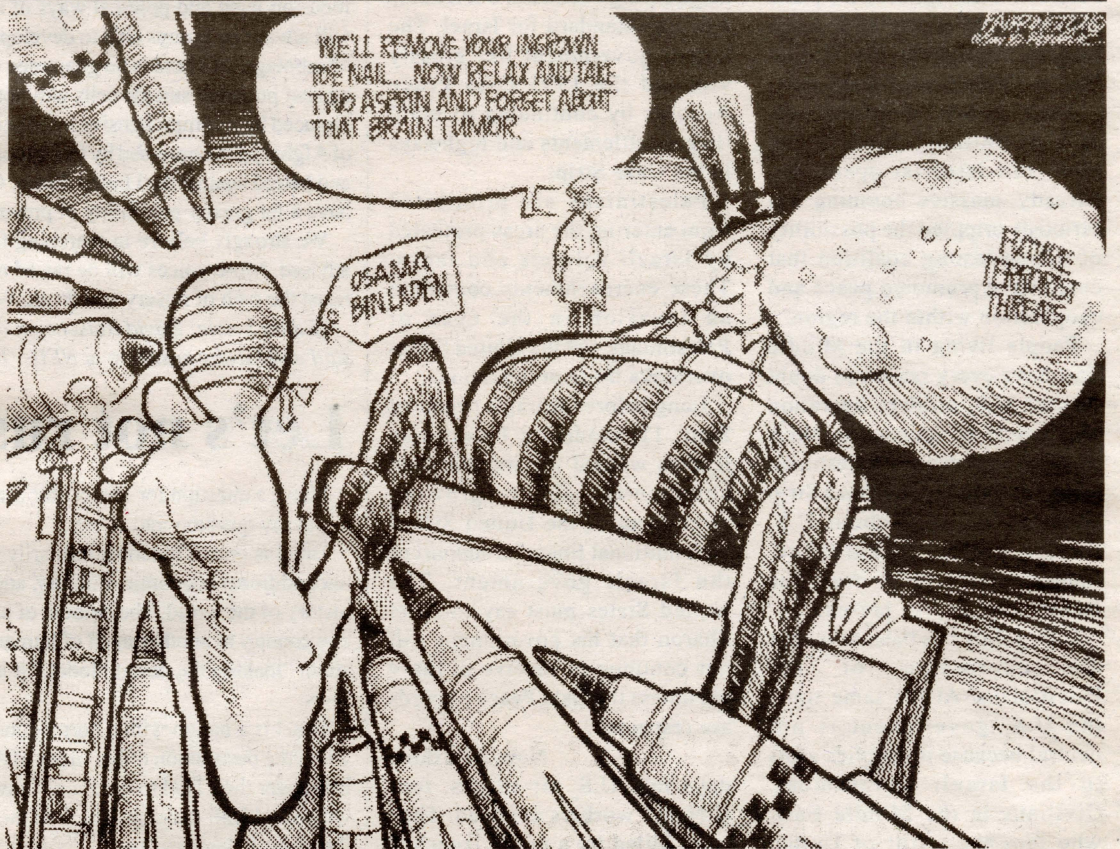
The peaceniks say we should resolve our conflict with the terrorists peacefully. They say we should negotiate with the Taliban, an illegitimate government that advocates the stoning of women for failing to cover their wrists. Afghanistan has had one month to hand over bin Laden. At first they said they did not know where he was, now their ambassador to Pakistan taunts, "We know where bin Laden is and you don't." We have acted with patience in dealing with the Taliban. We cannot afford to wait, though. There are too many innocent lives at stake. If the Taliban refuses to cooperate, we must give them a reason to do so.

The Taliban, by aiding in bin Laden's escape, has American blood on its hands. They are violent. They have no concept of the inalienable human rights of life and liberty. The safe harbor the Taliban has become for al-Qaeda must be destroyed. We should aid in every effort to thwart this government and our war against them is justified. We should, however, refrain from

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Airline security is too little, too late

by Shana Stone
Senior Staff Writer

After last month's terrorist attack, many of us are on edge about flying in an airplane anytime soon. Now is supposed to be the safest time to fly ever with some new security measures at airports, but just a few days ago a man rushed his way into the cockpit on a plane flying into O'Hare airport, and had to be held down by passengers and crew. He was allegedly mentally imbalanced, and not a terrorist, and was screaming that the plane was going to fly into the Sears tower. Nice new security measures we have.

Passengers now have to take new measures of their own to be able to get on the plane on time. They have to arrive early, not leave their car unattended, keep their identification handy, beware of unattended packages, expect to have their bags searched, and lastly not joke about having a bomb on their person. It is strange how we are being told by the airports to leave our firearms and any hazardous goods at home. Who but a terrorist would attempt to carry a gun onto a plane?

The pilots now want to have bullet-proof doors retrofitted on planes to isolate the cockpit from the cabin, have new training to learn how to deal with suicide terrorists, have more air marshals on flights, and have the federal government take over security in the airline industry. That would definitely be a good idea considering how poor a job the airports seem to be doing. Security seemed to have been so lax at airports before the terrorist attacks that a man

carrying a machine gun could probably have gotten through security checkpoints.

The problem is that society as a whole is so busy worrying about our rights that we forget about our right to safety. Every day people board planes for destinations unknown and every day they put their life in the airport and pilots hands. Should we trust these security people at airports to save our lives when they are being paid minimum wage and have next to no training? I think not. What we need is a more aggressive approach to safety, which should have been implemented years before the hijackings.

The Rapid Response Task Force on Aircraft Security, composed of representatives from airlines, aircraft makers, pilots and flight attendant unions, has been working on several new ideas designed to enhance and secure our flight safety. They want to install a deadbolt, crossbar, a net or other barrier devices on cockpit doors within the next 30 days. The task force said all U.S. commercial aircrafts could have these within 90 days. They also want to approve a new cockpit door design within the next six months. The task force wants a way for flight attendants to notify pilots of a suspected threat in the cabin. On receipt of a warning, the pilot would make sure the cockpit door was locked and immediately begin landing procedures.

The task force also wants implemented new security training for all crewmembers. The crewmembers should supposedly be trained within the next six months. Within thirty days, they want to identify pilot procedures, including depressurization and rapid

descent that could be used to thwart a hijacking.

All of these ideas are all nice and good after the fact, but it seems like too little too late. Thousands are dead because of their awful security measures and now the airlines want to ensure the passengers safety, as if to say, "Oops, we screwed up, let us try again." Understandably, people have to fly. Many people travel for business, or to see family members or to take a well-needed vacation, but will anyone ever feel truly safe on an airplane again?

The United States army over the past few days has been bombing Afghanistan, and the Taliban said that if we attack them then the U.S. would surely be attacked again. The FBI also said there is a 100% chance that we will be attacked but they just do not know how or when. Might it be on an airplane again? Unless these airports are fierce in their commitment to the nations safety we will never be safe again.

Within hours after the hijacked planes slammed into the World Trade Center Towers and into the Pentagon, calls started pouring in to David Hermesh, president of EL Al Israel Airlines. Carriers from all over the world wanted his advice on how to keep their aircrafts safe from terrorism. EL Al's security system which combines high-technology with intuition of trained agents who interview passengers, often aggressively, has become the reference point for aviation's new world order.

EL Al is a small airline, only flying as many people in a year as the United States carries

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Bombs threaten hopes for long-term peace

by Sarah Turner
UW - Madison

(U-WIRE) This week the United States began a campaign of airstrikes against Afghanistan. President Bush ignored the pleas made by Muslim and Arab leaders throughout the Middle East to find a peaceful solution.

Their appeals fell on deaf ears as U.S. military chiefs began their anti-terrorist operation. Already, massive bombing has seriously crippled the possibility of a long-lasting coalition that could have promoted peace and cooperation within the region.

People living in the Middle East have every reason to doubt that the U.S. military operation will result in increasing their freedom and security. Palestinian refugees living in the Gaza Strip know all too well about U.S. foreign policy. In Palestine, fundamentalist terror from the Israeli army is ever present.

U.S. policy has been to ignore the oppression of the Palestinians. At the same time, the U.S. government is not neutral because it supplies arms to the Israeli government. Civilians in the Middle East, who face the terror of United States-sponsored F-16 jet missiles used by the Israeli army, know what it's like to lose children and loved ones.

The nation of Israel is the largest recipient of military foreign aid from the United States. The tensions that have surfaced in the streets between Palestinian rock throwers and Israeli soldiers have led many in the Middle East to believe that the United States is preventing the possibility of a Palestinian homeland.

While the Western media seek to portray Arafat as untrustworthy, in reality he is the voice of moderation against Islamic fundamentalist factions.

The U.N. Relief and Works Agency reported that, in Gaza, 20 percent of the land belongs to 16 Jewish settlements, while one million Palestinian refugees lack the means to survive. One in three Palestinians lives on less than \$2.10 a day, while a fifth of

the Gaza Strip is owned by only 0.5 percent of the people.

The United States is quick to condemn Arab nations it doesn't like for human-rights violations and military invasions of neighboring countries, but it holds a double standard for Israel. The Israeli government has grossly violated the 1993 Oslo Peace Accords by continuing to build illegal settlements and highways in the Gaza Strip.

Palestinians are prohibited from entering the areas protected by Israeli soldiers and tanks. These encroachments constitute an invasion in the eyes of Palestinians, yet the United States overlooks these provocations.

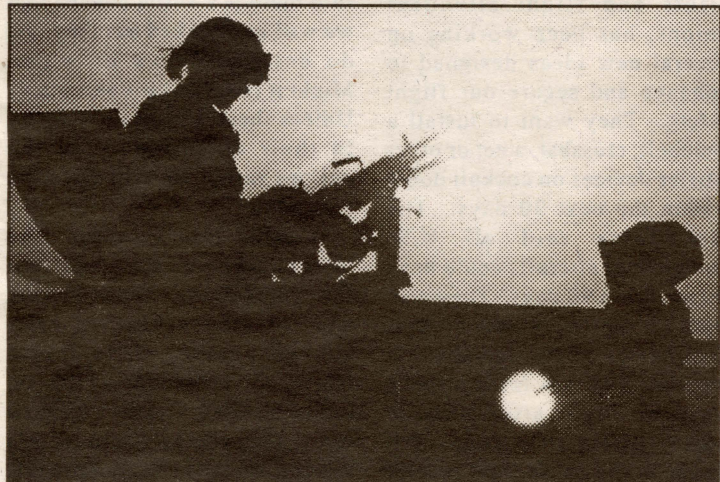
Long before the tragic events of Sept. 11, moderate Palestinian leaders warned the international community about growing resentment of the United States' unconditional financial support of the Israeli government. The United States must say to Ariel Sharon that his government will not continue to receive military aid unless the Oslo Peace Accords are respected.

Now, just three days into U.S. air strikes, four U.N. aid workers are dead. They were killed by a bomb launched from an American fighter jet. These workers were employed by the United Nations to remove old land mines left in Afghanistan by the Soviets.

The United Nations has been forced to stop distributing food to the region because commercial truckers are refusing to transport the aid. President Bush stressed he was targeting terrorists and not the people of Afghanistan, but the deaths of these U.N. workers prove innocent civilians will die.

At this critical turning point in American history, citizens of this nation cannot allow the United States to launch another failed policy in the Middle East. President Bush's logic is misguided and will only serve to fan the flames of intolerance.

The future of peace and security lies not with a bombing campaign, but with a progressive peace coalition.



MP Rebecca Schade rests atop an Army Hum-V while training in Egypt.

President Bush meets with leading members of Congress.



Professors and staff cry for peace

Dear President Bush and Illinois Congressional Delegation,

We, the undersigned faculty and staff of Northeastern Illinois University, join with you and all Americans in expressing our grief and condolences to the families of the victims of this tragic attack. America and the entire peace loving people of the world are wounded by this horrific attack. We have no choice but to rekindle hope for the entire world and for ourselves.

We want peace and security for America and for the world. This petition, therefore, is meant to express our united request that our government's response must not be war. We take this position for the following reasons. 1) Providing security at home is not equal to going to war, which will certainly mean more American losses. Our government must focus on legal and political ways of increasing international security while preserving our vital civil liberties. There will always be groups able to develop new and unforeseen tactics, from biochemical warfare to as yet unknown forms of sabotage. 2) There is no guarantee that the complex, extensive networks of terrorists can be penetrated and that war against potential suicide cells will not escalate danger to our population. 3) A mission of war against Taliban must be replaced by a comprehensive international mission of peace which does not impose war on the poverty stricken people of Afghanistan oppressed by this unpopular regime. Killing innocent civilians will only increase the historical grievances and hatred against the United States. 4) Having the moral courage to reassess our policies toward the Middle East will have a far greater possibility of preventing death and destruction.

We strongly believe in searching for justice for the victims and their families. Listening to calls for revenge is ill advised. More voices will be raised against war as its prolonged and tragic consequences become evident. We must resist the path of misery and death. We must insist on peace and security for all.

[Editor's note: David Rutschman of the Mathematics Department organized the petition, which was signed by 113 staff and faculty members at NEIU. The list was too long to print in its entirety here.]

Let's not rush to conclusions on Israel

I have a question for Shana Stone, and any other supporters of Israel who might happen to read this letter. Allow me to put my question into context.

Israel is one of the most militarily powerful countries on Earth. It has a nuclear arsenal. It enjoys the unwavering, unconditional economic, military, and political support of the United States, the richest, most powerful nation in the history of the world. The amount of aid showered on Israel by the U.S. each year is the greatest amount of aid paid by one country to another in all of human history. It also exceeds Israel's gross domestic product. Despite Zionist blather about "making the desert bloom," it is this aid that accounts for the European-like living standards enjoyed by Israeli Jews.

Israel is a nation with a horrendous human rights record. Think of the mass ethnic cleansing of the Palestinians in 1948, the destruction of hundreds of Arab villages, the murder of Arab civilians whose only crime was their refusal to hand over their land to the Zionist invaders. Think of the invasion of Lebanon, of the massacres of Sabra and Shatila, Qibya and Kafr Qassem. Think of the brutal, illegal Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza. Think of the stone-throwing Palestinian teenagers torn to pieces by Israeli tanks, artillery, and helicopter gun ships. Think of all the thousands of Palestinians whose lands are being seized, whose homes are being demolished, who are being illegally arrested, beaten and tortured by the Israelis. Israel has been condemned by the U.N. dozens of times over the past fifty years. In every case the U.S. has vetoed U.N. resolutions condemning Israel. No other country (except for the U.S.) has enjoyed such complete immunity from responsibility for its brutality.

And yet, there are people like Shana Stone who can say, without the slightest hint of irony, "Israel would never intentionally harm innocent people," My question to her, and others who think as she does, is: How dare you?

Dennis Fritz

Is civilian casualty something we should accept?

I respectfully hope that Thomas J. Foley's editorial was made in a continued state of shock and anger from the terrorist attacks for I must contest some of the points he raised in his article. I am disturbed by Mr. Foley's 'unease' at anti-war demonstrations, as though somehow these demonstrations undercut this 'unity' he likes to wave around in his article like an American flag. If Mr. Foley will remember, America's greatest strength comes from it being able to thrive and be diverse, ESPECIALLY in areas of speech and thought, not just race/ethnic origin. If a democracy cannot live up to its ideals in a time of crisis, then it is nothing more than symbolism and rhetoric. Unlike war, democracy does not gain strength in unity but by allowing and continuing in diversity. Whether he believes it or not, those anti-war demonstrators were acting more in the spirit of democracy than all the flag-wavers and bin Laden haters...

If Mr. Foley can think of no parallel to the WTC bombings, let me remind him of the bombing of Dresden, Hiroshima and Nagasaki, MOST of whom were made up of civilians whose only crime was that their country was on the losing side. Does war remove the 'taint' of killing civilians? Approximately 50,000 people were killed at Hiroshima immediately, followed by another 100,000 approx. later on. That is 30x the number killed in NYC, and CIVILIANS as well...

As for Clinton's apparent lack of 'inaction' against bin Laden, Mr. Foley demonstrates yet again his ignorance on the topic. Bin Laden has been a wanted terrorist for over a decade now, and there is a REASON why he hasn't been captured. Certainly the Taliban have hindered his capture, but the simple fact remains that Afghanistan is a HUGE developing country, therefore mostly inaccessible by modern standards, especially in the mountainous regions where bin Laden hides out. In addition, Bin Laden uses extensive measures to keep his identity a secret, for obvious reasons. I found the following quote by Schwarzkopf, speaking on the Gulf War, [which] very accurately portrays a similar situation in Afghanistan in regards to bin Laden:

"I don't think we could have found Saddam Hussein if we'd done that. We forget the lessons of Panama. We had ten thousand Americans on the ground in Panama before we went into that very small country, we still couldn't find a fellow named Noriega, so what makes you think that we would go into a nation the size of Iraq and be able to find one person who has all the ability in the world to escape and hide and fly out of the country." Interview with General Norman Schwarzkopf, Commander-In-Chief, Central Command pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/gulf/oral/schwarzkopf/7.html

Information on bin Laden and his whereabouts is as guarded and unreliable as they come. In fact, it has been reported that there were standing orders, during the Clinton Administration, to 'grab' bin Laden if an opportunity presented itself...

Focusing on bin Laden no more relieves the U.S. of responsibly taking action in both waging a war for justice and in making assurances that civilians are not harmed. I heartily agree that 'peace at any cost' is unacceptable, but I certainly do not take the issue of war lightly, nor do I disregard the US's ability to cause great destruction to people who were just as innocent as those in the WTC.... If Mr. Foley is truly interested in 'the price of liberty' perhaps he should ask how many 'other' civilians must and will pay for it as well. [edited for space]

Michael Cwiak

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It was only a matter of time

by Luke Neris
Staff Writer

I look around and see a flag on everyone's home and car, and I am proud to be an American. The only good to come out of the September 11th attacks is the resurgence of patriotic unity and national pride. Well, if the terrorist attacks united us, imagine how united the Arab nations must be after decades of bloody conflict on their own soil. The attacks on the World Trade Towers and the Pentagon were despicable acts of evil, but because of our foreign policies, it was only a matter of time before the evil that plagued the Middle East came knocking on our door.

Jay Leno has this one re-occurring skit on his late night television show called "Jay Walking." It involves Jay walking around the streets of Los Angeles, asking people fairly simple questions and then getting some ludicrously stupid answers. I believe the skit to be a reasonable survey of the average American's intelligence. Americans are completely ignorant when it comes to foreign affairs. We are more than geographically isolated from the rest of the world. In most other countries you could drive for 3 hours in any direction and find yourself in a completely different country with a different language and culture. Consequently, other

countries are more informed of the policies and histories of other foreign governments. We are too occupied with our own problems to inform ourselves about the problems of the rest of the world.

Despite that fact, we don't mind shaping the affairs of others. Like my mama says, "you should never meddle with other people's politics or religion," and we have done both. We can afford to be both arrogantly uninformed and condescendingly opinionated at the same time for one reason: we have the bomb. The sun never sets on a U.S. military base. We are the last remaining world super power and we have the whole world at gunpoint.

Now, I'm not going to touch the Israeli-Palestinian conflict with a ten-foot pole, but let's examine the situation from the Palestinians' perspective. Shortly after the creation of the state of Israel in 1947, 800,000 Palestinians were displaced and drove off their homeland. What about their perspective? I don't think they care about mitigating circumstances or what any learned counsel decided for them; one minute they had a home, the next they didn't. Since then, there have been a series of conflicts between Israel and Palestine, where it has been U.S. policy to restrict the flow of arms into Palestine and arm Israel to the teeth.

After the Gulf War, the United States continued its wartime

sanctions on Iraq. Crippling their economy so that Saddam Hussein could not rebuild his military was probably the right thing to do, but tell that to the thousands who are now starving as a result. These desolate, poverty stricken areas are breeding grounds for terrorists; where violence, lawlessness and never ending injustice crystallize their hatred towards the United States.

The United States also placed thousands of troops in Saudi Arabia to protect its oil interests in the Middle East. Saudi Arabia contains Islam's holiest shrines, including the tomb of the prophet Muhammad. Muslims around the world are outraged and consider this a direct assault against their religion and way of life. Although our leaders are constantly reminding us that the war against Afghanistan and Osama Bin Laden is not a war on Islam, the entire Arab world believes the contrary.

The terrorist attacks on our country are a direct result of our poor foreign policies toward these Arab nations. I hope in the current campaign against the Taliban our government demonstrates the respect for innocent life that the cowardly terrorists of September 11th lacked. The only way to win the war on terrorism is by demonstrating the United States' humanity and not committing the same wrongs as the terrorists.

VOICE OF THE CAMPUS

I write because I fear for my safety

ACTUALLY, I FEAR MORE FOR MY PERSONAL LIFE THAN MY SAFETY. BUT EITHER WAY, THIS IS THE COUNTERPART TO MY ARTICLE WHEN I WROTE ABOUT WHY WOMEN LIE. LADIES, HERE'S MY PENANCE.



BRIAN BLASZKOWSKI

I was on the phone last night for about 45 minutes, speaking to a "friend" (see "You lie to me! But, then, you *are* a woman" in the August 29, 2001 issue of the *Independent* for clarification) in Virginia. She was telling me about all these guys she's meeting (shit), and how she's not really interested in any of them (woo hoo!), and then she tells me a story.

I'll call this guy "John", because I forgot his real name. Anyway, John was driving my friend "Christy" (the spelling of her name has been changed to protect the innocent and to cover my ass) to a party of some sort. Somehow, they got onto the topic of sex. John then tells Christy that he's had sex with seven different women. She nodded, wondering why he was telling her this. (As a guy, I know the sad, pathetic truth, but I digress.)

Anyway, when they get to the party, John asks Christy not to tell "George" (his real name), John's best friend. His reason was, and I'm quoting here, "Because I don't tell him this sort of stuff."

Let me break away from the story for just a second to make a gross and possibly unfair generalization. *Almost* all guys *always* brag about their sexual exploits (or in my case, I brag about books that I've read.) Once a guy has sex with a girl, he wants to leave. Not *only* because he fears commitment, but because he wants to tell all his friends. Trust me, I've been a guy for a little while. I know what I'm talking about. (Any guy who writes in and says I'm wrong belongs to the special minority who doesn't brag about sex, and can rest assured I'm not talking about them. I encourage them to look up one of my many articles on stupid people, so they can read something pertaining specifically to them.)

Anyway, "John" is full of "shit," but Christy agrees. They get inside, and George asks Christy what she and John were talking about. Predictably, a few minutes later she tells him. George then claims that John doesn't *have* a sex life, while John claims he does, and Christy is simply watching both of them, wondering "Why me?" ("Why you?" Because you're in Virginia instead of dating *me*, that's why you. But I digress.)

So, she wants me to examine why guys lie about their sex lives. I agreed, since I didn't have any ideas of my own.

Although, from my *own personal experience*, I find that women lie much more often than men, and women will eagerly reach into your chest and rip apart your heart and still feel *perfectly* justified doing so, I think men are by *far* the dumber of the sexes. We are. We're just so pathetically stupid, it boggles my mind. Women could run the world if they simply put their minds to it. Thank God they don't, I sure as hell wouldn't last too long.

Anyway, I was thinking about it, playing around with a few ideas, and generally doing nothing whilst claiming to be working. I came up with a couple of ideas as to why men do this, so here they are.

First, there's the general, misguided belief that *all* women want an experienced man, but I seriously doubt that women look favorably on men who've had more women than Wilt Chamberlain. There must be a happy medium somewhere, one by which women won't think a man is pathetic, clueless dork, and by which they won't fear to stand next to him because his diseases may leap onto their clothing. Most men are just randomly picking numbers, trying to "read the signals." Listen to me, guys, I've spoken to women on a personal level (I think I'm almost an "honorary woman"), and women don't just start tearing their clothes off based on the number of women you've slept with.

Secondly, they may be ashamed of the real number, so they pad it. They add two or three or twelve, and then they feel better. Of course, they run into the problems mentioned above, but odds are, they'll be discovered to be liars, and that's not good. It simply makes them look insecure and nervous, and women like confidence. (How ironic, *I'm* giving advice on women...) So, padding the true number will only give you problems. You'll have to eventually come up with names, plausible scenarios, etc. It's more hassle than it's worth, and it doesn't impress women.

Either of the two scenarios above are easily accomplished, and therein lies the danger. It's easy to lie. Sometimes, it's profitable to lie. But, lying comes with an inherent danger of being found out, and thus looking like an ass. My suggestion to men is not to lie about the number of women you've "had" to women. It won't get you anywhere. (Lie all you want to your male friends, though.)

So, let's recap: Men? They lie about the number of women they've slept with for two reasons; to feel better about themselves, and because they believe women are turned on by high numbers. Women? They prefer confidence. (my personal opinion is they prefer to be treated like shit, too, but I've gone there already.) "Christy?" She's in this mess for two reasons; First, she moved to Virginia. The guys over there sound really, *really* stupid. Secondly and most *importantly*, she didn't date me when she had the chance.

Let this be a lesson to all the guys out there. Women aren't attracted to large quantities of "past women." Personally, this is also a message to all *women* out there, including "Christy..."

Always date me when you have the chance.

Peace: is it really an option?

by Maya Bell
Senior Staff Writer

The question that I pose to all who read this article is not whether peace is an option, but what we can do to make peace a reality. If you think about it, peace is really only an option when the two feuding parties are willing to sit down and talk out their differences. Peace is not a one-sided goal. If one party states that there will be peace and the other does not agree, or has differing views about what peace is, then peace seems like an unreachable goal.

We as a culture have already witnessed the ultimate evil in our world today. Those responsible for the tragic events of September 11th blatantly exhibited a total disregard for human life, which they hid behind the veil of religion. We are all in the higher levels of our education; however, one does not have to be highly educated to realize the problems with this type of fanaticism. Ideally, for the most part, people believe that we can all get along and live in harmony and peace. Sadly, the reality is that we have all been

served a cold shot of reality. We have finally realized that we are not immune to attack. America is not the governing body for other countries. Yes, it is true that America is seen as an untouchable superpower, and up until September 11th, I can honestly say I really believed that and I am sure many others did also. Therein lies the problem.

So, what has to change about the way we go about executing a peaceable nation? First, we as a people, as Americans, regardless of what our background is, must treat each other with love and compassion. We have exhibited to ourselves and the rest of the world that we are capable of coming together as a nation. We have proved that we will not be scared into submission. The attack on America was devastating for all of us, but the question remains, how long will this solidarity last? It is interesting how a tragedy can bring people together. But for how long?

Peace is a state of mind. If the Taliban has always believed that in order to achieve peace and spiritual well being, one must unequivocally murder and destroy all who do not follow and are

against Allah, then it is obvious that their definition of peace does not follow what we as Americans know. But do we really know what peace is?

I have often been accused of being simply a Black American by other ethnic groups. This means that being Black and an American is not as interesting or exotic as being Haitian or Jamaican, for example. In my opinion, if you were born here or raised here for most of your life, you are American whether you like it or not. Yes, inherently you are from another culture, but that does not mean that being American is a horrible thing. In my eyes, if we continue to exhibit these divisions within our own communities, how are we going to understand the divisions that occur in countries like Afghanistan?

By now everyone has witnessed the retaliation against the Taliban and the al-Qaida network in the form of guided missile strikes. Is this the answer? None of us has the answers. However, we do have faith that our government is doing what is in the best interest of our country to bring those responsible to justice. Not just those who were responsible for the attack on our land, but also those who are also responsible for hundreds of other terrorist attacks that we do not hear about which happen on a daily basis.

By no means does the world end and begin with the United States. I hope that along with our allies and by working together we can end the terrorist reign. This may be an extremely optimistic view for some people, but this is not just about one terrorist network in Afghanistan, this is about the future security of all countries large and small. At this day and age, for there to be peace, there must be action and our way of life has to change. We cannot and will not live in fear, but we do have to be 'heads up' more than we were before.

Peace can definitely be a reality. Unfortunately, we have to work hard to achieve it.

QUOTABLES

These brutal attacks are horrendous, terrorist acts, as inhuman as any in the world. America will never achieve its political goals by launching bestial attacks on the Muslim people of Afghanistan.

Abdul Salam Zaeef, the Taliban ambassador to Pakistan

These attacks will result in loss of life among civilians, and, therefore, they are not acceptable.

Hamid Reza Asefi, Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman

There is no silver bullet in this battle. No single thing will make this threat disappear.

Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense

They came out to fight Islam in the name of fighting terrorism.

Osama bin Laden, alleged leader of the Al Qaeda terrorist network

I also hope that this operation, and I also know that's the desire of all the coalition forces, that this operation should not be perceived as a war against Afghanistan or the people of Afghanistan, the Afghans.

Pervez Musharraf, President of Pakistan

Int'l law destroys U.S. sovereignty

by Victor A. Dula
Opinions Editor

It is very good that many of the world's nations have expressed support for the American cause in Afghanistan. Some have denounced the attacks of September 11; some, like Pakistan, have given the go-ahead to use their airspace; others have shared intelligence; and still others have actually deployed their own resources.

Indeed, the U. K. has used its forces alongside ours in Afghanistan, and NATO has even sent AWACS surveillance planes to patrol American skies. U.S. leaders such as Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and President Bush have actively gathered allies to side with the United States in this conflict.

However, there are some who believe that international cooperation is a requirement for the United States to do what it deems best to protect its citizens, as if the United States is no longer a sovereign state. I agree that to maximize our chances of successfully meeting our military objectives, we should actively campaign for allies, but this is by no means a requirement.

If every nation disagreed with the United State's war on terrorism, we would still be obligated to protect ourselves in the face of such opposition.

I watched *Politically Incorrect* about a week and a half ago, because I heard that my favorite race-baiting "reverend" would be one of the guests. While most of the time the other guests focused on how the United States should respond, Jesse Jackson focused

on the idea of a "global coalition" and how wonderful it is. (Maybe he was psychologically attempting to validate his own Rainbow-Push Coalition.) He mentioned this idea in some form or another ten times; I actually did count them.

We have to "mobilize a global coalition," he said. "Why are we forming a global coalition? Because a global coalition is required to fight global terrorism." A global coalition is certainly helpful, but it is not required as Jackson said it is.

Perhaps the most revealing statement was this one: "We have to resolve this crisis with a global coalition, international law, and human rights." He actually mentions "international law."

I will be one of the first to say that the United States does not have the right to do whatever it wants without regard to whom it will affect. For example, if it was discovered that a Third World country had resources we wanted, it would not be right to just go in there and take them. At most we would try to convince that nation to trade with us.

However, no other country or aggregate of countries has the right to subvert U.S. sovereignty to "international law," and any of our elected officials who would choose to subvert American sovereignty would be committing treason as far as I'm concerned.

It's very subtle, but there are people out there who implant the idea that we need the approval of other nations to do what we feel is right to combat a perceived threat. The moment this becomes the popular opinion in the United States, we

cease to be a free people.

One of the reasons the United States was originally set up as a group of individual states with a small central government was the idea that governments should compete with each other. For example, if you didn't like living in one state because of high taxes or corrupt government, you would be able to move to another state with a smaller tax burden and more honest government.

When power becomes more focused and centralized, it becomes more difficult to avoid governments that don't serve the people as they should. The idea that there should be an international code by which nations are governed suggests that there is some authority higher than the sovereign nation. Once law becomes global in scope and enforcement, there will be no place left to go for those who might have grievances. One cannot move to another planet if a global governing body becomes corrupt.

One other point that Jackson made on that particular show was, "We cannot be an island of prosperity in an ocean of poverty." I suppose we should be mired in poverty like the rest of this ocean, or we should feel guilty about the good things we have in this country.

It is not the fault of the United States that some peoples around the world live in deplorable conditions. These people need freedom and democracy from their oppressors, not hand-outs. The more freedom people taste, the more they will want, and once that happens, watch the progress come forth.

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ignoring our democratic principles by re-installing any king or dictator.

An NPR commentator said that "we should look at the trail of blood we have perpetuated that led to this place." Our government and our way of life are not perfect. We do, perhaps unjustly, force our will upon those in less powerful positions. Our society has permeated every corner of the globe. Our policies are distasteful to proud, nationalist foreigners like bin Laden, but no one can justify

the murder of thousands in New York City and Washington. These terrorist activities will just force us to entrench

ourselves even deeper into any unjust policies, in fear of looking like we are bending to the will of terrorism. Activists who take violent, loud measures are never heard. In order to change things, one must work within the system. Terrorism has never brought any change to any part of the globe, save Israel, a nation that was forced to give half their land to the jurisdiction of the terrorist-supporting P.L.O. Has the carnage and bloodshed stopped there by conceding to the causes and actions of the terrorists? The terrorist speaks the language of violence, a language the U.S. is reluctantly capable of speaking.

The academics and neo-hippies say we should use the international court to bring bin Laden to justice. Trying bin Laden for war crimes seems like a good idea, but it would be an even better idea if we had our hands on him in the first place. The only we are going to be able to do that is going to cost lives and will be the result of much violence. Plus, a trial might stop al-Qaeda, leaving hundreds of

other violent groups and networks willing to kill innocents for their cause. We are in a war against terrorism, not al-Qaeda alone.

The international court is a bad idea in the first place. What if Afghanistan decides President Bush should be tried for war crimes. What army will come into our sovereign nation to bring him to court? The international court is not a feasible solution and it will not be a peaceful one.

The academic elite think they speak for the everyday man, the workers. They think we are ignorant and uninformed and that if we were informed we

would automatically agree with them. As the son of a steelworker and the grandson of a factory worker, let me tell them that they do

not speak for me. We are informed. We saw the blood and the carnage. We know the odds. We will be the ones on the battlefield and most of us are willing to risk our lives to make our country a safer place. We know that harming innocent Afghans would be detrimental to our cause. We know that this is not a war on Islam, this is a war on the terrorists who have hijacked Islam and who take the name of God in vain.

We know that people will see death at our hands. It must happen. History has called on the American people to fight once more for justice and peace and human rights. We will not bend to terrorism. We will remember our dead, but we will not act in vengeance. And victory will be ours, no matter how long it takes. Our war is not with the Afghani people who need to be liberated from the tyrannous Taliban, our war is with the murderous, evils of terrorism and the illegitimate governments that support their blood-thirsty quest to strike fear into the heart of freedom.

Activists who take violent, loud measures are never heard.

(Right) President Bush has been meeting often with the National Security Council in the White House.

(Below) After working nearly three hours in the mid-day sun, Sgt. Mark Martinez takes a break from loading tanks onto 18-wheel vehicles to be taken to a training area in Egypt.

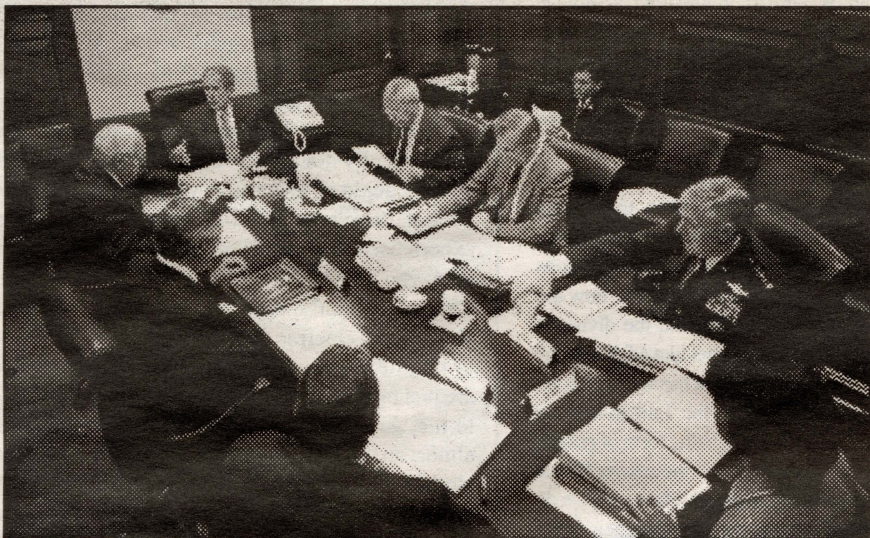


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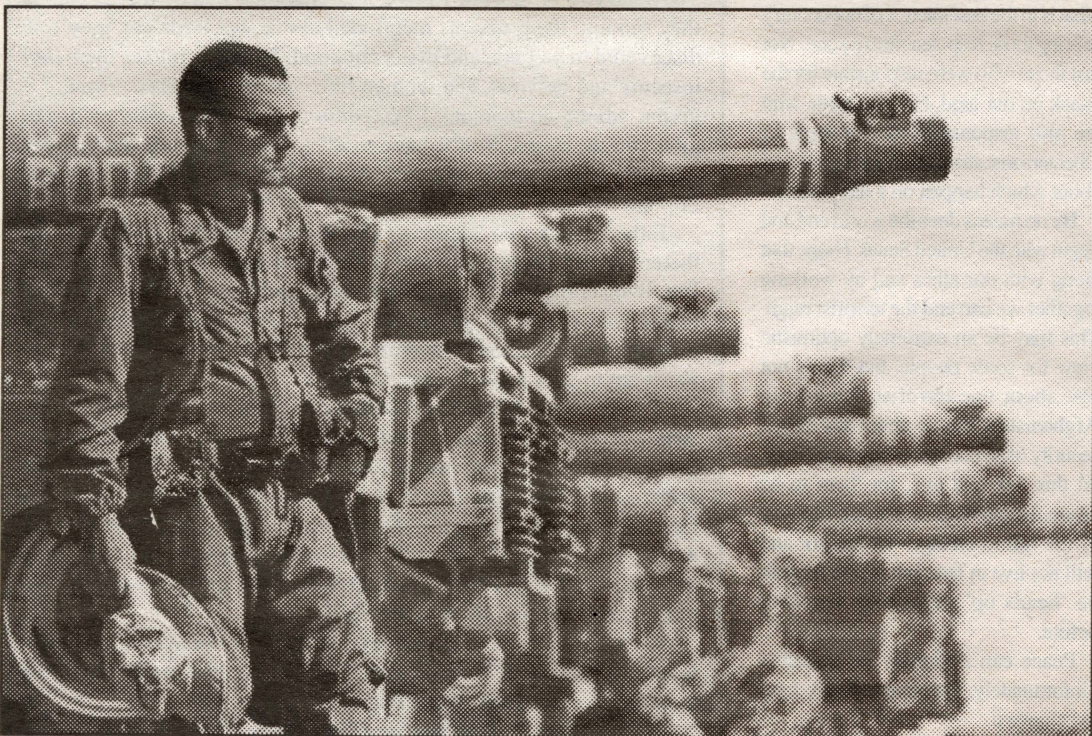


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every two weeks. The Israeli government subsidizes the high security costs. El Al began introducing undercover sky marshals after the first and so far only, successful hijacking of an El Al plane, to Algeria in 1968. Each flight now carries one or two armed agents who have become increasingly less conspicuous. The airline also modified its cockpit doors, adding a special lock and on some planes a double door so the cockpit would never be exposed to the passenger cabin. Former El Al employees say pilots are instructed not to open the door in a crisis.

El Al has invested in sophisticated million-dollar scanning machines, which visually slice up luggage the way a CAT scanner probes the brain. El Al also places cargo in a decompression chamber before loading it on freighters, lest a bomb be configured to blow up midair.

A key part in El Al's safety

record is the interview before they allow a passenger to board the plane. They ask the passenger if anyone handled their bags other than them, and if anyone asked them to carry anything with them on the plane. The examiners look for mannerisms and factual discrepancies in deciding whether to inspect the passenger and his or her luggage more intensively. Unlike U.S. airport security, El Al interviews every passenger, focusing on the person first, and the luggage second.

The United States airlines need to take a lesson from El Al. To have only one hijacking incident on their record, which occurred over 30 years ago, is amazing. The airlines carry our life in their hands. As of right now I will not fly on a plane. I still do not trust the airlines enough to implement the proper security measures. It seems to me we ought to take a lesson or two from El Al, because as far as safety is concerned, they are right on schedule.



The Commuter

Next stop: Features! Watch the doors as they close.

Van Gogh and Gauguin rock on at Art Institute

by Maya Bell
Senior Staff Writer

What one should be prepared for before attending this exhibit is to allow plenty of time to have your bags searched by security, be prepared for big crowds, and get to the museum as early in the day as possible. The later in the day you wait to go, the more crowded it will be! I learned this the hard way. Also be prepared to show your ticket at least four times, especially if you attend the special exhibits.

While you wait to be let into the exhibit, you may want to check out the "Meet the Artists" gallery, which is on the way to the exhibit. This gallery has some of the same information as the actual exhibit itself, but with small extras that may peak your interest. You also have the choice of taking an audio tour of the exhibit (for an small extra fee, of course). You are given a headset that takes you through each gallery. It is a nice addition, which allows you to concentrate on the art, and you won't have to spend much time reading everything on the walls.

The title of the exhibit is, "Van Gogh and Gauguin: The Studio of the South." The exhibit itself makes up twenty galleries, each explaining the theme of each room and pairing works that illustrate the artists' development and influence on each other. Their dialogue begins with quotes from each artist on the gallery walls.

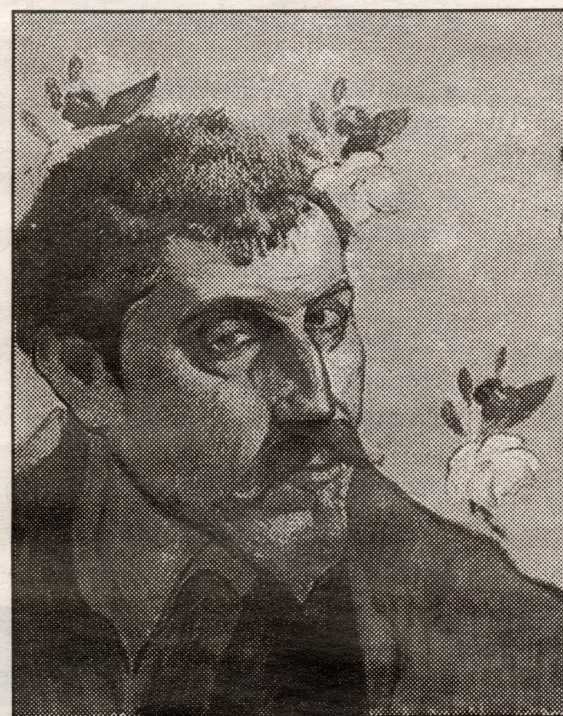
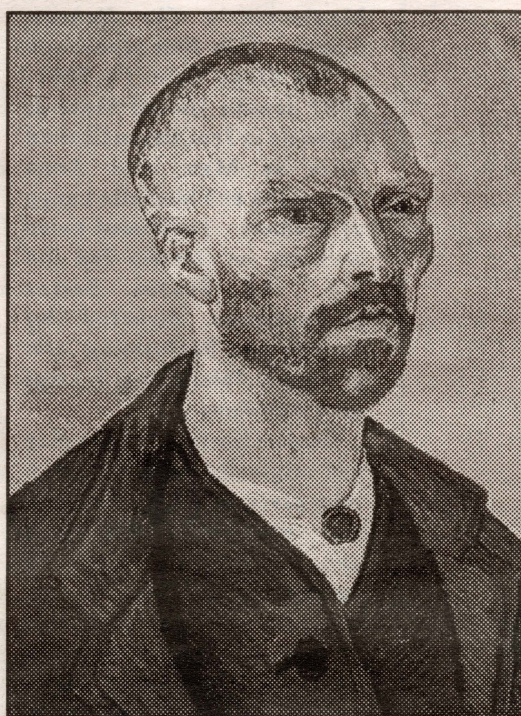
Vincent Van Gogh and Paul Gauguin, the two most celebrated figures in the history of modern art, lived and worked together in Arles, in southern France for nine weeks in 1888. The "Studio of the South" refers to the Yellow House Van Gogh moved into in mid-September in 1888. He immediately envisioned the

house as the embodiment of the "Studio of the South"; which for Van Gogh was the fulfillment of a lifelong goal, and for Gauguin was a point of departure.

Van Gogh's first thought was to invite Gauguin to join him. After many correspondence letters between the two (and five months later), Gauguin joined Van Gogh in Arles on October 28, 1888. Within 48 hours of Gauguin's arrival, the two headed out to paint side by side, and observed the Arlesiennes (the women of Arles). Their contrasting representations point to very different views about painting.

Throughout the exhibit, we are given a glimpse into what it must have been like for these two extraordinary artists to live together with very different approaches to their art. However, the partnership ended explosively on December 23rd but both artists continued to pursue style with different results. Although Van Gogh and Gauguin carried on a long distance correspondence through letters, the two never met again.

It was amazing that although there were many people at the exhibit, it was not noisy. In contrast, the silence was almost deafening. One couldn't help but be in awe of the wonderful artistry Vincent Van Gogh and Paul Gauguin created. The bright vivid color contrasting with clean, dark lines were both trademarks of two exceptional artists at different times in their lives. The exhibit comes together nicely by comparing and contrasting Van Gogh and Gauguin's lives and art. The Van Gogh and Gauguin exhibit ends its run at The Art Institute on January 13, 2002. Believe me, this is one exhibit you definitely don't want to miss.



Contemporaries and close friends, Vincent Van Gogh (left) and Paul Gauguin (right) painted these self-portraits for each other.



Van Gogh's famous *Starry Night* is a big attraction at the special exhibit. Van Gogh wrote of the work in 1889: "The Olive Grove with a white cloud and a background of mountains, as well as the Moonrise and the night effect, are exaggerations from the point of view of arrangement, their lines are warped as in old wood."

"I just did a religious painting, very poorly done, but which was interesting to do and which pleases me. I wanted to give it to the church at Pont-Aven. Naturally, they don't want it," said Gauguin of this work *Vision of the Sermon*. "I think I've succeeded in creating a great rustic and superstitious simplicity in the faces. The whole thing very severe."



Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings* series comes to life at Lifeline

by Simon David Ivanoff
Staff Writer

"One Ring to rule them all. One Ring to find them, One Ring to bring them all and in the darkness bind them."

Any fan of magic, fantasy, and sword fighting will most likely recognize this excerpt from the most critically acclaimed trilogy of all time, *The Lord of the Rings* by J.R.R. Tolkien.

Beginning with *The Fellowship of the Ring*, continuing with *The Two Towers*, and ending with *The Return of the King*, Tolkien's collection of masterpieces have been redone and replayed a number of times unknown, yet, no performance has been mastered so well, and so creatively, as Lifeline Theatre's set of performance that have spanned three years.

Last Wednesday marked the opening night of Lifeline's *The Return of the King* performance, which will run from opening night

to December 9th, 2001.

When you think of Tolkien's stories, you imagine dragons, orcs, hobbits, lightning, fire, swords clashing, wizards casting magic, and so on. This is not at all the way that Lifeline Theatre decided to perform the "*King*". Costumes were made up of baseball bats, football helmets, iron pipes, suitcases, garbage cans, and glow-in-the-dark skeleton masks. The costume directors couldn't have done a better job.

Capturing the mood with medieval poetry and an echoing, thunderous soundtrack, the poor production costs of the play ended up being one of its highlights. Instead of steel swords, the fighters wielded lead pipes. Instead of mesh armor, the orcs wore painted cardboard. The hobbits wore beanie caps, and the Dark Lord was covered in aluminum foil. The lack of expensive equipment and visual effects made every second of the show more exciting, and kept me

at the edge of my seat, wondering what they would surprise us with next. Matrix-esque action scenes mixed with hilarious comedy scenes made this, without a doubt, the best live performance of Tolkien's writings to ever come to the stage.

Recipient of the National Endowment for the Arts grant, and supported by over 30 organizations, Lifeline Theatre has raised the bar on what exactly a play should be. Year after year, we experience expensive, overrated "masterpieces" that leave our need for excitement unquenched. Finally, there is a small, yet bustling building which has, and will, house some of Chicago's best performances.

Do not miss the "*King*" performance, it has not received such high praises for being another run-of-the-mill show, it has received them for being an innovator, a tailor, if you will, of the new generation of stage



The cast of Lifeline Theater, performing in *Return of the King*.

performances.

We must get rid of the idea that plays are long, boring, and old, for this performance proves that the

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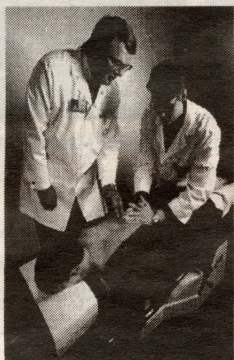
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Stage Center's *Hebrew Lesson* teaches

by Mary Jo Chrabasz
Production Editor

"Whoever destroys a single human life it is as if he has destroyed the whole world," says Jew, in the Stage Center's production of Wolf Mankowitz's *The Hebrew Lesson*. This first production of the Stage Center's 2001-2002 season starred Steve J. Truncle as Jew, Bryan Edward Avis as Man, and Anna Zimowska and Michelle Lange as Soldiers. Performed twice each day on October 2nd and 4th, the Studio Series performance directed by Speech and Performing Arts professor John Ross, Jr. was very well done.

Despite the fact that the play had originally been written to take place in 1921, the show was very timely. The quote above especially relates to current happenings, a nice coincidence, considering that the play had been chosen last year. Set in County Cork, Ireland, the show focuses on an older Jewish man and a young Irish revolutionary who come together under very unlikely circumstances. After a musical opening with a short dance-like piece, during which the actors set the stage, placing props in place and dressing Jew in his costume, the play begins. When the young man runs into the makeshift Synagogue situated in an attic, he finds an unlikely ally in Jew. Man has apparently been fighting against the English, "death to the English!" and is on the run from the law. Jew dubs him a young "Angel of Death" and

gives him some wine and gefeltefish.

The older man, displaced by war from his homeland to Ireland, has been trying to learn Irish to use in his store. Man helps him a little with his Irish, then asks him to say something in "Jew language." Jew replies by saying something in Yiddish, then reading a passage in Hebrew, then explaining the difference between the two. He tells Man that Hebrew is a holy language, for prayers and hymns but not for business talk. He teaches Man a short phrase in Hebrew, and explains his belief that to destroy one life is to destroy the whole world. He admits, however, that he has killed, in a war.

While Jew and Man are discussing, soldiers come to Jew's home and begin to search. Man is ready to bolt, but Jew calmly pulls out a spare skull-cap, placing that and his shawl on Man, then handing him a Torah. When the soldiers reach the attic, they find what appears to be a man and his student. Jew claims that Man cannot speak English, and has Man recite the one line of Hebrew he has learned. After a search, the soldiers leave, sparing Man's life.

After the soldiers leave, Man tells Jew he is ready to die for his cause, but Jew says "I prefer to live and to remember, and I can tell you from my life it is harder to live and remember." Man thanks Jew for saving his life, to which Jew responds, "God loves a live man just as much as a dead boy." Man leaves Jew to straighten up the mess the soldiers left behind, then the actors return for a

repeat of the musical piece that opened the show.

Following the play, the actors and director opened the floor to questions. During the brief question-and-answer they answered a wide variety of questions. They had two weeks to rehearse, which created something of a problem due to the fact that the characters all speak in dialect (Irish dialect for Man and the soldiers, German for Jew). The actors said they worked on the dialects as best as they could in the limited time span, and tried more for an over-all effect than accurate dialects. One question asked was which war does Jew refer to being in, which was the Russo-Japanese war. When asked what he felt the "Hebrew Lesson" was, Avis said he felt it was that "prejudice is ignorance." The group also said that they chose to add the musical piece at the start and end as a kind of framing device to the show (it was not in the original script).

Overall, the production was excellent! The actors all performed remarkably well, especially considering the brief time allotted for rehearsal. The stage crew also deserves a hand, with Sonja Thursh stage managing and running the new lightboard (just added to room F109 for this season's Studio Series shows), and Jeng Fong designing and running sound. In addition, director John Ross, Jr. not only directed, but he designed lighting and took care of costuming. The Studio Series is always an excellent showcase for creative theatre, and this play certainly proved it!

Prof takes to the keyboard

by Lisa St. Martin
Staff Writer

An energetic and muscular performance marked the debut recital of Dr. Yulia Lipmanovich, presented by the Music Department, at the Fine Arts Recital Hall, Tuesday, October 2. With a program intent on pleasing both music students and music lovers, Dr. Lipmanovich opened with the pure sounds of Mozart, moving through a wide range of works by Schumann, Chopin, Rachmaninov and Scriabin. Clearly an accomplished performer, the acoustics of the Recital Hall proved to especially support the heartfelt lyrical qualities of "Widmung" which means dedication, by Schumann-Liszt, and one of Dr. Lipmanovich's personal favorites.

At a young age Dr. Lipmanovich mastered technical ability and has always tried to emphasize, "music first." To prepare herself for her concerts, Dr. Lipmanovich takes two to three days to review and, "just hear,"

the music. "I always try to let the audience feel what I feel when I hear the music. I want them to understand what I do. Also, knowing the stage is a crucial thing." Dr. Lipmanovich says she enjoys the wide variety of students at NEIU and hopes to instill this same appreciation to them.

A graduate from Julliard, with a Masters degree from the University of Tel Aviv, and a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana, Dr. Lipmanovich hopes to build a strong Piano Performance Department at NEIU. An active performer as a solo artist, with ensemble and chamber orchestra, Dr. Lipmanovich currently teaches 15 students at Northeastern, concentrating on pedagogy and performance. She also teaches part-time at Triton College in River Grove, where she is scheduled to perform next—a Piano Concerto, by Grieg with Orchestra, Shelly Yoelin, conductor, on November 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center.

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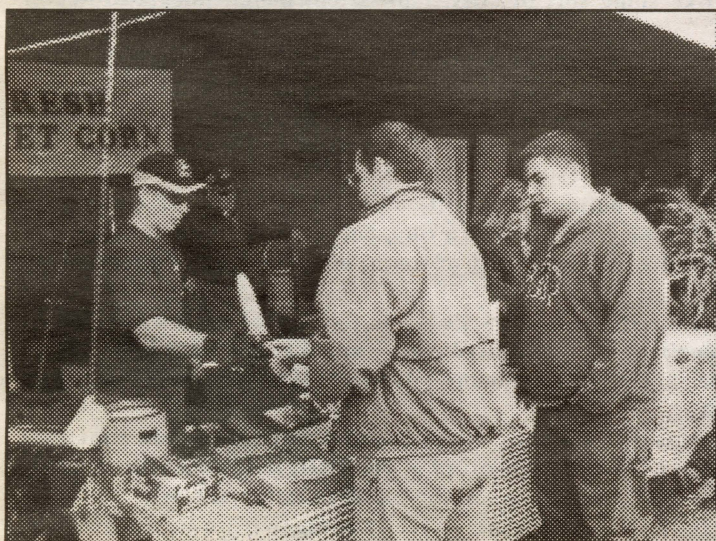
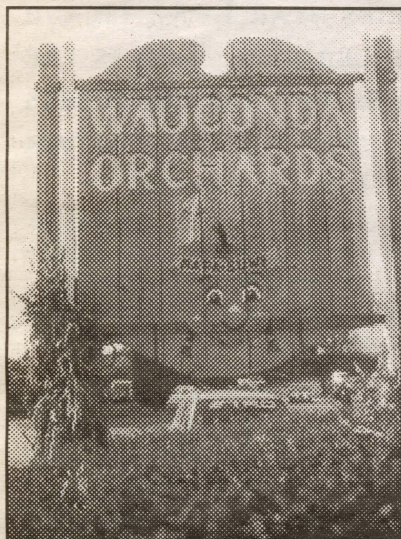


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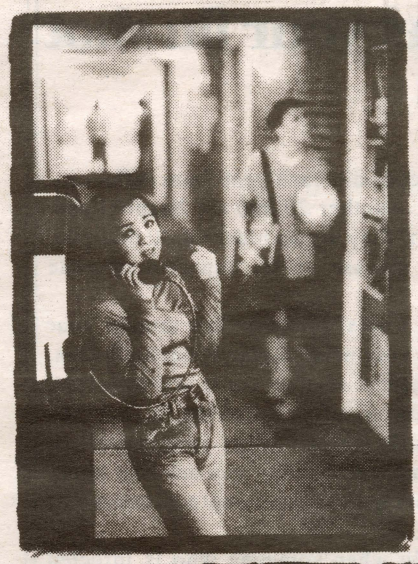
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The Orchards are open 7 days a week. Apple picking hours are from 9:00am until 5:00pm. The restaurant and store open at 7a.m. Call (847) 526-8553 for directions or check out www.waucondaappleorchards.com for more information.



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Flu season is upon us now; it's time to get your flu shot

by Shana Stone
Senior Staff Writer

As many as 20,000 Americans die each year from influenza, or more commonly, the flu. Another 20,000 are hospitalized. People are especially at risk if they are an older adult, diabetic, have chronic heart or lung disease, or an impaired immune system.

Anyone can get influenza, a viral infection that attacks your respiratory system including your nose, throat, bronchial tubes, and lungs. Other viral infections such as colds and intestinal ailments such as gastroenteritis are often called the flu, but they are not. Real influenza usually doesn't affect your intestines. And although you may sneeze with the flu, you are also likely to have a high fever, chills, and body aches—symptoms you won't typically have with a cold.

You are exposed to the flu when someone who is infected with the virus coughs or sneezes near you, or you touch something they have handled. That is why the flu spreads rapidly anywhere people congregate, such as schools, childcare centers, offices, nursing homes, buses, and even luxury cruise ships. Most of the flu outbreaks in North America occur between October and May. The peak season is usually late December to early March.

If a person is at high risk for the disease, the first line of defense is an annual flu shot. The flu vaccine isn't foolproof. Its effectiveness varies from year to year and from one person to another. Because the strains used in the vaccine are chosen nine months before the flu season actually begins, there is a chance that the strains may change before flu season actually starts. Plus, if you are allergic to eggs you probably shouldn't have a flu shot because the viruses are grown in chicken eggs. and you may have an allergic reaction. If you are pregnant, wait until after your first trimester to be immunized, unless your doctor advises you otherwise.

The best time to be immunized is between mid-October and mid-November. This allows your immunity to peak during the height of the influenza season. Adults receive the vaccine in one injection. Children under nine who are receiving the vaccine for the first time need two separate injections about a month apart. It takes about one to two weeks after you have been vaccinated for the flu shot to take effect.

If you are young and healthy, the vaccine may be 70 percent to 90 percent effective in preventing illness. If you are an older adult, or have a chronic medical condition, the vaccine may not be as protective. Still, for older adults who aren't at high risk, a flu shot can reduce hospitalizations by as much as 70 percent and deaths by 85 percent.

The Center for Disease Control recommends flu shots for adults ages 50 and older, and for anyone with an impaired immune system or a serious illness such as chronic heart or lung disease, kidney disease, diabetes, or sickle cell anemia. You should also be vaccinated if you are a health care worker, police officer, or firefighter.

In addition to getting a flu shot from your doctor, you can be vaccinated at public health centers and many pharmacies. In some areas, flu shots are also available at senior and community centers. The shots cost around \$15 and are covered by Medicare and some health insurance plans.



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JOHN ROSSI

Brookhaven refers to this newest facility as the RHIC, but nobody has bothered to tell us what this stands for. What the hell is a particle accelerator? The irony of physics is that to see the smallest of particles, you need the largest machines. RHIC is a continuous ring two and a half miles in circumference. It's like the world's largest, fastest, and most expensive slot car set.

What happens in theory is that they shoot radioactive isotopes, ions, or Arby's roast beef sandwiches through this thing at 99.9% of the speed of light. Occasionally, these particles collide violently enough to break into quarks. What are quarks? Scientists have been talking about them for years. I have seen them at parties and luncheons going "quark, quark, quark..." like some sort of silly, lab-coated, pencil pocket-protector

wielding ducks.

Quarks are the building blocks from which scientists THINK all matter has formed. They can't be really sure about that, because quarks don't generally like to talk about their business. Now, you may ask, what is "matter?" Matter is everything. The clothes we wear are matter; the food we eat is matter; Marlon Brando is matter, just a bit more of it than most people. All God's children are matter.

About eight years into the project of building the RHIC, *The Sunday Times of London* ran a story about how the "Big Bang Machine" could pose a tiny, but real risk of creating a small black hole in Long Island with the distinct possibility of annihilating the Earth. Scientists are divided in this theory.

Maybe the word 'annihilate' is too strong a word—see if you like any of these word choices better: destroy, exterminate, demolish, obliterate, eradicate—any way you slice it, assuming these people are correct, I would stick my fingers in my ears and shut my eyes when they start it up if I were you, just to be sure.

One physicist who wanted to remain anonymous clearly stated through the brown paper bag that was over his head, "The amount of matter involved in the RHIC is so small that it could never create a large black hole—a small brown one, maybe—but definitely not black."

I guess my thought is: why take the risk? What are we really going to learn from a bunch of dissimilar materials crashing into each other in the first place? What clues to the origin of mankind could we establish? Why are there always staples in things I pick up from the dry-cleaners?

All along scientists have been stating that the universe was created by a CHANCE collision in the first place—so now we think we can recreate it? Pish Posh-Pshaw—to say nothing of Piffle.

Let's go back to the theory that started it all. Scientists long ago determined that the universe is continually expanding outwardly in all directions. Thus, they have concluded that if we could travel back in time far enough, we could witness the explosion or 'Big Bang' that started the cosmic clock ticking in the first place.

Let me give a better example. Your friend says his final goodbye at your front door after the two of you have stayed up all night with a bottle of Tequila and a *Green Acres* marathon on Nick At Night. As you watch him leave, you notice his progression down the street makes it appear as if the back of his head is getting smaller and smaller each second. This is much like the expanding universe.

With the same applied theory, if earlier in the evening you'd been paying attention instead of laughing at Arnold Ziffel the pig and dribbling guacamole over the front of your shirt, you could have witnessed the exact moment in time when your friend's head exploded. I call this the "Big Badaboom Theory."

I go along with an even larger group of people that think that the universe DID NOT blow up from a large cataclysmic collision in outer space. We have about as much evidence of our theory as they have of theirs. I think the larger question they should be spending all these years arguing is this: If a universe explodes and no one is there to hear it, does it make pretty lights?

I think for this and other reasons, scientists should stop and think about the consequences before they start the Brookhaven Particle Accelerator into motion, if they haven't already. I know it costs millions of dollars and all—but let's think this thing through. I'd personally rather waste a few million dollars in taxpayer's money than to run down the street trying to extinguish my flaming head with a shovel.

If they are really intent on watching smashing particles fly through the air I think I can offer a solution that will be ultimately much safer. I say we give them a plastic tarp and front row seats at either Blue Man Group or a Gallagher concert—their choice. Or, with Halloween coming, they could smash all the pumpkins they want, maybe even toilet-paper the neighbors trees. If this doesn't satisfy their need to smash things and see pretty trails I'll make a supreme sacrifice and donate an extra large roll of bubble wrap I've been saving.

Darling, I love you but give me Park Avenue.



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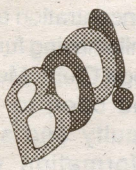
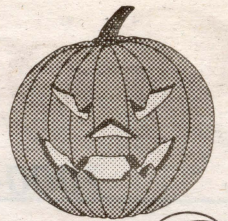
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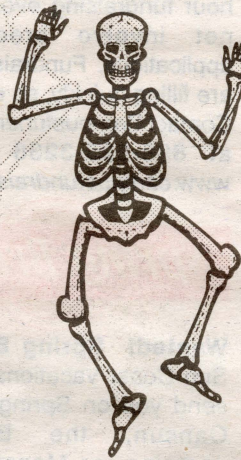
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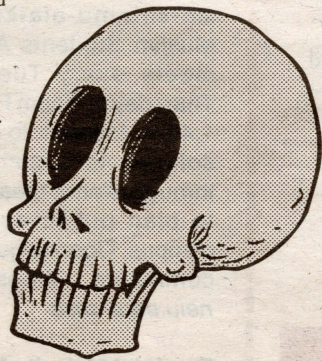
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Organizations

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As-salamu-alaikum, the Muslim Students Association meets every Tuesday and Thursday in Room FA-153 from 1:40 to 4:50p.m. to discuss the solution to social problems through Islamic means and also to plan public activities on campus. Open to questions and comments. Website: <http://neu.edu/~msa>

Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance meets on Tuesdays in C-505 at 1:40. To join listserve, send a message to femajority-l@neu.edu.

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Personals

<straddle> Tell me....tell me now....tell me! <crew cracks up>

Happy birthday to the Dungeonmaster!

Lefty, Imagine that point in time when the greats were all alive at one point -- Ramirez, Fitz, Byron, "Adam" -- oh to have been a skirt at that ball! Sweet dreams. ~R

We're sorry Billy. :(We forgot your birthday, but we never, NEVER could forget you. --Your gaggle of screaming girl fans

To the new evil one: My hand will heal but where will your head be?

To the clan: When I was younger, so much younger than today, I never needed anybody's help in any way, but now these days are gone, and I'm not so self assured. It's good to know you're with me. ~Clan Elder~

Righty: Nice image...but I still hold Halloweentown! Bring the Val and nobody gets hurt! ~L

Word to yo motha, D.J. Tanner!

"To-morrow, and to-morrow, and to-morrow, / Creeps in this petty pace from day to day, / To the last syllable of recorded time; / And all our yesterdays have lighted fools / The way to dusty death." ~MacBeth, Act V, Scene V

To the freakishly tall German--you think you're 6'5"? I think only because you stole my insoles! So there!-- I win the argument! -Gus

Scott, remember when Joll said being a tech should be easy after working in a coffee shop? Oh wait-- that wasn't Joll!

Happy 50th Mom! --your girl.

Oh goody gumdrops!

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