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Spreading the word at Northeastern

Celebrated columnist Juan Gonzalez and Jacqueline Jackson bring their messages to NEIU

Jackie Jackson urges students to get involved

by Lucy Rendler-Kaplan
News Editor

As part of Equity in Action week, Jacqueline Levinia Jackson was asked to speak at Northeastern to tell a bit about her life in activism and detail her experiences in Vieques, Puerto Rico. She told students, "I use my visibility to help some noble, courageous people," and she urged students to do the same. According to the Dean of Academic Development, Equity in Action week is designed to help students "gain new knowledge and new awareness of the problems that face all of us as we interact in a global society."

Mrs. Jackson has been an active participant in social and racial issues for the past twenty-two years. She initiated the Black

"All of you will be tested at some point in your lifetimes and... how you handle these times... will determine how your nation will be."

Jacqueline L. Jackson

History Exhibit at Black Expo, and began the Save the Children Initiative. With her husband, Reverend Jesse Jackson, she has launched massive fundraisings for Ethiopia, and in 1978, became the first woman to speak with Yassar Arafat for a peaceful resolution to the problems in the Middle East.

Jackson urged students to get involved early, as she did. "There are difficult days and difficult times. All of you will be tested at some point in your lifetime and it will be how you handle these times that will determine how your nation will be. I've never been a passive spectator to the passing of history."

In 1979, Jacqueline Jackson joined the Communist party, hoping to help Black Americans get equal rights. "I didn't think Black Americans should sit in the back of the bus," Jackson explained.

Jackson was introduced to the issues in Vieques by a friend. She was arrested while protesting the Navy's use of the Puerto Rican island as a bombing range, and bond was set at \$3,000. She believes that the amount of her bond was excessive. "I'm not a flight risk. I'm too overweight to run, and too visible to hide." While being detained in a federal corrections facility in the commonwealth, Jackson was ordered to undergo a strip and body cavity search after a supervised meeting with a visitor. She agreed to undress when ordered to do so, but Jackson refused to comply with the guard's most demeaning demand. "To humiliate me while I was incarcerated, they had young ladies asking me to bend over so they could inspect me for contraband," Jackson related. For refusing to do so, Jackson was held in a federal detention facility for eight days before being tried, then sentenced to ten days in jail for being a nonviolent voice of conscience.

During her trial, Jackson made a tearful appeal for a show of judicial common sense. "Because of my convictions, I have spent eight days in jail suffering insults to my dignity too horrible to tell," she said from the witness stand. "As both a mother and political prisoner, I ask you to restore my rights as a citizen and my dignity," she told the judge, who responded by ordering her back to jail for two more days. Jackson is still on probation and is not allowed to return to Vieques for the remainder of this year. "I urge you to write to the President and ask him to respond positively to the will of the people of Vieques. These are the most courageous

Jackson speaks

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Linking contributions of Latinos

by Lisa St. Martin
Staff Writer

In a talk addressed to students and educators, Juan Gonzalez, columnist with *The New York Daily News*, related how the September 11th attacks on America have proven, "how easily technology can turn against itself. No [single] country is invincible—no matter how much wealth or technology they have acquired—against so much hatred. The men involved in the suicide mission took over with box cutters." Mr. Gonzalez, who graduated from Columbia University in 1968, shared his views on recent changes in political attitudes, journalism, and education. He spoke mainly of Latinos, and the strategies required to succeed in the present political climate.

As a student activist in the 1960's, Gonzalez recalled that, "Latinos in upper education were few and they had to form an organization to just survive academic life. Now there are so many to choose from." Lecturer and author of *Harvest of Empire: A History of Latinos in America*, a lucid account of 500 years of Latino history, Gonzalez exemplifies the spirit of the Chicago ENLACE Partnership at Northeastern Illinois University, directed by Dr. Santos Rivera, Special Assistant to the President. The ENLACE program, partly funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, seeks to increase opportunities for Latinos to

enter and complete college. Working in partnership with "institutions that have full-time Latino enrollments of 25 percent or more," ENLACE seeks to "identify best-practice models that can be replicated, and build linkages to regional and national Latino education efforts."

Citing numerous examples of development and labor movement between Latino countries and the United States, Gonzalez mentioned that currently Latinos not only contribute, but also help to stabilize the economy. Gonzalez perceives that as students, Latinos can "take pride in the enormous sacrifices their parents have made, which have often resulted in dislocation." Gonzalez recommends that teachers ask their students to interview their parents to increase their appreciation of their history, resulting in positive and progressive student involvement. He added that many of these parents send aid to home countries through the "Moneygram" stores, which now adds up to \$7 billion a year.

An advocate of dual language education, Gonzalez stressed that the Latino presence can be viewed as a threat, or enrichment. Gonzalez believes that the stigma of speaking a second language needs to be removed. "Students can be enlisted to teach English to Spanish speaking students, and Spanish to English speaking students. Language is only a vehicle of communication and



New York Daily News columnist and author Juan Gonzalez spoke to students last week.

gathering information. Individuals can be empowered through cooperative relationship and exchange."

Gonzalez hopes to raise the national consciousness and role of Latinos in our country, which according to the latest U.S. census number 35,000,000 more than expected. With the changes in the immigration laws of 1996, more Latinos have registered to vote. According to Gonzalez, this has created a "Latino backlash, with the Republican Party shifting and becoming more immigrant friendly," a trend especially noted in California, Texas, and Florida.

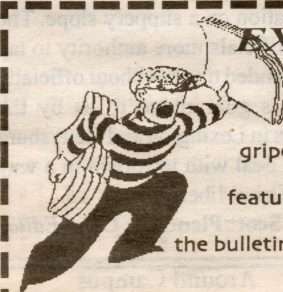
As a journalist, Gonzalez offered his observations on the power of mass media. "Too often, journalists are not reporting differing views. The

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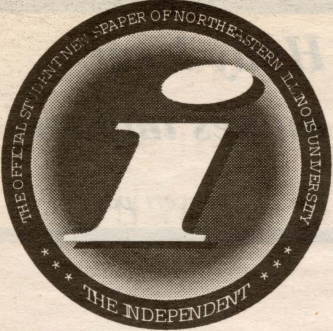
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Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Ave.

Admission fees vary. Call 312-595-PIER for more information.

Haunted Village at Pumpkin Plaza

Activities continue through October 31, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Daley Plaza, Washington & Dearborn Streets

Admission is FREE; call 312-744-3370 for more information

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Show continues through November 11th.

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Triton College, 2000 Fifth Ave., River Grove.

Admission is \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for ages 12 and under & seniors 55 and older.

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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.

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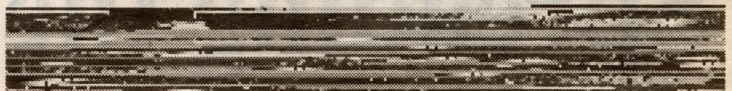
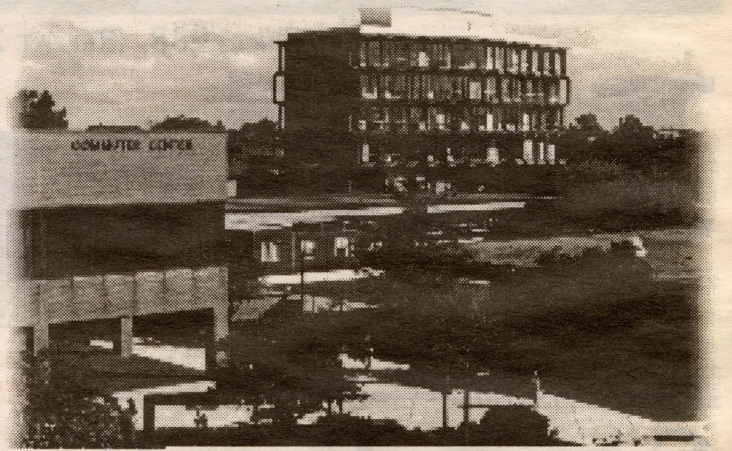
I would like to thank Benny Boyas for his service to the newspaper and wish him luck as he serves his term in the military. Your first-rate contributions will be missed.

I would like to also point out the work of new staff member Kate Murphy. I hope it is the first chapter of a long history with us. And I would like to welcome back Maya Bell after a short hiatus.

Speaking of some time off, maybe some of you readers have noticed the absence of REV, our pull-out entertainment section. We have taken some time to totally redesign and reinvent the section. When it returns in two weeks, we hope you will find a more useful and easier to look at REV. If you have any story ideas or questions you can address them to editor Stephanie Prado at neiu_rev@yahoo.com.

Lastly, I would like to address a political issue that occurred during production, and this is my own opinion. I was disappointed on Friday to see Bush signing a law that could see the nation on a slippery slope. The Patriot Act, which gives law enforcement officials more authority to tap phones, e-mails and to hold prisoners for extended times without officially charging them, is an affront to the rights guaranteed to us by the Constitution, the rights our national ancestors in Lexington and Gettysburg bled to preserve. I would hope that we can deal with terrorism in a way that coincides with our national tradition of civil liberty.

Scott Plencner, Chief Editor



Upcoming Events

October 30, 2001

"Star Wars Alive", 9:15 a.m., FA-104

October 30, 2001

"Teaching After September 11", 4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m., CLS-4006

October 31, 2001

Blood Drive, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Student Union room 003 (in the cafeteria). For more information or to schedule an appointment, call x5800.

October 31, 2001

Halloween Celebration, B-Wing Courtyard (Village Square in bad weather), 12 to 2 p.m. Costume contest at 12:30 for students, 1:00 for faculty/staff. Jack-O-Lantern judging at 1:30. Blair Witch Village, tarot card reading, face painting, punch & treats, and Charity Drive kick-off (bring something for the charity drive).

November 1, 2001

Hands on Science Workshop, sponsored by the Future Teachers Club, 1:40, CLS-2105

November 1-3, 2001

Dancing at Lughnasa, closing weekend, 7:30 p.m. each night, Stage Center Theatre. Tickets are \$10 each, \$8 for seniors and non-Northeastern students, \$6 for children, FREE for students, staff, and faculty with valid ID.

November 6 & 8, 2001

Auditions for Studio Series show "Bus Riley's Back in Town," directed by Bruce Powers. Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. in room F109.

November 8, 2001

Department of Anthropology North American Indians Lecture Series presents, "The Indian Child Welfare Act, (ICWA) Relocation & the Chicago American Community." 9:25 to 10:40 a.m., Student Union room 215.

November 13 & 15, 2001

The Bear, Studio Series performance. 1:45 & 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, F109. Tickets are \$4 each, FREE for students, staff, and faculty with valid ID.

November 16, 2001

Jewel Box Concert Series

Claire Bloom and Eugenia Zukerman, 8:00 p.m., FA Recital Hall

WATCH OUT! Deadline coming

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

November 13th

November 27th

December 4th

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Extension 4100 by Officer Gene Salecker

Bryn Mawr bandit suspect apprehended by police after breaking into several parked cars last month

the Bryn Mawr bandit...

6 September

An NEIU student had her vehicle broken into while it was parked on Bryn Mawr Ave. A radio, sunglasses, CD player and some discs were taken.

6 September

An NEIU student had his vehicle broken into while it was parked on Bryn Mawr Ave. A CD player and some discs were taken.

12 September

An NEIU student had her vehicle broken into while it was parked on Bryn Mawr Ave. A CD player and numerous discs were taken.

12 September

An NEIU student had her vehicle broken into while it was parked on Bryn Mawr Ave. Golf clubs, roller blades, tennis racket and shoes were stolen from the trunk.

17 September

NEIU Police apprehended an individual suspected of breaking into cars along Bryn Mawr. A court date has been set.

other activities...

4 September - Theft - Under \$300

An NEIU student reported the theft of money from a purse while in the Fine Arts Building.

4 September - Traffic Accident - Non-Injury

A vehicle backed into a moving vehicle in the F-Lot. No ticket was issued.

5 September - Theft - Under \$300

An NEIU student reported the theft of a cell phone while in the Classroom Building.

5 September - Criminal Damage to Property

An auto was damaged by being "keyed" while parked in the H-lot.

6 September - Found Property

A leather pouch with miscellaneous ID's was found in the classroom building. The owner was contacted and the property was returned.

7 September - Other Public Complaint

Two individuals had a misunderstanding by the swimming pool in the PE Building.

8 September - Service to Other Police Dept.

NEIU Police responded to shots being fired near St. Louis and Bryn Mawr. Three shell casings were found and two vehicles were damaged.

10 September - Station Information

An NEIU employee reported that an unknown student broke a windowpane in the D-Building.

10 September - Disturbance/Fight

A student became agitated in the Classroom Building computer lab. NEIU Police were able to calm the student. No arrest was made.

10 September - Theft - Under \$300

An NEIU student reported the theft of a book bag containing two textbooks and two notebooks while in Beck's Bookstore.

12 September - Hit and Run

Two students reported that a vehicle backing out of a space in the A-Lot had damaged another vehicle and fled the scene.

12 September - Disorderly Conduct

An NEIU Employee reported an individual masturbating in the Classroom Building computer lab. The individual was arrested and a court date was set.

13 September - Station Information

An NEIU student reported that an unwanted letter was left on the front windshield of his auto.

13 September - Criminal Damage to State Supported Property

Graffiti was discovered in the first floor men's room of the Library.

13 September - Medical Assist

A victim in the Fine Arts Building had a hard time breathing. First aid was rendered by Health Services. Victim was transported to Swedish Covenant Hospital by the Chicago Fire Department Ambulance.

13 September - Theft - Under \$300

An NEIU student reported the theft of a bag containing various ID's and money from the PE Building.

14 September - Found Property

A purse was found in the classroom building. The owner was unidentifiable. The property remains in the custody of NEIU Police.

17 September - Medical Assist

Victim fell in the women's washroom in the A-Wing. First aid rendered by Health Services. Victim refused an ambulance.

17 September - Hit and Run

A vehicle parked in the A-Lot was damaged by an unknown vehicle.

17 September - Traffic Accident - Non-Injury

Victim lost control on the Access Road and struck a pole. Two tickets were issued.

18 September - Station Information

An NEIU student was abducted from the bus stop at Catalpa and Bernard by two unknown males. The victim was driven around for four hours before being dropped off. Victim was fondled but unhurt.

18 September - Theft - Over \$300

An NEIU student reported the theft of his bicycle from the bike rack near the Fine Arts Building.

19 September - Medical Assist

A pregnant victim went to Health Services to complain of stomach pain. First aid rendered. Victim was transported to Swedish Covenant Hospital by the Chicago Fire Department Ambulance.

19 September - Station Information

An NEIU employee believed that her computer was being used after hours since it was found to be turned on every morning. It was later determined that the computer was programmed to turn itself on every morning.

19 September - Criminal Damage to Property

An auto was damaged while parked in the A-lot.

20 September - Medical Assist

A victim in the Fine Arts Building felt ill. First aid was rendered by Health Services. Chicago Fire Department Ambulance responded but victim refused transport to hospital.

20 September - Medical Assist

A victim felt ill while in the Classroom Building. First aid was rendered by Health Services. Victim was transported to Swedish Covenant Hospital by the Chicago Fire Department Ambulance.

20 September - Traffic Accident - Non-Injury

Two vehicles collided in the J-Lot. One ticket was issued.

20 September - Station Information

An NEIU student had her vehicle broken into while it was parked on Bryn Mawr Ave. A stereo and a bottle of perfume were stolen.

26 September - Theft - Under \$300

An NEIU student reported the theft of a bike seat from a bicycle parked in a rack near the PE Building.

26 September - Theft - Under \$300

An NEIU student reported the theft of a wallet from the Library. Victim later found wallet at home.

27 September - Theft - Under \$300

An NEIU student reported the theft of his bicycle frame from the bike rack near the Science Building.

28 September - Hit and Run

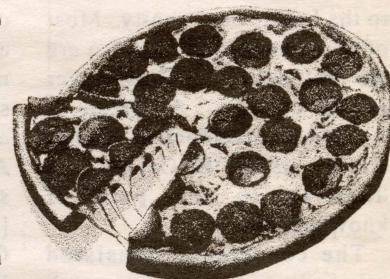
An NEIU student reported that a vehicle backing out of a space in the G-Lot had struck another vehicle and fled the scene. NEIU Police investigated and found no damage.

29 September - Medical Assist

Victim fell while descending steps in front of the Classroom Building. First aid rendered by Health Services. Victim was transported to Swedish Covenant Hospital by the Chicago Fire Department Ambulance.

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people you've ever seen in your life."

Students were asked to form talk groups and do their part to change the situations facing America today. "When I was a college student, we had talk groups. We talked about Cuba, we talked about human rights. You've got to make little groups. You've slowly isolated yourself. Now you're going to have to find how to organize yourselves. These ideas begin with one person who makes a move. When God changes things, he doesn't take committees. You just have to look at history." Jackson concluded with her strongest argument, where she tied in her actions with what is happening in America today with the terrorists. "We need to pursue peace. There are hand carrying, briefcase sized nuclear weapons missing. We're extremely vulnerable. We're in a lot of trouble."

Gonzalez speaks

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technology is outstripping content. This promotes a form of univision and information, allowing the mass media to engage in brainwashing. The mass media is the most powerful institution in this country—more powerful than the political parties, promoting favor for the politicians that can buy media time. It's a powerful source of social control which can lead to propagandic, unhealthy, and dishonest communication. This creates a problem for journalists, if they are not organizing themselves."

An enthusiastic researcher and traveler, Gonzalez highly recommends the Bensen Library at the University of Texas at Austin for studying Hispanic culture and history. He also champions the cause of recognizing contemporary Latino leaders of today, in both the schoolroom and the press.

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El Centro holds faculty development conference

by Luke Neris
Staff Writer

Northeastern University's satellite facility, El Centro, recently celebrated its 25th year anniversary. Dr. Caleb Rosado, director of El Centro Campus, saw the anniversary as an opportunity to challenge El Centro intellectually, and on October 20th held a faculty development conference entitled, "Teaching First-Generation College Students."

El Centro's mission is to provide quality, affordable education and make it available to the Latino community. Most of the students at El Centro are the first in their families to ever attend college. As Dean of Academic Development, Murrel Duster, said, "El Centro is a doorway to the path of knowledge."

The conference consisted primarily of a keynote speech by seminar veteran, Dr. Samuel Betances, and a short workshop where Dr. Betances entertained questions. Dr. Betances is America's foremost educator on eliminating barriers to success in the workplace and academia. He met with former president Clinton three times, was a guest on the Oprah and Donahue shows, and commands ten to twelve thousand dollars a day for his consultation. For over 20 years he has been a Professor

of Sociology at Northeastern University and is currently an honored Professor Emeritus.

The goal of the conference was to identify any of the obstacles to success that El Centro's first-generation students may encounter. Keynote speaker Dr. Betances considered it the most important conference in education reform happening today.

First-generation college students have different needs and challenges from students who came from an environment that nurtured higher education. Schools are middle-class places of learning, with teachers who are certified to teach in a middle-class language, in which some first-generation students are not absolutely fluent. According to Dr. Betances, some teachers are "teaching like [they're] at the University of Chicago, but really [they're] at El Centro."

Dr. Betances illustrated the 10 habits of ineffective teachers in his keynote address. He explained why students suffer when they depend on the teacher's edition, which he likened to the cliff notes of professors. He warned teachers attending the conference not to teach without humor or passion, but to become a passionate "edutainer." He encouraged El

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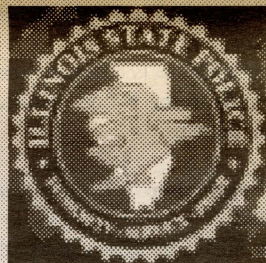
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U.S. continues attacks

by Lucy Rendler-Kaplan
News Editor

A top Pentagon official has reported that the bombing campaign is moving on schedule and the offensive against the Taliban is unlikely to end before winter. Officials in the Pentagon have also reported that United States air strikes have hit every Taliban and Al Qaeda fixed target and eliminated most of Afghan's air defenses and communications. However, the air strikes have not destroyed the Taliban's ability to fight around the campital and in the key northern city of Mazar-e Sharif. Osama bin Laden is still alive, according to Taliban officials, as is Mullah Mohammed Omar, the spiritual leader of the Taliban.

More than 3,000 bombs and missiles have been used against Taliban and Al Qaeda since the war began on October 7th. Many Muslims are enraged and protesting, as they see the bombings as an attack on Islam. The Bush administration, however, continues to assert that the only targets are terrorists and those who supported them. The Islamic religious time of Ramadan is approaching, and Pakistanis and others fear that opposition may increase if Muslim civilians are killed during a time when their religion calls for prayer and reflection. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld says that there is no deadline to complete military action before Ramadan. "Muslim nations have fought among themselves or with other countries during various important holy days for their religion, and it has not inhibited them historically," he said. America's Muslim allies believe differently. They say that "Muslims fighting among themselves during Ramadan is one thing. Non-Muslims attacking Muslims is another matter."

Two helicopters have recently come under fire in Pakistan, as crews tried to get to the wreckage of another helicopter that had crashed during a weekend raid. It is not yet clear who fired on the helicopters. It had previously been reported that the U.S. denied losing any aircraft in the weekend mission. Two American flyers died in that mission.

Here in Chicago, security has been beefed up "just in case." Mayor Richard Daley announced a special secure phone line has

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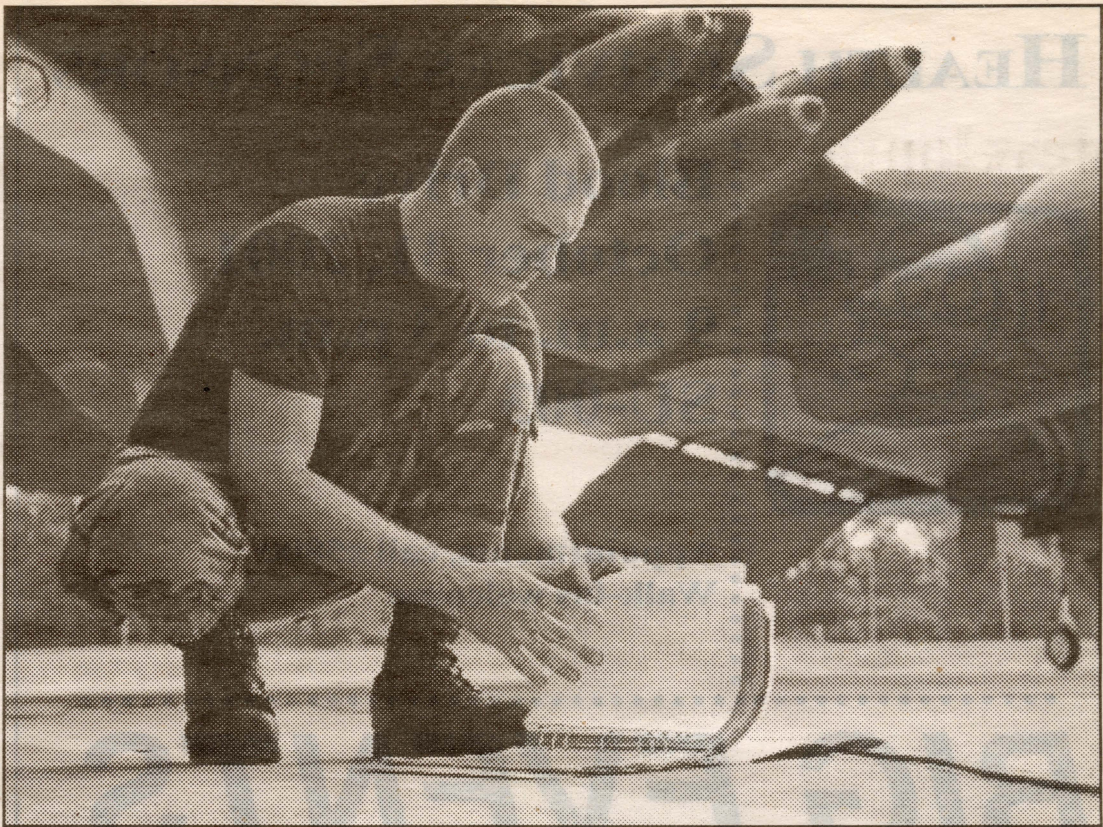
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Centro professors, "to establish a personal, vibrant relationship with a student", and make the boundless success of just one student a year the responsibility of all teachers.

Dr. Betances also stressed not confusing the dropout rate with the dropout problem. The dropout rate in 1900 was 94% and not a problem at all, because participation in the global economy back then did not require a college degree. Now the drop out rate is only 24% and is a huge problem.

Dr. Rosado hopes the conference will become an annual affair held at the main campus and attracting all Chicago's community colleges.

been set up between Chicago and the suburbs to coordinate emergency teams in the event of a crisis. Chicago Police now carry self sealing plastic bags to tranport unknown substances. \$300,000 will be spent in Cook County to buy ten chemical detectors. Kits will also soon be provided to the Sheriff's Departments that will allow them to test for biological and chemical agents in the field. Potential Illinois targets that are specifically being watched over include the nuclear plant in Zion, Chicago's financial exchanges, and McDonald's international headquarters in Oak Brook. Marvin Zonis, a University of Chicago professor, says that those headquarters are in danger. "Certainly McDonald's is at the leading edge of globalization, and it's a principal brand in the world that represents the United States," Zonis said.



An Air Force B 52 crew chief, from the 28th Air Expeditionary Wing, looks over his aircraft checklist on Oct. 22, 2001, during operations. The aircraft is being readied for a combat mission.



SGA Fall Election results & updates

by Brian Blaszkowski
Associate Editor

A recent SGA meeting saw former Vice-President Richard Carogol make an appearance. At the meeting, he distributed documents while he told the Senators that they should consider reprimanding President Gary Gaspard. Sources say that Carogol stated Gaspard's refusal to follow "Robert's Rules of Order," a series of rules to be followed by all members in SGA, is grounds for impeachment. This occurred during the "audience participation" section of the meeting. Carogol was quoted at the impeachment hearings of Lynne Madix saying, "This is a joke."

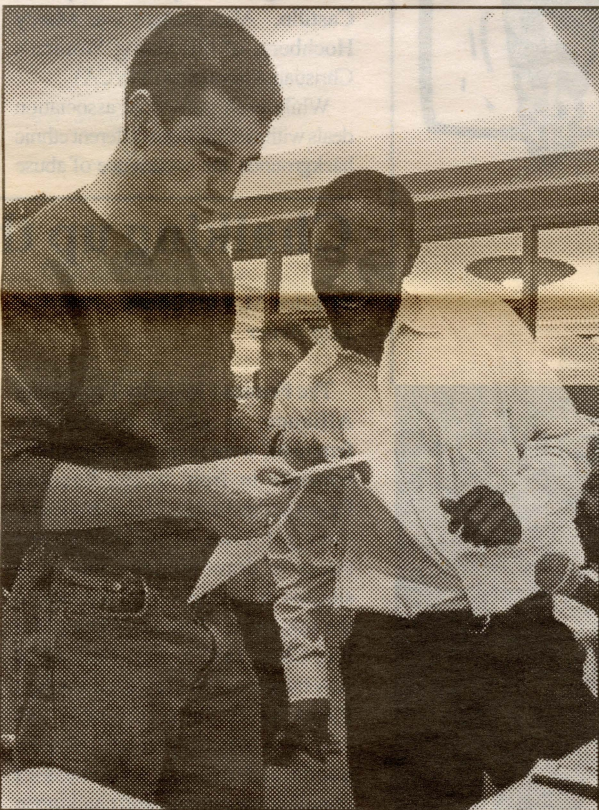
In other SGA news, the election results are in. Ten Senators have been elected, despite a twenty vote discrepancy. There were 613 votes cast, but an SGA insider told *the Independent* after the swearing in of the Senators that there were twenty more votes than I.D.'s scanned, harkening back to the discrepancies that plagued the SGA's spring election last year. *The Independent* plans to look into this matter with Chair of the Election Committee Linda Berlow.

With approximately 12,000 students enrolled at NEIU, the percentage of votes was astonishingly low, weighing in at a meager 5%.

Last year's spring election saw approximately 2500 ballots cast. However, it was then discovered that many of these ballots could not be accounted for. the discrepancy was blamed on an anonymous hacker. A second election was held, with approximately 800 votes cast. This marks a decrease in the percentage of student's voting, with about 7% voting in last year's second election and just over 5% voting this year.

Gary Gaspard has also appointed Senator Natasha Nivose to fill the impeached Lynne Madix's vacant Speaker of the Senate seat, despite his prior stated interest in appointing John Bracich, a Senator who lost in the recent election. Meanwhile, Madix was seen around campus campaigning for certain Senatorial candidates on the last day of the Fall Election.

Stay with *the Independent* for further developments in the SGA.



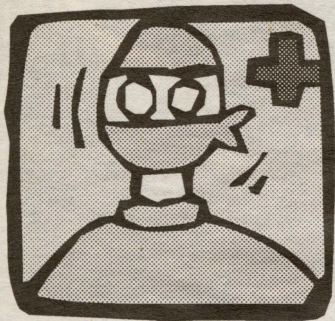
President Gaspard's political enemies rage on. (Left) Former veep Richard Carogol came to the last SGA meeting armed with papers calling for the removal of Gaspard. (Above) Impeached ex-Speaker Lynne Madix campaigned for some candidates on the last day of voting.

Fall Election Results (victors bolded)

	Saturday	El Centro	CICS	Main Campus	Totals
Senator					
Sylvestre, Emmanuel	1	0	0	87	88
Kurtz, Robyn	1	1	0	76	78
Reed, Tineeka	0	0	43	26	69
Millwala, Ahmad A.	0	0	0	44	44
Magee, Michael	1	1	0	33	35
Cruz, Jason	2	4	0	27	33
Haptonstall, John	1	0	0	31	32
Hammad, Rafee	1	0	0	29	30
Pulido, Luis M.	0	1	0	26	27
Negrau, Claudia*	0	0	0	26	26
Nivose, Yardely (write-in)*	0	0	0	26	26
Bracich, John	0	1	0	22	23
Jacobs, John (write-in)	0	0	0	18	18
Nunez, Oscar	1	2	1	12	16
Anarwala, Mohemadtalha	0	1	0	13	14
Arneica, Eva (write-in)	0	0	0	11	11
Allen, Veronica	0	0	0	9	9
Total Minor Candidates	1	2	1	16	20
Spoiled Ballotts	2	4	4	4	14
Total Ballots Cast**	11	17	49	536	613

tied; **613 cast, reportedly, however, only 593 i.d.'s were swiped

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Domestic Violence Awareness Month Sparks Discussion

by **Benny Boyas**
Staff Writer

A panel discussion was held in the Ronald Williams Library on October 18, 2001, sponsored by the Women's Services division from the Office of Student Affairs. The discussion dealt with the co-occurrence of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. The discussion was held this month to commemorate National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Students and faculty were in attendance, along with survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. All were given the opportunity to share their experiences, thoughts, and insights on the subjects at hand with a panel of representatives from associations dealing with awareness, prevention, and treatment of this phenomenon.

The panel discussion was hosted by Judy Mizrahi, a Specialist from Women's Services. Apna Ghar, specializing in services for the Asian community was represented by Kiran Siddigui and Nasoma Kachelo. Sarah's Inn, an organization offering services to 23 west suburban communities and neighborhoods along Chicago's western border, was represented by Nisha Patel. Mujeres Latinas en Accion, a program dealing directly with women from Latin American countries residing in Chicago, was represented by Elsa Castillo. Also present was Marcy Hochberg, of the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA).

While each individual association deals with victims from different ethnic backgrounds, the occurrence of abuse

is relatively identical. Subjects covered at the forum varied from causes of such behavior on behalf of the batterer, reasons why women stay in violent homes, and diagnostic observations on behalf of the individuals dealing with the problem on a continual basis. On a more definite level, the discussion focused on the standard pattern followed in abusive relationships.

Among the topics discussed were the limited resources available for such programs that assist victims, such as funding and alternate housing. "We have more shelter for animals in this country than we do for battered women and children," stated Ms. Castillo. From a different perspective, the talks also focused on limited attention to the problems faced by the batterers themselves. Ms. Castillo highlighted the fact that "The biggest problem is for them to admit they have a problem." A consensus was reached amongst the panel, citing that the movement against domestic violence has focused entirely on the wounded and not on those inflicting the harm, and that this aspect needed to be improved.

Some statistical data was highlighted as well. It is estimated that 1 out of every 4 women in all of our communities will be abused by her partner everyday. Ms. Siddigui pointed out that 48% of teenagers dating in their high school years are involved in abusive relationships. Abuse was defined at the panel as verbal, sexual, and physical. In more extreme cases, abuse can involve isolation, starvation, and economic deprivation.

Chalking up their sentiments

by **Ellen M. Larrimore**
Staff Writer

The Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance, a group of campus feminists, were seen chalking up the concrete in front of the Reading Room in the Student Union Building. They got down on their hands and knees to draw pictures and write slogans that ranged from the silly to the sublime on Tuesday, Oct. 2nd for their Chalk Talk Project. When asked why they chose this project, Co-Chair Becca Raven Gilmore stated, "We wanted to make our feminist slogans public and to raise awareness of feminism on campus, and chalking in public places is a powerful tool."

The first slogan to go down was Mary Daly's "And never let your Questing be domesticated." From there they were on to Madonna's "You call me a bitch like that's a bad thing," Gilda Radner's "I base my fashion taste on what doesn't itch," the Native American Proverb "Women hold up half the sky," and Buffy St. Marie's "You have to leave room in your life to dream." Also chalked up were "No woman can call herself free who does not own and control her own body...and until she can choose consciously whether she will or not be a mother" by Margaret Sanger, and "Well-behaved women rarely" make history by Laura Thatcher Ulrich. Other writings included "Vaginas are Beautiful," "Macho does not prove mucho," and "Slavery made us tough" by Francis Harper. The fuchsia and lavender equality symbol of the national Feminist Majority Foundation filled up a whole square, and a section dedicated to Phyllis Stall, mother of Susan Stall who died recently as a "feminist foremother," rounded out

their design.

The centerpiece of "The Feminist Majority" in big letters was drawn by Rachelle DeBehnke, who has been looking forward to this project since FMLAers began talking about it a year ago. As they were working, lots of folks stopped by to read the quotes and make comments or chuckle. Crossing the courtyard on their way to lunch and back gave the construction workers from the A wing a chance to point and laugh at "Vaginas are Beautiful."

Contributions came from unexpected sources like Prof. Laura Saunders who added Virginia Woolf's wonderful quote, "As a woman I have no country; as a woman I want no country; as a woman my country is the world." Kathy Kardaras from the Honors Program used her lunch break to write, "Standing as I do, in the view of God and eternity, I realize that patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness towards anyone," a few words of Edith Clavell. Three artists from Mexico who were visiting campus stopped to take a look, and one asked if she could contribute. She wrote "Ser mujer una razon para luchar" which she translated as "To be a woman is a cause worth fighting for." At the bottom, she added a drawing of a woman with braids reaching up to write.

Within a few hours, the organization members had covered the whole concrete area with words and artwork that are important to them as feminists, in colorful chalk for all the world to see- or at least all the world at NEIU that day. They hoped their words displayed their love of and regard for womanhood. In the words of Ntozake Shange, "I found god in myself, and I loved her fiercely."

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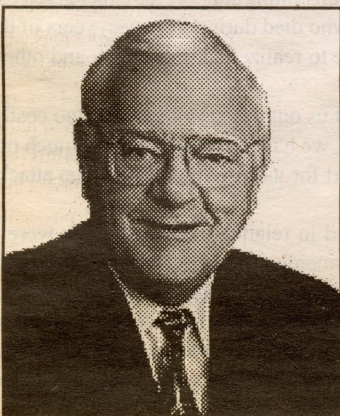
EDITORIAL

Governor Ryan betrays electorate

by Victor A. Dula
Opinions Editor

In August, Governor George Ryan chaired four town meetings around the Chicago metropolitan area to hear concerns over the then recently released expansion plans for O'Hare Airport by Mayor Richard Daley. The first happened to be at the Des Plaines City Hall, a mere ten minutes east of where I live. I went because as a Des Plaines resident who lives about ten minutes north of O'Hare, I have a vested interest in the outcome of this O'Hare debate.

I decided to report on it and the Bensenville meeting for the *Independent* (August 29th,



Governor George Ryan, in his lame duck days as governor, has changed his mind on the O'Hare issue.

September 5th issues) because they were pieces of an important and still unfolding story. I found myself going to the Naperville meeting as well. All three I attended proved to be valuable, though the formal presentations from one meeting to the next that outlined details of the expansion plan were repetitive.

I recorded on my VCR as much of the Chicago television reporting on these meetings as I could on such channels as 2, 5, 7, and 32 to supplement my own perspective on the meetings. I fully immersed myself in this very local issue, because I knew there would be heavy political fallout even if I didn't know exactly how it would occur.

At the outset of all three meetings I went to, Ryan emphasized how he would hear both sides of the issue and produce a counterproposal to Mayor Daley's O'Hare expansion

plan. "It may well also include some of the elements of the Mayor's plan," he said a number of times.

Though I can't remember which television station showed it, one reporter asked one of the red-shirted anti-O'Hare protestors outside the Des Plaines City Hall Building (most of the attendees were forced to watch outside on large projection monitors, because there were too few seats in the City Council chamber to accommodate all who showed up) if she thought Ryan would do a "flip-flop" on O'Hare expansion. She said, "Sure—what's he got to lose?"

Of course, what more does that licence-for-bribes-I-didn't-know-that-money-was-going-into-my-campaign-warchest crook have to lose? His career in politics is over, and there's nothing political left to be gained by keeping his word.

All of this pointed to what, way in the back of my mind, I felt was coming: a complete 180° reversal from the stand he had previously made on O'Hare, which was that he opposed any form of expansion. That turn came with the Governor's recent announcement that he will work with Daley to expand O'Hare and build Peotone. In a press conference, Ryan said the following:

Times change. What am I supposed to do? I mean it's, you know, we don't live in the 18th century now. Little did we know we were going to lose the World Trade Center, and there isn't any question that I changed my mind, and I said when I campaigned for governor that I wasn't for new runways, and I wasn't at that time. BLOCK THIS QUOTE

How does losing the World Trade Center relate to the need to expand O'Hare? If there is any relationship, it is that O'Hare expansion has become less of an issue with the sharp decrease in air travel and the increasing difficulty for the airlines to stay afloat, unless there are other politics at work for Chicago to replace New York as the economic nucleus of this country while New York rebuilds.

Many constituents and political leaders feel utterly betrayed by Ryan. Foremost among them is Elk Grove Mayor Craig Johnson, whose town is home to an economically

potent industrial park, which also stands to suffer losses with the proposed western access road to O'Hare. He had some very choice words for Governor Ryan: "Thank God he's not running again, because he couldn't be elected dog catcher in our town after what he did today."

What George Ryan did was more than break a simple campaign promise. It was not as if Ryan made X number of promises and upon further consideration changed his mind on 20 or 30% of them. He took an issue that suburbanites take most seriously (suburban residents have protested O'Hare expansion for decades) and told them what they wanted to hear so that they would work independently to get him elected. Without that suburban support, Ryan probably would have been defeated by Poshard.

Mayor Daley certainly played the political game like the old pro that he is (This is, what, his fourth term as Chicago Mayor?). He rolled out an appallingly painful expansion plan that would have meant the destruction/relocation of more than 500 homes and apartments and 70 businesses, should the plan be carried out exactly as detailed, and the paving over of two cemeteries believed to have buried in them the remains of some of the first residents in Bensenville.

However, as in any negotiation or conflict, the rule is to aim higher than one's true goal in order to arrive at what one had wanted in the first place. After attending those meetings, it did not take me long to conclude that it's rather doubtful that either Daley or Ryan really seriously considered building that new south runway that would have necessitated the destruction of those homes and businesses.

Scare the locals that the big meanies from Chicago are coming to take their homes away, then later "compromise" to scrap the plans to build that south runway, allowing those residents to feel relieved or think that Governor Ryan actually did something for them. I saw this coming and had planned to write an editorial about it, but the attacks of September 11th happened, so I chose to hold off.

Daley also does not consider Peotone to be necessary. Why should he when O'Hare is within Chicago city limits? I would bet that he doesn't want Peotone because the revenue generated would not yield tax dollars to Chicago that he could control. Also, he probably fears that Peotone would compete for O'Hare's flights.

There was something else I noticed about Daley's plan when I looked at the reconfigured runway diagram: The space between the north runway and the next parallel one to its south is sizable. In fact, there would be enough room to fit two or maybe even three more runways should the need arise, and it would not even require the acquisition of more private property, but I bet Daley wants that hush-hush.



Many say that Mayor Daley's "On Time O'Hare Plan" has become victorious in the wake of the governor's decision.

EDITORIAL

Amazing, but true...

by Lucy Rendler-Kaplan
News Editor

The Chicago Bears are in first place in the Central Division. No, you haven't read wrong. The Bears won their fourth straight game this past Sunday (October 21), shutting out the Cincinnati Bengals. Winning their fourth straight game hasn't happened since 1995. We have to look all the way back to 1998 to see a four game stretch as good as we are seeing this season. In the last four games, the Bears have only given up 26 points.

If you all have high hopes, and if you are anything like some of us at the *Independent* office, you have already taken out your *Super Bowl Shuffle* video and have begun to re-learn all the words.

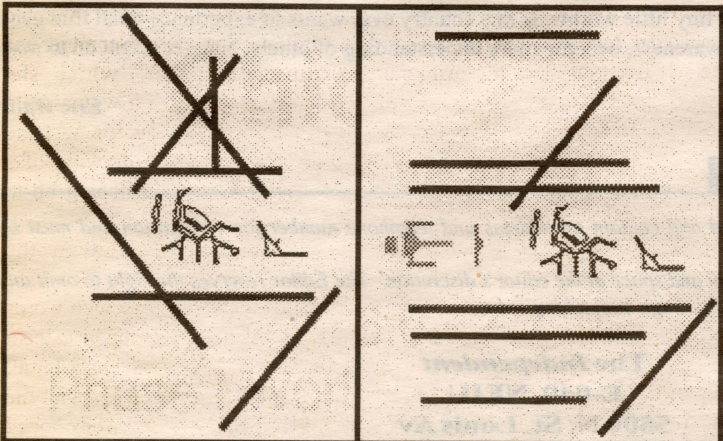
Now, don't get me wrong; the last thing I am going to do is say that the 2001 Bears team is *just* as good as the 1985 team. We still have some hurdles to overcome for the rest of the season. Our number one receiver, Marcus Robinson, won't be back until we can watch him in Champaign. He's scheduled for season-ending knee surgery after injuries sustained in the victory over Cincinnati. This is now the third time in five seasons that my fantasy football teams have suffered after Robinson has ended up on injured reserve.

Can we make it without him? My prediction is that it will be up to Walt Harris, Bryan Robinson, and Tony Parrish. Defensive lineman Joe Tafoya has also been signed from the practice squad to the regular roster. Former Northwestern star D'Wayne Bates also recognizes the hole that Robinson has left. "Marcus is one of the best athletes on our team, and it's a big loss for us. But it's an opportunity for myself and the other guys on the team. It's tragic that I get to play at the expense of one of my favorite players on the team. We all have to come up, step up together, especially the receivers corps."

Sounds good, but in the past, the Bears have shown that it's something that is easier said than done. Remember 1998? Curtis Enis tore his ACL, and without Enis, the Bears lost seven of their last eight games. Last season, Bobby Engram tore his ACL in Week 2, and the Bears went on to lose seven of their first eight games.

The next few weeks will be very important in deciding if you should be switching your VHS copy of the *Super Bowl Shuffle* over to DVD just yet. San Francisco and Cleveland are just as good, if not better, in offense as the Bears are this season. I do believe that the Bears have a terrific defense. Brian Urlacher is the best there is, and we're lucky to have him. No one in the game can seek out and destroy a running back like him. No one in the game can drop back in his zone as quickly and read the passer's eyes. Urlacher leads one of the top defenses in the league.

If the Bears' offense is going anywhere, second-round pick Anthony Thomas and first-rounder David Terrell will be leading it. Thomas established a team rookie record with his 188 rushing yards against the Bengals. The offense is still ranked 29th in yardage, with the previous Bear victories relying on the defense, but with A-Train and Terrell in charge, this could soon change. [Editor's note: After this op was written, the Bears beat the 49er's 37-31, their 5th.]



(Left) O'Hare configuration as it is now. (Right) Mayor Daley's proposed reconfiguration. It is likely, though, that there will be a compromise worked out seeing the elimination of the southernmost proposed runway.

Ahh, Halloween!

by Maya Bell
Senior Staff Writer

What will I do for Halloween? Hmmm, how about...nothing! To tell you the truth, I really don't have any plans to do anything for Halloween, although I have been entertaining the idea of going to a haunted house in Indiana. This house is actually an old mansion; you start at the top floor of the house (it has three floors), and end up in the basement. I heard it is a *realscream*! For me, this would be a huge thing to conquer. I've never really been to a haunted house that big, so it will be interesting to see if I come out of it alive. Believe me, I would rather be working at a haunted house instead of visiting one.

In any case, as to what I will *be* for Halloween, that is easy. I am going to be a B.A.P. For those of you who don't know what that is, I am going to be a Black American Princess. It is *the* only idea I have entertained, and since I've never celebrated Halloween in the past, I'm really not going to start now. But if worse comes to worse, this is the one costume that requires as little work as possible. I'm not too keen on wearing masks, face paint, or outlandish costumes; besides "less is more," and I guarantee that no one will know who I am (besides those who are reading this).

It will be interesting to see what kinds of costumes people come up with this year. I have heard some crazy things. One guy I talked to said he was going as a tomato; another guy said he was going as toilet paper—they both requested to remain anonymous, and for good reason. What the hell? Whatever happened to princesses, cowboys, and ghosts? I think these guys are trying too hard to be original, and hasn't the vegetable thing been done already?

The one thing I am *not* looking forward to are the Halloween pranks. You know what I mean. The throwing of boiled, rotten, frozen, and raw eggs, the papering of trees, stink bombs in the mailbox, that kind of thing (now don't any of you get any ideas). While Halloween is a night for ghouls and witches, I'd rather not spend my time trying to avoid sneaky pranksters, and where I live, it is almost impossible to avoid. In any case, the pranks are just par for the course; I just hope I won't be a victim this year.

I probably won't be handing out any candy since I never did before, so why start now? But here's a helpful hint for those of you who will be escorting kids while trick-or-treating: Try to take them to a high rise building, whether it be an apartment building or an office building, it's the easiest way to get the candy! Plus, if it is a cold night, which it most likely will be, you and the kids can be comfortable and stock up on the stash!

Well, the scariest thing I will be doing on Halloween is going to a haunted house—I've made up my mind. For me, a haunted house is enough. For all of you, it may not be, so have a good time at whatever you decide to do.

I've always felt that there was something sinister and creepy about a cool autumn night on Halloween. Imagine walking down a deserted street, leaves rustling off the trees and across the sidewalk, the wind whistling and suddenly somebody runs past you with a *Scream* mask and shroud—there's really nothing like it. Unfortunately, people do use Halloween to commit random crimes, so be careful, watch your back, and don't let those kids out of your sight! I hope you all have a *ghoulish Halloween!!!*

QUOTABLES

Commander Haq went there with five or six people to talk to elders to find out how to bring peace to the country. The Taliban have gone out of their minds.

Mohammed Yousuf, nephew of Afghan opposition leader Abdul Haq, hanged by Taliban

[A long US bombing campaign] plays into every stereotypical criticism of us [that] we're this high-tech bully that thinks from the air we can do whatever we want to do, and it builds the case for those who want to make the case against us that all we're doing is indiscriminately bombing innocents, which is not the truth.

Sen. Joe Biden, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee

... his questions show a total lack of understanding of the extent of the attack our nation has suffered and the need to do all we must, no matter how long it takes, to defend ourselves against aggression.

Dick Morris, columnist for the New York Post on Sen. Joe Biden

The Green Party USA condemns the U.S. and British bombing of Afghanistan as inhumane and an act of "state terrorism" against a starving and impoverished nation. The killing of innocent civilians, whether intended or not, is a violation of international law.

Green Party USA, Official Press Statement #3

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LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Actually, Israel is a *dangerous* ally

Current discussions as to the nature of Islam serve only to distract. To describe the recent attacks on the World Trade Center as acts of fanaticism is correct, but also deliberately misleading. Even fanatics have their reasons, but to say that their aim is the destruction of Western Civilization may be true for a very few, but it too is misleading. All of the above serve to ignore, avoid or dismiss real, crucial issues behind attacks on America and to pre-empt the possibility of any discussion (because you can't talk to fanatics) or negotiation (because Western civilization is not negotiable).

There are however many within the Arab/Muslim world with whom we can and should negotiate, and the issue to be negotiated is not domestic policies like our treatment of Muslim Americans or our respect for pluralism. The overriding issue is America's foreign policy, particularly its military presence in the Middle East. These are the concerns of Arabs and Muslims that need to be understood, addressed, and negotiated. Topping the list has to be America's unqualified support for Israel's policy towards its neighbors.

But no understanding can come from reading someone like Shana Stone who writes with total blindness to the views of others. She writes as if Israel is the only country or people in the Middle East to suffer unrelenting violence. What Stone says "Israel experiences on a constant basis" is the same thing Arabs in the regions controlled by Israel suffer from, and much of the suffering Israelis experience is not in Israel, but in settlements established by them outside their country. They are like Germans who were shot by resistance fighters in France or Russians in Hungary by Hungarians or settlers by Indians in the old West. Even so at any time when the total killed, injured, and maimed through violent attacks is added up, Arab/Palestinian victims have always far outnumbered what Israelis experience.

That Israel does not employ terrorist tactics when it regularly kills foreigners means that it like the United States has an Air Force and a standing army and like us does not have to resort to suicide bombers to destroy people and property. And it makes no difference if you die from a suicide bomber, or a guided missile launched from a democratic country. You or your family are just as dead in either case. And those who survive know damn well that Arabs and Muslims are being killed by planes and bombs and missiles manufactured in the United States. And if you think Israel and the United States are fighting for justice—infinite or less—remember, no one fights for evil. Every murderous fool on all sides is fighting for justice.

After World War II, the two biggest political mistakes in the second half of the last century were letting the Soviets into Eastern Europe and forming the State of Israel by dumping on Arab land a nation of people who suffered under a European holocaust. The Holocaust ended 56 years ago. The Russians have withdrawn to their original borders. It's long past the time when Israel must do the same: withdraw from the occupied territories of Gaza, the Golan Heights, and the West Bank. That Israel is a democracy gives it no right to occupy foreign territory. Until it withdraws from those territories, the United States should withdraw its unqualified support for that nation.

Shana Stone talks about what a great ally we have in Israel. But what has our unstinting support for Israel given us? Not protection from terrorism. In one day we lost over 10% of all Americans who died during the seven years of the Viet Nam war, and however you regard the attack or its perpetrators you have to realize that this attack and others would not have occurred if it were not for current American foreign policy.

President Nixon certainly wasn't opposed to our war in Viet Nam, but he got us out because it just was too costly. Even if one favors Israel, like many still favored the war in Viet Nam at its end, we have to recognize how much our support for Israel is costing us. I can guarantee that if we withdraw our support for its current policies, then attacks against the United States will plummet!

No conscientious person would tolerate the kind of action Israel is engaged in relative to its neighbors were it committed by other countries. Israel must be expected to conform to the same principles of respect for the sovereignty and independence of other peoples that we should demand of all nations. For decades our foreign policy has supported a state like Israel even as it is getting away with murder that we claim to find intolerable when it is committed by Muslims, communists, or Nazis. We are paying too high a price in terms of the hatred people have for us and the American lives we will continue to lose. The security of America should not be jeopardized because of our unqualified support for Israeli foreign policy.

Harry White

America's illustrious history in terrorism

Terrorism is the product of ignorance and stupidity. Those who wish to harm others simply have no regard for human life. If they had any idea of how much suffering they inflict on their victims, terrorists might decide to settle their grievances through peaceful means. It's a shame that humans degrade themselves by acting like animals.

This whole country is in an uproar over the recent terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, D.C. Just the other day, I heard an enraged man yell, "We should blow Afghanistan off the face of the earth!" I could only laugh as I watched the crucifix dangle from his neck. People are so mad that they can't even think straight. Everyone's feeling angry and violated, but responding to violence with violence will only help perpetuate a cycle of conflict. We should all take a step back and reflect on other people's mistakes, as well as our own. We should all stop acting so self-righteous and remember that this country isn't so innocent either.

America has a long and illustrious history in the terrorism department, but usually we aren't on the receiving end. This country has committed innumerable atrocities against other peoples and nations. For example, America, or shall I say, our government, is responsible for millions of deaths in both the Korean and Vietnam wars. It's a fact that America stole land from the Native Americans, destroyed their culture, and systematically slaughtered them. This country prospered from the enslavement of the African. Even a century after abolition, they were still deprived of their political and economic rights. Some two hundred thousand Central Americans died just in the past decade because of our government's foreign policy. And even though America is the defender of individual freedom, we still support dictatorships like the one in Saudi Arabia.

Even though this country has been the victim of terrorism, I doubt the average citizen is aware of the terrorism that their own country has and is currently involved in. It's a little disturbing to see a pick-up truck full of angry drunks screaming, "Kill all the towel heads!" out the windows. Of course, they are blasting Pantera and have a gigantic American flag flying from their vehicle. I wonder if these patriotic cretins ever voted in their lives. It's even more disturbing to hear these patriots talk about killing people indiscriminately. It's a philosophy similar to Usama bin Laden's. Peace can never be achieved through aggression.

Terrorism is the product of ignorance and stupidity, and God knows this country has a fair share of that. Too many of us are content to chew on the cud of complacency like docile cattle grazing in a field. Too many of us would rather confine ourselves to our tiny little worlds. If this country ever wants to experience what true peace and safety is, we must heighten our awareness, become more understanding of others, and get involved to make this ideal a reality.

Eric Waller

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Did someone say, "Tax cuts?" Not today

by **Joey Kandelman**
Staff Writer

In light of the aftermath of September 11th, President George W. Bush should fully repeal the tax cut which passed Congress in June 2001 for \$1.35 trillion. The plan that he had approved then did not, and could not, take into account the unforeseen calamity on September 11th.

Before the attacks, Bush intended to significantly decrease the size and power of the federal government, thereby permitting room to cut taxes. As a part of this plan, he sent 91.6 million checks to American taxpayers for \$39 billion. No doubt the vast majority have gotten one within the span of the past couple of months. While it is debatable whether that plan was the best way to allocate our newly balanced budget, now it is certainly unwise to deplete the Federal Treasury any further by returning it into the taxpayers' pockets.

The federal government now has a long list of new, unexpected expenses that they need to absorb because of all of the damage the terrorists caused in the United States. Congress approved pumping \$15 billion into the airline industry to rebuild and to beef up security, as well as \$18.4 billion to enhance our intelligence capabilities. There has been talk of rebuilding the World Trade Center and other parts of New York City, which will also take a large chunk of tax dollars to repair. Though I have not seen a statistic on this, I am certain many insurance companies have had much difficulty trying to keep afloat with the staggering number of deaths and property damage to businesses. In addition, of course, every business that was based solely out of the World

Trade Center that wishes to continue doing business needs to rebuild its company. Such businesses will also need help from Uncle Sam. Is it really a wise idea to give people a tax break at this point in time?

Since Congress approved funding the airlines with \$15 billion, they plan to spend their newfound wealth on a number of security measures. They want to add undercover U.S. Marshals aboard every flight and add locked, bulletproof security doors blocking the entrance to the cockpit. They are also considering mounting video cameras in the passenger area, which the pilots can view from the cockpit, and greatly increasing the salaries of baggage checkers. Congress rejected the plea for this raise.

Because of all of the new emergency funds the government has agreed to open, President Bush has now deemed it necessary to enlarge and strengthen the federal government after all rather than decrease it. The U.S. has doubled the size of Bush's "emergency anti-terrorism measure" from \$20 to \$40 billion since the attacks. Bush has also proposed a \$100 billion economic stimulus package, which includes a combination of increased spending and tax cuts.

Before September 11th, Bush wanted to implement a \$200 billion increase in defense spending over the next 10 years. Most likely, it will now be double that. This tumult in government spending has increased to a whopping 18.8% of our gross domestic product. This percentage is likely to either remain constant or increase over the next ten years. Some members of congress are concerned that the U.S. is going regress to deficit spending in order to repair all of the economic damage.

Once Congress has settled on which expenses require how much funding, there will be debates as to which, if any, social programs should be eliminated so as to offset these great expenses. The first thing which I feel should go is the \$1.35 trillion tax cut bill. Perhaps it was a good idea in June, perhaps not; but it is definitely unwise now.

These new emergency funds, which attempt to restore our airlines, our defense, our buildings, and our businesses, are necessary for the rejuvenation of our beloved United States and to ensure a stable future. On the other hand, greater tax returns are a luxury. Of course, everybody who pays taxes likes to see tax-cuts but sometimes it's not the best option.

Since September 11th, many Americans have showed their patriotism and dedication to their country in many ways. They donated blood and continue to do so, in such vast numbers that New York had to turn many away. They have sung the Star-Spangled Banner and other songs with new, invigorated enthusiasm. They proudly displayed American flags in their homes and on their cars and trucks. While those are all tremendous things to do, it takes more than just patriotism to run an effective government.

Sometimes, people only see what is right in front of them and do not view the bigger picture. They see "why are my taxes so high?" and they completely miss "how can we help bring our country back to its feet?" Our country is in its hour of need. It takes the taxpayers' integrity and sensitivity to step back and say, "Let my taxes go to more worthy causes this time." I hope that they are big enough to swallow those tax refunds for the greater good of the country.

Turn off your T.V. and try not to panic

by **Shana Stone**
Senior Staff Writer

Due to the September 11th terrorist attacks, the United States is on heightened security. We are all now living with a fear of being attacked once again. The media is generating a lot of that fear. Every single day the radio, newspapers, and television discusses possible future terrorist attacks. There are probably hundreds of members of terrorist cells all over our nation. News sources such as Dateline, Nightline, and Sixty Minutes, all discuss new ways for terrorists to attack us. In discussion are ways to get their hands on crop dusting planes, how to spread biological diseases, and how afraid the American public really is. All of this information should not be passed on to our enemies, but is through our media.

The media has a responsibility to present the news, but in a time of war, the media needs to show restraint. Too much information leaking can be devastating to our security as well as our economy, and most of all our safety. Case in point, many news stations broadcast the bin Laden tape where he was spewing forth his hatred of America. The government then intervened and said this was not a very good idea to broadcast the tape, considering that bin Laden most likely was speaking to his terrorist cell here in the U.S. and possibly giving them the go ahead or directive for a new attack. Two cable news networks, after being

asked by the Bush administration to use discretion in showing videotapes from bin Laden's organization, refused to show the latest tape delivered Saturday.

Two weeks ago the news reported that the government was almost 100% sure that we would be attacked again. So for four days the world waited for something horrible to once again occur, but fortunately it didn't. I am sure in those four days our economy once again suffered. We are also being told to be careful on Halloween. The media is sensationalizing the attacks, and possible future attacks and is making people afraid to even walk down the street. President Bush says we have to get our lives back to as much normalcy as possible, but how possible is that when every day we see newspaper headlines of how many terrorists may still be in our country, and how many people are losing their jobs.

The September 11th attacks have had a huge impact on our way of life and have made many of us scared to even go about our normal daily routine. The media has a responsibility to help us get back on track. If our economy is to improve, the news needs to take a new direction. For weeks after the attacks, every news station was riddled with news of the bombings. Regular scheduled programs were canceled and instead we could only watch the horrifying loss of life, and the carnage the terrorists caused. This was very important for us to view, and for the nation to be informed, but every

minute of every day was filled with death and mayhem. For how long are we supposed to be sad and put our lives on hold?

The media is causing a panic. Since the attacks, hundreds of thousands of people are seeking therapy and being put on antidepressants. Much of that reason is the terrorism but a lot has to do with our delay of returning to our every day lives. It is now over a month since the attacks and even now the news is still full of the destruction that was caused on that fateful day. How can Americans be expected to go on with their normal lives when the news will not allow that? The news forces us to still view the images of lost lives, and families that are still suffering horribly from having their loved ones ripped from their lives. Life as we know it in America will never be the same. We may never recover from the devastation that was caused. People are losing their jobs at a very rapid pace, the economy is suffering, and people are now scared to fly. If anything positive has come out of the attacks and out of the constant reporting of the attacks, it is that Americans now have a unity and sense of pride in our country. People are standing together and are looking out for one another more so than ever before. I hope the media can put to rest the attacks and let people get on with their lives. We may always have a sense of fear, but we don't have to let that fear overcome us. I hope future news reports will be more positive, and allow us the peace that we deserve.

You have the right to remain ludicrous...

EVEN THOUGH I'M THE "VOICE OF THE CAMPUS," MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KIND ENOUGH TO TELL ME THAT I REALLY DON'T SPEAK FOR THE "CAMPUS," I USUALLY JUST SPEAK FOR MYSELF. WELL, THAT'S JUST ONE OF THE BENEFITS OF HAVING MY OWN COLUMN.



BRIAN BLASZKOWSKI

I don't have to think about anyone's feelings or opinions. I just write whatever the hell I want. Maybe next issue, I'll do something for the "campus." But for now, screw you. This time around, I'd like to discuss a parking ticket I recently received.

Here's a bit of background, so you can follow my feelings on the subject. I entered the parking lot at around 10:15, about a half hour before my first class. I drove around for about 25 minutes, looking for parking, but no such luck. Anyway, I drove into the new parking lot for about the 18th time, and I noticed something. There had to be about 8 NEIU cop cars parked in student parking spaces. I found this to be odd, but there really wasn't a lot I could do about it. Then, I noticed something else. One of the cars was parked next to one of those concrete curbs that are at the ends of all the aisles. You know the ones, the ones with yellow paint surrounding them, so we all know that we can't park there.

I considered this for a few seconds, wondering why cops can park wherever the hell they want, but we, as tuition paying students (who also pay for parking spaces that don't exist) cannot. I dismissed this as one of the fringe benefits of being an NEIU officer. But then, I saw another cop car in the act of parking alongside the long curb next to the building on the north side of the new lot. I think it's the facilities management building, but I don't know. Nor do I care.

What I care about is what happens next. A student parked right in front of the cop car, also alongside the curb of that building. I figured, "Why the hell not," so I parked there too. Another student parked in front of me. So, the three of us headed towards class. The cop who started the "illegal trend" was talking to somebody near his car. He must have seen us all parking there, and must have seen us all walk past him, but he didn't say a word to us.

Many, many hours later, around 9:45pm, I finished my last class, and headed for my car. As I drew nearer and nearer, I noticed what I took to be a pamphlet of some sort on my windshield. I got to my car, and saw that the pamphlet wasn't a pamphlet on contraception, as I originally supposed, (such a pamphlet would prove quite useless to me, in any event), but it was a parking ticket.

After I stopped swearing I went home, but not before asking myself a question: Why can cops park where they want, but we can't? Perhaps they have special liberties, since they perform a service for the school, but regardless, that's a bunch of crap. Even if they do provide a service (which I find questionable, since I see those officers sleeping on campus more often than actually doing anything), why should they be allowed to park wherever they want?

Just for the sake of argument, let's assume that they are allowed to park in aisles, by curbs, on top of students, whatever. So, they can park in illegal spaces where students can't park, correct? Then, why don't they just use those illegal spaces, and leave all the parking spaces for us? We can only park in parking spaces, so they should stay the hell out of them if they can park illegally.

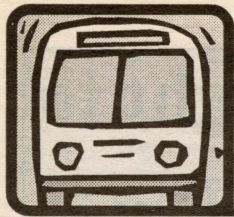
All I have to say, is that Public Safety is SOL, or "Shit Out of Luck" (the previous curse word doesn't count as one of the 3, since it's an explanation of a series of initials) is they think I'm paying that ticket. I'll pay the ticket as soon as every single cop we have pays the exact same amount. I'd normally only make the cop who started the trend that got me a ticket pay, but I don't know who he was, so we have to be thorough.

Anyway, I encourage students to take note when a cop parks illegally, and to register a formal complaint with the Parking Committee, or whatever we have that deals with this sort of thing. We have to stand up and fight the power. We pay tons of money for books, tuition, parking, and we have to pay fees for services I didn't even know existed. We deal with incompetent professors (not all professors are incompetent), incompetent cashiers at the cashiers office (not all cashiers are incompetent), and stupid people in the hallways (most people I see in the halls can be accurately described as "stupid," or at least "oblivious".)

So, the underlying question that I wish to answer is a question I believe everyone on campus has pondered at one time or another: What is Walt Sommers thinking with that toupee? Does he actually think we're fooled by it? Also, what is up with those clothes? Does K-Mart pay him to dress like that, sort of like a living advertisement for the "discount bin?"

That's actually a question I personally was wondering. The true question, one that I can't answer and one that I will leave you all to ponder, is:

Why should we have our parking spaces, the spaces we paid for, taken by a group of individuals who don't have to use them?



The Commuter

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

A creepy Chicagoland graveyard tour

Photos and text by Mary Jo Chrabasz, Production Editor

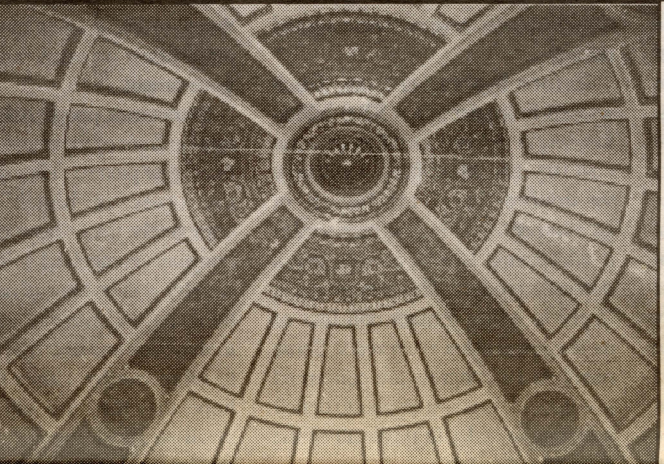
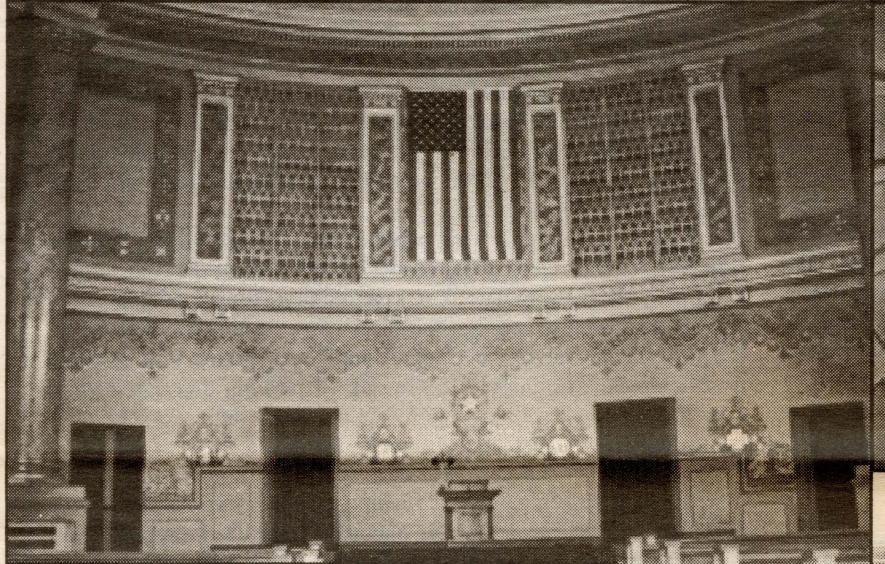
(with thanks to the books by Ursula Bielski and Tom McGowan, and <http://www.graveyards.com>)



Northeastern's quiet neighbor, Bohemian National Cemetery, was established in 1877. The first burial was a baby, N. Brada, who was moved from the original burial near the gate to a more central spot. The front gate was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1977 for the 100th anniversary of the cemetery. The cemetery is filled with unique funerary art, including beautiful headstones in the shape of trees or gorgeous statues.



Section 16 of the cemetery is home to many victims of the 1915 *Eastland* Disaster. The steamer boat *Eastland* was about to embark on a picnic cruise when it overturned due to being overfilled. Over eight hundred people perished, one of the largest disasters in history. The bodies were laid out in temporary morgues, including the Armory building that is now home to Oprah Winfrey's studios, and is linked with the reports of hauntings in the studio.

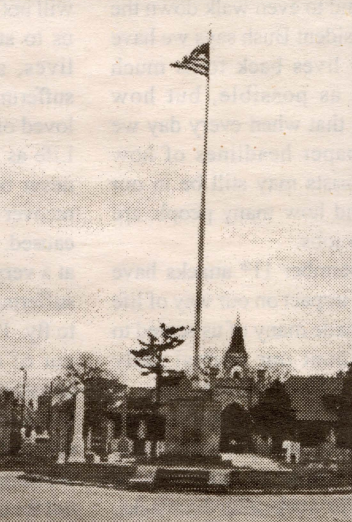
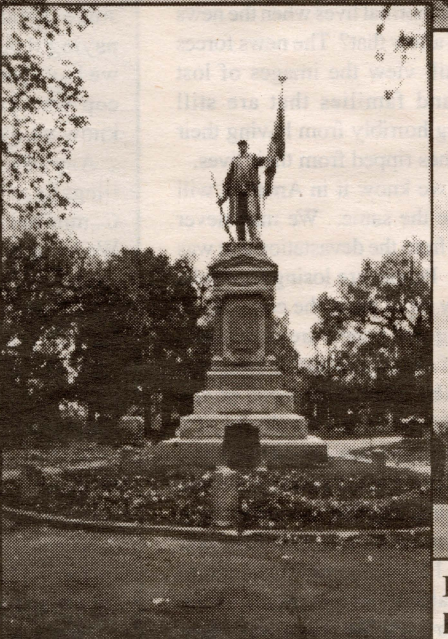
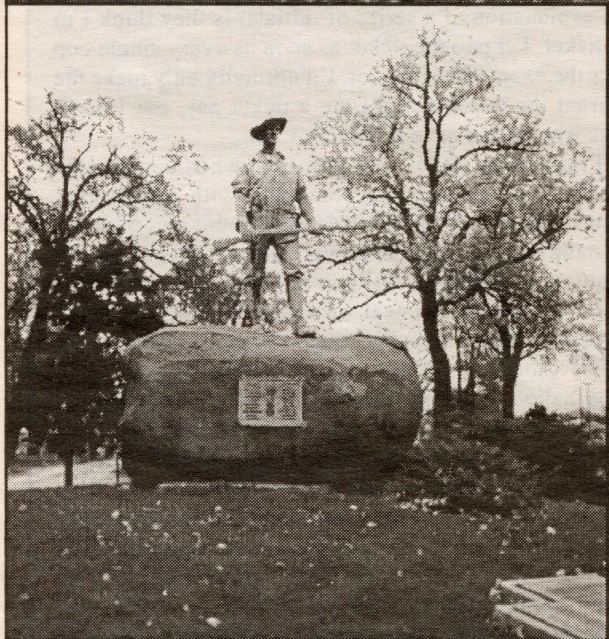


Another famous burial in the cemetery is that of former Chicago mayor Anton Cermak, shot in 1933 while making an appearance with President Franklin D. Roosevelt in Miami. He said to Roosevelt, "I am glad it was me instead of you." These words are carved on the wall inside his mausoleum in section 21 of the cemetery.



Bohemian is also home to many monuments, such as the Civil War Veteran's Memorial, straight back from the entrance gate, and the Spanish War Memorial, further back from the gate and just a little ways from the side of the cemetery that faces Northeastern.

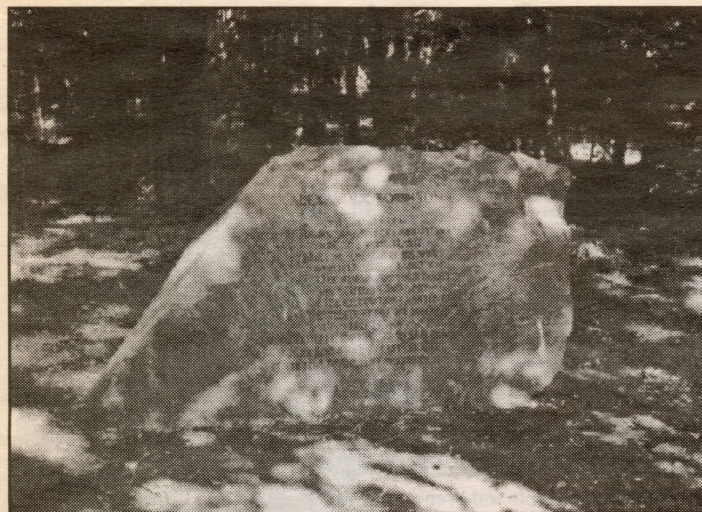
The most famous feature of the cemetery is the historic Crematorium.



Erected in 1913, it contains a beautiful non-denominational chapel as well as a large columbarium. In front of the Crematorium is a lovely statue, "Mother," commissioned in 1927 for the cemetery's 50th jubilee. The Crematorium was featured in the film *U.S. Marshalls*.

Just behind the entrance gate is a flag pole, on which a different flag is flown each day to commemorate a different World War I or II veteran. The base of the flag pole has images relating to the two World Wars and a small frame that the name of the honored veteran is placed.

Photos (left to right, from top): Row 1: the historic Crematorium; the grave of N. Brada, the first interment in the cemetery. Row 2: the non-denominational chapel inside the Crematorium; the domed ceiling of the chapel. Row 3: the Cermak mausoleum; a closer view of the Cermak mausoleum; the landmark entrance gate on Pulaski. Row 4: the Spanish-American War memorial; the Civil War memorial; the flag pole, honoring veterans of the World Wars.



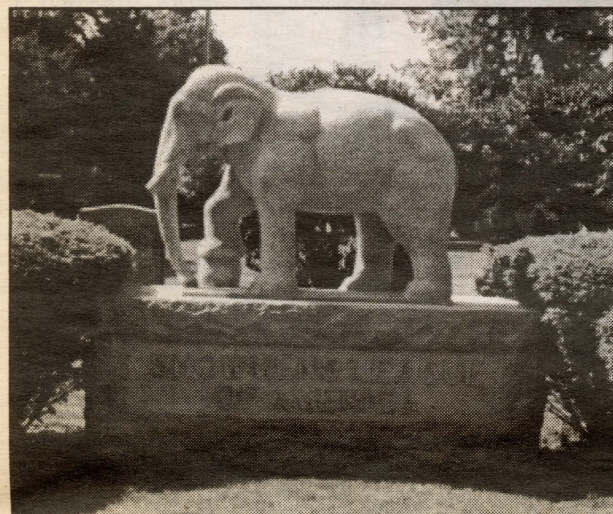
Robinson Family Gravesite

(left) At the corner of Lawrence Ave. and East River Rd. resides Alexander Robinson, Che-Che-Pin-Qua, an early Chicagoland resident. A leader of the Potawatomi and Chippewa tribes, Robinson was the son of a British father and Ottawa mother. When the War of 1812 broke out, the officers had initially decided to stay at Fort Dearborn, but soon received orders to leave and head for Fort Wayne in Indiana. On August 15, 1812, while evacuating, local Potawatomis attacked the party and killed over sixty people in a matter of minutes. Robinson was able to bring Captain & Mrs. Heald, John Kinzie and others from the fort to safety in captured forts in Michigan. He remained at the site of the burned down fort, farming. Later, he acted as translator and also partly negotiated the Treaty of Prairie du Chien, which established the Indian Boundary Line and removed all Native Americans from Chicago. For his role in saving lives during the Fort Dearborn Massacre and for his role in the Treaty of Prairie du Chien, he was given a 1, 200 acre tract of land running from modern-day Irving Park Rd. to Foster Ave., with the Des Plaines river running through it. What remains of his land is now mostly relegated to Forest Preserves: Alexander Robinson Woods, Che-Che-Pin-Qua Woods, and Catherine Chevalier Woods (Catherine was his wife). In 1871, Robinson stood happily by the Lake Street Bridge and watched Chicago burn, pleased that he could once again see the prairie as he had in his youth. He passed away six months later on April 22, 1872. Robinson and many members of his family are buried in a plot right at the corner of Lawrence & East River Rd. It is said that every Halloween eve, Robinson steps out of his grave at

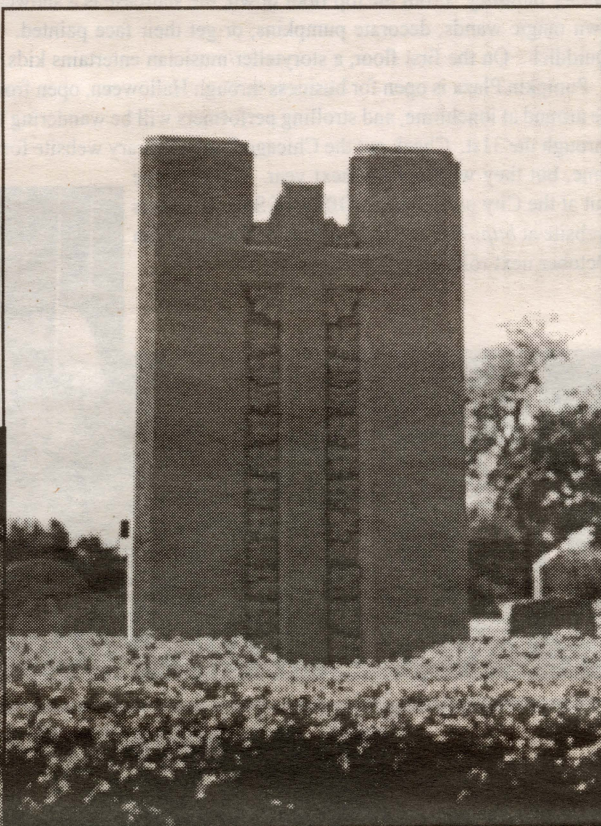
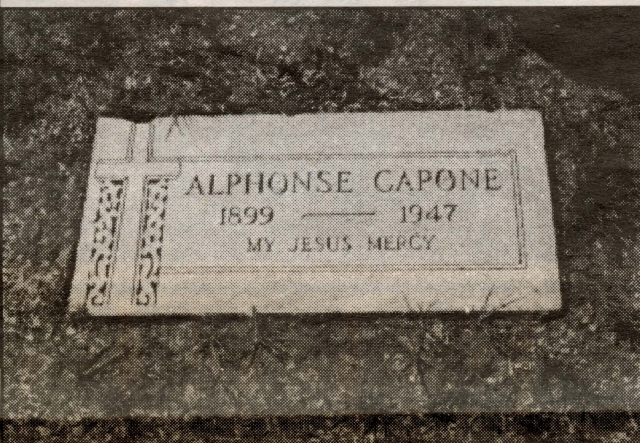
midnight to take a look around at the villages of Norridge and Harwood Heights, whose development he is linked to. There have also been reports of drum beats that sound like Indian Tom-toms heard around the Robinson gravesite, as well as visions of Native Americans performing dances in the woods. It is said that sometimes if you take a photograph of the trees surrounding the gravesite, when the picture is developed, there will be ghostly Native Americans visible. There have also been reports of strange lights, and occasionally the psychic smell of violets, even in the dead of winter. One thing is certain, however; the site is extremely quiet and peaceful, despite the fact that it resides less than fifty yards from busy streets in two directions.

Al Capone's Gravesite

(below right) Capone's grave marker has been stolen at least twice. Weighing in at over one hundred pounds, it is a risky souvenir. He is buried with other family members in the city where he is most remembered, despite the fact that he was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, and died in 1947 from a bout of syphilis in the Florida home where he had stayed while the St. Valentine's Massacre was being carried out.

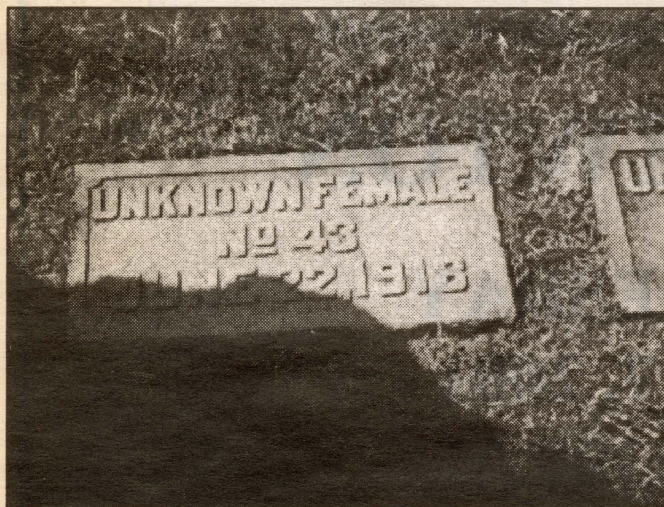


(right) Notorious gangster Al Capone resides in Hillside's Mount Carmel Cemetery (1400 S. Wolf Rd.) Bushes cover the family name on the large marker, planted because of repeated vandalism at the site. One has to peer in over the thick bushes to see the Capone family name.



Showman's Rest

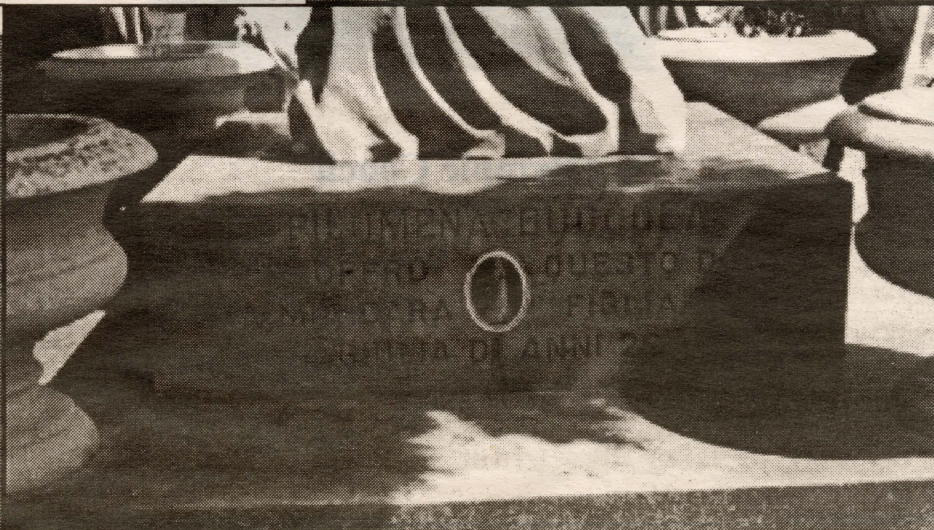
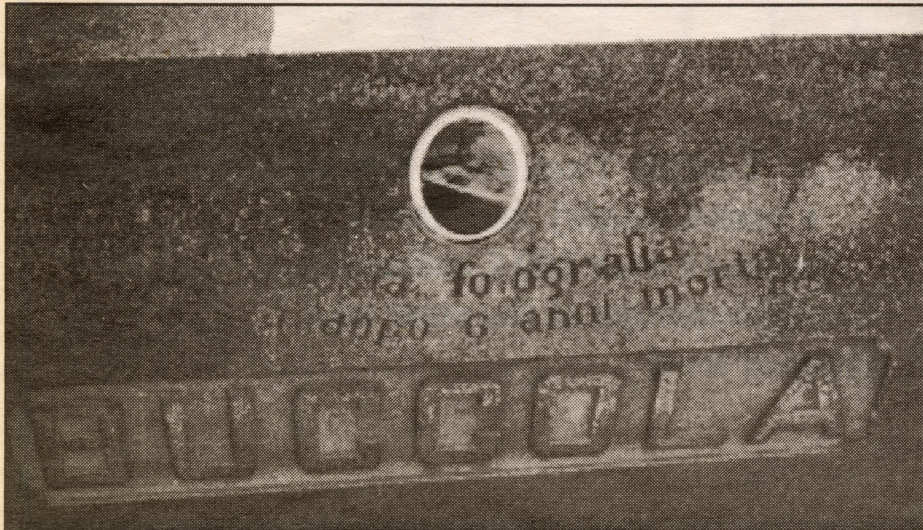
Woodlawn Cemetery (7600 Cermak Rd.; Forest Park) is home to Showmen's Rest, an area maintained by the Showmen's League of America for the burial of circus performers. A large portion of its residents come from the June 22, 1918, circus train wreck near Hammond, Indiana. While en route to a show, the Hagenback-Wallace Circus train was stopped for mechanical problems. While they were stopped, an empty troop train approached, its driver ignoring the warning lights and flagman, and it plowed through, destroying three cars before stopping. The train caught on fire, killing many who had survived the crash. Over eighty people perished. Many of the headstones are marked with performing names, or simply "Unknown" (see left). Five stone elephants, trunks lowered in mourning, guard the site (see above left).



The Italian Bride

(right) Julia Buccola Petta, known as "The Italian Bride," died in 1921 at the age of 29 in childbirth. She was buried with her infant, beneath a lovely monument depicting her in her wedding dress. However, Julia could not rest. Her mother was soon plagued by dreams of Julia, asking her mother to disinter her. Finally, six years after Julia's death, her mother finally gave in and had her daughter exhumed. When they opened the coffin, which was covered in mud and obviously had spent six years underground, they found something unusual. The body of the baby had decomposed, but Julia's body was perfectly intact and looked as it did the day she died. To commemorate this miracle, the family added porcelain photographs to Julia's grave marker: a photograph of her in her wedding dress on

one side of the monument and on the other side, a photograph of her laying in her casket the day they exhumed her. The monument on that side reads, "Questa fotografia presa dopo 6 anni morta," roughly translated from the Italian, "This photograph taken six years after death." This photograph is reproduced at <http://www.graveyards.com/mtcarmel/buccola.html> or interested people can visit Julia's grave at Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Hillside.



Chicago becomes Chicagoween each October

by Mary Jo Chrabasz
Production Editor

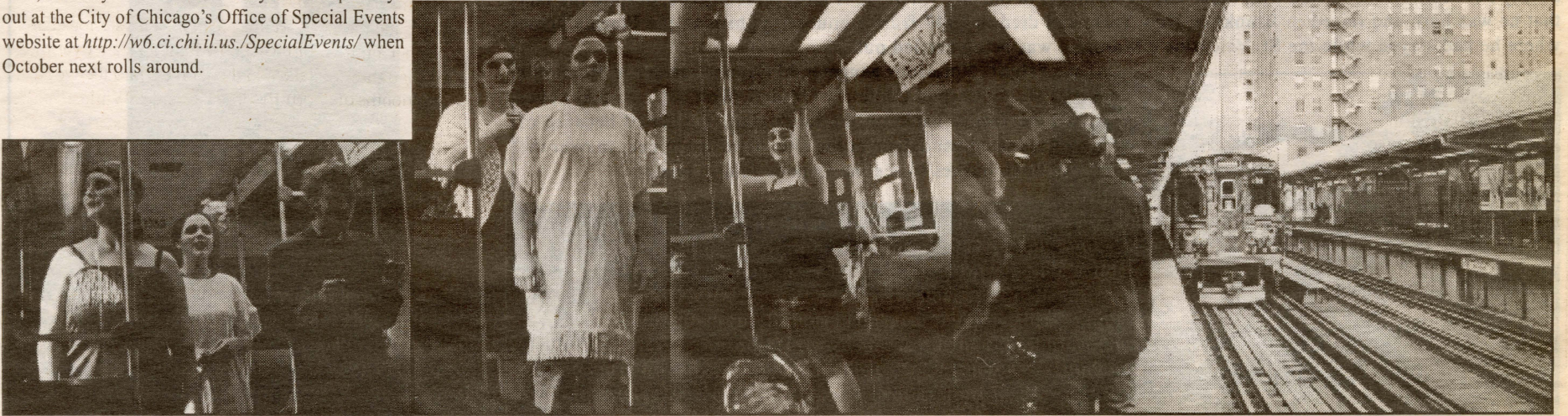
Every October Chicago becomes....Chicagoween! Throughout the city there are Halloween activities galore, throughout the month. Navy Pier was haunted from October 5th, Pumpkin Plaza from October 12th, and many Chicago libraries held a variety of activities throughout the month. The *Independent* this year visited Pumpkin Plaza, the Chicago Cultural Center, and the CTA's Haunted El.

The Daley Plaza becomes Pumpkin Plaza, and the name is well-earned. Right next to the Picasso is a huge spooky house with ghosts leaning out of the upper floor, and loads of pumpkins situated on the lower floor. Even the fountain is ready for Halloween, having been dyed orange. Activities there include face painting, pumpkin decorating (and many of the decorated pumpkins are set on display around the spooky house), storytellers, and the Midnight Circus. The Midnight Circus is certainly the highlight, with spectacular aerial acrobatics, tightrope walking, and plenty of gymnastic feats...and of course, this year's star attraction, Harry Potter!

Just a few blocks away at Randolph and Wabash, a few feet above the street, visitors wait for their haunted transport, the Haunted El. A theater on rails, the Haunted El features three ghosts and a tour guide on each El car telling tales of famous Chicago haunts and even acting them out. Visitors can learn about a spooky premonition, why Oprah's studio and the Excalibur nightclub are haunted, Capone's dastardly deeds, and more. The show combines spooky real Chicago tales with hilarious comedy for an entertaining event. As the tickets are free (although there is a long wait in line for the first-come, first-serve tickets), the Haunted El is definitely something to check out.

The Cultural Center each year becomes a Halloween city, this year with a Harry Potter theme. There's always something to do on each floor of the former Chicago library building. From the top floor down, the staircase is a showcase of decorated pumpkins, accentuated with hay bales. On the second floor the real fun begins, with tables set up for kids to make their own magic wands, decorate pumpkins, or get their face painted. In another section of the second floor, kids can pose with Harry Potter's friend Hagrid for a polaroid or play a land-based version of Quiddich. On the first floor, a storyteller/musician entertains kids, and there are wandering performers all around. All the activities are free, and kids can win prizes with some of the activities.

Pumpkin Plaza is open for business through Halloween, open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the remaining days. The Midnight Circus will be performing at 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. Storytellers will be around at lunchtime, and strolling performers will be wandering the entire time the Plaza is open. Events continue at Navy Pier through the 31st, and some activities will be continuing at Chicago libraries through the 31st. Check out the Chicago Public Library website for their list of activities, <http://www.chipublib.org>. The Haunted El and the Cultural Center's activities will be over for the year by our press time, but they will be back next year. Keep an eye out at the City of Chicago's Office of Special Events website at <http://w6.ci.chi.il.us/SpecialEvents/> when October next rolls around.



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A boo-rific time in Brookfield

by Maya Bell
Senior Staff Writer

The question is, "Can You Survive the 25?" The Brookfield Jaycees is an on-profit organization that raises money for the community, and this year they are having their "25th Annual Award Winning Haunted House" located in Jaycee Ehlert Park in Brookfield. The Brookfield Jaycees boasts to having the scariest haunted house in the area, and their claims backed up by awards to prove it. Their haunted house was chosen as one of the top three houses in the Chicagoland area by *HauntedHouse.com*, and believe me, this house certainly lives up to the hype.

The first thing you notice is that the house isn't really a "house" at all; it's more like a long trailer. But don't let the appearance fool you, this house is jam-packed with horror at every turn. Only three to four people are allowed in at a time to ensure maximum terror. While standing in line, you can hear the screams of the poor souls who were ahead of you coming from the house, and the anticipation builds as you get closer to the entrance.

I must admit I am a bon-a-fide chicken, so upon entering the house I attempted to stay behind my

boyfriend. Unfortunately, knowing I was a chicken, he kept me in front the entire time. Ultimately I am glad he did, because I experienced it all literally "up close and personal." One man who came out of the house said that he almost "peed in his pants." Can anyone say adult diapers?

Of course, there is a disclaimer that saves the Brookfield Jaycees from any liability which may occur to you while in the house. While the monsters don't touch you, they do get pretty close, and it may be too close for some. Even if you're not keen on having somebody really "in your face," I suggest you suck it up and do it anyway! You definitely won't regret it.

However, a little girl came out screaming her head off and with tears streaming down her eyes, so I'm not so sure it's a good idea to take small children, as they could be traumatized for life. However, kids seven years old and up should be fine.

I suggest you just go to the Brookfield Jaycees Haunted House. It's such an unforgettable hair-raising experience! It's a real scream! Go as a couple, go as a group, or they dare you to go alone! For more information visit, www.hauntedhouse.com or www.brookfieldjaycees.com.

Chicagoland hauntings

by Georgia Logothetis
Staff Writer

Besides being famous for its politics and gangsters, Chicago is also notorious for its ghosts and haunted sites. Throughout the city, there are legends of unsettled spirits and ghostly encounters. The most famous Chicago hauntings occur in the city's cemeteries. From eerie apparitions to love beyond the grave, these ghost stories take place right in our own backyard:

BACHELOR'S GROVE CEMETERY

This burial ground has been the site of hundreds of strange phenomena, including ghost lights, inexplicable light and voices, apparitions, strange photos, and ambiguous recordings. The pond in the cemetery was a favorite dumping ground for Chicago gangsters during the time of Prohibition, and there have been sightings of these victims throughout the years.

Many visitors to the area have also reported seeing a phantom farmhouse that seems to appear and disappear at random. Yet the most popular ghost is that of the "White Lady" or the "Madonna of Bachelor's Grove." Apparently the ghost of a woman buried in the cemetery next to her young son, she can be seen on nights of the full moon, wandering the cemetery with a baby in her arms.

ROSEHILL CEMETERY

The most famous ghostly site in Chicago is the mausoleum that belongs to Charles Hopkinson, a real-estate tycoon from the 1800's. On the anniversary of Hopkinson's death, a horrible moaning sound can be heard coming from the tomb, followed by what appear to be the sounds of rattling chains.

Aaron Montgomery Ward and his business rival Richard Warren Sears are also laid to rest in the building. The ghost of Sears has been seen walking through the mausoleum at night, wearing a top hat and tails, leaving the Sears family room and walking the hallways from his tomb to that of Ward's.

Another tale involves the monument of Frances Pearce. It depicts life-sized images of Frances and her infant daughter reclining on top of the stone. The figures are encased in a glass box, designed to protect the marble. She married Horatio Stone in the 1800's, and the couple lived happily together until Frances and their infant daughter suddenly died within four months of each other. Horatio commissioned a memorial statue of Frances and their daughter to be placed at their mutual gravesite. According to legend, on the anniversary of their deaths, a white haze fills the glass box that has been placed over the monument as mother and daughter reach out from the other side to the husband and father who was left behind.

HOLY SEPULCHER CEMETERY

This is the burial place of Mary Alice Quinn, a child who died suddenly at the age of fourteen in 1935. Before her death, she allegedly performed miracles, becoming very popular in the neighborhood for curing the sick. Soon after, Mary's apparition reportedly began appearing to people throughout Chicago's south side and even in other parts of the world. Since that time, hundreds have visited the grave, some even taking away handfuls of dirt. Most leave something behind, including prayer tokens, rosaries, coins, and photos, as an offering. Many claim to have been healed of their afflictions after visiting the grave. The scent of roses penetrates the air around the grave, becoming especially pungent during winter.

MAPLE LAKE

At this location, a mysterious ball of red-yellow light appears over the lake and then travels into the woods on the opposite side. While it has appeared dozens of times, it lasts for only about a minute. Investigators have been unable to come up with an explanation for the light. Like many ghost lights, the legends surrounding the light point toward an accident that occurred many years ago and left a man decapitated. The light is reputed to be the glow of his lantern as he searches for his missing head.

An eclectic concert

by Benny Boyas
Staff Writer

Soon after stepping foot into the dance studio in the Fine Arts Center at NEIU and following the removal of my "street shoes," I was startled as I heard the clapping of a pair of hands and a dominant, commanding voice shouting, "Come on ladies, let's move it! This is a photo shoot!" Sensations of determination and professionalism filled the room. A specialized photographer had been summoned, primarily to illustrate the capricious energy of the performance for promotional purposes. Once again, I was startled when the newly renovated dance floor trembled as a group of promising dancers sprinted past him and took their positions.

It was entertaining to observe these talented young ladies starring in the show, and dressed in a variety of outfits that were ranging from classic and elegant black and white ensembles to more modern, distinctly colorful garments. Some even sported camouflage, as if they represented an elite special force of artists.

The commander of this vivacious cluster of performers stood with her arms crossed, showing neither seriousness nor amusement. Ms. Venetia Stifler, head of the Dance Department and NEIU and director of the performance looked on and gave the orders to the cast, carefully composing the group's picture into what she envisioned in her mind. Finally exhibiting some emotion, she smiled and exclaimed "I love it!" after examining a Polaroid taken by the photographer before the official session began.

Fact: This is not your typical stage production. *Eclectic Visions*, a carefully yet freely constructed Dance Concert, features a vast array of styles and ambiances, much like the title suggests. The event is being choreographed not just by the faculty, but also by the dancers themselves. Rebecca Pollok, Beverly Projanski, Katherine Nolan, and Izabella Woronko are student dancers and



choreographers whose works will be featured in the show. Rachel Burton, also part NEIU's faculty, will be showcasing some choreography. Directing a Spanish dance will be Libby Komaiko, artistic director of Ensemble Espanol.

In addition to them, a special guest is also coordinating the show. Joel Hall, a Northeastern alumni and artistic director of his own dance company, has returned to the university to teach and choreograph, having earned an international reputation for his dance company and his methods of jazz dance instruction. Joel's return to NEIU is received ecstatically. This collaboration of directors, performers, instructors, and dancers definitely balanced the equation, completing this recipe for success.

Also involved in the production is a class instructed by Ms. Stifler. *Dance Production* is comprised of four students, some of whom are actual dancers and others who merely expressed an interest in the course. The students are learning first hand how a performance is produced. From rehearsals and revisions to photo shoots and media exposure, the

class curriculum encompasses the diligent, lengthy, and rewarding experience the production. Paula Melissa Hernandez, a student enrolled through the nontraditional degree program, expressed the anticipation felt by herself and her peers. "We are all really excited," she said of the upcoming show. "We've all worked very hard for this."

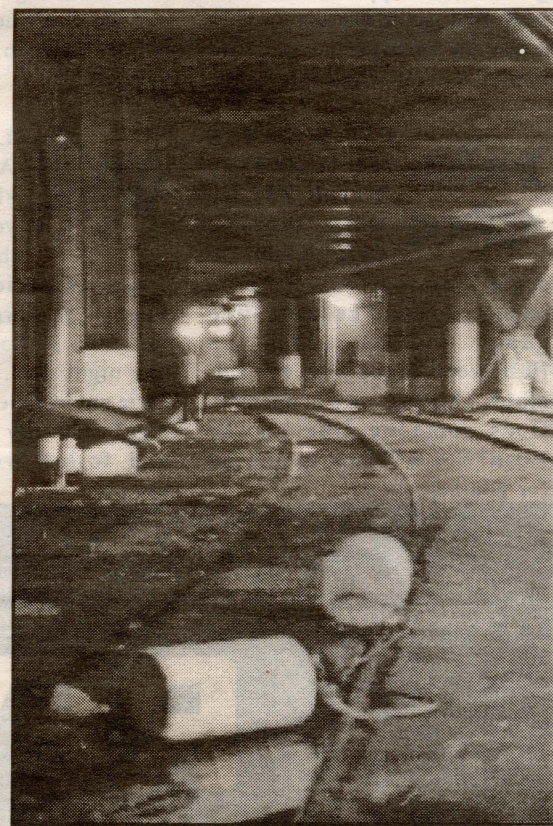
Everything about *Eclectic Visions*, from the dance routines and the performers themselves to the setting for each individual movement, is a celebration of artistic endeavors. Taking place on November 9th, 2001, 8:00p.m. at Northside College Preparatory High School, 5501 North Kedzie Ave. in Chicago, this concert promises to provide an entire evening full of entertainment that can be appreciated by everyone. Highly recommended for newcomers to the genre and connoisseurs alike, it would be unfortunate not to attend this exhibition of colorful emotions set to music. Admission is free to all NEIU students, faculty, and staff with an I.D. card. A nominal \$5.00 fee will be charged for the general public.

Lots of spooks and spectres at the Chicago River Tour

by Lisa St. Martin
Staff Writer

What buried moans and groans can be picked up from the basements of Chicago's major high-tech studio soundwave systems or caught by patrolling undersea divers? What long, lost souls lie beneath our city's towering spires, awash in a river—most commonly colored a murky shade of green—calling, "h-e-e-l-p . . . m-e-e-e . . . ?" According to the "Friends of the Chicago River," many such spirits lurk along with the bobbing boats and floats. These ghosts of the past haunt the volunteers and inspire other living creatures to help build better nature trails and improve the local riverfront, as explained in a "Spooky Guided Walking Tour" October 24th, by a night prowling leader of river lore.

In getting to know the Chicago River, one gets closer—to the underground—or the tracks and trails which have been built up over the years, as Chicago's urban terrain has shifted upward and downward, and the flow of the river backwards and forwards. Some of these old tunnels have been cemented and re-routed, possibly trapping twisted and mournful cries of restless heroes, or the sighs and echoes of catastrophe—bricked in and demented signals, daring you to take a look into shadowy side of the Chicago River. Visit <http://www.chicagoriver.org> to learn more about how you can be a part of the team of current water preservation.



Creepy underground tunnel, filled with specters.

Horrorscopes

by Iris the Oracle

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS THIS WEEK: You should know what to do and love doing it. Take care when it comes to having a strain on your heart. You will go on an adventure soon.

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS NEXT WEEK: Want to start a school of your own? If you are interested, talk to a person who works for a big company or government organization.



SCORPIO
(October 23 to November 21)

You wish that every night was Halloween night. When you think of Halloween, you think of a surreal world like in the movie "The Nightmare Before Christmas". You will find yourself singing "This is Halloween" as the witches hour approaches.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

You have been thinking more about reality than fantasy. That can wreak a romantic weekend, unless you're with the right person of course. You are not in any hurry as the goblin season is upon you. You are using your street smarts to steer clear of the sky surfers.



VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)

When you get somebody who's not what they appear to be, you know you're needed. Instead of casting a spell on a friend, Dracula himself might be lurking around waiting to catch you. Wear a necklace made of garlic to keep the blood sucking roach away.



SAGITTARIUS
(November 22 to December 21)

Love and money seems linked for you right now. You will be doing a little extra work. You will be working across town to capture the unruly ghouls while people thank you for your hard work. You weren't given that bow and arrow for no reason.



TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

Your life is getting easier for now. There'll be a few more ups and downs, but the situation you dealt with for the past few weeks is just about resolved. You might have time to yourself. You could end up meeting some ghosts along the way. Did someone say Casper?



LIBRA
(September 23 to October 22)

You want to be in a stronger position. You are having second thoughts about that monster bash you want to host this year. You want to be an American hero this Halloween. You are striving for justice as the fall gets colder and the leaves dance in the wind.



CAPRICORN
(December 22 to January 19)

You have a long list of requests in your head, so writer them down on paper. With all the things that have been going on lately, you don't want to go trick or treating by yourself. Go with a group of friends and have some fun. Werewolves don't exist right?



GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)

You are undergoing some changes in your life as the fall wears on. United you stand. Divided, you will never fall. You will not be torn apart from your inner self as Halloween is upon you. As far as you're concerned, those demons can take their magic elsewhere.



AQUARIUS
(January 20 to February 18)

Is there something that you can use, like a hot tub? Pay a visit to the do-it-yourself store and see what kind of deal you can get for the supplies. You will keep filling the barrels up with water and apples as people want to play the bobbing apple game.



CANCER (June 22 to July 22)

You are scoping out your options. How about a studio of your own with a knockout view? Think about it before packing your bags. Don't be a party pooper this season. We already have a scrooge for Christmas, and we don't need another one for Halloween. No treats for you.



PISCES
(February 19 to March 20)

No more esoteric stuff for you. Do something that will have an impact. You will be just a little guppy in the ocean on Halloween night with the full moon shining down on you. Does someone live on the moon? You will have to find out for yourself then.



LEO (July 23 to August 22)

You should tidy up your place before the little legged creatures decide to give you trouble. You dread this time of the year. Halloween is only a one night deal. It's a dark and eerie environment. Who knows. Maybe Chucky will come alive and follow you around on campus.

Frightening lights at Triton College

by Kate Murphy
Staff Writer

Fright Light Laser Show, is at the Cernan Earth & Space Center at Triton College (http://www.triton.cc.il.us/cernan/cernan_home.html), 2000 5th Ave., River Grove. The phone number is 708-583-3100. Showtimes are: Fridays 8:30pm; Saturdays 4:00pm and 8:30pm; Sundays 4:00pm; special Halloween shows at 7:30pm and 8:30pm (come in costume 10/31 and receive \$1 off admission); through Nov. 11. Admission for adults is \$7.00; for children under 12 \$3.50.

Fright Light is a lightweight laser entertainment suitable for anyone old enough to sit still for close to an hour. There's truly nothing frightening about *Fright Light*, a pastiche of pop music wedded to Halloween-themed laser images, though younger audiences will certainly enjoy its novelty.

Fright Light's music includes familiar Halloween standards such as *The Monster Mash* and *Purple People Eater*, as well as familiar television and movie themes including *Ghostbusters*, *The Twilight Zone*, *Mission Impossible*, and *The Addams Family*. There's an eclectic range of music here; be prepared to hear a few bizarre songs, as well.

Most of the laser images are either colorful, animated, cartoon outlines or moving, Spirograph-like visuals. There is a great deal of image repetition, and as a result the show, though short, feels too long. The most successful sequences maintain the integration of music and video; an MTV type finale to *NSYNC's *Pop* is one example. There are also several short, clever cartoon stories set to instrumentals, most memorably one about a pair of silly looking monsters who pursue one another until their untimely end. A cartoon "BBQ of the Gods" set to Wagner's *Ride of the Valkyries* starts off well, with the king of the backyard barbecue morphing into Zeus hurling his thunderbolts. But this piece, like many of the others, ends weakly and fails in any way to connect with the images that surround it.

Laser shows are not generally known for their narrative, but even considering its genre, *Fright Light* has a pasted-together feel. It lacks composition, fails to build or maintain the viewer's interest, and even suffers from some extremely poor sound edits. Songs pop off and on, lasers flash about, and though it passes the time, it ultimately fails to move, excite, amaze, or amuse. Younger audience members, however, will enjoy the more upbeat and recognizable tunes (the night I attended, a chorus of young voices chimed in on *Monster Mash* and *Ghost Busters*) and, at the price (\$7.00 for adults, \$3.50 for children) it's an inexpensive way to entertain the kids for an hour.

The Cernan Center, named for astronaut Eugene A. Cernan (the last man to leave his footprints on the moon), contains a small but interesting museum and a gift shop in addition to the cozy, 100 seat, domed theater. The Center also offers 360 degree, "You are there" films, special children's shows, and "Earth and Sky Shows" on topics in earth science, space, and astronomy.

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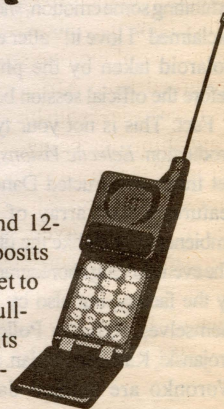
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Near's message makes impact at NEIU

by Cynthia Gran
Staff Writer

On October 18th, the sun shone brightly on NEIU campus. Holly Near was also a bright spot on that day. She brought words of illumination to the dark cloud that seems to hang around in these recent days of uncertainty.

During an extended activity hour, she conducted a workshop entitled "Singers in the storm: Living an Activist Life." In the evening, she performed a lively concert/story telling in the Recital Hall.

The workshop was filled with stories of her life, work, and passion, all of which came to be seen as clearly intertwined. She began the workshop by saying that she's been a traveling speaker nationwide for years and was struck by the percentage of diversity on our school campus. Appreciating cultural diversity is one hallmark of her music and activism.

She graciously encouraged the workshop participants to define themselves as individual through family history and life experiences. "Leap forward with new ideas and strategies" rather than being influenced by the mass media. Television, for example, "robs you of your creativity," she said. "Reclaim yourself and decide to work from within, experiencing the miracle of this life. Be fascinated by the world, not afraid of it...Knowing the truth of where you stand is the first essential step" toward political activism. No matter what the subject is, there's no need to be silent or invisible. This, she added, is the "truest meaning of democracy...Join the planet. And until you show up, it just goes on without you."

A good example of this fear of expression in our daily life is peer pressure. Simply put, the fear of what others will think of you if you speak your mind. Part of this journey called life is to "figure out what you mean to say. Find new tools" to sincerely express your opinion. "Don't fight your instincts."

Ask yourself questions like: Where does my real desire lie? my



integrity? What does my inner voice say? Do I listen to it? Do I think about what I'm thinking about? When am I really in charge of my inner voice? my life? Who have I been? How do I define myself today? What could I become?

True: the more you know about yourself, the more difficult it can be as a "multiple thought thinker." You become more challenged than a narrow minded thinker. "It can become exhausting, but it's far more interesting." Define yourself: give up grief from failures; give up blaming of others, especially parents. Then she wished for us all to reach "a moment of clarity: an 'AH-HAH!' moment."

To further illustrate self-definition, she commented on how there are a few fearless anti-war voices speaking up today. Many of these people are being jeered at as "unAmerican." However, they are precisely American by exercising their rights of free speech and assembly. "We who don't want to be controlled are still Americans....It is not a stand against one's country to take a vigilant stand for peace."

Her civilized message was kinship and kindness, rather than the crusader mentality. Perhaps fighting

an eye for an eye is narrow minded or too hasty. Our culture "has been drugged. We are numb to violence" through over exposure to it in the media. "Hard work is required to undo the learning which society lays on us....Social action is a gift, an opportunity to reshape the world.... Make a conscientious decision to not let in the lower mind."

She ended the workshop by mentioning a sign in the window of a home in Santa Cruz, CA soon after September 11th which read: "THIS IS A HATE FREE HOME."

Later that evening, Holly was accompanied by a gifted pianist, John Bucchino. They smoothly demonstrated the harmony of two people who have worked together many years. Never missing a beat, they rocked us gently. The blend of folk, blues, and sweet ballads suited her mellow voice beautifully.

Her articulate expression through music of an affinity for all people is spirited. The audience was very receptive and appreciated her right back, requesting an encore with a standing ovation. She's a talented singer/songwriter and an inspiration to many.

For more info go to www.hollynear.com

Lots of dancing at the Stage Center

by Maya Bell
Senior Staff Writer

Here at NEIU we are blessed with talented actors, directors, managers, designers, and others who comprise the wonderful Stage Center Theatre. On the night of October 18th, I witnessed the magic firsthand.

Directed by Anna Antaramian, *Dancing at Lughnasa* is set in the home of the Mundy family in County Donegal Ireland, in 1936. The story is retold by the narration of Michael, played by John Kelley Connolly, who is the son of the youngest Mundy sister. The story follows the Mundy sisters at a crucial point in their lives.

Father Jack, played by Ed Flynn, is the brother of the five sisters. He has returned from Africa, and the sisters have to deal with his memory loss and him not being the "old Father Jack" they used to know. The youngest daughter, Christine, is played by Kathrine Ayers. She also struggles to raise her son without her child's father, and wrestles with the fact that the father, Gerry, played by Tom Taylor, keeps dropping in and

out of her and her son's life.

With a wonderful cast, most of whom are seasoned professionals, this production shines with talent, yet lacks in understanding. This play, written by Brian Friel, left me feeling empty. Throughout the play we see the Mundy sisters struggle to deal with dreams that were never fulfilled, and witness the courage they have to get through it. But the narration of Michael confused me and made it hard to follow. So if you are planning on attending this play, make sure you pay close attention to the narrator, as it is through him that we learn most about the sisters.

It would be a daunting task to speak upon the cast as individuals, although I did have my favorites. The cast members who offered outstanding portrayals of their characters (in my opinion, of course) were Peg O'Brien as Kate, Tom Taylor as Gerry, J. Kingsford Goode as Maggie, and John Kelly Connolly as Michael. However, these portrayals do not undercut the other actors' performances. Katherine Ayers, Ed Flynn, Sandra Beyda as Agnes, and Angela

DeMarco as Rose also offer performances to remember.

What I will most remember about the production of *Dancing at Lughnasa*, aside from the cast portrayals, is the set design, music, and physical placement of the characters during critical points in the play. *Dancing at Lughnasa* offered a glimpse into the lives of one family of sisters in Ireland during 1936. But this play was much more than that. This is a play which boldly introduced the theme of a child born out of wedlock, which during the time was unheard of. This is a play in which we see five sisters struggle with their own individual problems, yet they are protective and supportive of each other. To quote the director, "It is a celebration of life with its joys and sorrows."

Despite being two and a half hours long (a bit too long for my taste, but what do I know anyway), *Dancing at Lughnasa* has its good points.

Dancing at Lughnasa is at the Stage Center Theatre until November 3rd. Go check it out.

This Man's World

Salami bin Lassie, where are you?

PAUL MCCARTNEY AND THE OTHER FINE MUSICIANS WHO DONATED THEIR TIME AT THE CELEBRITY CONCERT PROVED THAT THERE IS A UNITY IN OUR NATION THAT IS STRONGER THAN ANYTHING—EVEN EVIL ITSELF.



JOHN ROSSI

This week's column is humbly intended as a well-deserved "thank you" to the Firemen, Police, Port Authority, Mayor Giuliani, and brave citizens who worked well past exhaustion risking their own lives to ease the loss and suffering of others. At least they got front row tickets to a great concert!

I'd also like to point out that by no means is the half-witted opinion that I am about to share aimed at ALL Muslims, or Islamic people. These fine people have settled ALL over our globe, and a number of them were in the World Trade Center at the time of the attack. Their religion teaches goodness, and peacefulness, and the dedication to such a religion where you stop and pray five times a day is truly astonishing to me.

As of the time of this writing, Osama bin Laden remains at large, living in caves and bumping his head (he's six-foot-five). Maybe if we had let him play basketball we could have averted all this; after all, look what happened when we wouldn't let Hitler become an artist.

Our government's position remains that we will cease military actions when Osama bin Laden gives himself up, or if that is not feasible, when the Afghanis bring bin Laden out so that authorities can arrest him. Or, barring that, according to President Bush's speech, "The United States should have complete access to where terrorists gather." SURE, and if we could only get a BELL around his neck, we'd know where he was ALL THE TIME.

What do we know about the Afghanis other than that their principal export seems to be those little hand-crocheted blankets people usually throw over the back of their couch to hide pizza stains? We also know that they are a simple people living in mud huts where (according to President Bush) they can be arrested if their beard isn't long enough. Maybe this is why their women hide their face behind doilies.

The military-minded men spend their time training in their camps. We've all seen them on TV. Their "camp" consists of discarded Russian jungle gyms, teeter-totters, and old tires. For the supreme challenge, they also have one of those giant boxes of multi-colored plastic balls; they got this idea from Chuck E. Cheese, and they practice hiding. They also jump through flaming Hula-Hoops. What the hell kind of training is that? Flaming hoops? What are they, poodles? I'm sure they'll show the world they got their mojo workin' if we decide to drop old tires or flaming Hula-Hoops.

They cannot afford food, and there is no liquor in their country, which explains why their corkscrew factory went belly up after six months. They don't own a television set (IT'S AGAINST THE LAW) and their women cover themselves up entirely as if they are wearing some kind of fumigation tent. No wonder they hate Americans! They have been deprived of *The Honeymooners*, *I Love Lucy*, *Mork and Mindy* and a good stiff belt all these years. Their morals are all fudged up! They sit around in mud huts knitting those stupid blankets watching their beards grow without the World Wide Web, wide screen T.V.'s, and "Lucy, we whan swish apar-mens with the Merses!" And there's not so much as a single glance of *I Dream Of Jeannie*'s navel to distract them. Sheesh! I'd go a little stir crazy too. Homer said it best on *The Simpsons*: "NO TV and NO beer makes Homer go something something."

In the old days, we could have sent in Bob Hope with Joey Heatherton or Angie Dickinson. Sadly, Bob's not up for the trip these days, being that he's old enough to have been mentioned in hieroglyphics inside the original Pyramids. We could bring in The Dallas Cowboy's cheerleaders with a Sony Trinitron giveaway, and every name in the goldfish bowl is Bin Laden's. That'll smoke him out.

So what do we do with him once we have him? This is a tough call. I say we duct tape him to a chair in the Oval Office (the one with the bad springs that Cheney usually gets) and make him watch footage of the Carlsbad Caverns until he gets homesick. If this is not brutal enough, we can make him watch every Jim Carrey movie ever made over and over. The hell with the Geneva Convention!

By the way, months ago I tried to alert the FBI to bin Laden's whereabouts. It wasn't that I was trying to cash in on the FIVE MILLION DOLLAR REWARD, although I could use some new shoelaces, and the shelf paper in the kitchen cabinets is looking a bit ragged; it was in the interest of my country's safety that I called. I told them that bin Laden was portraying the Genie in the *Aladdin* segment of "Disney On Ice". The FBI wasn't interested. They were busy checking out a tip that he was currently touring as the drummer for ZZ Top.

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Organizations

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Personals

Prairie grass: Live, grow stronger, fight the Victor Buffalo another day

Oh, see the cat. Does the mouse see the cat? Yes, the dirty rat.

Hey Righty! I hope the spooky El didn't scare you too much! Looking forward to our spooky Hallowe'en plans. Bring the cards, I'll bring the board! ~Lefty

"Scary night, isn't it? It's like right out of a horror movie or something." ~Scream Guy

Doomelflangie: I certainly enjoyed haunting the library and visiting the Haunted El with you this weekend past. December should be fun! ~Drusilla

Calling all free-roaming vapors, repeating phantasms, poltergeists, and spectral anomalies: The Ghostbusters are in town! Who ya gonna call?

WANTED: One Macintosh OS software CD-ROM. Last seen hiding out in the newspaper office. This fugitive disc is needed now. Please little disc, give yourself up!

"Let's take the game to the next level." ~Scream Guy

Stupid Charlie Brown! He is always talking and talking and going no where. He should keep his head up. Sometimes, though, he just needs a hug. : (A flower to she who gets him up in the morning and who makes him smile with her Aldi's get-up. And the same flower @---}--- that was there when it all began 2 years ago.... He loves you.

Oh goody gumdrops!

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