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Tuesday, October 1st, 2002

Not In My Name protest Israel/Palestine war

For almost one and a half years, Not In My Name has protested and tried to raise awareness of the Israel/Palestine conflict, seeking a peaceful solution to end the fighting

by Chad Nelson
Photo Editor

This Sunday, like every other since March 25, 2001, Not In My Name, a Jewish group seeking peace between Israelis and Palestinians, protested 25 strong in front of the Water Tower at noon. They did not chant or scream at passers-by, but instead quietly stood holding signs and offering pamphlets of information for those interested. With signs such as "Tax Dollars for Chicago, Not for Israeli Bombs," and "Palestinians and Israelis Don't Want to be Enemies," making their point without speaking.

Steven Feuerstein, spokesperson for NIMN, stated that one goal of the organization is raising concerns about Israeli policy towards Palestinians, specifically the occupation of the West Bank. NIMN feels that the peace process cannot legitimately begin until the occupation is ended. Co-founder of NIMN Cindy Levitt feels the occupation and military actions like the siege of Arafat's compound "only increases isolation, outrage and tension."

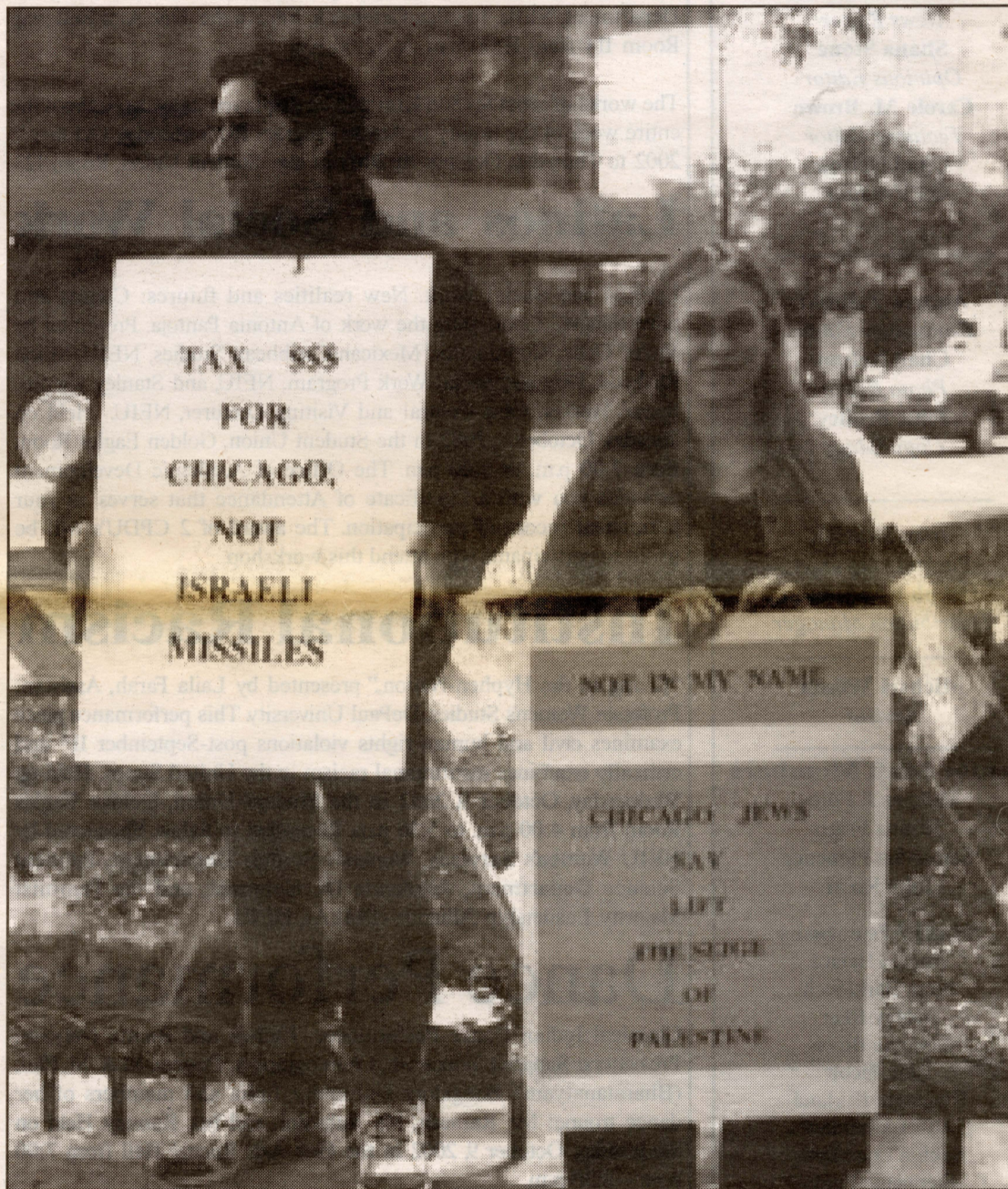
NIMN is also creating and maintaining an alternative Jewish voice. "Israeli leaders

want it to seem like there is one voice" says Feuerstein. Dissent, however, can be heard in opinions of Israeli Jews and American Jews alike. "This group represents a lot of what I feel about this situation," says Dorian Breuer, one of the youngest members of the group. Harry White, Professor of Literature at Northeastern Illinois University, is dismayed that Jews "support the occupation and attacks on civilians."

Feuerstein continues with, "The blood of both Israelis and Palestinians is on the hands of Ariel Sharon."

NIMN does not condone any attacks on civilians. "Suicide bombings are a terrible thing," says Audrey Shapiro, a member of the Steering Committee of Not In My Name. "They are acts of desperation by children who see no hope for the future." Curfews have been in place for weeks in some Palestinian occupied territories, along with barricades. Some families have gone nearly a month without medical attention or fresh water. Shapiro also said that "Israel has killed three times as people as suicide bombings." NIMN see actions on both sides as not conducive to lasting peace.

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Protesters of the Israeli/Palestinian war stand in front of the Water Tower.

photo by Chad Nelson

The Department of Music kicks off Classical Guitar Series

PRESS RELEASE -- Northeastern Illinois University's (NEIU) Department of music presents the Waller and Maxwell Guitar Duo in the first concert in NEIU's Classical Guitar Series. The performance takes place Thursday, October 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center Recital Hall. Admission is free.

The program includes music by Tedesco, DeFallas, Marais, Guiliani, Mertz and others.

The Duo will also present a free master class on Friday, October 11 at noon.

Since joining forces in 1981, the Waller and Maxwell Guitar Duo has appeared in a

wide variety of concert venues including the Mid-America Guitar Ensemble Festivals and the guitar Foundation of America festivals in Arizona, Wisconsin, and Missouri. They have also been featured in live broadcasts on both commercial and public radio, including the "Studs Terkel show" and "Live from Studio One" on WFMT in Chicago.

Anne Waller and Mark Maxwell perform both as soloists and as a team in concerts and festivals throughout the U.S. and Europe. They recently completed a concert tour of Sicily where both conducted master classes.

Active teachers as well as performers work to develop young guitarists at the Music Institute of Chicago and in the National High School Music Institute at Northwestern University. Waller directs the classical guitar program at Northwestern University's School of music and Maxwell is coordinator of Guitar studies at DePaul University

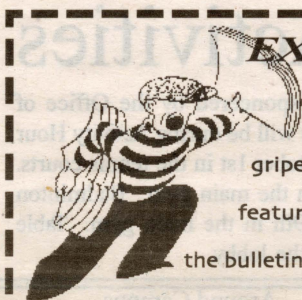
in Chicago.

Their newest recording, *Grand Potpourri*, has been released by Arizona University Recordings as Volume 10 of the Music from Northwestern Series. Their debut recording, *Spain, Italy and the New World* is available on CD from Senti Productions.

Soundboard Magazine

writes of Waller and Maxwell, "Great playing! This duo delivers the goods from moment to moment and piece to piece."

Free parking is available in Parking Lot F, level 2, after 6 p.m. the evening of the concert. For more information, contact Steve Zivin at 773-442-5921.



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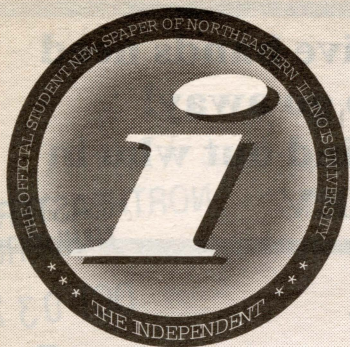
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Salute to the Graduates

Attention: December 2002 Graduates! Wednesday, November 13, 2002 from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Village Square. Order your class ring, take graduation photos, register for prizes, obtain information brochures, pick up Commencement Tickets and much more! If you have any questions, please call Lisa D. Cooper at ext. 4207, or e-mail her at LD-Cooper@neiu.edu

Equity in Action Program

8th Annual Equity in Action Program "Social Justice: The Challenge of Many Voices" October 8 - 10, 2002

Korean Folk Art Class

The Korean Folk Art of So Sun Kim. Master Class, Slide Presentation and Demonstration. Introduction by Dennis Mitchell, Professor, Art Department, NEIU. Tuesday, October 8, 2002 in the Fine Arts Building, Room 114 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The works of artist So Sun Kim will be displayed daily throughout the entire week of the Equity in Action Program from Monday, October 7, 2002 to Thursday, October 10, 2002 in the Student Union, Room 123.

Latinos and Social Work

Latinos and Social Work. New realities and futures: Clients and practitioners... Continuing the work of Antonia Pantoja. Presented by Victor Ortiz, Coordinator, Mexican/Caribbean Studies, NEIU, Mikal Rasheed, Director, Social Work Program, NEIU, and Stanley Ramos, Social Worker, Casa Central and Visiting Lecturer, NEIU. Held on Tuesday, October 8, 2002 in the Student Union, Golden Eagles Room from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The Office of Academic Development provides you with a Certificate of Attendance that serves as your permanent record of participation. The award of 2 CPDU's will be given to participants who attend this workshop.

Institutional Racism

"Living in the Hyphen-Nation," presented by Laila Farah, Assistant Professor Women's Studies, DePaul University. This performance piece examines civil and human rights violations post-September 11th and critically examines institutional racism in the United States. Held on Wednesday, October 9, 2002 in the Student Union, Golden Eagles Room from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Reception to follow. Sponsored by NEIU Women's Services, Women's Studies Department, Political Science Department, Academic Development, and the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance (FMLA), NEIU.

Dance Performance

Classical Indian Dance Performance. Kathak and Bharta Natyam. Presenters: Suparna Venkatesh, Choreographer, Dancer, M.A. M. Phil. (Bharatanatyam), Bangalore University, India and members of her dance troupe: Mr. Ramesh, Ms. Suhasini, and Ms. Ranney. Held on Wednesday, October 9, 2002 in the Fine Arts Recital Hall from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Afrikan Multiversity

Paulo Wangoola. Educator, Nabyama, Mpambo. The Afrikan Multiversity "Of Place, Space and Base: The Linguistic, Cultural and Ecological Imperatives of Many Voices." Held on Thursday, October 10, 2002 in the Student Union, Golden Eagles Room at 4:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Keynote Address

A Keynote Address by Julius E. Coles, President, Africare. "Social Justice: The Challenge of Many Voices." Held on Thursday, October 10, 2002 in the Student Union, Golden Eagles Room from: 7:05 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Join Julius E. Coles for a roundtable discussion from 10:50 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. on 10-10-02 in the Golden Eagles Room.

Intramural Activities

2002 - 2003 Intramural Activity Schedule sponsored by the Office of Campus Recreation. All games and meetings will be during Activity Hour 1:50 - 3:00pm. Tennis: First meeting on October 1st in the tennis courts. Volleyball: First meeting on October 15th in the main gym. Badminton Tournament: First meeting on November 19th in the main gym. Table Tennis: First meeting on November 26th in the lobby.



Calendar

check here for upcoming events and due dates

10/2 Computer Workshop Word Introduction. 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. in CLS 4066.	10/17 Computer Workshop PowerPoint Introduction. 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. in CLS 4066
10/3 Roberta Miles Coffeehouse - Jazz	10/17 Computer Workshop Transitioning to XP. 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
10/3 Computer Workshop Excell Introduction. 10 am. - 12 pm. in CLS 4066	10/18 Haydn by the Lake Jewel Box series concert at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Evanston. Will play works of Hummel, Haydn, Beethoven, and Mozart.
10/4 Polish Heritage Month 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Student Union - Alumni Hall.	10/21 Withdraw or Pay Last day for 25% refund for complete withdrawal.
10/8 Airbrush Face Painting Novelty	10/23 Computer Workshop Access Intermediate. 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in CLS 4066.
10/9 Back to College Days Week long event including the Student Organization Fair, NPB Welcome Back Celebration, Freshman Luncheon, Campus Resource Information Day, and Campus Recreation Day.	10/24 Pres. Lecture Series 8:00 p.m. Alumni Hall. (Master class is at 5:00 p.m.) Jonathan Kozol , social activist, teacher, and author, will speak. Open to public.
10/11 Computer Workshop Windows 98/2000. 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. in CLS 4066	10/24 Computer Workshop PowerPoint Intermediate. 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. in CLS 4066
10/14 Mojo and the Bayou Gypsies Coffeehouse - Cajun and Creole	10/29 Computer Workshop Publisher. 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. in CLS 4066.
10/16 Computer Workshop Access Introduction. P:30 am - 12:30 p.m. in CLS 4066.	

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Deadline coming

Deadlines for the Independent are one week prior to the date of publication. The following is a list of publication dates for the Spring 2002 semester:

October 15th
October 29th

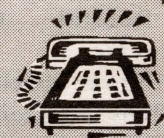
November 12th

November 26th

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Still-shot of the Toogood footage.

Toogood child abuse case set to start in October, but questions remain

by Sophia Logothetis
Staff Writer

Madelyne Gorman Toogood was caught on a parking lot surveillance video on September 13 beating her 4-year-old daughter, Martha. The incident occurred in Mishawaka, Indiana as they prepared to leave Kohl's department store. Toogood, 25, was arraigned on September 23 on one charge of felony child battery. If convicted, Toogood faces up to three years in prison.

This incident has caused great controversy over the past few weeks. The case sparked a national debate about the justification of corporal punishment. The shocking video of the child beating was released to the public in an effort to save the child from her mother. When the mother found out that she had a warrant out for her arrest, she dyed her hair brown, and hid the child at a relative's home. Her sister, Margaret Daley, was also arrested and charged with not reporting child abuse and hindering the investigation.

Toogood confessed to beating her child by pulling her hair, slapping, and shaking her on CNN's "American Morning." The reason Toogood gave as to why she beat her daughter was because Martha had been acting up

while shopping and, as Toogood said, "I had a bad day." She further explained how "there would be no excuse in the world why I did it".

Questions over the child's welfare arose after the video was released, and after a subsequent investigation proved that the Toogood family had no permanent address. Toogood claims that had it not been for the fact that she and her family are Irish Travelers, her child would have been placed in the custody of a family member instead of in the care of the state. Officials refuted this by saying that they had to place the child in a foster home, since they are not yet sure if the child has experienced abuse from other family members.

When shown the video of her actions, Toogood said that she "was horrified and sick to my stomach and mortified. ...I know I hit Martha and I knew I pulled her hair, and I shouldn't have did either of it." Toogood has two other sons that are currently staying with family. Martha Toogood is residing right now in temporary foster care.

Toogood was recently allowed to visit her daughter one to two times a week. The first visit was made on September 25, almost two weeks after the occurrence of the incident.

Toogood had asked a doctor to examine her daughter in Bay Head, N.J., before she



Toogood talks with reporters

turned herself in. Authorities said that the doctor, Dr. Jack Haberman, found no medical problems and no long-term signs of abuse. While on the run, she further decided to take pictures of her daughter naked "as documentation of their contention that she had not been abused," said Kenneth Keller, a N.J. prosecutor.

Dr. Haberman had the film developed at a pharmacy, where workers alerted police about possible child pornography. The prosecutor of the case said: "those fears were probably unwarranted, but an investigation was continuing."

Toogood said that she and her husband, John, plan to start parenting classes. Her trial is set to begin on October 7.

Steinberg delivers State of the University Address

by Chad Nelson
Photo Editor

Presenter Professor Reynolds introduction and President Salme Steinberg's opening remarks framed the state of Northeastern Illinois University within the frame of September 11th, 2001.

Though events have "awakened new anxieties in our identities as Americans," life goes on; so too does learning and scholarship, said President Steinberg.

However, with the "realities of identity politics," Northeastern is forced to take stock of how its own multicultural identity has and continues to change, and where it is headed for the future.

Part of this process involves the hiring of a new provost, three new deans, and twenty-seven new tenure tracked faculty. The new hires span a "broad cross-section of ethnicity and race and are equally divided between men and women."

Equally important to identity is the diverse

student population. 54.6% of Northeastern students come from "underrepresented groups of Hispanics, African-Americans, and Asians." The learning experience gained from such a "rich diversity" helps create and honest dialogue, which President Steinberg believes is a "foundation of education."

There is also the necessity for a global education, especially after the events of 9-11. Equal access for all students to global study opportunities is a "top priority at Northeastern." Its importance can be seen in the example of students who traveled to India as part of a "Globalization and Emerging Markets" class.

While learning about the economics and entrepreneurship in India, students hopefully became "curious about art, sculpture and monuments of an ancient and noble civilization." Overall, it stresses the need for pluralism in education, particularly when students will pursue multiple careers in their lifetime.

Another aspect of change is the decrease in State funding



due to the economic slowdown. It is more difficult to attract and keep faculty without pay increases; however, layoffs are not being considered, and the commitment to student affordability has not faltered.

Instead, present systems have undergone a reconfiguration. "[T]he Office of Academic Affairs and Office of Finance and Administration staff" have created a new Office of Human Resources to meet the needs of distance education.

The Dean of Libraries and Learning Resources has accepted new responsibility in the Center for Teaching

Student Government elections coming up

With Student Government Association elections just around the corner, candidates will soon be campaigning. Below is a list of all the candidates. Of the Senators, ten will be elected. One Trustee will be elected of the two students running, and four of the six NPB candidates will be elected. Look for all the people below to be campaigning in the upcoming week.

Senator candidates

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| 1) Shoaib Shabbir | 11) Mynor Lopez |
| 2) Sheree Cole | 12) Javier Vargas |
| 3) Emmanuel Sylvestre | 13) Daneil Center |
| 4) Kabir Avraham | 14) Gary Gaspard |
| 5) Linda Berlow | 15) Tineeka Reed |
| 6) Angel Monterroso | 16) John Warship |
| 7) Robyn Kurtz | 17) Rizwan Chaudhry |
| 8) Denise Franklin | 18) Michael Magee |
| 9) Sophia Logothetis | 19) Celestine Guthnie |
| 10) Omar Otero | 20) Jason Cruz |

Trustee candidates

Sir Williams Kendra Young

NPB candidates

Tineeka Reed	Michael Magee
Omar Otero	Kendra Young
Yakin Masso	Gary Gaspard

"I believe that a society can sustain the love of learning through the arts along with international understanding. There is a rich cross-over between the arts and global values."

-NEIU President Salme Steinerg

Protest continued

laying siege to Yasser Arafat's compound, in response to two suicide bombers earlier that week. "We feel our presence is very important this week because of what's happening with Arafat's compound."

"We are trying to open the eyes of American Jews who have blinded themselves to what the Israeli government has done," says Shapiro. NIMN sees the main goal for American Jews as putting pressure on the United States government to stop unconditionally supporting Israel, especially when Israel is committing human rights violations.

NIMN also feel a need for the re-institution of the Mitchell Plan. It would allow for U.N. observers to take part in the peace talks. Shapiro also feels that people who oppose the Israeli government should not be considered necessarily anti-Semitic. "There is a difference between Jews and the Israeli government," and there is an obligation to know the difference.

America's support of Israel has been cited by many groups, including Osama Bin Laden's Al-Queda as a major reason for Muslims to be justified in fighting against America.

"The U.S. is the major support provider for that state



Not In My Name protesting the war

[Israel], and that puts us at great risk," says White. In the 2001 National Budget over 3 billion dollars in funding was provided for Israel, 1.98 billion of which was for military financing.

Many there expressed sentiments that this conflicts resolution is a major step in resolving many worldwide issues. "Globally, this issues is the thorn in the side of many Muslims" and until peace becomes a legitimate reality, it

will continue to be an open wound said Breuer.

"Israel holds all the cards" says Shapiro. Until peace is achieved, which NIMN feels is only possible through the end of the occupation, the group will continue to work, and continue to protest weekly. More information about Not In My Name can be found at www.nimn.org.



Protesters stand at attention with signs

Extension 4100

by Officer Gene Salecker

1 July - Disturbance

A counselor and student got into a verbal altercation concerning required course work. The incident was handled administratively.

7 July - Station Information

A verbal altercation between two people in the Library led to a further confrontation on St. Louis Ave. Public Safety was notified and NEIU police intervened. The incident was diffused and both individuals were instructed to avoid further contact with one another.

9 July - Traffic Accident - Non-Injury

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

9 July - Accident - Non-Traffic

An NEIU building service worker cut his hand on a discarded knife while cleaning the D-Bldg. Medical attention was refused.

10 July - Theft - Over \$300

An NEIU student reported the theft of a bicycle from a bike rack in front of the PE Bldg.

10 July - Criminal Trespass to State Supported Property

A non-student was illegally admitted to the PE Bldg through a back door. When confronted by PE Bldg staff, the non-student became argumentative. NEIU police arrived and escorted the individual from the building.

11 July - Disorderly Conduct - False Fire Alarm

An unknown person pulled the fire alarm in the lower level of the Classroom Bldg. The Chicago Fire

Department responded.

15 July - Medical Assist

An NEIU student passed out and was carried to NEIU Health Services. Victim was treated by Health Services and Chicago Fire Department paramedics. The paramedics transported the unconscious victim to Swedish Covenant Hospital.

16 July - Theft from Motor Vehicle

An outside vendor reported the theft of a dolly from the back of a delivery truck while making a delivery to the Science Bldg.

17 July - Station Information

A known offender issued a verbal threat to an NEIU police officer after being convicted on a Traffic Court violation.

17 July - Suspicious Person

A non-student was warned against excessive use of the computer labs in the Classroom Bldg.

18 July - Medical Assist

An Upward Bound student sustained an injury to his knee while playing basketball in the PE Bldg. Victim was transported to Swedish Covenant Hospital by an Upward Bound coordinator.

18 July - Medical Assist

An Upward Bound student slipped in the shower room of the PE Building and injured his head and side. Victim was treated by Chicago Fire Department paramedics. Victim was transported to Swedish Covenant Hospital by the paramedics.

19 July - Medical Assist

An NEIU Grounds Crew member

sustained an injury to his foot when struck by a moving vehicle near Foster and St. Louis Avenues. Victim was transported to Swedish Covenant Hospital by Chicago Fire Department paramedics.

22 July - Traffic Accident - Non-Injury

A non-student lost control of his vehicle and drove through the fence of the Athletic Field when his brakes failed.

22 July - Medical Assist

An outside vendor injured his hand while making a delivery to the Cafeteria. Victim was treated by NEIU Health Services and transported to Swedish Covenant Hospital by Chicago Fire Department paramedics.

30 July - Theft - Under \$300

An NEIU employee reported the loss of a projector. The item had been missing for more than a month.

30 July - Criminal Damage to Property

An NEIU student reported damage to the side molding of her vehicle while it was parked in the A-Lot.

31 July - Criminal Damage to Property

An NEIU student reported damage to her license plate while her vehicle was parked in the A-Lot.

5 August - Disorderly Conduct - False Fire Alarm

An unknown child pulled the fire alarm in the D-Bldg. The Chicago Fire Department responded.

9 August - Disorderly Conduct - False Fire Alarm

An unknown person pulled the fire alarm in the Fine Arts Bldg. The Chicago Fire Department responded.

14 August - Station Information

An NEIU professor reported two harassing phone calls from a former student.

22 August - Criminal Damage to State Supported Property

An NEIU employee accidentally broke the handle on a stairwell door in the Science Bldg.

22 August - Medical Assist

An NEIU student reported to NEIU Health Services suffering from chest pains. Victim was treated by NEIU Health Services and transported to Swedish Covenant Hospital by Chicago Fire Department paramedics.

23 August - Simple Battery

An NEIU student struck two other students with his hand during an altercation that broke out in Beck's Bookstore while all three individuals were waiting in line for the cashier. NEIU police arrested the offender for battery.

24 August - Medical Assist

NEIU police responded to a call placed from the 911 Code Blue Phone near the PE Bldg and found an individual that had sustained multiple scrapes and bruises after falling from his bike near the Athletic Field. The victim was treated by Chicago Fire Department paramedics and transported to Swedish Covenant Hospital.

26 August - Theft - Under \$300

An NEIU student reported the loss of her purse in the Classroom Bldg

Computer Lab. Later, an NEIU employee found the purse in a Men's Restroom of the Fine Arts Bldg. NEIU police contacted the owner who subsequently reported the theft of \$125.

27 August - Station Information

An NEIU student, who had parked her vehicle on Bryn Mawr, reported that her car had been broken into and the faceplate of her CD player had been removed but not taken.

27 August - Mischievous Conduct

An NEIU Building Service Worker discovered feces spread all over a stall in the Lower Level Men's Restroom in the Classroom Bldg.

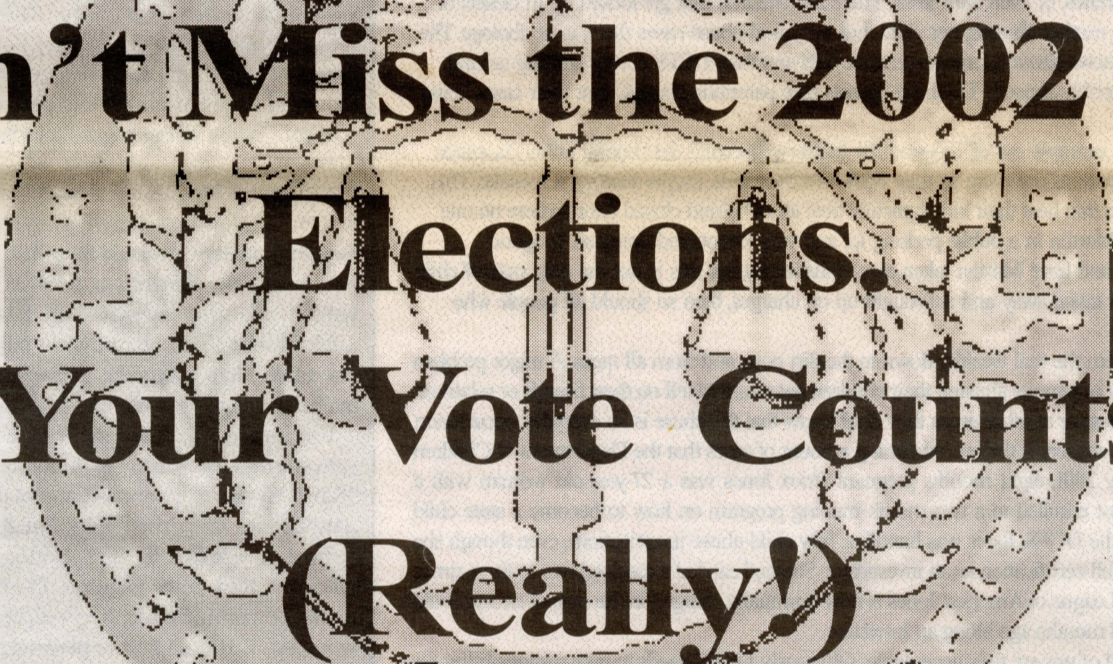
29 August - Station Information

NEIU employees at the Child Care Center reported a suspicious man talking to some of the children. When confronted by one of the employees, the man became very nervous. The suspicious person had fled the scene before NEIU police arrived.

Did You Know: If you are the victim of a violent crime in the state of Illinois that you might be eligible for up to \$27,000 in financial aid? Illinois has established a website for violent crimes victims at www.cyberdriveillinois.com. Just click on the "Help for Victims" icon. Some of the crimes that are covered are domestic violence, sexual assault (rape), murder, kidnapping, arson, and driving under the influence.

Student Government Association

*If you thought the last
SGA elections
were fun...*



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PERSPECTUS

Toogood case not so uncommon

by Shana Stone
Opinions Editor

By now, most of America has seen or heard of a woman by the name of Madelyne Toogood beating up her four year old daughter, Martha. The story changes from news station to news station, but an approximate account of events goes something like this: Madelyne Toogood, her daughter Martha, one of her sons, and Toogood's sister all went to Kohl's department store on Friday, September 13th, in Mishawaka, Indiana. Toogood was attempting to exchange some sweat suits she had allegedly purchased for her sons, and was denied the exchange for some unknown reason. Martha, Toogood's four-year-old daughter, was seen playing in the aisles, and opening up Barbie boxes and strewing them around. The four of them then left the store with Toogood being very angry, not just at being turned away on exchanging the sweat suits, but also at Martha's behavior. Security inside the camera room in the store, viewed them leaving the store, and took a close-up of Toogood as she put Martha in the backseat of the car and watched in horror and she punched, slapped, and pulled little Martha's hair.

Toogood then got into the SUV and drove off. Later that day she heard she was wanted by the police for the attack on her daughter, and instead of turning herself in to the authorities, she fled the state and dyed her blonde hair brown. After hearing she was wanted for questioning she took Martha to a doctor to prove that she didn't have any injuries from the beating, and took some photographs of her naked, as proof that Martha was unharmed. In turn, the photo-developing store turned the pictures in to the authorities thinking that this was a child pornography case.

The case gets even better. Toogood's family refused to assist authorities in locating Toogood or Martha. Toogood wound up turning herself in a few days later. She immediately hired an attorney, Steven Rosen, since the charges brought against her can bring a prison sentence of up to three years. Toogood, who is only 26, has three children; her daughter as well as two sons, ages five and six.

Plus, Toogood is part of a group called the Irish-Travelers. This group is supposedly media shy and are very reclusive people. Some law enforcement experts who have studied the culture paint it as a secret society, fond of material wealth evidenced by gaudy jewelry and new vehicles. The Irish-Travelers are also known to be con artists. Toogood has several aliases-Gorman, Lark, and Stevens-as well as having more than fifteen addresses since 1990.

Martha, for now, is staying with a foster family and her brother's are with Toogood's family. Toogood had appeared on all major news networks crying and pleading for Martha's return, claiming that the beating in the parking lot was a one-time occurrence. Hard to believe that when the beating was so violent and calculated. Right before Toogood started slapping Martha, she looked around the parking lot first to make sure no one was looking. How can anyone believe that Toogood was an angel to her children before this incident? She claims that she will go to parenting classes to be able to get Martha back, but this case has been so publicized, how can Martha be returned to her with this kind of publicity?

There are many cases of child abuse in America, and many cases that are much worse than Martha's. There are children out there that get burned with their parent's cigarettes, or even with irons. There are children that get locked up in closets or get starved. The world saw footage of a horrible mother abusing her child, but in typical abuse cases there is no footage. The abuse occurs behind closed doors and no one knows about it, unless someone tells and then DCFS comes sniffing around. But does DCFS do enough to help kids being terribly abused? Do those parents take parenting classes? Are their cases being filmed and viewed by all of America?

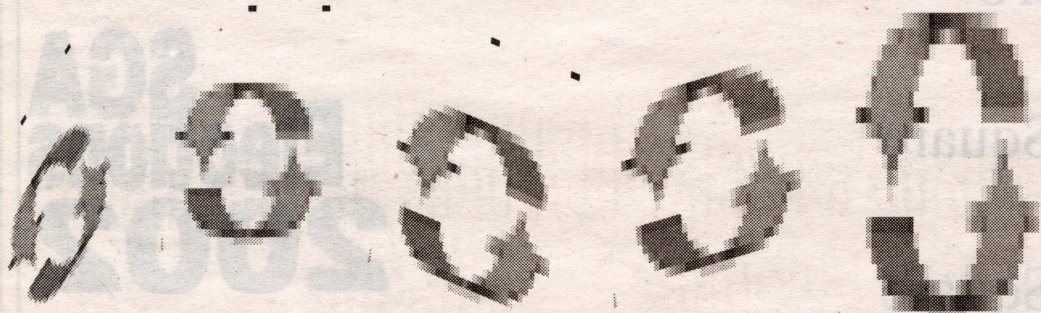
If the media and authorities want to make an example out of Toogood by highly publicizing the beating of her daughter, and then using that as a wake up call to all the parents out there so they don't beat their kids, they're making a mistake. This method will definitely not work, because parents that beat their kids typically beat them behind closed doors where no one knows about it. Toogood just happened to beat Martha in a public parking lot and was videotaped doing so. Toogood certainly deserves to be punished for her crime, and have Martha taken away indefinitely, but this is not the only case of child abuse in the world. If Toogood gets her daughter taken away and is brought up on charges, then so should all people who harm their children.

Children get abused in all kinds of families, from the real wealthy down to the dirt poor, and from all races. A major problem in stopping child abuse is that friends and family of parents abusing their children get afraid to tell on their friends or relatives. Sometimes, they feel that it is none of their business or at other times they don't know that the abuse is an everyday occurrence. Another large problem with tracking down child abusers is the overwhelming amount of cases that the Department of Children and Family Services is forced to handle. In July 2001, eight months pregnant Erica Jones was a 27-year-old woman with a bachelor's degree in political science. She had just enrolled in a two-month training program on how to become a state child welfare counselor. By the time she was fired by the DCFS, Jones was handling fifty child abuse investigations, even though she had been on the job less than a year and lacked full certification as an investigator. She had carried a caseload two to three times higher than recommended by the Child Welfare League of America. Jones is now criminally charged in the case of two-year-old Alfredo Montes, whose body was found several months ago along an Interstate.

Stories of ineptness by DCFS are not unheard of nor are they acceptable. Obviously DCFS needs to take responsibility for their actions and never ignore a child abuse case because they are "too busy." But just because the state has a department to handle child abuse cases does not mean that ordinary citizens should keep their mouths shut when witnessing or hearing about a child being abused. All cases need to be taken seriously.

As far as the Toogood case goes, Madelyne Toogood needs to be punished for abusing her daughter. But just because Toogood's case is receiving so much publicity, does not mean that this is the last child abuse case the public will ever hear about. Parents that abuse their children will keep on doing so because they are sick. Media attention of one case will not stop a sick person from hurting their child. All we as a society can hope for is that Martha, and other kids like her will be taken away from their parents, even temporarily, until their parents take parenting classes and get therapy, for a tearful apology is not proof that a parent won't harm their child again. The courts need to know, without a doubt, that the parents are not going to harm their children again, and any sane person knows that no child deserves to be abused.

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Can't help but like her

by Syeda Zainab Razeen
Staff Writer

Martha Stewart is the equivalent of Julia Child when it comes to all things domestic. She has navigated her way to millions by creating a market that caters to domestic needs and more importantly, wants. However, Stewart's good name has been tarnished amid an insider trading scandal that has been investigated by members of Congress.

On December 27th of last year Martha Stewart's stockbroker, Peter Baconovic of Merrill Lynch, sold 4000 shares of ImClone stock in her name. The shares were worth \$228,000. The next day ImClone, a biotech company, reported that the Food and Drug Administration had not approved their new colon cancer drug, Erbitux. Subsequently ImClone's stock fell. Other stockholders lost their money, but Martha Stewart got rid of her shares before the stock prices fell. This raised questions about Stewart engaging in an illegal practice called insider trading. Stewart is a close friend of Sam Waksal, the founder and former CEO of ImClone. Stewart's stockbroker sold Waksal's daughter's ImClone stock right before he tried to get in contact with Stewart. "Baconovic thinks ImClone is going to start trading downward" were the words written on a memo from Martha Stewart's secretary.

Stewart did call Baconovic back and spoke with him for 11 minutes before he sold the stock. Yet Stewart claims she had what is called a "stop-loss order" that said if the share price of ImClone fell below \$60 a share Baconovic was to sell the stock. It was reported in the Wall Street Journal that Baconovic's assistant at Merrill Lynch, Douglas Faneuil who sold Stewart's shares claims he did not know of the stop-loss order when he traded them. All of this confusion has led to Baconovic and Faneuil being placed on administrative leave by Merrill Lynch and an investigation into the trade by a congressional committee.

Members of congress have requested the Justice Department look into the case. Stewart has not complied with their requests to be interviewed for her part. Also in late August, Stewart delivered over a thousand pages of e-mail and phone records said to be related to the scandal. Some of the pages had blacked out or redacted portions that Stewart said did not talk about ImClone. However congressmen were not happy and requested all parts of the documents, which were later delivered. Now that Congress has recommended the case to the Justice Department Stewart could face obstruction of justice charges. Congress noted the False Statements Act that says anyone who "knowingly and willfully make[s] any materially false statement" will be charged with a felony and could be placed in jail for five years and be required to pay a fine. Sam Waksal has been charged with securities fraud, perjury, bank fraud and obstruction of justice. He has claim innocence.

Some of Martha Stewart's fans have responded to a "Save Martha" web site that was started by John Small, also a fan. He has been selling "Save Martha" memorabilia and providing an outlet for frustrated Stewart fans since early July. Small says the evidence against Stewart is far less convincing than evidence against Enron and WorldCom officials. Rep. Peter Deutsch, D-Fla., has said that Congress should work to fix problems dealing with "[company] collapses and protecting workers' 401(k) and other pension programs."

Stewart grew up in a working class New Jersey city. She was the daughter of Polish immigrants. She married young, had a child, and then divorced shortly before her empire took off. Martha Stewart had worked as a model and a stockbroker before starting a catering business. That business led to her first book, which was the beginning of "Martha Stewart." Now she is CEO of Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia and owner of a \$295 million empire. She has a monthly magazine, authored several books, a television show, and a line of products sold at Kmart. Although her company stock has lost 56 percent of its value since her scandal broke out, she has done a lot in her 60 or so year career.

Many people love and admire Martha Stewart, some simply enjoy her product, some don't know who she is, and others despise her. People who love Stewart are able to overlook rumors of her coldhearted, ruthless character and of course this ImClone scandal. Those that enjoy her product don't really care what she really is like because they won't ever meet her in person anyway. Her products, the TV shows, the magazines all serve a purpose for them. People that don't know who she is shouldn't care about her personality and should wait to see if she gets any special treatment because she is a wealthy and powerful person. Everyone else should sit back and think about why they hate her so much. John Small from "SaveMartha" believes it is because she could be construed as preaching to her audience and because she is very wealthy. People may mistake her words to make her seem as if she thinks she's better than they are. Her wealth could lead to envy especially according to Small, by men.

Martha Stewart has been extremely successful at creating an entire market and selling it well. No matter what happens, her legacy as the queen of domestic engineering has been established. She provides hope to women and men who can't figure out how to fold fitted sheets and allows them to be able to arrange lilies in a vase. For all that and more, who wouldn't like her?

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Five bands that need to leave

by Mike Cahill
Special Contributor

EVERY YEAR WITHOUT FAIL, THE MUSIC WORLD INTRODUCES ANOTHER CROP OF "NEW TALENT." THIS IS THE MUSIC WORLD'S NEXT "IT" GIRL, OR "IT" GUY, OR "IT" BAND OF THAT MOMENT. AND EVERY YEAR IT SEEMS THAT MUSIC FANS ARE SUBJECTED TO THE SAME LOW RENT, NO TALENT BANDS THEY HAD A YEAR AGO. WITH BANDS SUCH AS THE VINES, CREED, AND DASHBOARD CONFESSIONALS HAVING BEEN SOME OF THAT "NEW TALENT," IT DOESN'T PRESENT A GOOD IMAGE OF THE PROMISE OF MUSIC TO COME.

Still, bands like *The White Stripes* and *Jimmy Eat World* are getting the chance for millions of car radios of home stereos to be infected with their sound. Bands such as these happen to be the payoff for music fans who endure the general crap that radios shit out.

So the question seems to be, what do we do with all these musicians? The music scene is a crowded room, filled with the elite, the up-and-comers, and those that we can't remember sending an invitation to. The "party crashers," as we can easily label them. So what do we do? Well, thanks to a short attention span and the need to be trendy (God, I never thought I'd be thankful for that), many of these bands will fade rather quickly. Much of this new talent will have their brief moment in the spotlight, that one good song, and then shuffle over to the one-hit-wonder hall of fame (yes, *Dashboard Confessionals*, I'm talking about you).

Other bands will experience the success of an album with a few radio singles, and then of course they will fade into obscurity (anyone remember *Hootie and the Blowfish*?). And then, of course,



Ladies and gentlemen, I give you Creed: The Sultans of Suck.



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Korn takes the phrase "stick with what works" to hitherto unknown realms of longevity.

Five bands continued

in the world of pop music more than any other genre, you'll have those that breakthrough because of their image. Avril Whatever-the-fuck-her-name-is will, just like Britney Spears before her, do her part to create the next fashion trend (all girls that are reading this should take off that tie, you never wore one before). Britney may have stayed, but maybe Avril will not be so fortunate.

But what do we do for those that still linger? The answer comes in the form of a short list entitled: The Top 5 Bands, Artists, or Musical Persons Who Should Just Go Away. This would be beneficial in giving some breathing room to those who truly deserve the spotlight. This list compiles artists who are either past their prime or who should have never been there in the first place. I couldn't mention all of them because the *Independent* does have other articles to run. So to all artist I may directly attack, sorry, it's really not my fault that you blow.

5. *Korn*- It is a musical fact that some artists stick around a little too long. Now, I'm not comparing *Korn* to the *Rolling Stones*; I'm pretty sure Jonathan Davis can walk without the use of a cane. However, *Korn* has worn out their welcome. When their first album came out, people went nuts over the sound. The album was intense, and it was pretty innovative. This was a good thing for music, and especially good for those fans of hard rock and metal. Jonathan Davis was like nothing we had heard before. He was truly a cut above.

Now it's been about 4 albums later, and

the world is still waiting see *Korn* progress. It get just a little tiring to watch *Korn* put out four albums of the same song. Every song is just like the one before it: Cool intro, Davis whines, Davis screams, Davis whines, Davis screams, song breaks down, Davis screams again, song ends. If *Korn* left, it would open the door for bands like *Tool* and *The Deftones* to get the attention they deserve. Plus, if *Korn* left, no one would care. No one would even know. Plus, the music world could fool us all by recycling old *Korn* songs and passing them off as new ones. No one would know the difference.

4. The Rapper from *Linkin Park*- When *Linkin Park* arrived on the scene a couple of years ago, I didn't know how I felt about them. I knew I enjoyed the music, but the vocals left me in limbo. As the radio shoved them down my throat, I began to hate them. I wanted them gone from the musical landscape forever.

It wasn't until a couple of months ago that I finally found the source of my hatred for *Linkin Park* music. It's the guy who raps. The screaming guy I like. He has an awesome voice. It's strong and commands attention, but the rapper needs to leave. His voice is annoying, and not that annoying-relative annoying, the kind where you love em' anyway. This is that annoying that makes you want to jab a fork in your eye to relieve the pressure his vocals were causing you. His rhymes are weak in my opinion, and his flow is without any style. Now I can't claim to be a hip-hop expert. I don't know much, but I know enough to know that that guy sucks. *Linkin Park* should cut him and let someone else have a shot. They couldn't be any worse.

3. *Moby*- I like *Eminem*. I do. I wanted to establish that right off the bat. I think his talent is phenomenal and his artistry is amazing. Having said that, I think *Moby* needs to go away, but not due to any hatred between the two performers. I just happen to think that *Moby* sucks.

I think that *Moby's* sound is boring. His electronic/rock/techno/new wave hip hop sound may work for the thirty year old wannabe hip people, but then his music should be played in trendy adult clubs where everyone who walks in the door is aware that *Moby* will be the clubs featured artist. This way anyone who has enough common sense will just quietly but quickly walk away immediately. I'm sure that as a person, *Moby* is a good as it gets,

but as a musician, I'd rather listen to *FatBoy*



Scott Stapp attempts to feed a screaming crowd of thousands with 5 loaves and 4 fish.

Slim. Here's why; because *FatBoy Slim* doesn't seem to take himself so seriously. His videos are ridiculous, not artsy-strange shit like *Moby*. He has every right to make his music, he should just do it in a place very, very far away, away from the earshot of all people with good taste.

2. Sheryl Crow- What a ridiculously overrated bitch. Let's admit it, everyone kind of liked that "All I Wanna Do" song? It was catchy, very catchy. I found myself tapping along as I watched the video. And let's also admit that she may have the sexiest mouth the world has ever seen. Unfortunately she has to ruin such a sexy mouth by singing out of it. Her songs are awful, especially now. At least before, her songs were almost tolerable. Now she has that "Soak Up The Sun." I'd rather be castrated than listen to such a weak, but unfortunately successful attempt to make radio.

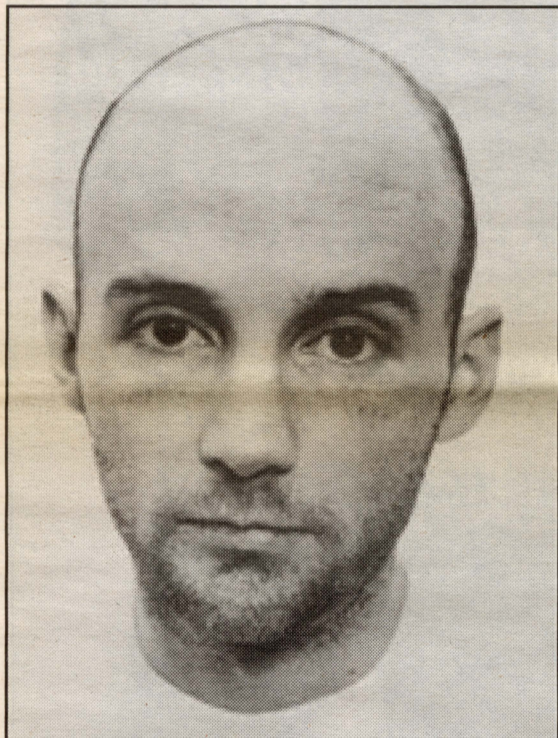
What irks me even more is an article I read some months back in "Stuff" magazine. Sheryl Crow said that she didn't like how artists like Britney Spears, Christina Aguilera, and other teen pop stars sell sex to sell records. Come on, Sheryl, like you didn't look a little dirty in the "If It Makes You Happy" video. And where was the sweater in the "Soak Up The Sun" video? The girls do sell sex, but at least they don't hide it. You play a guitar and call yourself a musician. You can play better than I ever will, but that's not saying much, and unfortunately neither is your music.

1. *Creed*- Without a doubt, my absolute easiest choice for the number one slot. These guys are the biggest pansies walking God's green earth. And while we're on the subject of God, that brings me to my biggest problem with the band, and Scott Stapp in particular.

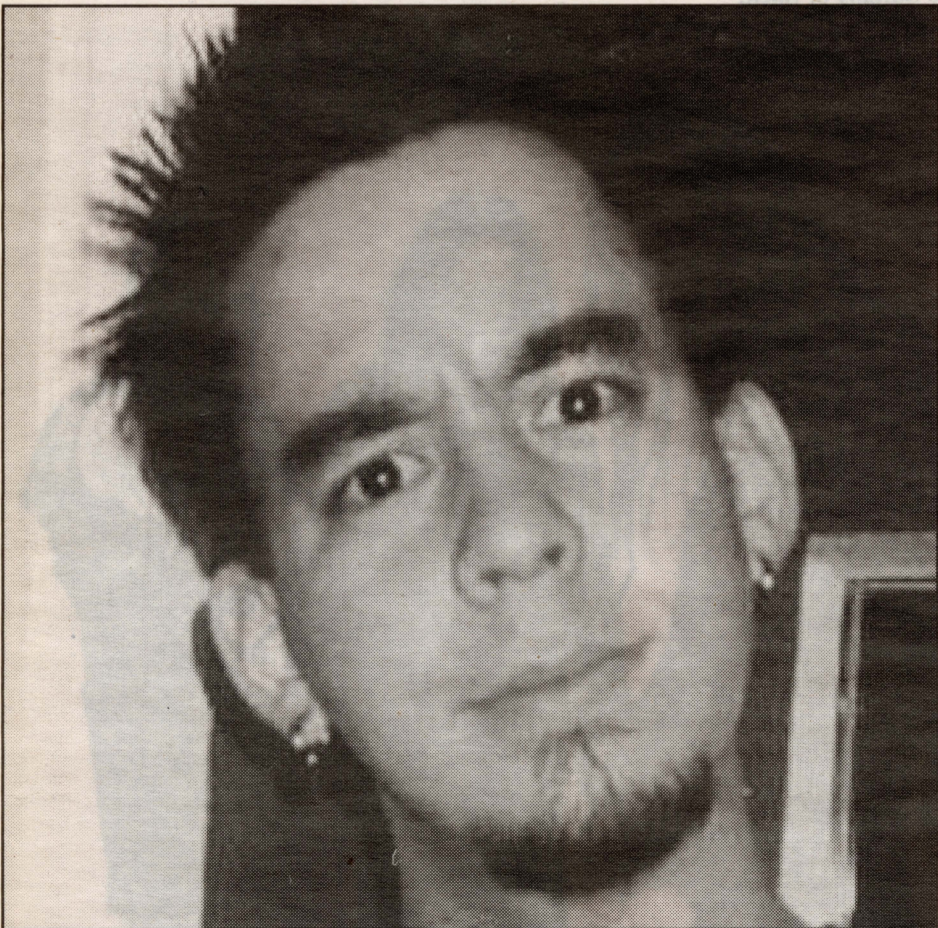
First off, you guys are a Christian Rock group. I know it and accept it, everyone else knows it and accepts it, you should learn to accept it. Don't come out and say "We don't like to be labeled as a Christian Rock band." Well, that's an easy thing to fix. Stop writing Christian Rock songs. It's hard for people to believe otherwise when every song we ever hear is about God. Maybe saying you're Christian Rock might help you. It would give you guys an identity. Anybody with taste already views you as a lesser version of *Pearl Jam*. Give yourself something that separates you.

And Mr. Stapp, it's cool to worship God, I got no problem with God, but it's wrong to think you are Him. Every fucking video, you with your arms outstretched like your'e some sort of Christ figure. You're not Christ, reason being: Christ could invent a different vocal pattern instead of recycling the same one every song. You make me sick. I could handle it if your music was that good, but it's not.

Well there you have it. Five people or peoples that would be better help somewhere else. These artists could help to make room for better artists those that deserve to be where they are.



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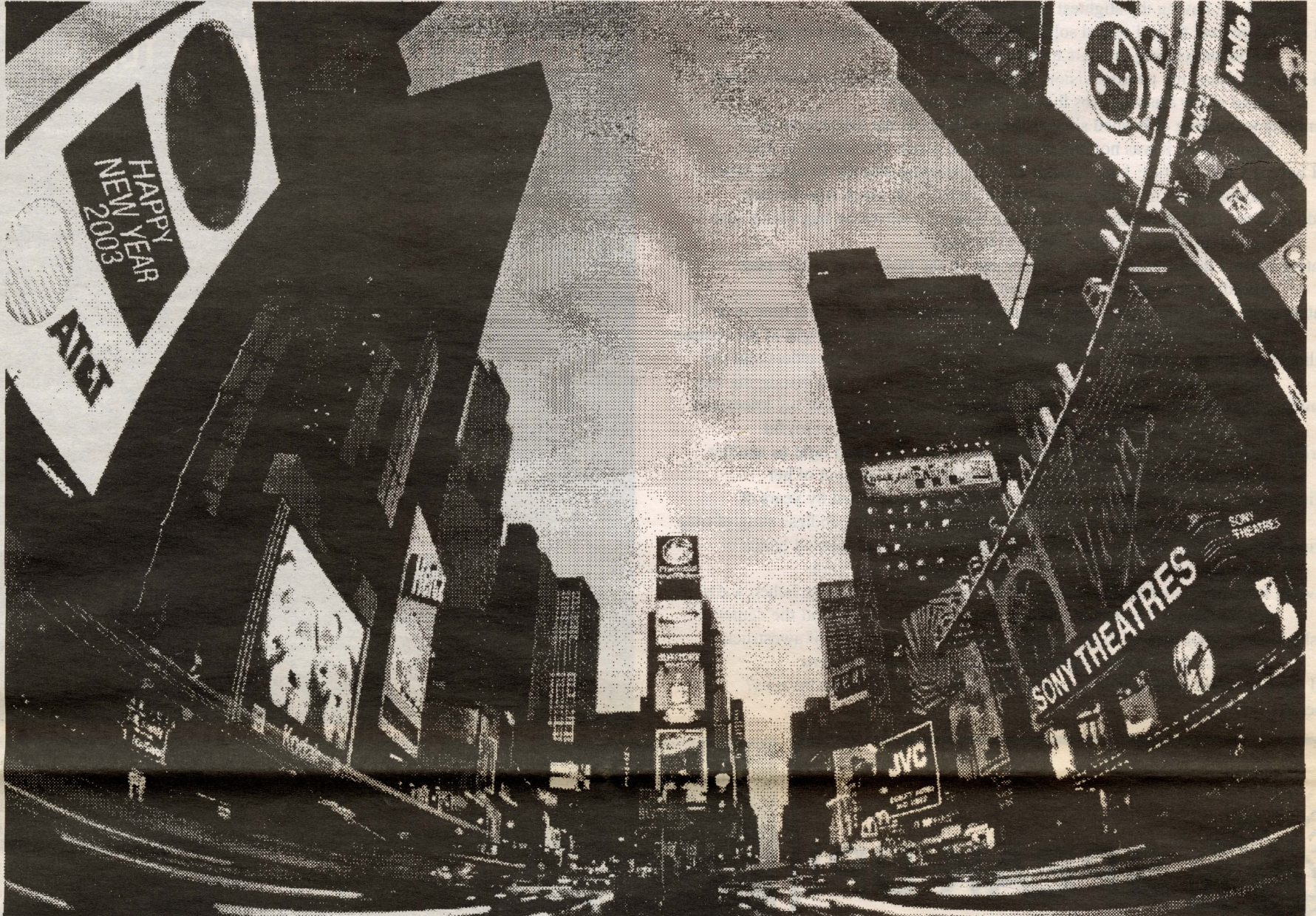


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Smoky Girl

Just take one slow, grey pull, step back an age of mountain height, and exhale in the rainbow colors of dragon wings and children's stories
On the road to Canterbury she threw out a thin smile to a squirming squire in search of all it means to be truly great
Curving up the ends of her lips just so, and kissing away, with gentle passion, another puff off her cigarette I fell to envy
Shining in golden beauty under the arching rays of sunlight, but blooming to technicolor platinum within the dancing ring of a moonlit halo
I could write pages upon volumes about how her eyes shone that chirping morning, without having the slightest clue what color they were
As I set out beyond to find seated solace by gazing up to a cloudy city sky in desperate longing for stars to light my way
And upon dropping my pointed vision, finding every twinkling sprite swimming about in her flashing orbs that questioned my grin
Mumbling something of hushed silences before dawn as she asks me to speak louder when it was nothing more then the music she wanted to hear
And haven't I run the race long enough already, swaying steadily to catchy tunes playing out in my head and of which I attach too much significance
Holding all my good memories tightly to my flesh in a velveteen bag I keep tied around my neck for rainy nights of solitude
Wanting beyond doubt to take even a small part in the rushed act of this play unfolding around me as waves part for a crimson moon rise
Content to be in her presence while she gazes heavenward, and filling time with flowing conversation about the lines of eternity and the origin of the cosmos
Smiling down in the pleasant indifference of the sagging of her shoulders and the allusive pucker of her mouth hidden just out of site by her wandering hair
Trembling beneath her smoky looks and relishing the steady nock of my knees and heart which beats with the real cream of life and all that is joyful
Twirling tight circles round shading trees that keep dim the lamp light as another melodious chime of laughter escapes bubbling up and out of her
Falling to rest upon the softened streams of bluish grass enriched by years of awakening to electric green skies flowing above in the endless chug of time
Asking nothing more than for an object of affection to hold in taloned hands of eagerness and occasional flashes of her wings spread smile
Drawing forth my sword amidst games of hide and seek between the lichen walls of the Minotaur's Maze, and wishing deep within to never find the center
As she blows a cool note of foggy mystery into my widened eyes of awestruck rapture at the warmth perpetuating from her evasive charms
And did I lie when I whispered in rapt attention that she had beautiful eyes?
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Voice of Campus should take his own lesson

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the September 18th Voice of the Campus column: "Three Year Education Definately (sic) Not Enough." While Mr. Blaszkowski's column frequently generates a grunt of agreement (or at least a snigger) from me, I find it very ironic that in his latest rant about the grammar of his critic, the word DEFINITELY was misspelled in the headline. Let him who is without sin cast the first stone – or at least be able to swallow his own medicine.

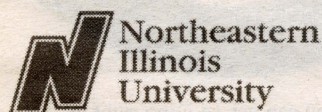
Heidi Sullivan Lyons, Senior

Reader agrees about Iraq and the media

Dear Editor,

I am so grateful to see, in print, some honest opinions about the state of this country and its current state of affairs. I am specifically referring to p.6, both articles: the one on Iraq and the US, and the one on the media and what they report, which I feel go hand-in-hand. Firstly and importantly, this impending war on Iraq is a dangerous perspective. Is there substantiation or rather speculation and fear that motivates this choice of war, once again. The media reports the same, repetitive story: that Sadaam won't let inspectors in. I, too, have heard and read the findings quoted in the NEIU article which state the conditions of the last inspection. What further bothers me is the speculation that the country of Iraq will use its weapons against the United States, unprovoked. Is war the means that this great, free nation of the United States employs to communicate? The world is against this serious decision to attack Iraq and so am I without *concrete*, substantiated proof of reason. I am an American citizen who, at this moment, is embracing my freedom of speech to voice my strong concerns about this impending new war and the motives of this decision. Can we expect the respect of the rest of the world by our bullying tactics? Where are the voices of the people of this democracy? This is about our life and the lives of our children. Can we excuse any aggressive action on our part in the name of fighting terrorism? Does war and the sacrifice of our young men and women promote peace and harmony? Are we ready to accept the ramifications of the decision for yet another war with yet another country?

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Talk may be cheap, but textbooks aren't

LAST ISSUE, I LAMBASTED SOMEONE FOR POOR SPELLING AND GRAMMAR SKILLS. SINCE THEN, ABOUT TEN THOUSAND PEOPLE HAVE POINTED OUT THAT I MISPELLED "DEFINITELY" IN THE TITLE. WELL, ACTUALLY, IN A RARE MOMENT OF GENIUS, MY SUBCONSCIOUS DECIDED TO DO THAT

ON PURPOSE, FOR A BIT OF IRONY.

I'M CRITICIZING SOMEONE'S SPELLING AND GRAMMAR, AND I MISPELL SOMETHING IN THE HEADLINE! THINK OF THE IRONY!

OK, I'm an idiot. But idiot or not, I still have a job to do.

I'd like to pose a question to the masses, more specifically to SGA: Where the hell is our book exchange? Must I re-name

the "Student Action League" the "1984 Bush Administration"? "Read my lips...no new taxes!" Ill-made promises sucked back then, and they still suck now.

Well, if I'm going to be completely accurate, it's no longer *only* SAL's responsibility. It's the entire SGA. So, SGA, where the hell is it? Oh, that's right. It will be out October 7th. Well, that sort of screws over the students who bought books for the *fall* semester, doesn't it?

I'm going to go out on a limb here and say that two main things helped get SAL elected: President Lukasz Dobrzynski's boyish good-looks and the promise of a book exchange. Well, we have no book exchange, and Dobrzynski's starting to let himself go a little.

SGA never actually told us *when* there was going to be a book exchange, but that hardly lets them off the hook. If they ever publicly use that as an excuse, God help them. Look at it this way: Let's say a new president comes into the White House. Arguably, his biggest platform was lowering taxes. Everyone wants lower taxes, so he gets elected. Another "hanging chad" problem delays his official arrival into office, but eventually he gets in there. So, we all sit back and prepare to reap the benefits of lower taxes.

Three years and about 10 months later, he whips out a plan that will lower taxes. In the last month he's in office. Well, he never actually promised *when* he'd lower taxes, right?

Right. But that's beside the point. I'd be pissed, especially if I voted for him. Exact dates aside, that bastard promised us lower taxes. After waiting almost four years to get them, everyone would be asking themselves, "Was it really worth it to vote him in?"

SGA has done other things, and has plans to help out students in other ways. But, I ask you, why is the book exchange coming out *after* everyone already bought books? What good is that? One argument that SGA could make is, "Well, no one would be around campus over the summer, so there wouldn't really be any books in the book exchange."

I call bullshit. Students are on campus all the time. Students have summer classes, they need to talk to professors, they need to pay tuition, they need to do any of several dozen things that would bring them on campus over the summer. A series of posters tossed up on the wall would have spread the word, and contact information would have helped organize everything. Word of mouth has a way of helping spread news around, as well.

SGA had problems with the computer systems? Why did they discover this a few weeks *into* the semester? The preliminary work could have been done over summer. They had *all summer*. I was here every day during the summer. I saw a few members of SGA pretty regularly until they went on vacation. After that, SGA was merely a ghostly presence you heard about, but never quite saw. Oh, they had meetings in the summer. They made committees, one of which was a book exchange committee. What the hell did they do after the committee was formed? Pat each other on the back and say, "Good job on forming those committees, guys. See you in the fall!"?

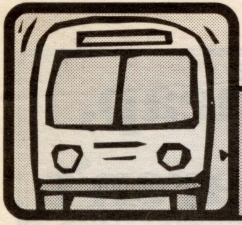
Don't get me wrong, I'm glad they're doing things. They're actually doing *lots* of things. They're revamping the Constitution and the Election's Packet to stop abuse of rules, they're planning events and stuff, and they're discussing the parking problem. Good, I'm glad they're doing things.

But, in a paraphrase of Homer Simpson, "Other things don't give us a book exchange, SGA." Promises made should be kept, not only *kept*, but kept in a timely manner, so we can reap the benefits of them. Until spring, all we can do is sit around and stare at the book exchange website, looking at how pretty it is.

I'm glad we're getting one, and good job, SGA, on doing something. But, don't expect nothing but tidings of good will and joy to come your way. Students are pissed because the book exchange is late. You may not have given us a date, but it came out after it would be useful to us. That's "late."

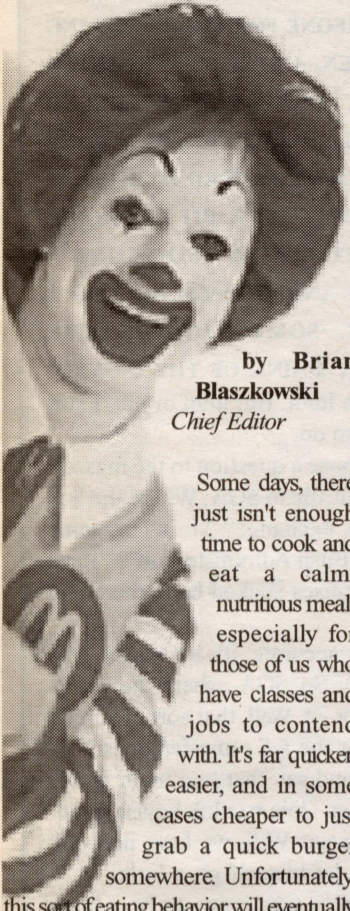
Let's have no more of this "slipping up" crap, shall we? Most of the students are still angry at SGA for all that election shit from last semester. We don't need *more* reasons to not trust SGA. But, in all fairness, so far SGA has done a nice job this semester, except for the lateness of the book exchange, of course. We can allow them to make one mistake.

Now, about that U-Pass....



The Commuter

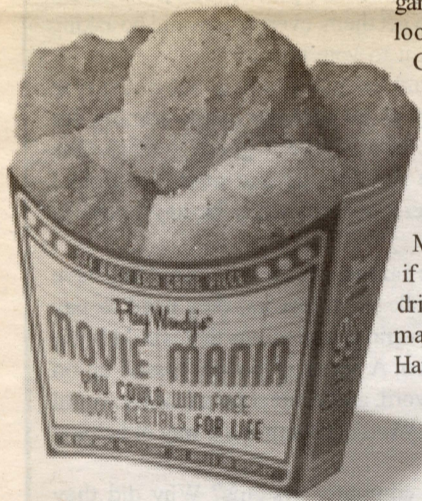
Next stop: Features! Watch the doors as they close.



by **Brian Blaszkowski**
Chief Editor

Some days, there just isn't enough time to cook and eat a calm, nutritious meal, especially for those of us who have classes and jobs to contend with. It's far quicker, easier, and in some cases cheaper to just grab a quick burger somewhere. Unfortunately, this sort of eating behavior will eventually catch up with us, most likely in the form of an expensive hospital procedure. However, when it comes down to a choice of a rumbling, empty stomach or a pleasant feeling of a full belly (albeit with a screaming and writhing heart), the choice is almost a sure thing. With that in mind, here's a review of the most popular and well-known fast-food places, so at least you'll know what you're getting into.

We'll start off big and simple with the "Golden Calf" and the "Diseased



A lazy person's guide to eating fast food

Cow" of the fast food industry, McDonald's. McDonald's is most well known for its Big Mac sandwich, which is a concoction of two meat patties (I'm reluctant to call any of the meats discussed below "beef," so I'll play it safe and be vague) separated by three slices of bread. Along with the meat, they add trimmings such as pickles, lettuce, onions, and the often imitated and quite easily duplicated "Secret Sauce" (here's a hint on what it is: 1000 Island salad dressing).

If burgers aren't your style, you'd better hope it's before 10:30 a.m., or that there's some bizarre special going on, because otherwise you have to settle for a chicken patty or a fish patty, which smell and taste strikingly similar to each other. So, in the way of options, McDonald's has several types of burgers and makes a half-hearted stab at other foods, but falls short.

Equally disappointing are the choices of side dishes. You can choose from french fries and... french fries. While their fries are awfully damn good, sometimes you'd rather have some onion rings, or cheese sticks, or something like that. Even worse, though, is when their fries are oily and cold, making them have the texture of some for of greasy slug. Not the best way to stave off your hunger.

Overall, McDonald's became the most recognized of the fast food companies by hawking their "Happy Meals" for kids, along with the sleazy-looking Ronald McDonald and his gang of doped-up cronies (you can't look me in the eye and say that Grimace isn't on some sort of drug.

You just can't), along with the speed of delivery. Their burgers are decent for a grayish-looking meat, their fries can be awesome, and the price is affordable. But, when McDonald's is having an off-day, or if you're tired of the same old stuff, drive right past, and make sure to avoid making eye contact with the Hamburglar. I hear he carries a gun.

Overall grade = B-

On to McDonald's top competition, Burger King. Burger King is the "King of Copying," offering their "King

Size" about 42 minutes after McDonald's introduced the "Super Sizing." They also have a clone of the Big Mac, albeit without the superfluous third piece of bun.

Burger King's main attraction is the Whopper, a beast of a burger which seems to weigh about seven pounds, but in reality weighs one at most. One of Burger King's attractions that they didn't steal from McDonald's is the "Have it your way" slogan. At McDonald's, making special orders labels you as "picky," and a prime target for having your food spat upon. Burger King, on the other hand, allows you to have your burgers just about any way you like, as long as it includes things they normally offer. This is a nice feature, especially if onions just aren't your thing, because they really go nuts with those damn onions.

As far as their options go, the "Have it your way" helps out a lot, but much like McDonald's, you get burgers or some random type of fish or chicken. The chicken and fish actually have different tastes, though, so you feel better about going against the grain and trying a non-meat flavored product at Burger King.

However, for some reason, Burger King decided to try new things, and so they introduced tacos. Don't eat these. No burger place has any right making anything other than burgers and other sandwiches that need buns to be eaten. When Taco Bell starts having "chicken nuggets" (or "Nuggets de pollo," if my Spanish is accurate), that's when I become a vegan.

Now, the side dishes have a little more variety than McDonald's. The fries aren't as good as McDonald's, but they are consistently hot and tasty, whereas McDonald's is hit or miss. Not only this, but you can substitute just about anything for anything else. You can get a value meal and substitute onion rings for fries, a shake for the drink, lobster tails for your napkins, etc. Burger King is option filled, but still mainly a burger joint.

Price-wise, Burger King Drops the ball a little bit. The burgers are bigger, but so are the prices. Pulling a five-spot out of your wallet may not cover the meal at Burger King, which is not very convenient. They also cook things a little more slowly, which is good in that they kill more parasites than McDonald's, but it's bad in that you're hungry now and you want to eat.

Overall = B

White Castle, the most misunderstood of all fast food franchises. Dubbed "sliders" after the

gastrointestinal condition that it inflicts upon its consumers (according to legend), the burgers are tiny. They aren't really cooked so much as subjected to hot air, which seems awfully scary. Luckily, the taste makes up for it.

There's nothing quite like a sack of ten White Castle burgers to keep you company. Even if you do end up taking a "porcelain cruise," most people would say it was worth it.

The main attraction is the fact that the burgers are small and they come in clusters of ten, twenty, and onwards and upwards until they stop calling them "sacks" and start calling them "crates." In any event, the simple fact that you can walk into a burger joint and order a couple dozen burgers and finish most of them on the ride home gives you a powerful feeling, mostly in your stomach.

As far as options go, don't waste your time. From the side dishes of fries and onion rings (amongst others) to the chicken patties, the only things worth the money and worth the risk of consumption are the burgers. Not only do the side dishes and non-meat foods suck, but the price for individual burgers is comparable to McDonald's cheeseburgers. This wouldn't be a bad thing, but realize that while I can fit four and a half White Castle burgers in my mouth at once, I can only fit in one and a half McDonald's burgers.

White Castle is open later than any other fast food place I can think of offhand, though, so it makes for good hang-over/sober-up food. Also, they reheat very well in the microwave, better than any other burger. So, buy in bulk, and dine when drunk. That's the best way to make it worthwhile.

Overall = B-

Finally, we come to Wendy's. Well, we can try to come to Wendy's, but first we have to actually find one. There's one west on Touhy, but beyond that, I think I've only seen about six different Wendy's in my travels, which is unfortunate, because Wendy's is perhaps the best fast food place of all.

The burgers are cooked quickly and cooked fresh. The meat most closely resembles beef out of all the places I've listed so far (still something not quite "cow-like" about it, though), and the burgers leave you wanting more. Nice thick and varied, the burgers come in all shapes and sizes. Wendy's actually has bacon on the bacon burger, rather than some thin strips of leather like at Burger King. The burgers are safe as



you can get, so jump right in.

I never bothered messing around with other meals than the burgers, because the burgers are so damn good (and the fact that it's 20-30 minutes from my house makes me reluctant to chance trying something else), but they have the usual options like fish and chicken. Side dishes, however, is where Wendy's really shines.

Before Burger King stole their ideas, Wendy's had salads, chili, baked potatoes, chicken strips, and all sorts of other things that are too numerous for me to remember. Their fries aren't horrible, but they aren't wonderful, either. Luckily, their side dishes are so varied, almost anyone can go to Wendy's and find something to eat.

Wendy's even has decent prices, such as the "99-cent" menu (which Burger then stole). The only problem is that Wendy's doesn't nearly as many locations as your McDonald's or your Burger Kings (White Castle has this problem too, but I forgot to mention it). I can think of exactly 9 McDonald's locations off the top of my head, 5 Burger King locations, and only two Wendy's and White Castles. But, the taste, price, and options of Wendy's makes the drive worth it. Almost.

Overall = B+

There you go. Four different ways to increase your cholesterol. So, if you're hungry and in a hurry, stop by one of these four places and sample the finest cuisine that "meat-like substances" has to offer. Tune in soon for our guide to selecting a proper heart surgeon.

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Study abroad - yes, it's for you!

by Rosemary Bradley

Program Associate, Office of International Programs

We've all had occasion to muse "Small world. . .," but technology only dreamed of at the turn of the 20th Century has become a necessity of life at the beginning of the 21st, contributing to the feeling that the globe is shrinking. PCs, E-mail, fax machines, competitive international exchange and airfare rates, text messaging from one's mobile phone and digital cameras that allow someone in the UK to take a picture and e-mail it to a friend in the States have made global communication quicker, easier and affordable. Commercial air travel, the stuff of science fiction to most folks in 1900, the Wright brothers' first flight still being several years away, has become common in 2002; nowadays, very few people can say that they've never flown. And, although the airline industry was in trouble before 9/11, which has only been exacerbated in the aftermath of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center, low international airfares can still be found. Students between the ages of 18 and 35 are particularly fortunate to have several good travel companies that cater especially to them and their needs.

After World War II, middle-class Americans began to travel more, although this usually involved piling into the station wagon and hitting the road for the typical tourist attractions and wonders of the United States. In some communities, a trip to Mexico or Canada was considered downright exotic. Europe belonged to Hollywood stars, the very idlest of the idle rich, and a handful of intrepid, recent university graduate back-packers. Asia and Africa truly were dark continents as far as the majority of Americans were concerned.

I can't even remember the destination of my senior class trip—probably a day-trip via school bus to the state capital, Little Rock (Arkansas). However, many of my former classmates' children spent two exciting, sleep-deprived weeks touring the major European cities. Some of them had already been there with their families. Just the other day at the mall I overheard a teenager saying to her girlfriend, "When we were in London. . . ." Nowadays it is not unusual for high school students to participate in international exchange programs in which they attend high school abroad while living with a host family.

Study abroad programs designed for both high school and university students have multiplied in the past ten—fifteen years. Because of the emphasis on providing an education that prepares people to live and work in a global society, more and more universities are making study abroad a priority on their campuses. Northeastern is no exception. Now more than ever, graduate schools and employers are looking for students and young professionals who have studied abroad. International experience on an applicant's resume can pay dividends. It's not unheard of for a study abroad experience to give the edge to one of two otherwise equally qualified job candidates. If you are fluent in a second language, so much the better!

As well as gaining an international dimension to your major, expanding your career choices and increasing your employment prospects, some of the other benefits of study abroad include broadening your understanding of other cultures and getting a different perspective on your own culture, sharpening your interpersonal and communication skills, enhancing your sense of independence and self-confidence and learning to speak or enhancing your ability to speak another language. Although NEIU has a diverse population, including many faculty members, staff and students who were born in other parts of the world, it is easy to get in the rut of only interacting with those who share our cultural identity and values. Imagine actually living for four to eight weeks or more in China, Cuba, Ghana, Ireland or Mexico or spending four and a half months studying and traveling in France, Italy, Japan, Korea, Russia or Spain. Several Northeastern students have done just that in countries throughout the world. Most students earn six to fifteen credits per term toward their NEIU degree, depending on the duration of their programs, while experiencing a different culture, new sites and sounds and making friends from all over the world.

Think you can't afford to study abroad, that this opportunity is only for students who have money to burn? Financial aid can be used for study abroad, and there are many great scholarships available. One of the newest, just one of several administered by the Institute for International Education (<http://www.iie.org>), is the Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship for students who are recipients of federal Pell Grant funding.

One of the major expenses of study abroad is the round trip international airfare. As mentioned above, there are many travel companies, called consolidators, which target college students. They have agreements with major airlines allowing them to offer student travelers fantastic deals. As for the cost of the study abroad program itself, there are hundreds to choose from, ranging from language and cultural immersion experiences usually offered in the summer to those scheduled in the fall and/or spring terms. Summer programs usually cost less because they are shorter; however, there are regular term programs that are quite affordable. Most NEIU students who have studied abroad in the fall or spring have been able to find programs in the \$10,000—\$12,000 price range and occasionally less. That includes all expenses associated with the study abroad program, such as international airfare, tuition and fees and housing and meals. Plus, if you are a financial aid recipient, your financial aid advisor will be more than willing to work with you to identify any additional resources for which a more expensive educational program might make you eligible. Also, some study abroad providers offer their own scholarships to eligible applicants. For instance, a Northeastern student studied literature and theater in England in Summer 2000, her financial aid supplemented by a \$1,000 scholarship awarded by her study abroad provider. In 2002, a student interested in studying in Eastern Europe applied for the National Student Exchange Program scholarship, which pays up to \$8,000, and was chosen to be a recipient. A student planning to study in Spain in Spring 2003 is in the process of applying for her program sponsor's \$1,000 scholarship.

To learn more about study abroad, please stop by the Office of International Programs, now located in C-509 of the Sachs Administration Building. I would be happy to meet you. I can also be reached by telephone at (773) 442-4798 or e-mail at R-Peyton1@neiu.edu or deptip@neiu.edu.

A world of learning awaits you. Seize the chance!

Fitness Matters

by the Office of Recreation

Special Contributor

Welcome to our world! As the headline indicates, this column will about issues that have to do with fitness, health, and wellness—because it matters. I'd like to take this opportunity in our first column to introduce you to what you can expect to find here in future editions. Our goal is to have a "Tip of the Day" tidbit about various topics that will pique your curiosity or motivate you towards fitness.

The bulk of this column will be dedicated to responding to your questions about fitness, exercise, health, wellness, nutrition, etc. to the best of our abilities. Each column will highlight one of NEIU's personal trainers who will be answering your questions. You may e-mail your questions to personaltraining@neiu.edu. Obviously we will not be able to get to all your questions, so we'll try to choose those that might be of interest to most people.

Something else to look for during the semester is our Fitness & Wellness Workshop series. These are on specified Saturdays from 12:00 noon to 1:00pm in the PE Complex and will cover a variety of health and fitness topics. The workshops are free and will be presented by the NEIU personal training staff and other experts. This semester's schedule is as follows:

Topic	Date
Core Conditioning – Abs & Low Back with Michelle Thall	October 5
Chest & Back Workout with Ron Borres	October 19
Health Topic – High Blood Pressure with Anthony Hogan OR Injury Prevention – Ankles with Fadil Cosovic	November 2
Using Resistance Bands with Jackie Abreu	November 16

These workshops are open to all NEIU students and recreation pass holders—feel free to drop in!

You'll also find in the "Around Campus" section of this issue of the Independent schedules of group exercise classes and intramural competitions. These activities are also free to NEIU students and recreation pass holders and are offered each semester. You can pick up copies of these schedules on the Campus Recreation bulletin board located in the south hallway of the D-wing (looking onto the B-wing courtyard), in the PE Complex at the front desk, or on the Campus Recreation website www.neiu.edu/~campsrec/. On our website you'll also find information about personal training, swim lessons, outdoor recreation opportunities, club sports, and much more.

We invite you to join us and take advantage of what we have to offer. The healthy lifestyle you develop now will carry over long after you've left Northeastern Illinois University.

Con Tacto Latino

por Andrea Belard

¡FELICIDADES A TODOS LOS HISPANOS EN EL MES DE LA HERENCIA HISPANA!

Estamos en el mes de la herencia hispana, la única celebración que reúne a gente del Caribe, de España, de Norte, Centro y Sur América. Aunque todos hablamos el mismo idioma, cada uno lo habla un poco diferente. La herencia hispana también tiene raíces en tribus y razas indígenas. Representamos una mezcla de etnias, incluyendo europeo, indio americano, y africano. Algunos hispanos vienen del campo y otros de la ciudad. Algunos están acostumbrados a climas templados y otros a climas tropicales, pero la raíz es la misma... todos somos hispanos! Según el censo de Estados Unidos del año 2000...

- 57% de los latinos mayores de 25 años tienen por lo menos un diploma de la escuela secundaria. -11% de la población latina mayor de 25 años tiene un grado de bachiller.

- 573,000 de hispanos mayores de 15 años tienen un grado mayor, como un masterado o Doctorado.

- Los hispanos somos la minoría mas grande del país, ubicándonos encima de la lista con un 12.5% de la población!

- Fueron contadas 7.4 millones de familias, de las cuales:

- Un 64% tienen hijos menos a 18 años

- Un 67% eran parejas casadas

- 28 millones de los residentes de Estados Unidos mayores de 5 años hablan español en el hogar. De todos estos, más de la mitad dijeron hablar ingles perfectamente.

- Nuevo México lleva la cabecera en el número de hispano hablantes con un 29%, seguido por 27% en Texas y 26% en California.

- 16.1 millones, un poco mas de la mitad de los habitantes extranjeros de Estados Unidos (31.1 millones) nacieron en algún país de Latinoamérica.

- 13.5 es el promedio general de años que un latino nacido fuera de Estados Unidos ha vivido en este país.

- Dentro de este grupo el promedio de residencia era mayor para los provenientes de países del Caribe (17.6 años).

- De Centro América 12.9 años (de los cuales 4/5 son mexicanos).

- De Sur América 130 años.

- \$33,455 es el promedio de ingreso anual en un hogar latino.

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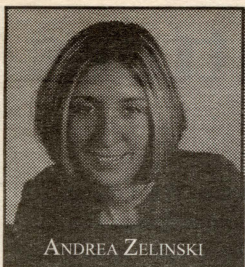


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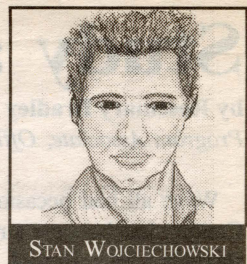
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STAN'S LIFE



STAN WOJCIECHOWSKI

In last issue, Stan had the prime opportunity to talk to Tori, the girl of his dreams. Unfortunately, he was stalled by the break down of his friend, Elliott's, car while on their way. They got a ride from his friend, Sid, only to see that Tori was nowhere in sight. While Stan was desperately looking for her, Sid confronted Elliott about rear-ending his car, thinking no one would notice. Sid threatened him with much more than a harsh rant if Elliott doesn't pay up at least \$300 for the bumper repair.

"Compound interest is found by applying this formula in your book. You should memorize this and the other found formulas in this section. You can find compound interest by the equation A is equal to P times...." the professor mumbled towards the chalkboard as he scratched the chalk against the hard brown chalkboard. "Then you set P equal to periods and r equal to interest rate and..."

I can't believe I'm being forced to take this. I can't even hear him! If he would turn around when he speaks, or would project his voice, I'd be fine. But I just don't think I can take this shit any longer. Stan glared at the clock, urging the second hand to move faster past the 12. *If time goes any slower, I think I'm just going to collapse here of boredom.*

"Well, if there aren't any more questions, you can all go. Just remember you have your exam on Friday."

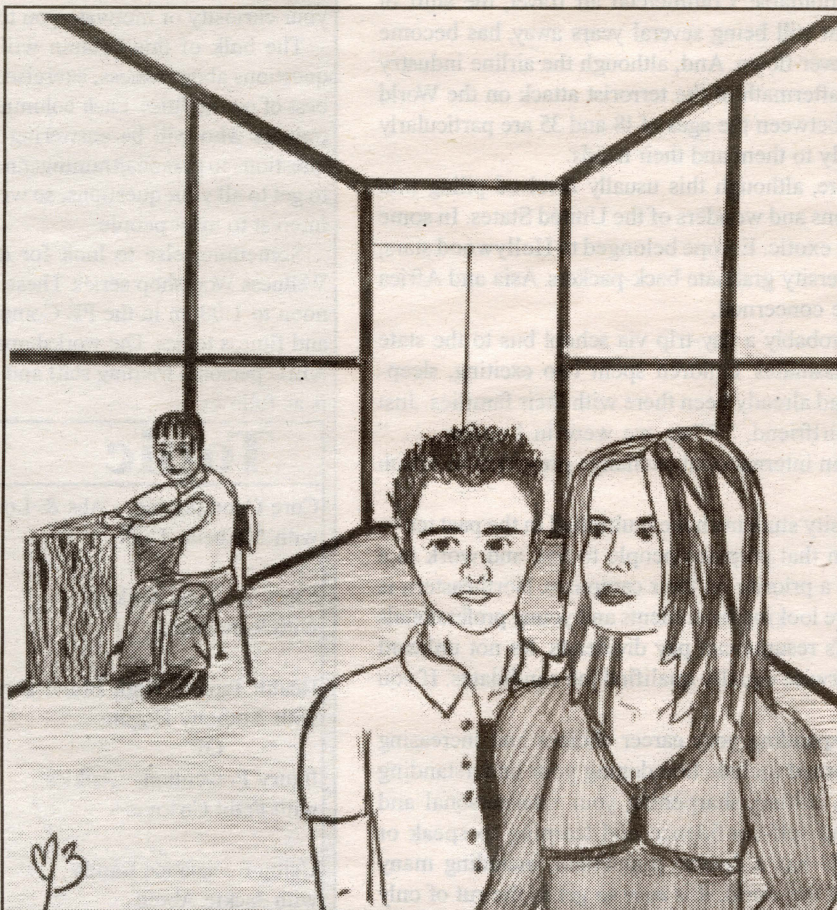
Thank God! It took him long enough. Now if I only understood all of that mumbling he was doing about interest. Stan quickly packed his backpack and rushed out the door. He dashed down the stairwell of the Science Building as he turned on his cell phone. *I wonder if anyone called.* He pushed open the thick door on the west side of the building.

"Beep, beep, beep," chanted his phone as he ventured further from the building. "One new message" appeared on the gleaming blue screen. Stan walked towards the Student Union as he dialed up his voice mail.

"You have one new message, and zero saved —"

Blah blah blah... get to the point.

"Hey Stan, its Elliott," the voice rushed. "I need a favor. Call me back when you get out of class."



Okay? Bye." Click.

That's strange. Stan hung up the phone and set his backpack down next to a wooden bench outside the Student Union. He scrolled through the phone book on his cell phone searching for Elliott's number. *Here it is.* He pressed the send button as he lifted the phone to his ear.

"Hey!" a girl's voice yelled from behind him.

Stan whipped his head to the right to see Tori walking towards him. *What the ... ?* "Hey," he said as he started to walk towards her.

"Hello?" came a voice from the phone. "Hello?"

Shit! "Can you hold on a second," he whispered into the receiver. "Hey, Tori! How are you?"

"You can finish your phone call you know. I'm not going anywhere," she said as she put her books on the bench. She sat down and pulled out her assignment book.

"Thanks," he mouthed as he smiled to Tori. *Oh my god... I'm such an idiot...* "Hello?" he said into the phone again.

"There you are. What happened?"

"Uh... nothing," Stan whispered into the phone to avoid being

overheard. "What's up? You called me earlier."

"Yeah," Elliott paused. "I need a favor."

"I know that. What is it?"

Elliott paused again. "Well, can you loan me some money?"

"What?" Stan stood up. "What for?" *Elliott has never asked me for money. This is weird.*

"Um. Well. Uh. I have a pretty big credit card bill," Elliott lied.

"Don't your parents give you some money for that?"

"Uh..." Elliott frantically tried to think up a lie. "Yeah, but they uh... got laid off."

"What?!"

"Uh...no... I mean... uh... they are trying to save money, and they don't want to give me any," Elliott managed to spit out. That was the worst lie he had ever told.

Stan turned around to make sure Tori was still there. "Okay. How much do you need?"

"About \$300."

"That's a lot. Do you really need that much?"

Tori glanced suspiciously at Stan.

"Yeah," Elliott replied.

"Okay. Do you want me to drop it off, or do you want to pick it up?"

"I'll pick it up. Maybe in an hour?"

"Sure. Call me when you get here," Stan said as he turned back to Tori.

"Okay. Thanks."

"Bye." Click. Stan slid his phone into his back pack. "Sorry about that."

"Yeah. What was that about?" Tori asked as Stan sat down next to her.

"Nothing."

"Really?"

"Yeah, why?" Stan got nervous. *Why is she asking me all of these questions?* "What do you think it was about?"

"I don't know. I could be a bit out of line or nosy, but it sounded like you were... selling something. And a lot of it from what I heard."

Stan laughed. "Did you think I was selling drugs?"

Tori shrugged her shoulders. "You know what... its none of my business. I think I should go."

No! "Don't go. I wanted to give you the phone number to that professor." Stan reached for her arm. Tori turned around and smiled.

"You actually remembered?"

"Yeah. I got to school late the other day and completely missed you." He paused. "But I didn't forget. Here, let me get it for you." Stan opened his back pack and started searching for the sheet of scratch paper he had scribbled the professor's information on.

"Don't worry about it. I got it from the math department." She smiled.

"What are you doing now? Do you have a class?" Stan asked as she slowly closed the distance between them. "No. I have a break until 2." She glanced at her watch. "I have about an hour and a half. I was going to get something to eat."

"Can I join you?" *What the hell am I doing??*

"Sure."

Yes! "Cool. There's this little place on the corner of Bryn Marr and Kimble. Not the finest food, but its kinda homey," Stan paused. "You wanna try it?"

"Sure," Tori said as she picked up her books.

The two of them walked through the Student Union and headed towards the A building trying to

make conversation.

"Oh no," Tori moaned as she walked through the hallway of the A building.

"What's up?"

"Its him. You see that guy up there?" Tori motioned forward with her head. "That guy wearing the dark blue shirt."

"Yeah. What about him?"

"He won't leave me alone."

"Huh? What do you mean?"

"Shush... don't say anything. I don't want him to over hear." They walked in silence as Tori turned her head to the side as they passed the greasy haired man. He looked to be about 23 years old, and fixed his gaze upon Tori and Stan as they walked past. They didn't speak another word until they passed through the double doors at the end of the hallway. The cool breeze hit their faces as they walked outside.

"Oh God. I hate that guy. He's just so... creepy," Tori said as she glanced back through the glass doors. "He's still looking too!"

"Who the hell is he?" Stan asked, very concerned.

"I don't know. I had him in one of my classes freshman year. Ever since, he just stares at me," she paused. "Why am I telling you this?"

"Go ahead. I'm all ears," Stan answered as they crossed the side street.

"I don't know. He's just really weird. For example, I'll be studying with my friends, and he'll just sit at our table. I'm not talking about in the cafeteria. I mean in the library."

Stan scrunched his eye brows. "Don't you tell him to leave? Or give him the hint that you aren't into him?"

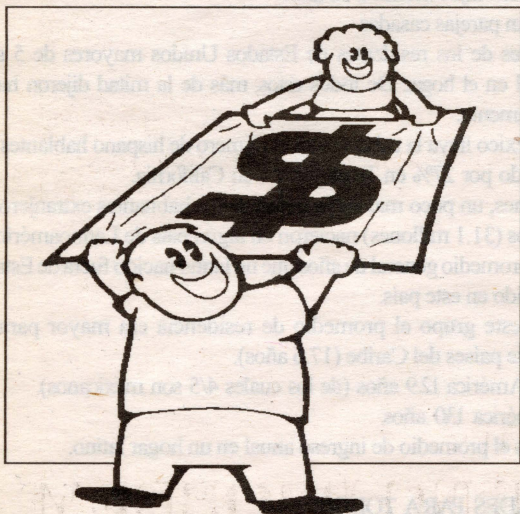
"I try. But I don't want to be mean."

"Yeah, well, you should do something about that. And soon. Real soon. He does look creepy."

"I should hire you as my body guard?" Tori joked as Stan opened the door to the little corner cafe.

"Maybe I should."

Has Stan finally found his chance to hook up with Tori? Is she interested in him? Will the creepy guy interfere with Tori's life, or is he harmless? And will Elliott get the money in time to Sid? You'll have to wait until October 17th to find out!



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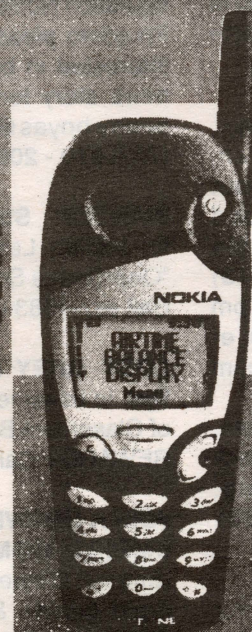
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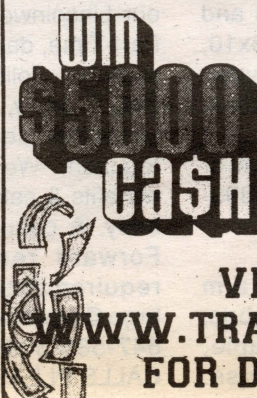
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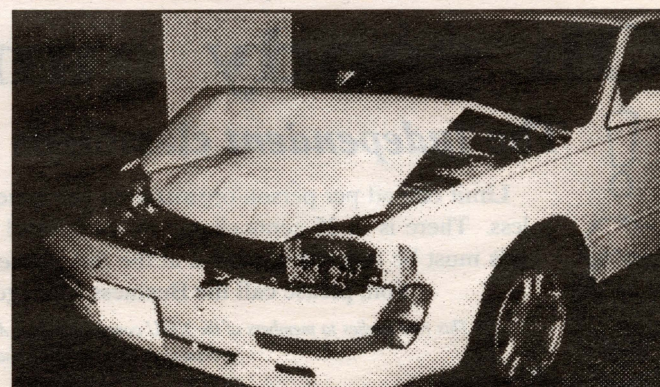
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