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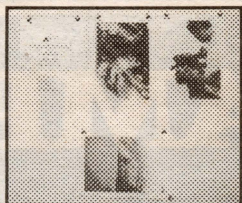
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Tuesday, March 12, 2002

Bedtime for democracy

Political storm erupts in SGA meeting

by John Bracich
Staff Member

The March 7th meeting of the SGA saw the eruption of another legislative firestorm, reminiscent of last summer's heated meeting and the impeachment proceeding of Speaker Lynne Madix in October. President Gaspard's efforts to see the passage of election reforms on the eve of the spring presidential election, in which there has been talk of him running for re-election, frustrated many senators. "I personally believe that the meeting was out of order," IBHE-SAC Representative Mynor Lopez said after the meeting. Senator Luis Pulido would go even further. "I present to you Dictator Gary Gaspard," said Pulido.

After spending over eighteen

minutes trying to figure out the tape recorder, SGA's meeting got under way. SGA President Gary Gaspard suspended the rules to vote on new memberships. Playing around with the recorder, Gaspard went to get help, when a senator came up and fixed it. After much delay, the meeting was

**"If they continue to
cause trouble,
[referring to Senators]
call Public Safety!"
-President Gaspard**

reinitiated after roll call.

SGA Vice President Kendra Young reintroduced the candidates for Senate memberships. The candidates rose and spoke as to why they wanted to join the Student Government Association.

Gaspard talked about each of the candidates, commenting upon their potential and about democracy. After a brief applause, the Senate voted in Andrea Daniels, Toyya Procter, and Wayne W. Anderson.

The fireworks began after the Chair of the Election Committee, Sheree Cole, submitted her report and new electoral reforms were presented to the Senate. Senator Luis Pulido moved to indefinitely table the reform proposal. The report suggested changes to the supervision of elections. It saw a loosening of the authority of faculty and attempted to set up a more egalitarian system. The Vice President interrupted Senator Pulido several times claiming he was out of time, although no time

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Senator Luis Pulido (right) discusses the Election Committee proposed changes with Senator Emmanuel Sylvestre (left.) Pulido opposed the reforms, and attempted to lobby other senators to his side.

E.U. Conference a first for Northeastern

by Victor A. Dula
Opinions Editor

With the help of many and the coordination of international student Lukasz Dobrzynski from Poland, Northeastern Illinois University hosted "The New Central Europe—The Challenges and Opportunities of the European Union Enlargement Process." Many individuals, from visiting students from the University of Warsaw in Poland to Consulate General of France Jean-Pierre Tutin, attended and spoke at the conference, which took place February 27 and 28.

Edward Stuart, Professor of Economics here at Northeastern, was one of the many faculty who helped pull the conference together. "When Luke came to me, we talked about logistics, who should be invited . . . how we could get other students and faculty involved . . ." He also stated that "none of this happens without [President] Steinberg's o.k. and support."

Both days of the conference had several panel discussions and presentations. On the evening of the first day of the

conference, a reception in the Student Union welcomed students, faculty, and guests who posed for photographs or mingled with each other. Also in attendance were students from Professor Stuart's colloquium class, "From Charlemagne to the Euro," and students from other area universities such as Northwestern, DePaul, UIC, and Loyola.

The keynote address was held in the Golden Eagles Room after the reception. After Dobrzynski thanked the participants and attendees of the conference in his opening remarks, NEIU President Salme H. Steinberg welcomed everyone to the conference and said that the European Union is a subject with "many components," evoking "serious academic inquiry and spirited discussion."

Professor Edward Halizak, director of the Institute of International relations from the University of Warsaw, gave the keynote presentation. Halizak opened with a brief history of Poland, ultimately leading to its

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Candidates square off at NEIU

by Scott Plencner
Associate Editor

The Illinois Chapter of the American Association of Retired People (AARP) held a

debate in NEIU's Golden Eagles Room Sunday March 10th in which candidates for the hotly contested Democratic nomination for the 5th Congressional District squared off on is-

sues brought up by AARP members.

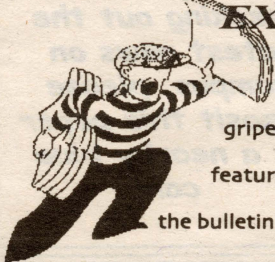
Despite the intense political competition that has developed in the district to be vacated in 2003 by gubernatorial candidate Rod Blagojevich, the debate, hosted by WBBM-TV's political reporter Mike Flannery, saw few direct attacks from the three Democratic candidates Nancy Kaszak, Rahm Emanuel, and Peter Dagher.

Although Emanuel took particular care to separate himself from the other candidates, on most of the issues brought forth by AARP, including education, prescription drugs, and Medicare, there was little distinction between the candidates' responses. Emanuel's urge for the devel-

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Pete Dagher and Nancy Kaszak discuss the issues after the debate.



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In the Eagle's nest

Auditions. Stage Center Theatre, winner of the 2002 Ronald Williams Playwright Competition is holding auditions for Edward Amor's *A Hunter's Moon* March 13, 2002 6:30-9:30p.m. Stage Center Theatre F-Wing. Please bring an audition piece—lasting about two minutes.

Stage Center Theatre Studio Series presents *Suppressed Desires* by Susan Glaspell. Henrietta has embraced the new scientific revelation, psychoanalysis. With the ardor of the Jungians and the Freudians, she psychoanalyses everything in sight to the distress of her husband. Is psychoanalysis the answer? March 12 & 14, 1:45 and 7:30pm. General Admission \$3.00 NEIU faculty, staff and Students: Free. For subscription and ticket information, call the Stage Center Theatre Box Office at (773) 442-4274.

Prayers for Lord Shiva-Celebration of Hindu Festival Presenters: Acharya Rohit Joshi, Dr. Mohan Sood, Dr. Anita Ambardar Students and Staff. The event will feature chanting of Mantras from Veda. Tuesday, March 12, 2002 at 1:40pm-2: 50pm in "A" Wing-Room #121. "Lord Shiva is Pure Consciousness and he is the inner-self in all beings."

Business & Management Club presents "Find a Good Job or Own the Business?" March 14(Thursday) 1:40-2:40pm FA-202. The event will feature speaker Crendalyn McMath, visiting lecturer Marketing.

College of Education is having a pizza invitational to discuss programs the department is currently offering for students Tuesday, March 12th 1:40-3:00p.m. In SU-215 for undergraduates and Wednesday, March 13th 4:30-6:30p.m. in SU-003 for undergraduate and graduate programs. Come meet with the advanced students in your program and "learn the ropes!"

AIPACS Student Chapter Northeastern Illinois University is having a Platinum Award Presentation March 12th 2002 1:40p.m. in CLS-1001. The award will be presented by: Mr. Eric Schaudt, President of APICS-Chicago and Mr. Daniel Martin, past president. Refreshments will be served. If you have any questions, please contact: Danka Kormosova at dkneiu@yahoo.com or Dr. Loucopoulos at C-Loucopoulos@neiu.edu, #6132.

Sigma Lambda Beta Fraternity will have two informationals March 11th 2002 at 2:00pm and March 12th 2002 at 1:40pm in SU-003. All potential pledges must be enrolled full-time in college with a minimum 2.25 G.P.A. Contact Alberto Chiprez at 773-835-0574 for further information.

Computer Literacy Workshops

Power Point Introduction... Tuesday, March 12, 1:30-3:30pm

PowerPoint Intermediate... Tuesday, March 14, 1:30-3:30pm

Windows 98/2000... Tuesday, March 19, 10:00am-12:00pm

Excel Introduction... Wednesday, March 20, 10:00am-12:00pm

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Access Introduction... Tuesday, March 26, 9:30am-12: 30pm

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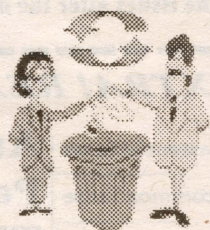
Open Lab Sessions... Friday, March 8, 1:30-3:30pm & Friday, March 29, 1:30-3:30pm

Gamma Phi Omega Sorority invites interested women to attend their Spring Informational March 12th at 7:00pm in SU-218.

Student organizations and on campus groups:

Don't forget to tell us about your upcoming events. Don't miss your chance to be listed in Around Campus!

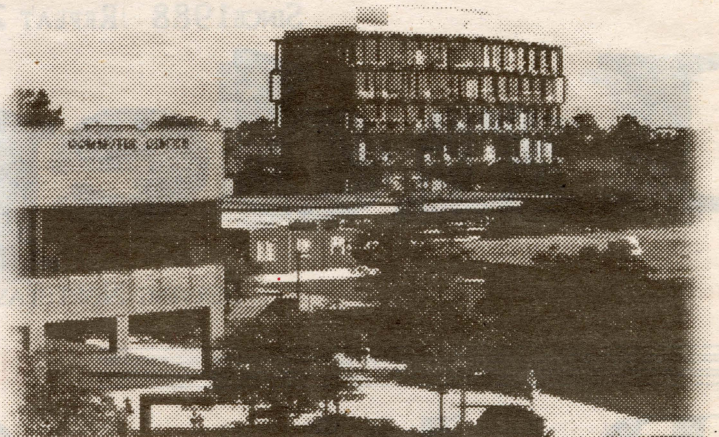
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by John Prusko Jr. 08.10.97

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Take Our Daughters to Work Day Thursday, April 25, 2002. Young ladies ages 8-15, daughter's granddaughters, nieces, and neighbors are invited to attend a day dedicated to girls ideas, spirits and dreams. For further information contact Jacquie Harper, Women's Services, ext. 4870

Personnel Department gives that exceptional employee recognition for a job well done. Nominations for civil service employee of the month are welcome anytime. Nomination forms are available in Personnel or Call ext. 5200 and they will be sent to you.

Radio Northeastern's radio show "Vantage Point" is hosted and produced by Professor David Unumb and the department of speech and performing arts and recorded by university media services in its audio recording facility. The show airs Sunday at 6:30am on WTMX-FM (101.9). The topics and guests for the remainder of March are:

March 17... "A Book Lover's Tour of the Windy City." -Greg Holden, author of "Literary Chicago."

March 24... "Theatre in a Community College." -Jay Gellare, director and chairman of the theatre department, McHenry County College

March 31... "The Workforce Diversity Institute at NEIU." -Gwen Hill, director, Workforce Diversity Institute, NEIU.

Informal Information Session will be held regarding the Management Trainee position on March 12, 2002 from 1:40pm-2:40pm. Come meet recruiters from Walgreen's and learn more about this opportunity!

10th Annual Business Etiquette Seminar Dinner Saturday, April 13, 2002 Radisson Hotel Lincolnwood
Student Elections

Student Elections will be held April 10th and 11th, 2002 in Village Square. To be elected: Student Government Association: President, Vice President, Speaker of the Senate, 10 Senators, Student Trustee to the Board of Trustees, Student Representative to the Illinois Board of Higher Education Advisory Committee. Northeastern Programming Board: 4 Board Members. Registration deadline is 4:00 PM, Friday, March 29. Registration forms and Election packets are available at the Student Activities Office (SU-207)

WATCH OUT! Deadline coming

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April
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Women as adventurers: Tales of resistance and empowerment

In the unofficial inauguration to Women's History Month at NEIU a panel entitled WOMEN AS ADVENTURERS started things off on Thursday, Feb. 28 by pushing the boundaries to what the word "adventure" means. Three different guest speakers gave a packed room different stories of resistance and empowerment in patriarchal societies.

Ann Russo, a professor of Women's Studies at De Paul University, began the hour-long discussion with a few stories. Russo, a self-described anti-racist feminist activist, spoke about her involvement in the Feminist Social movement of the 1970's. The language acquired through her involvement with the movement gave her and others a means to speak about their experiences. Prior to the Feminist movement women and/or girls didn't have a way to describe the abuse they were experiencing. Armed with a new set of vocabulary, women began to speak out and the feelings of embarrassment transformed into political activism.

Russo stressed that in her stories the women/girls were not only surviving abuse, they were resisting it. Stories of resistance offer hope and strength; especially when compared to the stories most often heard in newspapers. Newspapers, Russo asserts, describe the abuse of women without showing these women fighting back or resisting. The effect of these articles can make women feel vulnerable without offering them any hope or strength.

Russo described stories of personal strength through language whereas the next speaker spoke of empowerment through group membership. Tawaana Brown, Director of the Teen Girls Programs at Family Matters, entitled her discussion; "Sisters in Unity and Sisters of Struggle: Teen Girls Strengthening Leadership and

Building Community." Brown spoke almost entirely about a group called the Sisters of Struggle and Sisters in Unity (SSSU). SSSU is located in Roger's Park, Chicago, known for being a dangerous and impoverished community. The group began 13 years ago as a way for girls to struggle against the barriers of the community and the patriarchal society they found themselves in. The girls that form its membership run the program.

In 1990 the SSSU began its own business selling jewelry which they craft themselves. Economic independence, Brown asserts, is a means of achieving equality. The jewelry sells for an average of \$300 per piece and the profits go into the organization for other projects. Last year as part of a campaign to reclaim Roger's Park, SSSU organized an

Women in the Trades, entitled her discussion International "Women as Occupational Transgressors". Sugarman received the Chicago Community Trust Award in 1990 and decided to take a trip around the world looking for women who have broken the craft boundaries in patriarchal societies. She labels these woman Occupational Transgressors and the occupations she's referring to are women firefighters, paramedics, carpenters, electricians, et cetera.

Some specific people Sugarman discussed are: Nery, a forty two year old woman in Condega, Nicaragua. Nery is a mother of six who built her own home after her previous home was destroyed by a hurricane. Lindy, a black woman in South Africa, became an electrician soon after apartheid was dismantled.

Zeila, a Cuban woman, began building houses in poor neighborhoods. At first the men laughed at her but as they saw the second story going up they realized she was serious and became more accepting.

It is not easy for women to break into male dominated occupations. Barriers such as lack of awareness, feelings of abnormality, accusations of witchcraft (in some cultures), limited training, and discrimination by employers, can be very formidable. Add an unsupportive husband and a family and one can imagine the personal strength needed to accomplish such a task.

There are benefits though, pride of accomplishment, increase in self-esteem, ownership and control, and self-reliance. Also, the women gained the support of other women which gave them strength and community. Sugarman emphasized that in her findings the women weren't interested in monetary gain, they were interested in empowerment, which was a theme that ran through the entire event and will continue I'm sure, the entire month.

Asian award proffered to President Steinberg

by Max Azizieh
Staff Member

For her outstanding work to help bridge the gap between Northeastern Illinois University and the Asian communities, Dr. S. H. Steinberg, president of NEIU, has been bestowed the honor of the Grand Asian Award by the Asian American Coalition of Chicago, a political empowerment organization for the Asian community. The awards ceremony took place on February 2, 2002 in celebration of the Annual Lunar New Year Celebration. To add more of an honor to such a prestigious award, Dr. Steinberg is the first ever to receive the award who is not in politics.

This award is bestowed upon only one person per year of non-Asian descent. The competition was rough, as there were only fourteen people among a wide variety of politicians to dignitaries, as well as other forms of governing officials, who were nominated. The question that must be asked, is how many of those that did not win, can say they have brought to their community the educational

opportunity for so many to expand their horizons to include the farthest reaches of the eastern world, helping to bring about a more peaceful understanding of other cultures, creeds, nationalities and ways of life. "Together we will bring heightened awareness and knowledge of Asian contributions to our diverse community," said Steinberg upon receipt of her award.

For now, with the help of Professor Kyu Park, who was also the one who nominated Dr. Steinberg, the opportunity for all to partake in the prospect of minoring in Korean studies is now available. Northeastern is the only college in the Midwest that allows students the opportunity to carry such a degree-earning curriculum.

In addition, Dr. Steinberg has also brought such programs as Asian/Asian American Heritage week, as well as Project Success, into the NEIU environment. It is with the help of such incentives that according to U.S. News and World Report, NEIU has been named "the most diverse university" in the Midwest since 1997, a title which is due in no small part to Steinberg's dedication.

Up for the Challenge?

by Max Azizieh
Staff Member

Ever feel like there wasn't enough time in the day? Stress getting the better of you? If so, the Student Survivor Challenge is in full swing and you can still take part in it.

The idea for the Survivor Challenge workshops was brought on by Joy Huang after watching the television show "Survivor." She decided to try to work the concept of the show into a series of workshops that deal with problems that many college students today face. If these workshops prove to be a success, then it is hoped that more will follow in the future. The premise of the workshops is to help students obtain a better handle on what many of them face on a daily basis. With topics ranging from such things as "Putting Time On Your Side" to "He Said, She Said,"

to "Active listening," it is hoped that students will be able to achieve a better understanding of how to cope with issues that at times seem to overwhelm them. Each workshop is presented by either a school faculty member, or someone who works in the field. The workshops put the participants to the test and try and encourage them to look at the issue not only in a different way, but expand upon any current viewpoints and skills, whether it be leadership, time management, or what not.

Knowledge and a better understanding of how to become more efficient are not the only rewards one may achieve, for the more workshops you "survive," the better the prize that will be awarded to you at a banquet taking place after spring break. If someone were to attend five or more, they would have the privilege of being called the "Ultimate Survivor."

Extension 4100

Watch out for sticky fingers in the PE Building, never contain cannabis while trespassing

2 January - Theft - Under \$300
An NEIU employee reported the theft of a personal CD player from the Student Union.

4 January - Accident - Non-Traffic
A construction worker injured his foot while working on the elevator in the E-Bldg.

5 January - Burglary from a Motor Vehicle
An NEIU employee discovered that his car had been broken into while parked on Bryn Mawr Av. and that two large bags containing gym clothes and personal books and papers had been stolen. Both bags were later discovered in a trash container behind a local church. Only the gym clothes were missing.

8 January - Criminal Damage to State Supported Property
An unknown person wrote graffiti on one of the Library elevators.

8 January - Medical Assist
A diabetic victim became incoherent possibly due to low blood sugar. Victim was treated by NEIU Health Services and transported to Swedish Covenant Hospital by Chicago Fire Department ambulance.

8 January - Found Property
A wallet containing miscellaneous ID's was found in the Library. Public Safety was unable to contact the owner and the property was inventoried.

9 January - Medical Assist
Victim fainted during class in the Classroom Bldg. Victim was treated by NEIU Health Services and transported to Swedish Covenant Hospital by Chicago Fire Department ambulance.

14 January - Medical Assist
Victim injured back after slipping on ice in the K-Lot. Victim was transported to Swedish Covenant Hospital.

14 January - Medical Assist
Victim collapsed in Beck's Bookstore and was treated by Health Services.

15 January - Station Information
Several lockers were broken into in the PE Bldg. Nothing was reported missing.

17 January - Theft - Over \$300
An NEIU employee reported the theft of a projector from the Science Bldg.

17 January - Accident - Non-Traffic
An NEIU employee injured his buttocks after slipping on some ice in the D-Lot.

22 January - Service to Other Police Dept.
NEIU Police responded to the report of hit and run vehicle on Bryn Mawr Av. NEIU Police apprehended the offender near Glen Lake and Pulaski. Offender

was turned over to Chicago Police.

23 January - Found Property
A NEIU Building Service Worker found a women's wallet in the Fine Arts Building. Public Safety was unable to contact owner and the property was inventoried.

25 January - Theft - Under \$300
Victim reported the theft of a purse containing money, ID's and miscellaneous items, while in the Classroom Bldg. The purse had been left unattended for several minutes.

28 January - Theft - Over \$300
Victim reported the theft several personal items from a locked locker at the PE Bldg.

29 January - Lost Articles
An NEIU student reported the loss of a purse while in the main

building area.

29 January - Theft - Over \$300
Victim reported the theft of several credit cards from a locked locker in the PE Bldg. Victim's combination lock had been pried loose.

29 January - Found Property
A cell phone was turned in to Public Safety. Attempts to notify the owner were negative and the property turned over to the Information Desk (Lost & Found) in the D-Bldg.

31 January - Criminal Trespass to State Property
An NEIU police officer discovered an unknown offender in the Fine Arts Building after hours. During questioning the officer discovered a bag containing cannabis. The offender was placed under arrest.

SGA meeting

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limit had been announced. As the senator tried to finish explaining his reasons for opposing the controversial reforms, the Vice President cut him off and went on to another member of the senate, who yielded time to Pulido.

Senator John Haptonstall publicly sided with Pulido against the reforms, citing concern over the loss of the watchdog role the faculty plays in the current system. Haptonstall then yielded the remainder of his time to Walt Sommers, Student Activities Director. Dr. Sommers proceeded to express similar feelings as those of Pulido and Haptonstall.

President Gaspard rose to defend the reforms, saying that SGA, by its nature, is not a *faculty* and student government. Following the President's remarks, another member, Senator Kursk voiced her own objections to the divisive reforms.

When the Vice President asked for a vote on the postponement, President Gaspard slammed his fist on the table, and attempted to clarify his issue to garner support. Senator Haptonstall urged a vote on ending discussion, which was met by success. An overwhelming majority soon followed to vote in favor of Pulido's motion to postpone the reforms indefinitely.

When the vote concluded many figured on going on to the next order of business when Senator Duene Otero cried out, "Division!" This led to confusion at the SGA administration's table, where Vice President Young seemed baffled as to how she was to respond. "Dr. Sommers, could you help me down here, and tell me what's going on?" Young asked.

During a brief instruction on parliamentary protocol from Dr. Sommers, Gaspard leaned toward Young whispering. As Sommers finished, Young demanded for a recount of the reform bill. The recount announcement led to a

hailstorm of protest from several senators who had promoted the postponement. The Vice President began pounding her gavel furiously when a senator petitioned to speak about the recount. Young responded simply by saying that no one should speak ill about the presidency. "We're not in a hollering session!" Young said.

Many of the administration's advocates spoke against those who opposed the reforms. This was followed by protests from dissenters who claimed the SGA administration should have introduced these reforms before the election process had actually started. The situation started to fall apart when the whole meeting turned into a shouting match between the SGA executives and a cadre of watchdog senators.

During the break, Gaspard left for a moment and returned with a paper for the Senate, vetoing the election packet. Upon reconvening, the protests continued from both sides for some time. Senator Haptonstall called for adjournment and was seconded by one of the other senators. His motion to adjourn won a majority of votes. The administration ignored Haptonstall's vote to adjourn.

Senator Pulido then called for adjournment, which was seconded by IBHE-SAC Representative Lopez, and that too was given overwhelming support by the Senate body, but Young stated that she and the President does not have to acknowledge the Senate's vote. The call for adjournment and its subsequent approval by the body would go on three more times (each time the Vice President disavowing the Senate's vote), before some of the senators got up and left. Wanting to continue with the meeting, President Gaspard threatened to call Public Safety if the Senate didn't fall into line.

Toward ten past three, the Senate fell apart. Cries of abuse

of parliamentary procedures to calls of tyranny toward the Presidency ran through the chamber. Leading the charge for stopping the session was Haptonstall. At that point, President Gaspard rose from his seat and paced towards the phone, some speculating that he was indeed acting out his threat to call Public Safety. Young, continuing to pound her gavel, scolded those who called for adjournment. "This is not a playground! This is a very unusual meeting, let's not call frivolous motions to adjourn!" she said. The Vice President then glanced towards the direction where the student press of the *Independent* was sitting and began to criticize the newspaper for supposed biases against the student government.

Ignoring the continued calls for adjournment, the Gaspard and Young decided to continue on with the meeting. Throughout the meeting, angry senators called for adjournment. Gaspard and Young continued with new motions.

Later on, a reconsideration of the vote by one of the senators was brought forth. One of the pro-reform senators began a support campaign within one side of the chamber, mainly among those who were previous supporters of the Gaspard administration. Senator Haptonstall reiterated his concern of excluding faculty from certain functions within the election and the new system of arranging names on the ballot.



During the meeting, when SGA President Gary Gaspard hurriedly picked up an in-house extension, many thought he was following through on his threat to call Public Safety and have several senators removed.

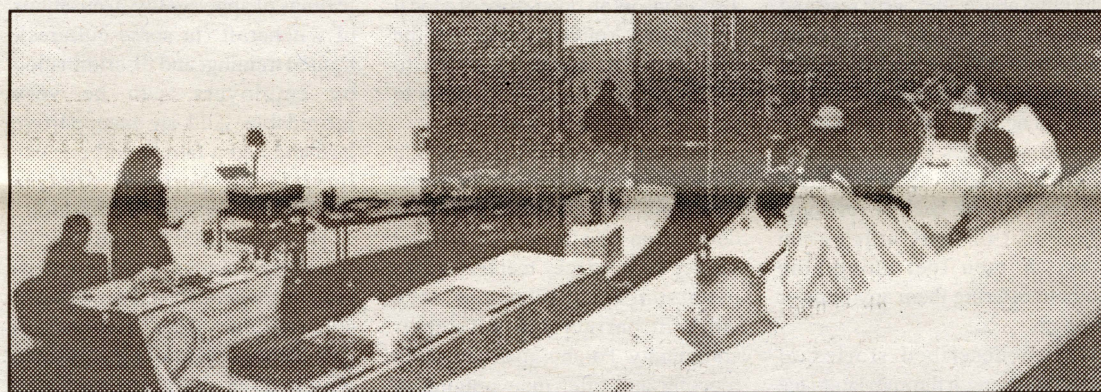
In between votes, (from l-r) Senators Jason Cruz and John Haptonstall met with IBHE-SAC Representative Mynor Lopez about changes put before them.



Supporters for the controversial reforms managed to drum up enough votes among the few remaining senators in the chamber and Young called for a new round of voting, in which the reforms won by a majority. Many senators resented the way the meeting was handled by the administration,

some calling the votes and actions past the first adjournment vote illegal.

According to President Gaspard, the reason the Senate was not allowed to adjourn was that speakers were in the midst of talking and adjournment can not be called for during speakers.



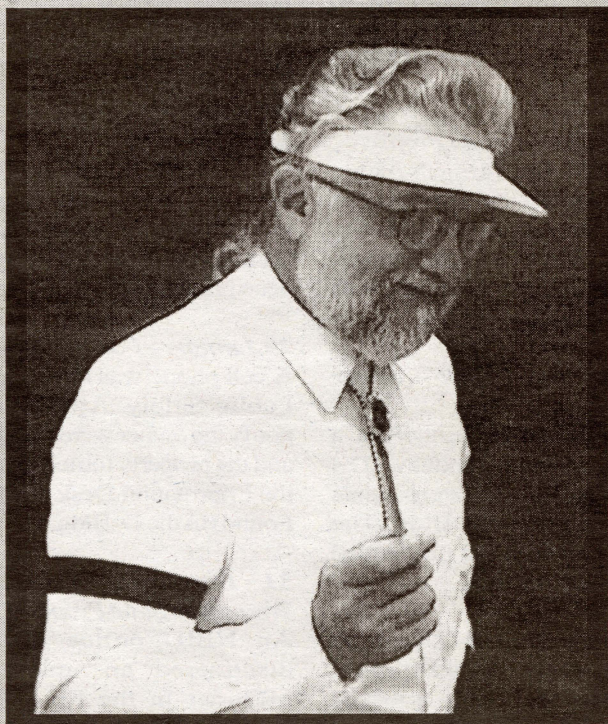
The recent SGA meeting, held in CLS-1001, erupted in a power struggle.

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Honorary term marks end of Provost's term at Northeastern

by Joey Kandelman
Staff Member

On Thursday, February 28, Northeastern Illinois University threw an honorary reception for Estela Lopez in Alumni hall on her last day as acting Provost at Northeastern Illinois University. From 1:30 to 3:00pm, students, faculty, staff and teachers were invited to wish Lopez a farewell and best wishes.

Lopez has left Northeastern in order to become Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at Connecticut State University, a parallel position to Provost of Northeastern, but for a much larger number of students. Although she is sad to leave Northeastern, she looks forward to the new opportunities, which have opened up to her.

For the first half hour or so, a steady line of Northeastern students, teachers, faculty, and staff shuffled into Alumni Hall. Lopez stood in the doorway, stopping each individual to give him or her a goodbye hug.

Inside the room was an autograph book for people who wished to write a going-away

message for Lopez.

The lights were dim inside Alumni Hall, and tables covered with plain white tablecloths were staggered throughout the room. Lit candles served as the centerpieces for each table.

The catered food was set up in the center of the room on a large buffet table, filled with Spanish food. The main dishes were spanakopita, meatballs, and wings. There was barbeque sauce, hot sauce, nachos, salsa, and fresh vegetables. Drinks, on the side of the room, included coffee and punch with a platter of fresh fruit nearby.

Caribé and the N.E.I.U. Jazz Combo, under the direction of Mayo Tiana, played jazz and festive music throughout the program. The band of approximately 25 musicians was located in the corner of the room, projecting their sound onto the nearby dance floor and to the tables throughout the room, slightly farther away. Their music was audible from throughout the room.

Many students, as well as faculty members and staff members, congregated on the

dance floor and danced to the music in a circle. The band played almost non-stop for the full hour and a half, the full duration of the program.

Students had mixed reactions to the event. Some were very pleased; others did not like certain aspects of the reception.

Robert R. thought the room was "a little too dark."

An anonymous student said, "They ran out of food and did not replenish it. There wasn't enough food for the last third of the line. The music was great, though."

"The faculty at N.E.I.U. doesn't know how to dance," said Steve T., jokingly.

"It is very nice," said Taida R. "It is something Estela deserves as a member of the school. She's done a lot for the school and brought more programs here."

"The music was great," Edina N. said. "Estela is really happy, dancing to it."

"This is a very nice event and a great way to show the students' gratitude. I think they should have more events like this for other important faculty, as a tiny display of the students' gratitude."

National Student Exchange Program a success

by Brian Blaszkowski
Chief Editor

NEIU took part in the National Student Exchange (NSE) program, enrolling nine students from colleges and universities across the country. Recently, a luncheon was held to give these students a chance to speak about their experiences thus far.

NEIU President Salme Steinburg was on hand, and she said it was wonderful to be present. "[There's] major initiative to offer NEIU students opportunities to study abroad. This [NSE] is another side of the coin. I hope this experience will enrich your scholastic endeavors."

Janelle A. Bennett, who is studying psychology and elementary education and has been part of NEIU since August, agrees with Steinburg's statement. "I have really enjoyed my experience in Chicago."

Bennett said that Wichita is a city, but it's also like a huge suburb, and she wanted the big city experience. "I've wanted to come here [Chicago] since I was 16, so when I heard about the program, I decided to take the opportunity."

Julianne May, a special education major, has a similar reason for taking part in the program. "I'm looking at moving to Indiana, and I wanted to see the area." She also stressed that NEIU gave her the opportunity to take part in the program and enroll as a senior. "Most schools won't accept that," said May.

Miguel Angel Acosta is actually a former Chicago resident. "I was born in Chicago, but moved to Ecuador when I was twelve." After completing high school, Acosta spent a semester in Albuquerque University of New Mexico before hearing of the program. "After getting the opportunity to return to Chicago as an exchange student, I realized that Albuquerque was too small for me and that I prefer the fast paced city life Chicago has to offer."

Jamie Jenkins is in her first semester at NEIU. She praises the NSE program for the opportunity and the experiences it allows students to have. "You can attend out of state universities for a semester or a year and only have to pay in state tuition."

Catherine Belson also attended Wichita State University with Bennett, who she shares an apartment with. Like Acosta, she also was born and raised in Chicago. "Chicago is my birthplace, and as I have lived elsewhere, I have always hope to return." She also has enjoyed the opportunity NSE has offered her. "I have been extremely happy with my choice to participate in the program."

Gabriela Sanchez formerly attended the University of North Texas, and despite plans going astray, Sanchez remains confident. "I wanted to come here for a four year college, but it didn't work out that way. I stayed determined and showed up in Chicago." It was Monique Jimenez, Sanchez's roommate at the University of North Texas, who encouraged Sanchez to join the NSE program.

Melissa Stokes had numerous



reasons for taking part in the NSE program and attending NEIU. "My boyfriend lives here, and I wanted to travel and experience new places and new things." Stokes also said that the smaller class size compared to her former college, the University of Arizona, has been beneficial to her studies.

Sean Riley also wanted a big city experience. "I wanted the big city experience, but not New York or L.A. I heard good things about Chicago." Riley came from Half Moon Bay, California, a small surf town south of San Francisco. For those curious, Riley stated that Northern California is very different from Southern California. "It's nothing like *Bay Watch*," Riley said.

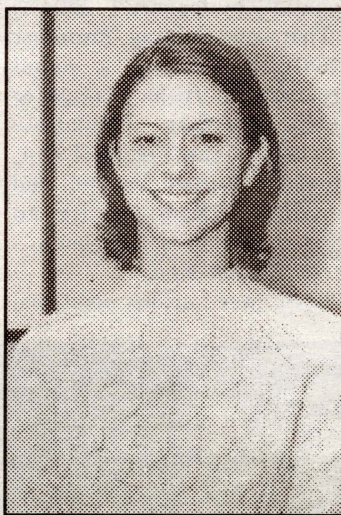
Katie Artes is enjoying her first semester at NEIU. She originally attended Iowa State University, but came to Chicago to be near her boyfriend and for the opportunity. "I didn't want to pay out of state tuition, and NSE gave me that opportunity." She also said that she is interested in remaining in Chicago, if not at NEIU.

NEIU's NSE coordinator Flora Llacuna is pleased with the program and the results. "I think it was a great success. It's important to provide students with events like this that recognize that they [students] are regarded by the universities, so they can feel special."



Gabriela Sanchez

I know for a fact that I will be back. This has been a worthwhile experience and if I had the chance I would do it all over again.



Jamie Jenkins

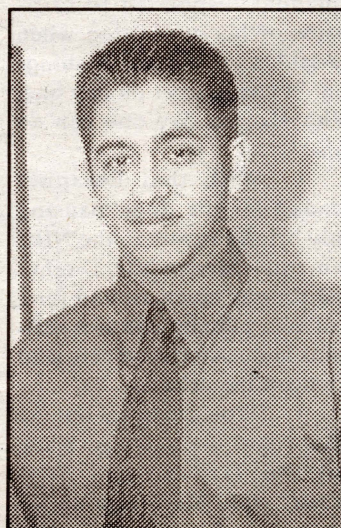
I think the National Student Exchange is a great opportunity for students. It is also a great way to experience different parts of the country and not have to stop attending school.



Sean Riley

NEIU is colorful and vibrant. I was shocked at first by the diversity of the student body, but soon found all perspectives comforting.

The picture on top is that of the luncheon attendees along with Erika Malek, Mark Wilcockson, Vice President Melvin Terrell, NEIU President Salme Steinberg, Provost Estela Lopez, and program coordinator Flora Llacuna. The snapshots of the NSE students and the group shot, are thanks to Joe Davis, NEIU photographer.



Miguel Angel Acosta

Overall, my experiences here in Chicago have been tremendous, but the two most important lessons I've learned so far are responsibility and self discipline.



Julianne May

I would like to thank Northeastern for the wonderful experiences and opportunities that I was exposed to during my year-long stay here.



Melissa Stokes

My experience here thus far at NEIU has been great. This opportunity has given me memories for a lifetime.



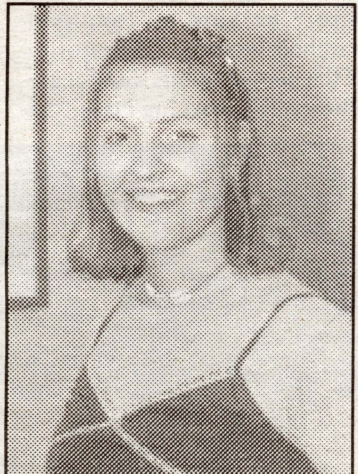
Catherine Belson

Life in Chicago as an adult has proven to be both exciting and challenging, and I believe I am becoming a much stronger person through this life experience.



Katie Artes

This experience has been very valuable to me, and I've enjoyed my time both in Chicago and at Northeastern.



Janelle Bennett

I am an elementary education and psychology major, and living in Chicago has allowed me to work with children from all sorts of different economic, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds.

Candidates

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opment of a national test to document school progress was echoed by Dagher.

All three candidates shared the sentiment of Kaszak when she promised to see to it that Congress do everything in its power to oversee the activities of nursing homes. Emanuel lamented that most legislation dealing with the issue end up "watered down" by the time it reaches the President's desk.

AARP's pet issue, prescription drugs, was treated in great depth by the candidates. Soft-spoken Emanuel set the pace when he said there was little the government could do to control drug prices. The candidates felt that price controls were out of the question and instead opted to use Medicare's buying power to keep costs down. Dagher added that tax breaks should be given to companies that develop preventive drugs. Kaszak felt the costs would lower if expensive drug advertising was curtailed.

One area in which the candidates differed was what could be done to streamline the drug approval process that keeps many drugs off the market during development. Dagher felt taking a look at the FDA and making attempts maybe to reform it might be in order, while Kaszak described the issue as "extraordinarily complex," but felt government incentives for drug companies to develop would be most effective. Emanuel distanced himself from the rest. "The FDA does a good job," the former Clinton aide said, "Republicans at the behest of pharmaceutical companies, tried to get the FDA out of the market." Obviously opposing FDA reform, Emanuel added, "Let's not open Pandora's box."

While their positions on the issue were felt by many attendees to be important reasons to vote for a candidate, many analysts have dissected this campaign and feel that the fact that Rahm Emanuel was a Clinton aide and resident of Washington for eight years, makes him a tough pill to swallow for the district's residents. Because of this, in his closing statement Pete Dagher tried to paint himself as an ordinary man of the people. "I was born here. I live here and was raised here," he said as Emanuel watched intently. "A majority of the people in this district are blue-collar, working class," he

said. "And that's me." Dagher added that he would hold town hall meetings in an effort to keep in touch with the district while away in Washington.

Kaszak, touted as a favorite by analysts, also stressed her attachments to the area, stating she worked here for 25 years and had a track record as state representative as being someone who has brought benefits to the community. She poked at Emanuel when she announced the Citizen Action group's endorsement of Kaszak, even though Emanuel once worked directly with them.

Emanuel reiterated the support he has in the major Chicago newspapers and in Mayor Daley, his most important endorsement. Although Daley has publicly endorsed the party favorite Emanuel, he so far has not taken great steps to push his precinct workers into campaigning for Emanuel. Emanuel responded to criticisms of his opposition when he said, as a man of Washington, "I can deliver on day one. Who else on day one can do this?"

With that Emanuel headed for the door, pausing only briefly to talk to the NBC cameras. Meanwhile Dagher and Kaszak stuck around for a half hour talking with area residents and AARP members who attended the debate.

"You can bring out the mayor and the you can bring out the *Tribune* and *Sun-Times*," said Kaszak in an interview with the *Independent* after the debate, "but what counts is if you connect with the community."

Kaszak expects a big turnout for the primary due to the influence of gubernatorial candidate Rod Blagojevich, whose father-in-law Dick Mell is a powerful party influence known for getting out the vote in record numbers. "Blagojevich's voters are my voters," said Kaszak. "There is a huge correlation there."

Kaszak also expects her Polish ethnicity to play a role politically. Although she never stressed her ethnicity in the past, Kaszak is hoping to win the support of disengaged Polish voters angry about the redistricting of wards that pushed Alderman Mike Wojcik out of the city council and left Chicago with but one Polish congressman. Kaszak hopes that this and the fact Emanuel worked so closely with President Clinton might also lead many Republicans to cross-over and vote in her favor.

Conference

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pending inclusion in the European Union. "Since March 31, 1998, Poland has conducted accession negotiations with the E.U.," Halizak stated.

He discussed various economic and cultural issues Poland and the rest of the potential E.U. members would face. Farmers, for example, while they would be subject to numerous new regulations, would qualify for increased direct subsidies from the E.U.

Halizak also stated how various demographic groups in Poland supported E.U. membership. Most supporters, for example, approximately 67%, are in the 18-24 year old range. In any demographic—students, "pro defense," etc.—a majority supported inclusion in the E.U.

Halizak anticipates Poland's accession to the E.U. happening hopefully by January 1, 2004.

That same evening, Professor Stuart moderated a panel presentation from Alexander Petri, German Consulate General, Jean-Pierre Tutin, French Consulate General, and Jose Manuel Rodriguez Ranero from the Embassy of Spain – Trade Commission.

Each gave various positives,

negatives, and general concerns that have been expressed over the European enlargement process. Tutin, for example, said that it is important to overcome the problems of the last century and that peace and security are important goals of Europe.

Ranero discussed the need for better infrastructure throughout Europe as key to E.U. enlargement. Regarding roads in particular, Ranero said that we "can't form a union when some people have them and other people don't have them."

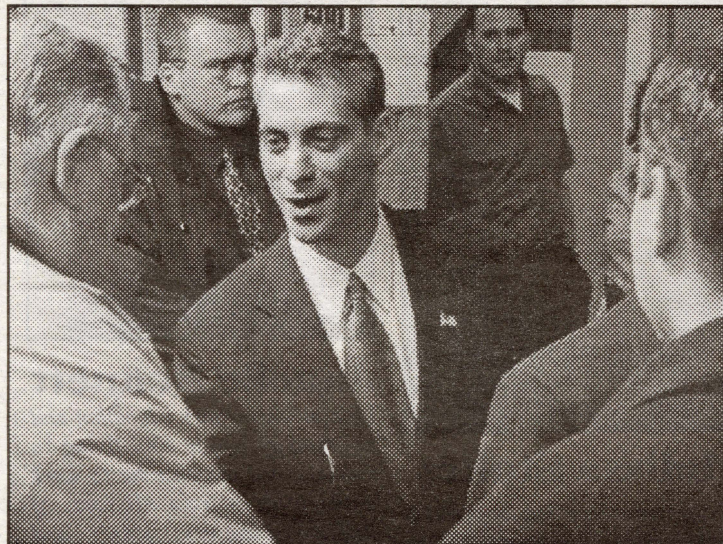
After the first day of the conference, two students commented on the E.U. conference. Seth Watkins, a senior in Stuart's class, had reservations about and the panelists in particular. "None of them were outright bigoted, but they made sure you knew that they were bigots."

Desmod Jagmohan, also a senior in Stuart's class, has severe reservations concerning the conglomeration of Europe. "It's clear that all of these nations are losing their stronghold for exploitation individually, but collectively it's strengthened." He went on to say, "It's the homogenizing of cultures; it's scary; it's 'Hitlerish.'" Of the panel, he said that they were very balanced and provided a good cross-section of views.

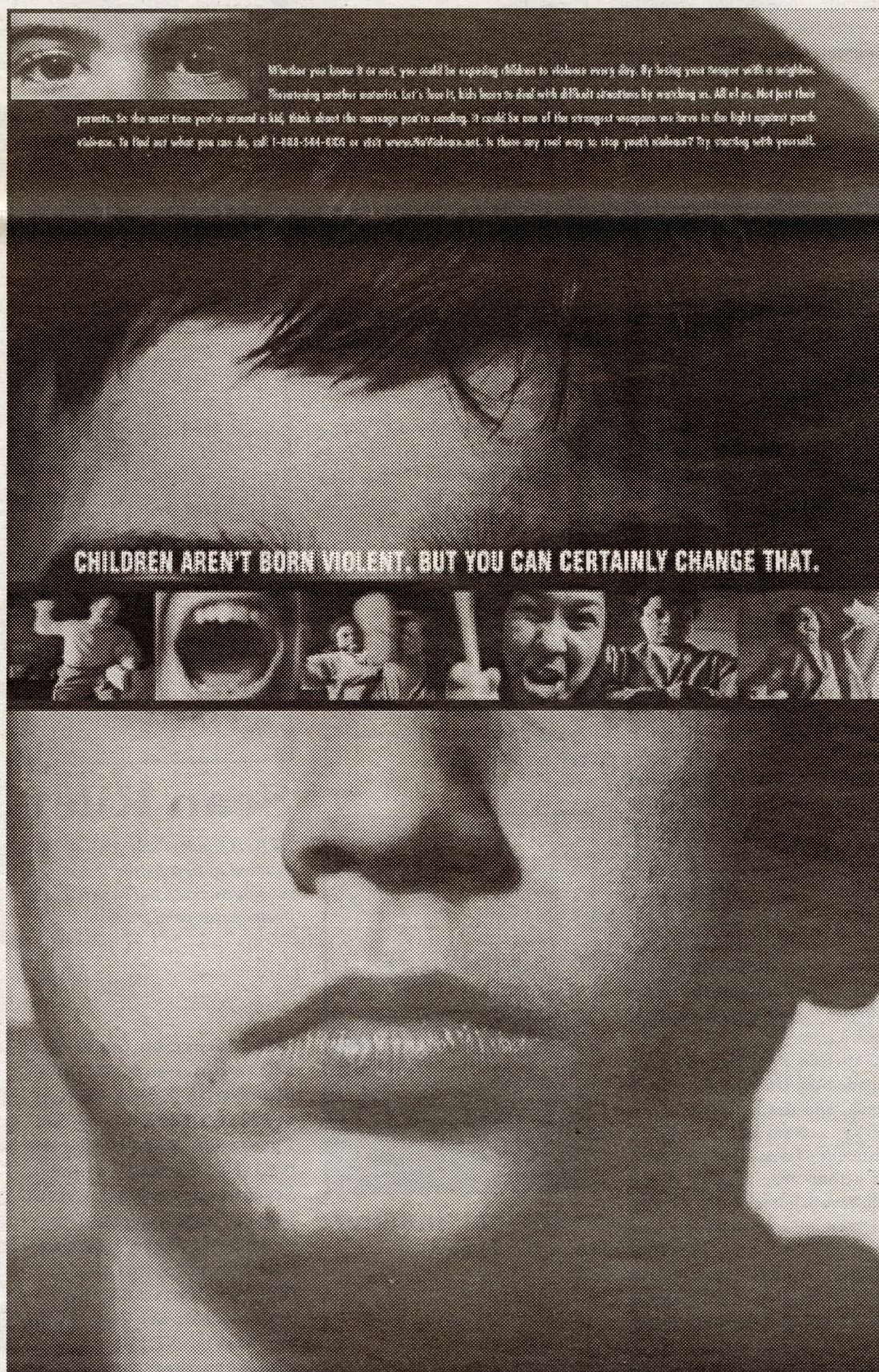
Lukasz Dobrzynski, the coordinator of the conference, had several comments in a separate interview. He said that the conference was a full year in the making and that he got the idea for it when he attended a similar conference at the University of Warsaw. "Initially, the idea was to bring in speakers from different businesses and consulates and have them speak on how business was being done in Europe," he said.

Dobrzynski petitioned various student clubs for support, such as Marketing, APICS, and FMA, but some never responded, and he cited high turnover as one of the problems he faced. "All of the people I talked to in October were all gone in January . . . there was no continuity in the clubs."

Overall, however, Dobrzynski was pleased with the results of his efforts. "I expected 40 people for the opening, but we got 120." The Faculty who helped him the most were Mathematics Professor Lidia Filus with her many community connections, Durward Hoffler from the College of Business and Management, Kathy Kardaras, Coordinator of the Honors Program, and Professor Edward Stuart who helped with logistics and actively participated in the conference.



Rahm Emanuel greets supporters on the campaign circuit.



Journeying together in faith

by Max Azizieh
Staff Member

The Hajj: A Journey of Faith, was the topic of a discussion presented by the Muslim Student Association with guest speaker Faisal Hammouda last Thursday in the Fine Arts building. With the hopes of bringing a better understanding of one of Islam's most famous rituals, the turn out was enough to keep the room filled until every question was answered.

The Hajj, which is the pilgrimage that is looked upon as a task that all should complete if and when the opportunity arises. For it is the pilgrimage to the house

that is believed to be the house of houses, the first structure that was ever built for all of mankind, the house of the Prophet Abraham. The reason behind it being referred to as the House of Abraham was not because he built it, Abraham, in accordance with Islamic scripture, resurrected the house when it was almost completely deteriorated. So Allah called upon Abraham and his son Ishmael to reconstruct the building from its original foundation. The original structure is believed to this day to have been the first house ever built for mankind.

This pilgrimage is not to be confused as something that must be done, no matter what. For it is believed within the Muslim community that even though the Almighty Allah has commanded the people of the Earth to perform the task at least once within their lifetime, it is still to be taken into account that not all would be able to perform the deed. For such things might arise that would hinder a person incapable of performing the task. Therefore it would not necessarily be held

against a person if they were not able to comply with this commandment of Allah. If and when a person is capable of performing the task, according to the Muslim teachings and traditions, the structure is to be circled a total of seven times with prayers chanted the entire time.

There are on average two million pilgrims who make the trip every year. With Jida, a major air/sea port about an hour drive from Mecca, the geographical stereotypical fear or some, which is they would have to travel

through the dessert for some time, in order to arrive in Mecca is nothing more than what it is, a stereotypical

fear.

But stereotypes are as of late something the Islamic community has had the task of facing. Ever since the events that took place on Sept. 11, the thought that all Muslims are the way Bin Laden is perceived to be, has run through the mind of many people. Another point made during the discussion was that the Islamic religion is similar in many ways to that of Christianity and Judaism. For the three groups believe in basically the same, with a few exceptions, prophets. Whether it be Abraham, Moses, Noah, or the like, from the Old Testament of Christianity, all three of the world's major religions share these messengers from God with similar if not the same regard.

So the aspect of enlightening the attendance of some commonly held misapprehensions about the ways of Islam was also an underlying theme throughout the discussion. If someone would like to learn more about Islam, the Muslim Student Association (MSA) holds meetings every Tuesday and Thursday at 1:40 pm in FA-153.

On average two million pilgrims make the trip every year.

Scholarships forming the future

by Lisa St. Martin
Senior Staff Member

In a move that should help pay the way for Hispanic students interested in higher education, NEIU announces its partnership with Ronald McDonald House Charities/Hispanic American Commitment to Educational Resources (RMHC/HACER) Scholarship Program. The partnership will complement efforts to increase academic preparation and early college awareness in the Hispanic community.

Recruitment of applicants is available to participating high schools in the Chicago and Northwest Indiana area as well

as participating McDonalds's restaurants. In 2001, 90 Chicago area Hispanic students were awarded \$2,000 each in scholarships to start their college education.

NEIU, the only federally designated Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) in the State of Illinois, is the top producer of certified teachers who are Hispanic. "Our objective is to increase the educational opportunities for Latino students, including providing the financial assistance they need to start college. Our association with the RMHC/HACER program is another step in the fulfillment of the goal," said Dr. Salme H. Steinberg, NEIU

president.

In the past twelve years, RMHC/HACER has donated 794 scholarships in Chicago and seeks to find Hispanic students who want to make a difference in their communities. Starting in 1985 with a McDonald's owner/operator in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area, the RMHC/HACER scholarship program has grown to several geographical regions in the U.S. Currently, over 8,000 Hispanic students have received more than \$8.5 million in scholarships to support their education. In order to qualify, a student must be a citizen or permanent resident of the U.S., with at least one Hispanic parent.

Debating Christ as possible prophet

by Max Azizieh
Staff Member

The debate of whether Jesus Christ was a prophet or the Son of God has been taking place for almost 1600 years. Which belief is correct, the Muslim religion which acknowledges Jesus' existence, but holds him as a prophet sent down to deliver the message of love and peace, or Christianity which believes Jesus was sent down to relieve the burden of humanity's sinful state.

On March 5, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship along with Ethnic Student Ministries sponsored a presentation on that vary issue, was Jesus Christ a prophet or was he the Son of God? The guest speaker was Raouf Boulos, a scholar and former professor at Moody Bible Institute gave evidence to support each claim making comparisons within both religions' holy book, respectively.

After years of comparative reading, Mr. Boulos went on to discuss the similarities. For

example, both religious books, the Bible and Quran, acknowledgement of God as being the supreme deity, monotheistic view points and the Earth being crested within a six day period. Whether that Supreme deity is referred to as God or Allah it really does not matter for both names refer to the one and same deity. In fact, within the Muslim religion, there are roughly 99 names for this deity, whether it is "All Powerful," "All Knowing," "The Most High," they all refer to one and the same.

They both also make reference to Adam & Eve in the Garden, along with the tree of knowledge. In both faiths, Adam & Eve disobeyed the command of God and realized, after the fact, the wrath in which they provoked.

Since they disobeyed God's commandment, where does the issue of sin come into play. According to Mr. Boulos, that is where a thing called sinature comes in. For sinature, it is a built in desire to commit sin. That the desire to commit sin

is somehow engrained into the soul in some way.

With the identification of the problem of sinature, the problem remains, what is to be done about it. That is where a covenant comes into place. In Christianity, the covenant was created between Jesus with God. The Muslim religion, believes in a covenant created between the Prophet Muhammed and Allah. Both of these covenants were made with blood, which was used as a seal. In Christianity, the blood of Jesus was used since it is believed that he was the only one to walk the Earth that was without sin. In Islam, according to Mr. Boulos, the covenant created between the Prophet Muhammed and Allah was through the blood of a cow.

By the information provided during the discussion, the two religious beliefs are not that different. When comparing the two religious doctrines they differ on a few items, but overall, the same basic principles remain the same.

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PERSPECTUS

OPINION

BY SEAN RILEY *STAFF WRITER*

Why did Pearl die?

So it's official, Daniel Pearl has been killed. He was stabbed and then decapitated on a video obtained by the F.B.I. late last week. This NEIU students question is "why?" Why did Daniel Pearl die and why did the media cover *this* journalist's disappearance and death so closely?

Why did Daniel Pearl die? Wow, what a question. Well to start off he was an American. Pearl worked for the Wall Street Journal as an investigative journalist covering the "War on Terrorism". He was stationed in Bombay India. Pearl was abducted in the Pakistani port city of Karachi while investigating local ties between the alleged "shoe bomber" Richard C. Reid and Osama bin Laden's al Qaida network. It was no surprise then, that Pearl was kidnapped. He was an America investigating Osama bin Laden in Pakistan, it wasn't like Pearl was kidnapped while eating pie in Iowa.

Pearl was also Jewish and in his last moments he was forced to say "I am a Jew. My mother is a Jew." Pearl's killers also forced Pearl to recall his visits to Israel as a child and a story of a street there named after his grandfather. For Pearl's killers his being Jewish was very important.

From the sources I found, in the Islamic world anti-Semitism—hatred of Jews—has become common and acceptable. In Egypt, for example, a major newspaper printed an article stating that 9/11 was the work of the "Jews and the Israeli intelligence agency, Mossad." In December a Saudi newspaper ran an article titled "The Jewish Sense of Superiority in the World." Of course not all Muslims are anti-Semites but as I stated earlier, it is common. It's also acceptable since these government-run newspapers were allowed to print the articles they did.

The Arab nations aren't alone in mixing religion with politics though. Since 9/11 how many times has Mr. Bush or his 'cronies' said the word "God," referring to the Western Christian God? Bushes recent statement referring to a certain area as the "Axis of Evil" just adds to a growing sentiment that Bush is transforming his "War on Terrorism" into a religious war.

We have the Jihad issued by Osama, the "Axis of Evil" by Mr. Bush, and the daily killings of Palestinians by Israelis and visa-versa. Why does it seem like since the beginning of known history, the most atrocious, hideous, crimes against humanity have been done in the name of religion?

We will probably never know why Pearl was killed. He was American, he was Jewish, he was a journalist, he was in Pakistan, mix that together and well...Pearl's dead. It's not surprising, or even especially newsworthy. Which brings me to my second question, why was Pearl in the news as often as he was?

Last year alone 37 journalists were killed and over 600 were attacked. Journalist are abducted on a regular basis; why was Pearl so special?

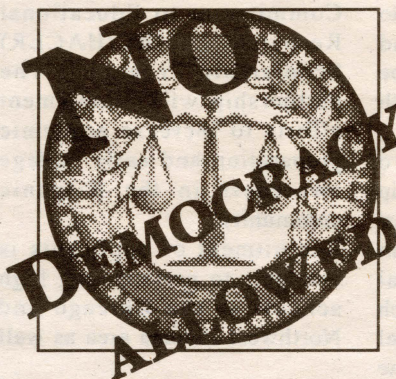
Well for one, Pearl's abductors were part of an organization called the National Movement for the restoration of Pakistan's Sovereignty. His abductors, like abductors love to do, made a list of demands including the release of the Pakistani detainee's in Cuba, that the U.S. presence in Pakistan end, and that F-16 fighters—which Pakistan purchased from the States but never received—be delivered. These demands are a little outlandish, as most demands are, but they are relevant to other issues in the American news; such issues as the detainees in Cuba and the support of Israel by America. But I don't think the abductors were enough to get Pearl on the front page as often as he was.

There is also the video. The video shows Pearl speaking about his Jewish Heritage for a few minutes before he's stabbed and decapitated. Yup, for 50 seconds they show these guys stabbing Pearl. 50 seconds is quite a long time to be stabbing someone (last time I stabbed someone, for example, it took only 9 seconds). Then Pearl is decapitated. This is definitely newsworthy. But this only occurred last week, Pearls been in the news since Jan. 23?

Pearl was in the news so much because since 9/11 Americans have become ultra Patriotic. Anything done to any American is another attack on America. 'America' can do no wrong. I'm definitely not saying that Pearl deserved to die but I'm saying there's probably a reason for his death. The al Qaida network's members aren't mindless barbarians; (well, as in any group, there's always a few) they have their perspective. Why do they hate Americans so much? Why does much of the Arab world hate Jews so much?

These are questions that were never asked or answered. We just let Bush 'borrow' 50 billions dollars from us to wipe out terrorism. We let Bush charge through the world like an insulted bully saying "if you're not on our side" then you're on their side and watch out. We let Bush detain captives with NO trial, or even interviews with outside sources. There is something going on out there, something our media *isn't* writing about, and until begin questioning why horrible events like Pearl's death will no doubt keep occurring.

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BY JOHN BROLLEY, *STAFF MEMBER*

Tri-State Crematory: Deceiving the grieving for over 15 years

I have this friend who I talk to you when things are over my head. Which is not as often as you might think. I call my friend Smart Guy, or SG for short. The things we talk about can be as simple as bonehead coaching moves by the Bulls or Bears or things as complex as fly fishing or Nuclear fission.

I'm not sure if you've been keeping track of current events but there's this story I just had to get the details on. Listen up and you may learn something, too.

Me: Let me get this straight: There is this crematory in the South—

SG: Noble, Georgia.

Me: Okay, Noble, Georgia. And this crematory is a well respected family business—

SG: Was a well respected family business.

Me: Yeah, was a respected family business, who for the last fifteen years has been charging distraught families for cremations—

SG: \$200 Bucks a pop. That

covers the urn and the cremation, I think.

Me: Seems cheap. And they haven't been cremating of the bodies. How am I doing so far?

SG: Good. Keep going.

Me: Well, not only have they been not cremating these bodies, they've been just throwing them near a lake on their own land?

SG: Righto. You know what they did around that lake a couple of years ago don't you?

Me: The son got married right near it, didn't he?

SG: Big fancy pants wedding, too.

Me: What the hell are they gonna do now.

SG: With the business? If they still end up in business, and that's a longer shot than the Cubs winning two world series in a row, they're gonna have to change up their whole corporate culture.

Me: What the hell does that mean, corporate culture?

SG: It means that they are have to change things from the ground up.

Me: You mean, clean up the

bodies?

SG: Cremate 'em.

Me: That's it?

SG: Cremate the one's on the ground like they shoulda done in the first place. Then they need to get that new cremating machine that they've needed for fifteen years and start cremating the new ones.

Me: There's no chance that they'll get out of this, is there?

SG: Here's the story: The Marsh family is black. Second, Coble, GA is nearly all white. So even if there wasn't a heck of a lot of evidence going against them, they'd have a tough time winning a case. But, I mean, they were caught, caught,—

Me: Dead handed?

SG: Yeah, right.

Me: So they're charged with messing with a dead body or something, right?

SG: No, what Ray Brent Marsh is being charged with is 118 counts of theft by deception. Could be 300

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QUOTABLES

I'm always amazed that Congress is quite willing to simply give away one of its greatest powers, especially when it spends so much time otherwise trying to expand its powers by passing extra-constitutional legislation. The reason for this, I'm afraid, is Congress learned in Vietnam that wars sometimes go very badly, and few want to be on record as having voted for a war if they can avoid it. So despite all the talk in Congress of "supporting the President," nobody wants to really support him by doing the obvious and passing a declaration of war.

Ron Paul, Congressman, on potential conflict with Iraq

As long as they want to send them here, we'll kill them here . . . if they go somewhere else, we'll . . . kill them wherever they go.

Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense, on Al Qaeda resistance

President Clinton's offenses had a significant adverse impact on the community, substantially affecting the public's view of the integrity of our legal system.

Robert Ray, Independent Counsel, in a final report on the Lewinski scandal

I judged according to my soul and conscience

Marie-Reine Le Gougne, figure skating judge accused of swapping votes

For those of you who have not been around for an all-night session, get ready, bring your sleeping bags, your blankets . . . because that's how long we're going to be here to complete this work, if necessary.

Tom Daschle, Senate Majority Leader, for campaign finance reform

Today's public schools often produce graduates who lack even basic reading and writing skills. Politically-motivated multiculturalism and leftist indoctrination take the place of rigorous learning. Teacher unions fight to protect their turf and save jobs, rather than focusing on the education of our kids. Many public schools are dilapidated and dangerous, with teachers afraid of students and discipline nonexistent. Given this reality, we can hardly be surprised that parents are demanding vouchers to get their children out of a failing system.

Ron Paul, Congressman

Go away, Planned Parenthood

It is appalling, but it is not surprising at all.

It is not surprising at all that NEIU will soon contain a branch of Planned Parenthood, complete with Planned Parenthood operatives ever-advising expectant mothers to abort. It is appalling that the University's President Salme Steinberg has said nothing as she tests to see which way the wind is blowing first.

What also is appalling is NEIU's ignorant attitude toward Christianity, a religion passionately opposed to abortion and the life-ending work of Planned Parenthood. Two years after kicking the Office of Campus Ministry from its small office in the basement, for what administrator Melvin Terrell called a violation of the separation of Church and state, NEIU has seen school sponsored religious rites performed around a Peace Pole built on campus. The event included homages to Mother Nature, a ritual burning of incense and tobacco to "the spirits of the trees," and the building of a fire. These religious rites, originally practiced by Native American nations, were sanctioned by the university, but the Office of Campus Ministry was banished from campus. It seems their plans to build homes in Appalachia and their plans to tutor the disadvantaged were too much to bear for administrators.

The peace pole still stands on campus property reminding me every time I see it of Melvin Terrell's firm and admirable dedication to the separation of Church and state. And now President Salme Steinberg is turning a blind eye to the institutionalizing of Planned Parenthood in our Health Services Department, a further affront to Christians.

Maybe the academics who run this university like Salme

Steinberg take that balanced humanist view of religion and Christianity that they so pride themselves on. After all, these seekers of truth are no sheep. They are the defenders of the disadvantaged. Academics speak out loudly labeling Christianity (especially Catholicism) as the enslaver and oppressor of mankind's potential.

They say that groups like Planned Parenthood support choice and liberty, while the Church tries to stomp liberty out. They say groups like Planned Parenthood lift women by providing them with a choice and by advancing women's health, two things the Church in its opposition to abortion, they feel, care not about. The Church, in the academics' eyes, is against women and against freedom.

In actuality the contrary proves true. Planned Parenthood is an oppressive organization. Planned Parenthood distorts our perceptions of liberty and perverts freedom by equating it with choice.

Planned Parenthood was founded by Margaret Sanger, a proponent of the eugenics movement, a movement that aimed to breed the perfect human. Eugenists like Sanger encouraged reproduction of those with "good" genes like whites and the rich. Sanger and her allies attempted to discourage and even sterilize people deemed as unfit in possessing inferior genes. Eugenists effectively lobbied Congress to discourage population growth of Catholics, African-Americans, and Jewish people. They helped lobby the Democratic party of the South to institutionalize "Jim Crow" legislation.

This isn't simply history. Even today Planned Parenthood

clinics are located in predominantly immigrant neighborhoods and the black community. They say they are simply aiming to improve women's health as they push for abortion and lobby Congress and the Supreme Court, but when taking into account their checkered past and their current choice for locations, who can be so sure they have given up their racist views?

They pressure women to have abortions if the child may, for one second, live in poverty. "You can't afford a baby," they argue. Abraham Lincoln was born poor. Andrew Carnegie was born poor. Even Jesus, the champion of Christianity, rose from poverty. Although abortion advocates like Planned Parenthood say they are preventing what can be a dismal future for these unborn who may encounter poverty, history proves otherwise. A life in poverty is not a wasted life and in a nation as great and fair as ours anyone has potential and at least the right to live. Planned Parenthood seems steps away from gunning down homeless men, or at least sterilizing them.

President Steinberg, Planned Parenthood has a history of oppression that the good people of this university will not tolerate. Mark these words before you make the decision as to where you should stand on this issue. If Planned Parenthood sets up shop on campus grounds, the good people of this campus, those who oppose injustice and who love freedom and equality, will not rest in their opposition and protest. I urge these people to write Steinberg and let her know how you feel. Maybe we can save a life or two and throw a wet towel on the last bastion of eugenics that exists in Planned Parenthood.

Of computer geeks and meek people

WELL, IT'S BEEN ABOUT A YEAR SINCE I LAST WROTE ABOUT SOMETHING THAT IS ACTUALLY RELATED TO NORTHEASTERN, SO I MIGHT AS WELL DO IT AGAIN. AFTER ALL, I'M SUPPOSED TO BE WRITING ABOUT CAMPUS RELATED ISSUES, NOT BITCHING ABOUT WHAT A LOSER I AM AND TELLING RANDOM STORIES WITH NO POINT. SO, HERE'S MY ANNUAL "NEIU RELATED TOPIC."



BRIAN BLASZKOWSKI

The computer lab in the basement of the classroom building is being overrun by losers. This particular brand of loser is monopolizing the use of the computers, and they are all making life difficult for those of us who want to do school work. They're easy to spot. They're playing pool on the computer.

Pool? What the hell is wrong with them? They're wasting resources to play a simulated activity? Good God, what a bunch of freaks. Now, when the lab isn't full, they can do whatever they want. Play pool, play snooker, chat with other desperate people in the "love rooms," whatever. But, when the lab is full and people are wandering about, trying to do homework, then all pool playing must stop.

It says so right on some signs posted in various locations. The signs basically say that if someone needs the computer for homework and you're just screwing around, get the hell off. But they don't. They sit right there, pretending they're cool, and pretending to play pool.

They also play cards, checkers, chess, backgammon, and other games that normally require props and other people to make them fun. I don't have a problem with people who play video games. Video games and computer games are about all I have left, which just goes to show you how sad my life is. (You knew I'd work in some personal bitching somehow). I've been known to dabble in *Quake* and *EverQuest*, among others. But the thing is, I dabble on my *personal* computer. I don't sit at a public computer, desperately seeking some validation in my life, and wasting other people's time.

So, it seems the obvious thing to do would be ban the playing of games in the computer labs. The labs, after all, are there for homework, right? They serve the purpose of helping those without access to computers. NEIU's brochure doesn't say "Come to NEIU! Meet new people, take part in our wonderful class selection process, and play computer games in the school computer labs!" Of course it doesn't say that. Our class selection process sucks, and the purpose of the labs isn't to play games. So, let's ban games from the labs.

But, that simply wouldn't work. It wouldn't work because, out of all the complaints I've heard about the people playing games in a full computer lab, never once have the people complaining ever asked the "video gamers" to move. Not once. They wait. They simmer. They scowl. But they don't take matters into their own hands. Why not? The signs are posted. They have the backing of the computer lab. Those computer lab people are mean. I wouldn't want to mess with them. So, why do people just stand there like idiots, counting the tiles in the ceiling and passively waiting for someone to move?

Take some initiative, for God's sake! Ask them nicely if they would move, since you have homework to do. If they won't, then tell the computer people. The signs clearly state that you are in the right, here. Don't be timid, be confident! Are you worried that the video gamer might think you're rude? That's *his* problem. He can go to hell. You have homework to do!

The problem here is people confuse being assertive with being rude. You aren't always automatically being rude if you stick up for yourself and your rights. Asking some dork who is playing games in the computer to move isn't being rude, unless you call him a dork in your request. Be calm, assertive, and comfortable in the knowledge that you are right. If he won't move, obviously, then some rudeness might be required.

I'm always surprised at just how much crap people will tolerate. I have no patience at all. I've seen it. Someone is in a hurry in the halls, and they get stuck behind some slow moving herd of idiots, bumbling around and bumping into things. They try to sneak around, but one of the herd sways into their path, so they sigh and just slow their walk.

Not me! Screw that, I'm busy. I'll walk around them. If they happen to bump into me, such is life. I'll squeeze past them, mutter an insensitive apology if I knock one of them over, and continue on my way. The hallways are for everyone. Don't be too polite to tell someone they're in your way. Just make sure you can either take them in a fight or outrun them if they're bigger than you.

It's the same thing in the parking lot. People just can't deal with three-way stops. So, help them out! Honk your horn, flip them off, scream out the window. Do anything to get them moving. I can't afford to be stuck behind some jackass who's fumbling with a cell phone.

I have to get home and play *EverQuest*.

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Letters to the Editor

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VOC blasphemous

Dear Editors,

I was very much offended by Brian Blaszkowski's statement in his February 23rd "Voice of the Campus" column to the effect that the Bible is "full of s—t." To Jews, the Old Testament is a history of the Jewish people and their journey with God. To Christians, the New Testament is a history of the fulfillment of the prophecies of the Old Testament regarding

the coming of the Messiah and a biography of the Second Person of the Holy Trinity: His birth, His teachings, His death, and His resurrection. To label this masterpiece of literature and, to many, the inspired Word of God as being "full of s—t" is blasphemous and deeply offensive.

Sincerely,
George Pryjma
Visiting Lecturer

According to the dean

To the editor:

Please allow me to bring to your attention an error that was made in the article, "Dean writes the book on diversity." (Tuesday, February 26) In the article it was said that, "The colleges and universities that were involved in the book included the following: Clemson university, Kansas State, University of Texas at San Antonio, University of Louisiana, SUNY Buffalo, Kellogg Community College,

California State Long Beach, and of course Northeastern Illinois university."

One would assume from reading this statement that these colleges and universities are the subjects of the book. I would like to clarify that my colleagues who collaborated with me on this book are faculty and staff members at the above mentioned institutions.

-Melvin Terrell
Vice-President of Student Affairs.

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counts or higher by the end of all this.

Me: Theft by deception sounds a little off from what this actually is...

SG: There's no law against mistreating a dead body in Georgia. I never really thought much about how you could mistreat a dead body. (As this point he eyed me up suspiciously) But, this case makes it pretty clear.

Me: Why in the hell didn't they just bury the bodies on their land? Oh, they must not believe in it (burial) since they were a cremation business and all.

SG: That makes no sense. Machine's down so just collect the money for the cremation and just keep stacking the bodies up? Not like anybody would ever smell a couple of hundred rotting bodies or anything... Hell, yes, they should have buried the bodies. Almost seems like they wanted to get caught.

Me: What's this owner supposed to be like?

SG: From what I have read the guy's a real world beater. Played college football and married this incredibly beautiful girl. I heard that the kid wanted to teach and coach but the dad had a stroke and so the kid had to take over the family business... Seeing those bodies laying around must have been a real eye opener for the kid.

Me: (Acting out a conversation of Dad training son) Oh, those... You know I have been meaning to get to those... Daddy, isn't that old Mrs. Johnson?

Where?

The one the buzzards nibblin' on...

SG: Sick bastard. But this whole thing is screwed up.

Why in the hell would a family throw a great business and reputation away for a darn \$40,000.

Me: \$40,000? What do you mean?

SG: That's how much a new machine would have cost. That's what the son told the police.

Me: How'd they finally catch the guy? Did they smell the bodies like you said?

SG: That one I don't know. I do know that a lot of the families that did business with Tri-State, that's the name of the business, have been finding wood chips and rocks in the their urns. But, I am not sure if they started looking in the urns before or after they found all of the bodies.

Me: It's like the old chicken and the egg, except you substitute dead bodies and urns for the chicken and—

SG: You're getting a kick out of this aren't you? You thought that you were the biggest screw up in the world and now this comes out...

Me: I have, in the past been guilty of episodes of procrastination, but that was paperwork I fell behind on. No smell, that's the key.

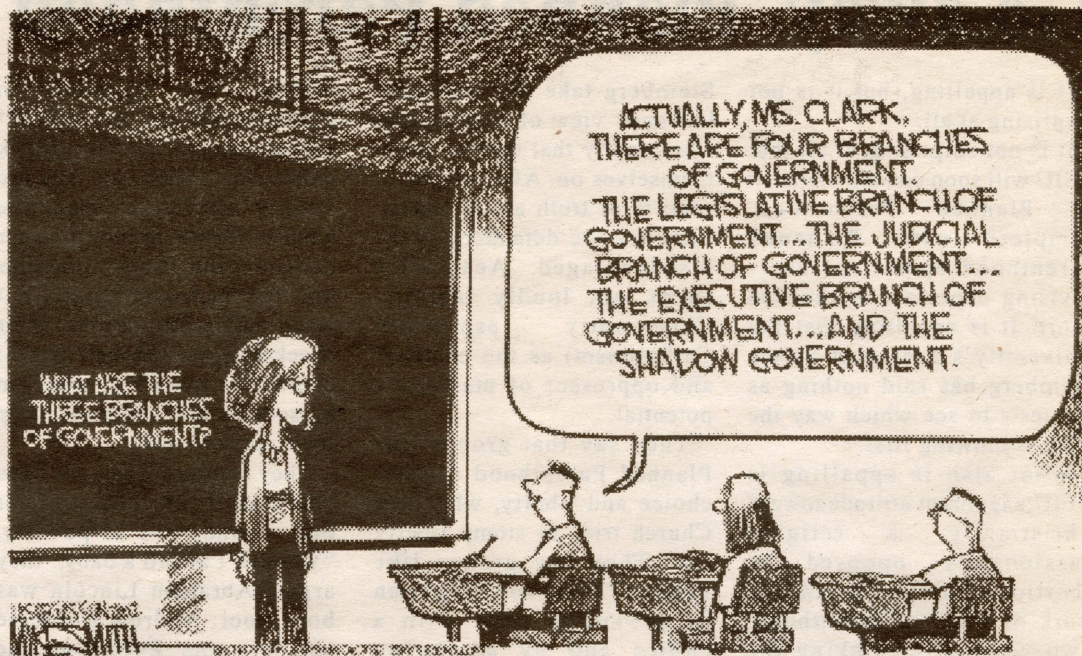
SG: I hope that they serve their time and get back to business, the right way. It would do a lot of good, especially in the South.

Me: If they restart their business I can think of a great advertising slogan: Tri-State, Where Only the Survivors Get Burned

SG: That'd instill the trust.

Did you hear about the lady they arrested in New York for saying that her husband was killed the World Trade Center on September 11th. The Red Cross put her up in a hotel for two weeks, until they realized she was lying. She's going to jail. True story. Somewhere Ray Brent Marsh is smiling.

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OPINION

BY WHITNEY KOBRIN, MUSTANG DAILY - CALIFORNIA POLY-STATE

Mentally disabled deserve same fate

(U-WIRE) SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. — As courts consider a national ban on sentencing mentally disabled criminals to the death penalty, I can't help but question why the idea even arose.

Is it not discrimination to treat the mentally handicapped any differently than the average person? To make distinctions between the treatment of the average person and a mentally handicapped individual would fall under the term discrimination. Why then is it acceptable to treat that portion of society differently when it is in their favor?

Punishment is only likely to be effective when it makes examples of criminals for the rest of society to see and learn from. Ideally, the rest of society will fear the punishment criminals receive and therefore be discouraged from committing crimes. This goal will be unattainable if we continue to make exceptions to the rules, even if those exceptions are for a small fraction of society.

Most of us are familiar with the phrase, "you do the crime, you do the time." Any crime that is severe enough to result in the death penalty should not be second-guessed by the mental capacity of the criminal. A murderer is a

murderer regardless of how intelligent or mentally disabled he or she is.

It is quite clear to me that anyone who would commit a crime terrible enough to have deserved the death penalty is likely to have mental problems, whether they deal with intellect or with sanity. In any case, the crime and the crime's ensuing punishment should be the issue, rather than the mental state of the criminal.

The death penalty is most likely to be used in cases when the criminal is unlikely to be rehabilitated. If we do not think that a person with a normal intellect is capable of being rehabilitated, it is highly unlikely that someone with a decreased mental capacity would be able to successfully complete a rehabilitation procedure after committing a crime of the same caliber.

Even if a mentally disabled criminal were able to be rehabilitated, would the prison setting be a suitable and productive environment for a person with mental handicaps? It is likely that these disabled individuals would demand special care that prison employees may not be capable of providing. Would this create a need for specially trained prison employees, and if so, where would the funding for

such special training come from?

According to an article by Associated Press writer Robert Tanner, 10 percent of inmates sought to get off death row due to mental handicaps in states where the option became available last year. Tanner said some who support a national ban of executions for mentally disabled criminals suggested the number of these disabled criminals were likely to be 20 percent.

"With 2,455 inmates on death row in the 20 states that allow executions of the mentally disabled, that would mean 245 potential challenges if 10 percent sought reprieves, or 490 if 20 percent did," Tanner wrote.

Based on these numbers, would it be worth taxpayer's money to deal with that volume of appeals? Frankly, I think we do our share by contributing our tax money, paying for the court fees that landed all of those criminals on death row, and not contributing to the problem by becoming members of society who force other citizens to pay court costs.

Banning the execution of mentally disabled inmates would create more obstacles in the judicial system and would be counterproductive to achieving the greater good.

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Hoop scoop - swish!

Bulls Smelling Like a Rose

Don't look now but the Bulls have improved. Granted, saying that the Bulls have improved is somewhat like me saying that there were fewer typo's in my last column... In other words, don't go ordering that seventh championship banner just yet. In a February 19th trade with the Indiana Pacers, the Bulls added a "budding" star, Jalen Rose and a proven point guard in Travis Best.

The Bulls gave up a lot though, namely their three leading scorers, Ron Mercer, Brad Miller, and Ron Artest, plus the steady Kevin Ollie. Although Mercer and Miller are symbiotic role players (Mercer shoots, Miller rebounds) the Bulls will end up missing Artest the most. Ron Artest, one of the NBA's best defenders, has the talent and toughness to be a star for many years.

So far anyway, the addition of Rose has hastened the development of Bully Babies, Tyson Chandler and Eddie Curry. Chandler and Curry have both been much more productive since Rose and Best arrived. It'll be interesting to see how much the twenty-nine year old Rose has left in his tank by the time Curry and Chandler become the kind of players capable of leading the Bulls to another title.

The Bulls are way out of the playoff race, but for the first time since MJ and Scottie left, they are at least fun to watch.

Wade Right In

Dwyane Wade of Marquette University is the best college basketball player in the country. Jayson Williams, who will graduate in just three years at Duke University, was the preseason Player of the Year favorite and has had an outstanding season. Williams is

a tremendous player, one of Duke's all-time best, and he's deserving of all of the accolades that he's received. But Wade is the superior all around (inside-outside) offensive performer and is a true impact player on the defensive end as well.

Wade, who attended Oak Lawn's Richards High School, sat out his freshman year at Marquette, and in this, his first year of collegiate basketball, has become a star for the resurgent Marquette Golden Eagles. Marquette, now 24-5, with their season-ending win over DePaul, hasn't had a player like this since, since...??? Marquette's never had a player this great.

Wade, who at 6-4 and a rugged 210 pounds, leads the Golden Eagles in scoring, rebounding, assists and steals. Versatility of that sort is quite rare, but the stats only hint at the effect that Wade has on a typical game. Wade has the Jordanesque inclination/need to take over a game and the talent to pull it off. Watch him spin around, leap over, out-hustle, and rip the ball the ball out of his opponents hands a few times and you'll know what I am talking about.

Wade hasn't been saying much regarding whether he'll stay around for another year at Marquette—but make no mistake, this guy is ready for the NBA right now. Let's hope that he stays in college—or if not, that he plays for the Bulls. Wade will not win any Player Of The Year awards this year, that'd be akin to the mayor of Milwaukee winning the Presidency—without a campaign. Williams, who came very close to winning Player Of The Year honors last year, possesses all of the name recognition that Wade lacks. But, by the time the NCAA tourney has concluded, Wade will be famous.

Naperville Basketball Phenom
There is a 6-3 basketball

player in Naperville who has twice dunked in games and averages a gaudy 22 points per game. This player has already been touted in a USA Today feature story, as well. Pretty good for a sophomore. Pretty amazing for a sophomore girl.

Candace Parker, in just two years, has broken Naperville Central's 20 year old school scoring record. She's a fantastic player, and like Wade, we'll be hearing a lot from her in upcoming years. Candace Parker seems to have it all—except for her drivers license.

Dee and Shannon Brown

Husband and wife singing tandem? Nope, Dee and Shannon Brown are the best high school basketball tandem in Chicago. Dee, a senior point guard, is a consensus All State selection, and is headed to the University of Illinois. Shannon, a junior, is an even hotter commodity. It's not easy to call a sixteen year old young man a "commodity," but "useful and valuable" pretty much describe Shannon Brown. Spectacular is another good word for him.

Shannon, possessor of an astounding 46 to 50 inch vertical jump, is the most exciting basketball player in Chicago since Farragut's Ronnie Fields. To put Brown's vertical leap measurement in perspective, consider that even a leap of 46 inches would put the top of the 6-3 Brown's head over the rim. For those of you who are unfamiliar with basketball, being able to scratch your head on the rim can be a real advantage...

Brown and Brown make Proviso East the odds-on favorite to win this year's Illinois Class AA State basketball tourney.

Public idiocy

Public Safety serves a vital function on any campus. They keep suspicious people away from the "norms," they scour the campus for ill-doers and drugged-out lunatics, and they even offer support to local police departments. However, if one were to mix all these good deeds and important functions with a healthy dose of incompetence, then we have problems.

The good that Public Safety does may outweigh the stupidity that seeps from that department, but the nonsense that students have to put up with from them is getting out of hand. Firstly, it seems that there is no inner-office communication whatsoever. Each deadline weekend, those of us at the paper have to put the printed pages in a big box and tape it shut, and then leave it with Public Safety. This necessary step enables the paper to be in the bins on Tuesday, allowing you to stock up on litter box liner and bird-cage decor.

Sometimes, however, there are lapses in intellect that cause problems. One memorable week, our publishing company came onto campus to pick up our finished product. The person in the Public Safety office at the time obviously failed to see the enormous box labeled "The Independent" right behind his head, because he sent our publisher on its merry way, claiming he had no idea what they were talking about. This problem was speedily dealt with, but it raises some questions, not to mention some eyebrows, when an officer who is supposed to recognize and watch for suspicious characters and keep us safe fails to see an enormous box that must have fallen from the sky.

Another such lapse in judgment occurs with alarming frequency. I can only blame the lack of inner-office communication once again, mostly because I sincerely hope that the level of idiocy I see isn't because of incompetence. At any rate, a phone call was placed to Public Safety, informing them that a student was on her way to school on a Sunday. The reason for this call was that on Sundays, Public Safety must manually buzz you in a door, since all the doors are locked. The student's name was given, and all seemed to be well.

However, when the student finally gained entrance to the campus, she was filled with complaints. Apparently, the person

now working in Public Safety, a mere 20 minutes after the call was placed, had no idea that the student was to be allowed on campus. Several minutes of arguing and after allowing the Public Safety person to look up her name in the computer, the student was finally allowed access, albeit in a rude and condescending manner.

A less ridiculous but far more irritating problem with Public Safety is their inability to buzz people in the door. One Sunday, I left and returned to campus three times, each time signing the book so they knew I belonged in school. Each time I waited at the door a full minute before they finally got around to pushing a button to let me in. The first time, I actually had to go back in the Public Safety office to remind her that I was still there. She claimed that she thought I had already entered the campus.

Excuse me? how the hell am I going to enter the campus unless you buzz me in? The third time they did this to me was even worse. A collection of about 5 people were milling around outside, waiting for her to lean across the 2 foot gap between her chair and the button. How hard can it possibly be to take notice when people sign a book, look out the window, and let them in when they reach the door? Aren't there any tests that people have to pass before they can wear the hallowed Public Safety uniforms?

These minor problems obviously pale in comparison to the good that public safety does (what with giving tickets to people and all), and I know that many officers are dedicated professionals, and I tip my hat to them. But I want them *all* to be dedicated and competent! I'm greedy like that, I guess. I don't want some fool who can't open doors in a timely and pattern-based manner. I don't want people who don't explain mysterious boxes to other officers, and I *certainly* don't want officers who can't even *see* the stupid box.

All I want are competent, dedicated people to be watching over my safety. How can this be accomplished? I don't know. All I know is it better be accomplished soon. I don't want someone on campus to wind up dead because an officer forgot to mention the description of some serial killer who gets buzzed in a door on a Sunday.

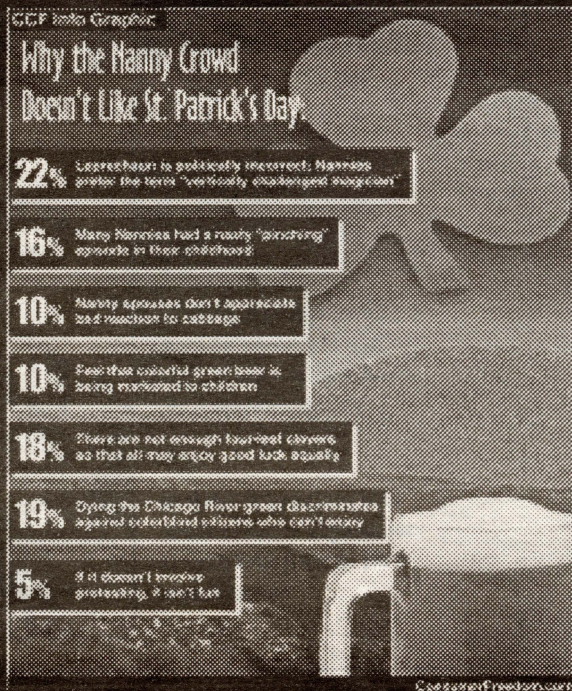
Buzzed in 5 minutes late, but buzzed in nonetheless.

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



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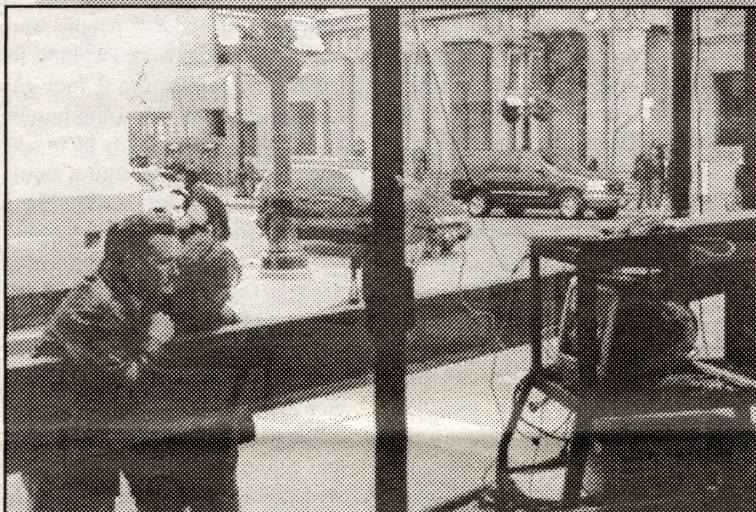
STARTING FEBRUARY 1, CHICAGO BECAME THE FIRST VENUE FOR *HERE IS NEW YORK: A DEMOCRACY OF PHOTOGRAHS* - AN EXHIBITION OF PHOTOS GATHERED AND CATALOGUED FROM THOSE TAKEN IN THE 24-HOUR PERIOD FOLLOWING THE ATTACKS ON THE WORLD TRADE CENTERS.

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9/11: a remembrance

A couple peers through the windows and watches a video developed in the aftermath. It was common practice for people to gather by the windows and look at the photos and watch the video.



A live video feed linked the Chicago and New York exhibits. Both galleries could watch the other city as it took in the 1500 plus photos on display in Chicago and the over 4,000 photographs overall.



A young woman gives in to her emotions as men and women alike did in this exhibit hall.

The pictures stretched seemingly forever from wall to wall and across the ceilings.



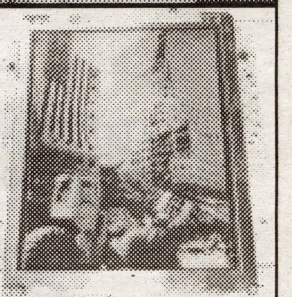
A boy of about nine was one of many youngsters who were introduced to the exhibit. Some were as young as three, full of many questions.

Lines continually stretch down the block. On this Saturday, the line extended to Wabash street for an average wait of 40-minutes.



People sat taken in by a 30 minute video the first 24 hours, shot by Etienne Sauret. The small, semi-enclosed room acted as a wake room so much so, that when finished viewing the video, people would file out past the television as if it were the casket itself.

Two women stand transfixed by the scenes depicted around them.



An LCD screen displays recently added pictures from Chicago natives who personally witnessed 9/11

Many couples found themselves searching out each other as they advanced forward through the exhibit.

photos by Carole M. Brown and Mary Jo Chirbaez

Every parent's nightmare

by Max Azizieh
Staff Member

One huge fear that many parents face today is when their child becomes one of the 500,000 missing children every year. It is often fear or a lack of emotional support within the child that many kidnappers feed upon. For it is because so many children feel as though they are not in a loving supportive environment that many either decide to take to the streets or fall prey to some other adult who they believe can fill that void within their lives. With so many unsolved missing children cases, that is not to say that many kids aren't found and returned home safely, it is possible for many to be returned as so many are.

If a child should go missing, it is important that a police report be filed immediately. The sooner a report is made the better. No matter what the rumor might be, there is no waiting period for making a report. The fact is, if a parent waits 24 hours, like the rumor suggests, the chance of the child not being found is even greater, and that's because if kidnapped, the abductor is one day ahead of the police and FBI.

According to the National Foundation for Missing and Exploited Children, there are a few key preparations that can be taken if such an event were to take place. A recent photo (color if possible) of the child done from multiple angles, much like school photos, should be acquired, every six months or so is recommended. Not only is having up-to-date external photos extremely helpful, x-rays can also be of extreme help as well. If the child shows up in a hospital somewhere, and x-rays, included dental e-rays, were performed and a copy given to the police, well the obvious match would show up, for no two skeletons sets of teeth are exactly alike. Equally important is having your child's physician document every mark on their body; birthmarks, scars, etc. as well as any form of any

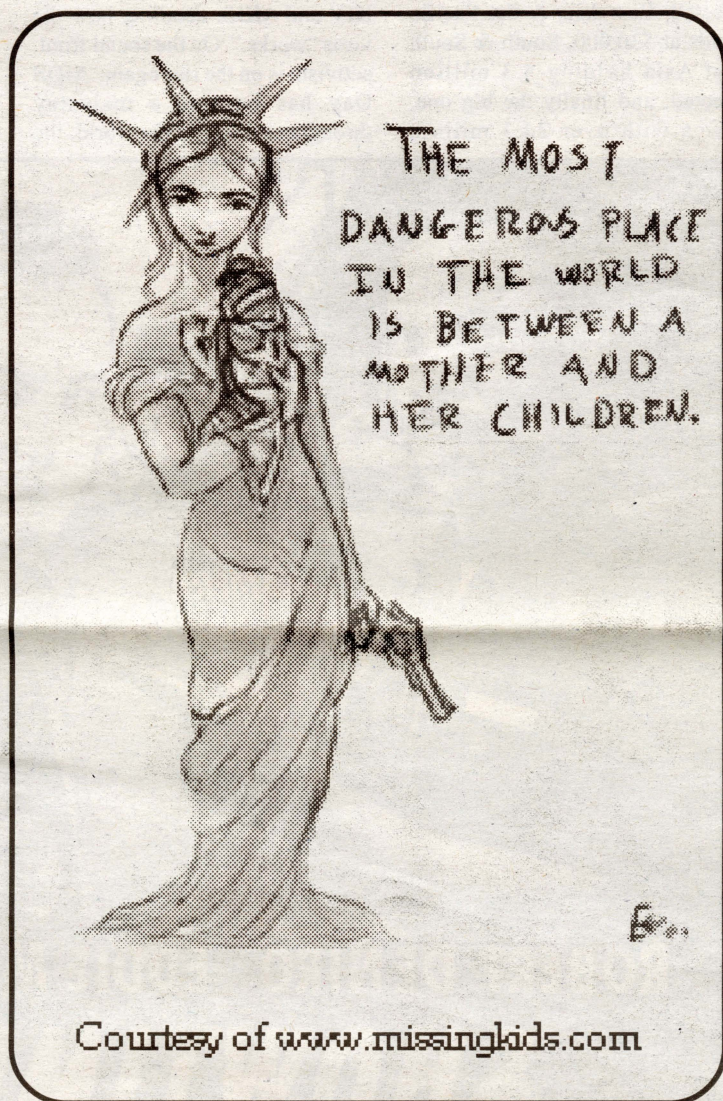
disabilities that might help in providing a distinction between your child and the rest.

When the police are contacted and a report filed, make sure the officer enters the information into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) computer. With the use of the NCIC, every law enforcement agency across the country will have access to the information in the event your child were to reappear somewhere else. And again, there is no waiting period to have the information entered, the sooner the report is made, the better the chances for the child's safe return. It is also important to note whether the officer that took the report contacted the NCIC, the way of going about this is to either contact the officer, contacting

NCIC directly, or by calling the local FBI office.

Another helpful organization that might be of assistance is the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (MCMEC), which can be reached at 1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678) or by TDD at 1-800-826-7653. If the child was a runaway, a message for your child can be left with the National Runaway Switchboard at 1-800-621-4000. You not only leave a message for your child, but they can also leave a message for you as well.

One main thing to remember is that whether by running away, or by kidnapping, it is preventable. If the child feels as though all of their needs are met and they are taught the dangers of talking to strangers, the chances of them disappearing can be greatly reduced.



Marching along through Women's History Month

by Ellen M Larrimore
Staff Writer

Ah March- the month of the NCAA basketball tournament known as "March Madness," and Spring Break. The "in like a lion, out like a lamb" month, the time when the first hopeful signs of spring begin to appear- gradually warmer temperatures and the first shoots of green in our yards signaling the cycle of rebirth and regeneration. But did you know that March is also officially designated as Women's History Month? Yes, something else to celebrate during March! And just how did March get to be Women's History Month? Here's the scoop

It all began in 1911, when a labor organizer named Klara Zetkin organized the first International Women's Day, now celebrated on March 8th. Inspired by American working women, the event grew into an annual observance that took on the causes of peace as well as women's rights.

Over the years, interest in International Women's Day dwindled until the 1960s, when the women's movement caused women to wonder why they weren't included in the history books. As a result of this second wave of Feminism (the infamous "bra-burner" era!), feminist historians began to write women back into the history books that had previously omitted them.

It was also during that era that a movement to celebrate women's accomplishments began. In 1978, schoolteachers and officials in a California school district started "Women's History Week" to promote the teaching of a version of history that reframed women's live and accomplishments. Congress passed a resolution in 1981, making the week of March 8 a time to celebrate women's unique and largely unrecognized contributions to the history of our country. The concept of studying women's history continued to grow in popularity, and after being petitioned by a group of teachers and librarians in 1987, Congress declared the entire month of March "National Women's History Month." Today, most schools teach children some form of women's history, and like NEIU, most colleges offer classes in Women's Studies.

NEIU has offered a minor in Women's Studies for many years. The Department was established in 1971 by a group of women professors who modeled the program after one at San Diego

State College, where the first classes in Women's Studies were offered. Interest in the program has grown steadily over the years, and at a special meeting on February 27, 2001 the Board of Trustees unanimously approved a proposal to establish a Women's Studies Major at NEIU. This proposal added three new courses to complete the Major requirement, and did not require the addition of any new faculty members. Next, the proposal headed to the Illinois Board of Higher Education for approval. In August of 2001, the Women's Studies Major was approved, and became an official course of study last Fall.

Those of us involved in the Women's Studies program are often asked, "Why a 'women's studies' program?" Our answer to that question is that the program provides the opportunity to study a body of knowledge that has been constructed over the last thirty years which finally includes women's perspectives, values, and experiences. Feminist scholarship has brought many revisions and additions to theory in most academic areas. The curriculum emphasizes feminist, anti-racist, multicultural and global perspectives, and helps students develop skills such as critical thinking, communication problem solving, and teamwork. These skills will enable us to enter our future workplaces well equipped to recognize and deal with race, class, and gender discrimination, and as a result, function more effectively in an increasingly diverse workplace and world.

Another question asked is "What can you do with a Major in Women's Studies," to which student Becca Raven Gilmore replies, "Anything we damn well please!" Like all undergraduate degrees, a Major in Women's Studies is the foundation for careers in social justice, medicine, engineering, government, politics, construction work, education, and in new fields that have opened up which cater specifically to the needs of women and children.

To quote student Melanie Heifetz, "The Women Studies Major fills a necessary gap. We are living in a world where men and women need to learn how to work together as equals. This cannot happen unless the full scope of women's contributions are acknowledged and appreciated. The Women's Studies program accomplishes this task by allowing students to focus their attention in this direction."

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A.I.D.S. at 20

by John L. Bracich
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Recently, the Centers for Disease Control (C.D.C.) reported that there were at least one million people living with HIV in the United States. Two years ago, several prominent European, African and Asian leaders declared that the rise of HIV and AIDS was a major security risk. By the end of the last century, half a million children had died from the epidemic. Welcome to AIDS at age twenty.

From forests of Africa to the bathhouses of San Francisco

Back in the mid to late seventies, the average American, or for that matter anyone, didn't have a clue what Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome meant. Scientists now say that the virus that causes AIDS, Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) came from the region around Uganda. The first HIV/AIDS cases began appearing in the latter half of the seventies, though a doctor in Sweden has gone on record to say he had a patient in the 50's who had the disease, which if it is true would mark that patient as the earliest known person outside of Africa to have the disease.

Sadly, the early history of the disease is not marked with awareness and medical triumph, but of ignorance and a pointless medical rivalry. By about 1980 - 1983, doctors in New York and Los Angeles began seeing rising cases of young men becoming afflicted with all sorts of ailments and not recovering; those that did only saw the symptoms return within weeks. Suddenly, many of these ill young men began to die. Medical professionals were baffled, how could medical problems that were thought wiped out or cured by antibiotics become all too powerful? In fact, the situation soon got worse, when the first deaths started appearing. The state of affairs soon caught the attention of scientists in Paris at the Institute de Pasteur (named after the same scientist that discovered Penicillin) lead by Dr. Luc Montegnier, and in Washington D.C. by Dr. Robert Gallo at the National Cancer Institute (NCI).

There needed to be a way to find out how the virus was transmitted, and in this quest, a medical race was born. Both, the NCI and the Institute de Pasteur were on similar paths, but instead of really collaborating, the two (though many really point the finger at Dr. Gallo) became embroiled in a rivalry as to who would be the first to find how it was transmitted and how to screen for it. NCI had claimed that AIDS was caused by a cancer derivative known as HTLV-3, while the scientists in Paris were claiming that it was a blood-related syndrome labeled LAV. This needless race would delay the findings, as the Institute de Pasteur would be the first but who's work was largely ignored by Gallo's team. Later on by August of 1983, Department of Health announced on television that the National Cancer Institute had found the reason for the spread of HIV/AIDS, making Dr. Gallo's findings the "official find." For those interested in this episode in AIDS/HIV history, they should check out Randy Shilt's book or the HBO-made movie of the same name, *And*

the Band Played On.

Despite the "official" discovery, governments at large mainly did nothing. To the public at large, AIDS was still known as Gay Related Immunodeficiency Disease (GRID). Despite rising cases of hemophiliacs and sexually active heterosexuals getting HIV, many saw the disease as pertaining to only a segment of the population. In many corners of the government, and particularly within the conservative elements of society, the attitude towards the epidemic was bordering between negligent and hateful towards the victims. Throughout the Reagan administration, given the fact that they knew the details of the situation, the Department of Health did virtually nothing. It would be local health administrators, particularly in San Francisco and LA, who would be part of the coming force to change the status quo. In San Francisco, the local government saw that most of the infectious cases were stemming from sexual escapades in the local bath houses. To the irritation of the local business owners who ran those establishments, they were all ordered closed. Patient Zero would be identified as Canadian Airlines flight attendant, Gaeton Dugas, but it would be too late for him or those he infected.

Throughout the Eighties, the world would witness events unfold challenging the laxity of government towards the epidemic. ACT-UP and others soon made the headlines, protesting and demanding the system change as thousands died. It wasn't until the year 1987 and 62,101 deaths later, would the President of the most powerful nation try and utter the word "AIDS." While many would still claim that AIDS was a "homosexual cancer," that attitude would drastically change not from loud protest march or faceless numerical statistic, but a young boy from Indiana named Ryan White. The plight of this young hemophiliac drew the attention of many and tugged the hearts of millions who up to that point were cold to say the least towards the epidemic. This may sound too absurd, but despite the great work of activists and seminal events like the AIDS quilt, the struggle and death of this lad shook many people. This is not to say that Ryan White was the big event, just one of many in this horrible plague to stir the nation and the world.

The late 1980's and the following 1990's saw advances in AIDS/HIV awareness. Unfortunately, the last decade of the 20th Century saw an explosion of new cases around the globe. The miracles of world trade and

intercontinental air flights gave the virus a new mode of transportation. Throughout the 1970's, 1980's, and 1990's, Africa's numbers of infected would grow exponentially. New drug "cocktails" would be introduced, but to for some, the virus would adapt and continue on it's biological murder spree.

The 21st Century, from Bad to Worse.

Scientists gave the official birthday to the epidemic about this month or last month (once again, depending between American and Europeans). The total dead so far stands at 13.2 million according to the United Nations. Total infected as of the last UN "Update on AIDS/HIV" report stands at 34.3 million people. By regions, North America is at 900,000+ infected, South America at 1.3 million, the Caribbean at 360,000, Western Europe at 520,000+ infections, Eastern Europe and Central Asia at 420,000, the Middle East and Northern Africa at 220,000 cases, Australia & New Zealand at 15,000 infected, East Asia & the Pacific stands at 530,000, South & South East Asia holding 5.3 million infected, and finally the big one, Africa with over 24.3 million

people infected.

AIDS/HIV has literally destroyed hundreds of local townships in Africa, millions of families. Many of the children walking the dirty streets of some African urban areas might be confused as orphans from one of the many wars on the continent, but are victims of the plague ravaging the lands of the Sahara. Some leaders, like South Africa's former President, Nelson Mandela, have raised awareness of the situation. Unfortunately, his successor and many other African leaders don't share the same sentimentalities. South Africa's new president, as well as Uganda's, have held awkward claims like AIDS not being caused by sex but by other "sinister" factors.

Despite the ignorance of some within leadership circles across the globe, there is hope. Everyday, scientists in University and corporate laboratories inch closer in finding a vaccine for HIV and possibly AIDS. Last year, scientists discovered the genome pattern for HIV and AIDS, detailing how the virus "works." On the social front, activism is on the rise again. AIDS Day has become a mainstay throughout much of the world, the

ubiquitous red ribbon symbolizing the plight. Even here on our own campus, AIDS activism has taken a more, well, international vision. Our own Dr. Netiva Caftori, of NEIU's Computer Science department is part of the European AIDS Ride, currently looking for recruits for the upcoming even across Europe. Where as in more darker times, AIDS was someone else's family's problem, today we all have known someone who has fallen from this horrible epidemic.

Everyone and anyone is encouraged to do his or her part in combating this problem. Anyone who is dying of AIDS or Cancer or any other disease, can you use help anyway a person can. Humanity should be defined not by it's cruelty but by it's compassion. Everyday there are organizations out there looking for volunteers and funds to continue to improve the lives of those afflicted with these death sentences. Be it something like Make-A-Wish who grants ailing children a gift of a trip or something, or the local community center, there are many who are looking to to others to help ease the pain or distress of others. AIDS has just turned 20, lets try and make sure it doesn't turn 21.

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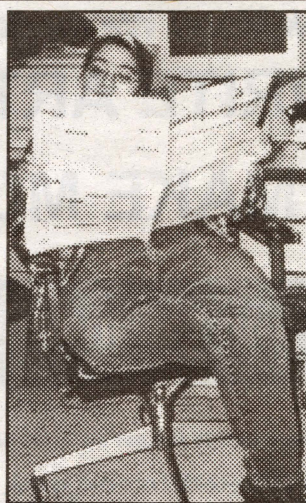
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Star Signs

by Iris the Oracle

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IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS NEXT WEEK: You have acquired emotional bruises but in a few months you will be happier. In a few days burden will be lifted and you can begin the rest of your life with a fresh start.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Look forward in getting a new jacket. The favorite one that you are holding on to is coming apart at the seams. Start wear colorful clothes and make personal appearances. Participate in political-charitable campaigns going on right now. Something is in need of further investigation.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You've been under a great deal of pressure for the past few days. No need to get angry if the heat's turned up. Creative juices are stirring. Follow your instincts and your heart. By digging deep into someone's past, you make a remarkable discovery. Keep it to yourself for now.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You could come up with an idea, but don't be dismayed if it doesn't work right away. You still don't know everything you need to know yet. There are no limitations to how far you can go. Needed material will be made available soon. There will be much pillow talk tonight.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Pull up stakes and go somewhere else. Let someone else fill in the blank spaces. Your competition has a distinct advantage. Make room for a fresh start in a new direction. Toss aside preconceived notions that you have had. You will discover new dimensions and you will feel renewed.

CANCER (June 22 to July 22) Things aren't going as smoothly as they have been. Make amends to a family member for words you spoke in heat. Delegation is good, but if you're responsible for results, you'd better stay tuned in to the proceedings in detail. Attention will revolve around home.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Rely on a partner who knows more about what you're doing than you do yourself. If you don't already have somebody like that on your team, get one immediately. Take things slowly and carefully now. What was supposed to be a short trip could take longer than anticipated.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your kind of a day. You solve mechanical-mathematical problems. You will know what to do, when to do it. You might encounter a difficult situation later on. Resist the temptation to have a fit if it feels like things are not going your way. You're more apt to win if you don't fear losing.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) An issue needs to be dealt with. If you're charming, as you usually are, you should be able to get most of what you want. Be confident, accept challenge, express carnal desires. Musical notes fly so does sound. You are going in places that you never had dreamed of.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You are a high-energy person. If anybody could be in two places at the same time, it would be you. Slow down. Be sure a family member understands your motives. If gentle, you will win love. If forceful, you lose in many ways. The choice is yours. Emphasize your free will.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Whatever you're doing now is more difficult than you'd like it to be. It's also taking up too much of your time. Define terms, see relationships as they are and not merely as you wish they could be. Realize no one will give something of value for nothing.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You could find a way to make more money. This could be either by taking on another job or by getting a better deal on something you always buy. Organize priorities. Driving force within seeks expression. Accept responsibility. Promotion may be forthcoming.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You're intelligent, of course. You already knew that. What you may not have known is that's not enough. Hopes and wishes revived. You also have to persevere. Separation from someone is temporary. Almost before you know it, there will be a dramatic reunion.

This Man's World We're all in trouble now

I realized something the other day which changed my whole outlook on life. I'll pass it along to you, if you happen to be a man it'll make a difference in your life as well. What I realized was: although they may think so, women aren't really any better than we are. That's it. It couldn't have been simpler. What a frickin' revelation! My whole life I thought that women were our superior!

This misconception caused me nothing but trouble.



JOHN ROSSI

This delusion began in grade school, where it was the always the girls who seemed smarter, got into less trouble, and even smelled better. When called on in class, they ALWAYS knew the answers. If their coconspirator, Mrs. Genolucci, that willowy, sultry devil, called on one of the boys she knew for sure couldn't possibly have a clue as to the correct answer, much to the dismay of the other boys, I would look confused and utter something

brilliant like 'Huh?' This always caused a whirlwind of cackling amongst the girls, who up until then only suspected I was a dweeb.

I remember my first crush, I must have been too eager to learn about the wiles of the fairer sex. As we let out for recess I passed her a note asking her to meet me by the jungle-gym after school. Because of my aggressive pursuit, I think I wound up scaring her off, because she came up with a feeble excuse. What did I know about girls? I was only seven at the time. She might have even been telling me the truth when she said she had to get home to put dinner on the table before her husband got home from work.

How do I qualify myself as an expert on the field of relationships? I'm probably the furthest thing from an expert; in fact, as far as I'm concerned, there ARE no experts. But give or take a few overnight stays in hospitals after freak accidents involving faulty yard maintenance equipment, falls off of slippery roofs, or that bizarre time the end table I found in the alley failed to hold up the car I was working on, I have been with the same woman nearly every waking minute, every week, all the live-long day! I asked my wife the other day whether she still feels the same about me. She admitted that even after all these years, she can sometimes still manage to stomach me—especially if she's had a few. She then peered over her reading glasses, nonchalantly waved the back of her hand in my direction as a true gesture of her devotion for me, told me to get her more tea, cinched her robe, and went right back to her crossword puzzle. Well, what do you think of me now? How can you argue with a successful relationship such as that? I bet you feel silly doubting me like that.

When she says she'll never lie to me, she's lying. She'll deny she's lying—which just compounds the lie—or at the very least puts a lie on top of a lie. Sort of 'Lie-Ala-mode.' Men are almost always lying about something and I can prove this... no, I'm sorry, I can't—I have nothing here—I guess I was lying. When women lie, as with everything else, they are far better and more clever at it than men. They not only lie and we believe them, but they have a way to spin it around so that WE wind up feeling guilty. We had no RIGHT to give them no other choice but to lie. When writing our own wedding vows, mine included 'I'm sorry.'

Example: My wife is an artist. She will occasionally show me a painting she's working on. I have told her time and again that I don't possess the artistic vision required to appreciate a work in progress. Show me the completed work, a schematic of the finished vision, and I'll be able to at least know if it's supposed to be animal, vegetable, mineral, or Bob Dole. She insists on defying this logic and showing me anyway. When she does, I have to stay on my toes, because she's about to lie to me. She'll always give me what I call 'the disclaimer' before asking my advice. This is an out and out lie: "What do you think of this," she'll say batting her eyes. "I'd like you to be TOTALLY honest with me." I will be looked upon with contempt if I just reply, "Okay, to be honest, I'd rather not do THIS now." She'll then hold up something resembling a Rhesus monkey with a babushka going through a revolving door pushing a polka-dot schnauzer wearing bongos on his head. She wants honesty? Ha! We BOTH know she's lying. What she really means is: "Don't you just LOVE it?" If I were to say, "Not since I accidentally saw my grandfather naked at the Moose picnic in 1969 have I seen such a disturbing image..." Well, it just wouldn't be a GOOD idea. I HAVE to lie right back at her. I look at her masterwork intently, but instead of really looking at it, I'm coming up with something I can use for an answer where I won't get in trouble. I feel a little like Swarznegger in 'The Terminator' when his brain's formulating an answer. I smile. The best I can come up with is, "I love the red things facilitating the rupture of the orange thing as they flamenco-dance into the blueness of the purple thing. You've managed to capture the essential Jackson Pollock-ness of the entire cerebral experience."

When dress shopping I'll get, "I value your opinion. Which do you like better, the blue or the red dress?"

"Unequivocally the red one," I'll say.

"Good, it's settled. I'll take the blue one," she'll tell the salesgirl.

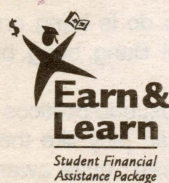
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Personals

Who would have thought a university could imprison minds? -B-

My brown-haired girl: Maybe soon we'll meet, you and I, and dance under the stars. Another one because I missed you. @-)- NC

Wait...so like I need a cell phone to belong? -B-

Hey Lefty: How's the man? BTW, you two can breathe without sharing the same air. <SMILE!> -Righty

To rebel is justified...to conform is deadly Mao&B

Where's REV?

Central Committee: Hate will have no place in my utopia. You are all on the verge of being sent to reeducation camps. -B-

Hornpipe: Summon up the mead and let the good times roll.

To Whom It May Concern: Jihad is not a dirty word, but ignorance is.

Melancholy moments seize upon my heart. Odeus prose pours forth from my languid soul as I seek for the immortal. -the dark poetess

Beware the hum of a revving engine and look out for the flash of a blazing Volkswagen! VWs RULE!

Get out of my head!!!

All I want to do is bang on me drum all day! Bang, bang, bang!

Beware the psuedo-politicos who think they can play like the big kids, they aren't quite aware of just how far they are going and who they'll take down with themselves.

Gary- Nous aimons ta cravate rayee

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