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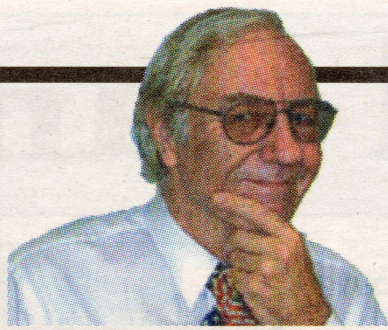
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Students pay \$20,000 for Haitian Celebration

by Patrick O'Brien
Production Manager

The Caribbean Club's Haitian Celebration was widely attended this past Saturday, as around three hundred filled Alumni Hall.

There are questions as to whether the dance was a benefit for students or a political party for former Student Government Association (SGA) President Gary Gaspard and his Student Vision Party (SVP).

Students numbered under a hundred, and many of the guests were non-students. Exact totals will be available this week.

SGA Vice-President Omar Otero gave a figure of about "150" attendees a 11:30pm, though that number did increase later.

The original dollar amount allotted for the party also was changed, as the total amount of student funds provided from student activity fees topped \$20,000, as the Northeastern Programming Board (NPB) recently approved an additional \$4,000 for food for the event, catered by Sodexho. The band Tabou Combo performed as part of the original cost of \$16,100.

NPB's President is Jermont Montgomery, and the Vice-President is Elias Lekkas, both also SGA Senators and SVP members who campaigned for the Vision Party in Spring Elections; the SVP includes the aforementioned Otero, SGA President Kendra Young

and Speaker Mohamedtalha Anarwala in leadership.

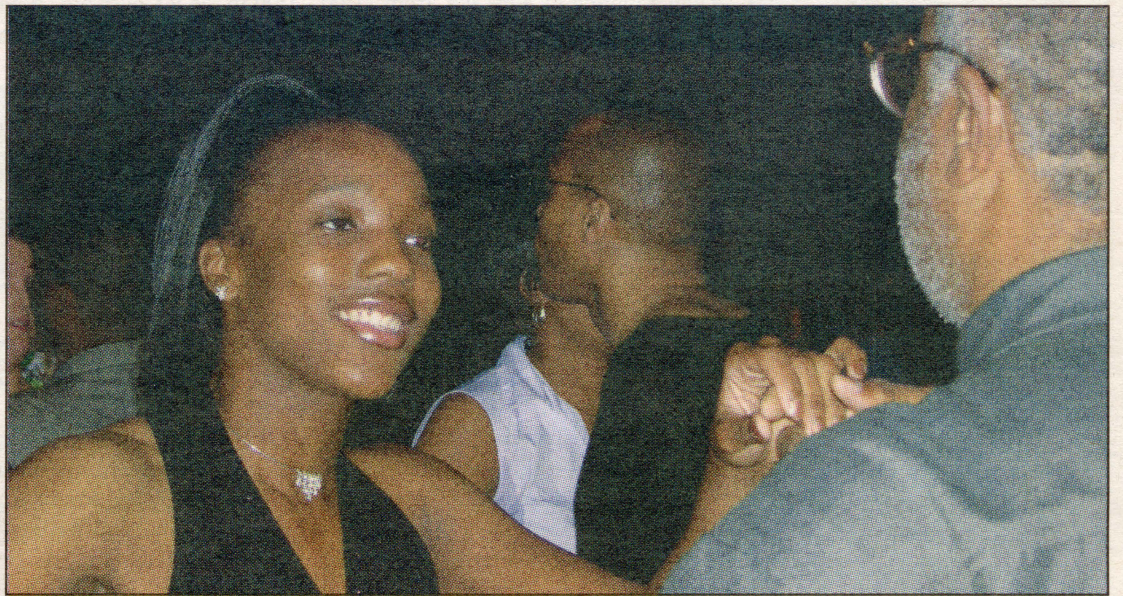
A member of NPB who is not also a members of the SVP confirmed the recent approval of funds. Without any students who are not SVP members available for comment, the *Independent* asked Director of Student Activities Walt Sommers questions about how the party was funded, and about another matter: the VIP list for the dance.

Walt Sommers indicated that the list probably contained members of the band and media, as well as additional guests these groups would like to bring.

Sommers did not indicate that whether any other people should

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photos on this page by Cecilia Carboni



After long wait, Alumni Hall filled with partygoers

by Joe Hertel
Senior Staff Writer



Tabou Combo was well received.

Hips were swaying and laughter abounded in Alumni Hall as the world-renowned Konpa band, Tabou Combo, entertained a crowd of over 300 persons who attended the Caribbean Club's Bi-Centennial celebration of Haitian Independence.

The celebration began at 8pm, on Saturday, April 29th, as a few persons began appearing to claim their seats in anticipation of seeing and hearing Tabou Combo, who were making their first U.S. appearance in over five years.

At 9pm the music opened with the award

winning Rafo International Combo, who entertained the sparsely attended room (about 25 persons), with a selection of soul, salsa, reggae and Caribbean music. The band performed gratis, per Walt Sommers.

By 10pm, someone realized that attendees to the dance were having a difficult time in finding the location on campus. Calls were coming in from people who were riding around St. Louis Avenue, Bryn Mawr, or just cruising the parking lot trying to find the entrance to the Student Union building.

Immediately, event organizer Gary Gaspard put his volunteer staff into action by constructing large

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GLBA benefits prof, AIDS Ride

by Andrea Zelinski
Chief Editor

The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Alliance (GLBA) will be teaming up with local club, Stargaze, to host an off-campus fund raiser to raise over \$1,500 in pledges to send Professor Kristen Over, English Department to the 2004 AIDS RIDE Chicago on July 1st.

AIDS RIDE Chicago is a benefit where cyclists ride 225 miles over three days to raise funds for AIDS Cycle, Inc., an organization which supports Chicago's AIDSCARE and Access Community Health Network. The bike ride will be held Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 30-August 1.

The event will feature live performances by members of the university community. "Northeastern... Faculty and Students will blow you away with their singing, dancing and comedy acts," read a press release.

University administration, faculty, and students are welcome to perform at the benefit. Proceeds from the event to be directed towards Over's admission to the AIDS RIDE Chicago. The takings from AIDS RIDE Chicago will be directed to AIDS Cycle Inc. which supports Chicago's AIDSCARE and Access Community Health Network.

According to www.aidsridechicago.org, "AIDSCARE assists those living with advanced HIV/AIDS in the Chicago area achieve a higher quality of life through housing, care and support services. Access Community

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Sodexho under fire amid talks

Cafeteria contract being re-negotiated as union puts parent company in hot seat

by Tom Robb
Co-News Editor

Sodexho, who provides the food services to NEIU, currently have their contract with Northeastern up for renegotiation. They operate the cafeteria and subcontract the coffee stand.

The *Independent* asked Mark Weiner of Sodexho about food services at El Centro and CICS, and he stated that, "Right now the contract is for the main campus, we can look at that (CICS and El Centro) after the contract is signed."

Sodexho is one of the largest corporations in the United States, employing over 100,000 people. In recent weeks, though, Sodexho has found itself under increasing fire both nationally and internationally, facing a racial discrimination class action lawsuit and claims of unsanitary food handling practices.

Sodexho is facing charges

of unsanitary and unsafe food handling practices in the United States and Great Britain, documented in a documentary aired on British television. It is important to note that there have been no such claims about the food handling practices at Northeastern; Sodexho has won awards for food and workplace safety compliance at NEIU.

The *Independent* received a press release from SEIU, the Service Employees International Union, in which it charged that a British documentary documented 120 incidents of "unhygienic behavior" and in one incident a student at a Sodexho cafeteria in Cape Cod found a "piece of an (Sodexho) employee's thumb in her sandwich." The release states, "The Company tried to quash the story (British documentary) by taking the television station to court, but were unsuccessful."

Marriane McMullen of

SEIU told the *Independent* that, "Any company that is piling on these kinds of food safety violations, and then tries to suppress media, warrants a closer look when they are providing food service to our school children, hospitals and universities."

Weiner, manager of Sodexho's NEIU operation, told the *Independent* that an independent auditor, the National Safety Foundation, audits NEIU's food service operations annually. NEIU's operation was awarded a gold rating on food safety and general safety, which means NEIU's food service was in 100% compliance in both areas.

Bonny Goldstein of Sodexho Corporate Public Relations office also responded to the charges by saying, "We see this as a smear campaign."

McMullen stated that "SEIU set up a watchdog group because of anti labor and union busting activities."

Goldstein stated that 12% of Sodexho's shops were unionized company wide, including Northeastern's (AFL-CIO local 450).

Goldstein acknowledged the Cape Cod incident, and stated that it was unacceptable and not up to company standards. She went on to outline Sodexho's food safety program, called HACCP (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point), how food items being shipped are constantly tested for food temperatures, and that company wide the compliance rate for the National Safety Foundation inspections was over 90%.

The lawsuit seeks damages on the grounds that minority site managers were steered into certain types of accounts with limited potential of advancement and that the job posting procedures were often circumvented, a claim Sodexho strongly denies. The

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Around Campus

Guest Speaker

The Graduate Chapter of SCEC in sponsoring the renowned educator and speaker, Janet Lerner, she will be presenting a new videotape of the PACE program on June 1 at 4:30 in B - 158. Forward questions to Beth Wignot at ewignot@neiu.edu.

New course for all in fall

Any student who is interested in community service, leadership development, health and wellness issues, should register for NEIU 310: Wellness in Action - Leadership Development on Wednesdays from 7:05 - 9:45 pm. Course reference number is 19523.

Annual Putting Contest

Join NEIU for the official kick off of our 32nd Annual Kane Golf & Dinner Outing on June 9th, from 11:00 - 1:00 in the F Courtyard. Winner of the drawing at 1:15 will be able to attend the outing. Event goes rain or shine.

Book drive for Jamaica

Contribute to the Drive to collect new and slightly used children books for St. Ann Parish Jamaican School Partners. College texts are appreciated. Bring books to CLS 4071 in boxes. For more email Dr. Stanley at c-stanley@neiu.edu.

Writing Lab

The Writing Lab is open all Summer! In CLS 2046 this free service for all NEIU students seeking assistance at any stage of the writing process. There are also free writing workshops available for the English Competency Exam (ECE). Hours are Monday, Tuesday and Friday 8am-4pm and Wednesday and Thursday 8am-8pm. ECE Workshops are June 2nd at 4pm, June 17th at 6pm, and June 25th at Noon. (773) 442-5480 or visit CLS 2046.

Group Therapy

Every Tuesday from Noon-1pm in the Counseling Office, there are open-ended group experiences, with students talking about issues important to them. Call Jane at 442-4656 for details. In room D-024.

Student Government Summer Meetings

Thursday, June 3.....Special

Thursday, June 17.....SU 214

Thursday, July 1.....Special

Thursday, July 22

Thursday, August 5.....Special

Thursday, August 19

MEETINGS AT 4PM IN SU 003

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED

Science Building class not being heard

by Patrick O'Brien
Production Manager

Students in the Science Building were treated to the sound of jackhammers and other construction noise on Thursday, May 27th. One class was disrupted to the point that the professor made several complaints to the construction workers, asking that they desist while class was in session nearby.

The classroom, S-201, is located directly outside the lobby area in the Science Building, where improvements are being made to the entrances and construction will continue to take place until late August.

The professor of the class in question, Dr. Polyashuk, will request a room change for the Math 102 class, which operated under severe noise constraints while heavy machinery was operated less than 50 feet from the room.

The professor had made repeated attempts to request that the workers wait until the class was over with, but the loud noise continued.

Facilities Management was contacted, and the Project Manager was in route to the area on the second floor. The noise subsided after that, and the class continued for the last 20 minutes without distraction.



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Health Network is Chicagoland's largest private community health center organization."

Admission to Stargaze requires age of 21 or older with a valid ID. Suggested donation for admission is \$10 or \$5 with student ID. According to promotional advertising, the event will also include \$2 drink specials.

Stargaze is located at 5419 N. Clark St. and features a bar and restaurant. For more information about performing or donating for the event, contact Anne Mothkovich at 773-442-5289.

Republicans get nod

Charter and Rules OK's charter; Senate will vote June 3rd

by Patrick O'Brien
Production Manager

The Student Government Association's Charter and Rules Committee approved by unanimous vote the charter of the College Republicans Club on Tuesday, May 25th.

The vote was four in favor and none against, with SGA President Kendra Young and Senators Elias Lekkas, Jermont Montgomery, and Marilyn Greer voting to approve the group's constitution, which will be voted on by the full Senate on June 3rd.

During the May 20th SGA meeting, Vice President Omar Otero raised an objection to Article 1, Clause 3 of the College Republicans' charter, which stated that all members had to be loyal to the Republican Party.

The Senate rejected this article and asked the group to have the passage stricken from their Constitution, in order to receive Senate support for the organization's charter. University rules prohibit such restrictions in any campus group recognized by the university.

The College Republicans agreed to the demands of the Senate, and their charter appears headed for approval on June 3rd, when the group will become the newest student organization on campus.

No brake for bikes

by Jessica Moen
Staff Writer

Biking is one of the main modes of transportation for some students at NEIU, especially now that it is summer. It has become of concern for students that the new parking garage being built will not have a space to park and lock up their bikes. Students posted their objections on NEIU's message board *Bughouse*. According to one student who goes by the handle of Kastigar, "The indoor bike parking is desirable for a couple of reasons: security and weather protection."

Kastigar emailed Gary I. Bryan, who is Director of Maintenance and Construction, about the issue, to which he replied (as posted on *Bughouse*), "There are no provisions for bicycle parking in the Parking Facility. However, there are a number of additional bicycle racks that will be installed after completion of the University Commons Phase 2 project. These racks will be located in highly visible and trafficked areas near the south Building B and north Science Building entrances." The *Independent* verified this quote with Mr. Bryan.



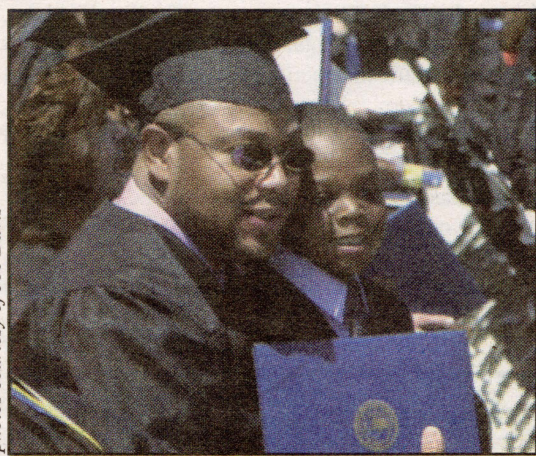
This construction has been distracting for some students.

photo by Cecilia Carboni

Salute to Class of 2004



Over 500 Bachelor's Degrees were awarded at this year's Commencement program, which took place Sunday, May 16th on the Athletic Field.



Graduate accompanied by his son.



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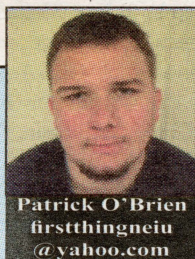
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current status of the suit, according to Bonny Goldstein of Sodexho's public relations office, is that the judge has ordered arbitration.

A website set up by the Service Employees International Union (or SEIU) states, "In certifying the class of plaintiffs, the judge found a 'significant showing' of a 'common policy of discrimination.'" (www.sodexhowatch.com)

Mark Weiner stated that he was not familiar with the case, but stated, "I've worked for a lot of companies, hotel companies, and this is the best I've ever worked for." Weiner has worked with Sodexho for 11 years.

Goldstein acknowledged the suit and responded to it, stating, "Building a culture of diversity and inclusions is our highest priority - there is no pattern of discrimination what so ever." Sodexho's web site features their record on diversity and claims to have won an award as one of the top 50 companies for African American professionals.



First Things First... The Day of the Dead

The United States government is making Memorial Day a bigger holiday lately, through the deaths of soldiers draped in the red, white and blue, and through the charred remains of the foreign "enemy."

Too many war-dead and too many flag-draped coffins make our barbecues and picnics depressing affairs. One war veteran the *Independent* spoke to called these war deaths an "unavoidable part of war."

The *Independent* had the opportunity to speak with Cuong Trinh, or Joe as he is called, a veteran of the Vietnam War, which ravaged his home country in the name of democracy three decades ago.

The Communists were said to have won that war; is there such a thing as winning a war? Is that measured in who kills more people?

Lives are altered every day as war creates hundreds of families for whom Memorial Day now means so much more than a day off to barbecue or go shopping.

These warring ways are turning the last Monday in May into a remembrance for more families here than anyone would want.

Yet as we trolled the nation's malls or celebrated our three-day weekend, spending time with family on a day you normally spent at school or work, some families visited graves.

Other war mothers and fathers, Iraqi, American and elsewhere, hoped that Memorial Day would not soon take on a greater importance for them, courtesy of a

war we can't seem to "win."

Joe reminisced with our reporters about the way war is currently being fought, reflecting on his experiences in Vietnam to give some perspective to the current war in Iraq. Joe lives in the Vietnamese community along Argyle Avenue in Chicago.

Joe's son is currently serving in Iraq, and Joe called the situation involving tortured prisoners "unavoidable," saying the practice was similar in Vietnam on both sides, and in every other war ever fought, as was the death of soldier and innocent alike.

Death is unavoidable for all human life at a give point; yet have we entered into agreement with our fellow human beings that beating, humiliating, shooting, sexually assaulting, maiming, dismembering, burning alive each other has become "unavoidable?"

Have nations now entered into a contract with death and destruction that explains the existence of Memorial Day, the idea that we should have a day to celebrate mostly preventable deaths?

Joe believes that soldiers "have their hands tied behind their backs" by politicians, and these restrictions are leading to dead soldiers, though Joe never elaborated on this.

We've surrendered to the machine of death, the by-product being a three-day weekend, an extra day to pay to tribute to the insanity of war; killing for peace, or imprisoning for freedom.

A day for keeping in mind the men and women who died for policy decisions, or in the words of a presidential nominee, those



photos courtesy of aljazeera.com

The face of all wars: violence.
who "die for a mistake."

With the subject on Memorial Day, Joe said many of his fellow Americans had no idea what the day meant, "their lives were too good, too comfortable" for them to appreciate what a soldier endures.

The soldiers have endured, as have other groups who aren't memorialized on this day, this triumph of violence over humanity: those who died out of uniform, who never agreed to war, or volunteered to kill their fellow human beings.

What about the villages in Vietnam coated with Napalm, or towns in Iraq, incinerated by smart bombs and missiles that were not smart



Those who bear the brunt of war

enough? Those people warrant a day too.

Would it make sense to pay tribute to collateral damage, to non-existent limbs, to children felled by air strikes, "unavoidable" casualties of our desire to make the world safe for peace?

Is there a day for Ma Lai, for mass graves and tortured prisoners?

It wouldn't fit on a greeting card though. Joe didn't mention the other victims of war, the ones who didn't fire a gun.

And while we're thinking about soldiers who have fallen, are we questioning where the bullets and bombs go. Do we think about who falls prey, while we're taking a day to remember the soldier's side of the bullet?

Sommers has left the building

by J. Louis Bracich
Business Manager

You probably have seen him in the halls talking to students, or coordinating some major student event like recent SGA elections. He's that tall guy with the mustache who everyone either calls Dr. Sommers or just "Walt."

Whether it is helping one the family of student organizations getting a table to peddle some cookies or trying to serve as a referee/advisor in that circus that is our student democracy, Dr. Sommers is practically an institution here at NEIU.

One of our better known and visible administrators here on campus, this institution with a flare for nice ties will be leaving us on June 4th, resigning from the post as Director of Student Activities.

Born in Richland, Washington (also known as "Atomic City" for serving as one of the nation's main sites for nuclear weapons production), Dr. Sommers earned his Bachelors and Masters at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma.

Before entering the hollowed halls at NEIU, Dr. Sommers worked for 13 years as Director of Student Programs at Fort Steilacoom Community College in Steilacoom, Washington (which is a suburb of the greater Tacoma metropolitan area). Sommers followed this by getting his PHD in Student Services Administration at Oregon State University (home of the Beavers). Dr. Sommers joined the NEIU family in July of 1993.

For the next eleven years, Dr. Sommers could be found at the center of nearly every major student activity on campus. Staffed with highly professional folks like Tony Courier and Maggie Dones, Dr. Sommers oversaw the allocation of Student Activity Fees that as of this fiscal year topped \$470,000.

Under his watch, there has been much growth in the number of events and groups on campus. "Since I have been here at NEIU, we have grown from less than 30 student organizations to 74."

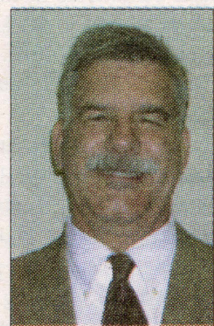


photo by Cecilia Carboni

Dr. Walt Sommers

Among many of Dr. Sommers and his team's successes has been the series of student leadership programs that have aided the various student organization leaders.

Dr. Sommers is now going back "home" to Washington. There, Dr. Sommers is going to take on the position of Director of Student Programs at Pierce College in Tacoma. He will not only manage the student organizations like he has here, but also advise on the program board, manage the student union, and the motor pool.

When asked why he decided on this position, Dr. Sommers said that his family is in that part of the country and he wanted to be with them. He has three daughters, two whom live in nearby Oregon, and one in Burbank, California. Recently, Dr. Sommers became "Grandpa Walt," with the arrival of his first grandchild.

As of this moment, there have been no decisions on a replacement for Dr. Sommers. There has been talk of Dean of Students Michael Kelly assuming the position, but as of this time, he has denied such assertions.

What we do know is that many of Dr. Sommers' responsibilities will be farmed out to various individuals in several departments.

Dean Kelly has stated that there will be an announcement shortly on the details of these arrangements.

Union talks underway

by Andrea Zelinski
Chief Editor

The Northeastern chapter of the University Professionals of Illinois' (UPI) negotiating team is preparing proposals on articles in the current contract to present to the University contract team as part of ongoing talks, according to Edmund Hunt, Acting President of UPI.

University officials and union members have met several times to discuss the upcoming contract since Spring semester ended, said Hunt.

According to Hunt, the proposals will contain the wording the UPI would like to see in the next contract. "We're laying the ground work" in order to create a basis for discussion, said Hunt.

The union members are preparing about 30 articles to present to University representatives. According

to Hunt, they "[hope] to get all the articles given to the other team by [this] week or soon after."

"Both sides seem very committed to getting things underway," said Hunt.

Members on the University representative team include David Jonaitis, Assistant Vice President of Finance, Vicky Ramon-Lagunez, contract Administrator, and Terry Rothstein, Assistant to the Provost.

UPI negotiating team includes Ravul Rezanian from the Business Department, Glenda Volner, Unit B English Department, Pasely DiBianca, Timothy Scherman, English Department, Terry Schuepfert, Psychology Department, Jon Nadler, Illinois Federation of Teachers representative, and Edmund Hunt, Acting President of UPI.

The university representatives and UPI plan to meet again on June 1, 2, 8 and 9.

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receive free admission, telling a reporter, "go ask Gary."

The *Independent* has obtained a copy of the VIP list for the Haitian Celebration, which includes discretionary guests the host can add. In the case of this event, media numbered 16.

Four guests won free tickets in radio contests, and the speakers and some faculty were also allowed free admission. These totaled 31 guests covered by media, band and speaker/special guest categories.

What is of interest is the names included elsewhere on the list, which includes a category called "Caribbean Families." This list includes the Gaspard Family, with no number indicated to explain how many people would be allowed free admission under this name.

There is also a listing with "(Kendra)" next to it, which would seem to indicate that SGA President Kendra Young, also a Vision Party member and Gaspard ally, was allowed to bring a guest for free.

Also, a St. Louis Family and a Vassilopoulos Family were listed. Next to the Vassilopoulos name, "(Elias)" appears, which would seem to indicate Elias Lekkas, the same NPB member Senator and SVP member who approved funding for the event, and a close friend of Gary Gaspard.

Without any indication of how

many family members were included in these listings, there is no way to independently verify how many guests did not pay to enter, under the listing of "family"

The dance was free for students, and tickets were \$40 at the door, or \$35 in advance for non-students. There were ten listed names and groups on the VIP list that were not charged admission, and not covered by categories that would normally receive free admission.

The *Independent* asked Otero and Gaspard how many names were on the guest list, and were given conflicting numbers; Otero quipped "a thousand", while Gaspard said "ten." Asked who these people were, Gaspard responded: "media, the band, and family."

Some proceeds of the event were not going back to NPB or SGA funds, as "a portion of the fund will be donated to Concerned Haitian-Americans of Illinois (CHAI) to complete a clinic construction in Haiti."

This was found on poster for the event, though this was not discussed when the funding was originally approved by the SGA in March.

The *Independent* provided these concerns to Gaspard in the form of an interview request, which was not accepted by Gaspard or other student leaders mentioned in this article.

More on this story as it develops in the July issue of the *Independent*.

Steppin' away to the Greeks



photos by Haniabl Tehrani

by Andrea Zelinski
Chief Editor



Top and left:
Steppers in action

Alpha Kappa Alpha, a sorority found on the grounds of Northeastern, hosted a Step Show May 22 in the Physical Education Building.

The show titled K.A.O.S. with a touch of D.A.Z.S. is an acronym for Kappa, Alpha, Omega, and Sigma with a touch of Delta, AKA, Zeta, and SGRho. According to Sarota Whitehead, these are the first eight African American Greek organizations and are "coined as elite eight."

A step show is composed of synchronized hand clapping and stomping to form melodies and rhythms made by percussion instruments.

According to Whitehead, this show has been coined the largest in the Midwest by drawing over 1,500 spectators over the country.

"Funds taken from the show will fund the Pi Nu chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Presidential Scholarship to be given away at next years awards banquet," said Whitehead.

Pool Reporting by Staci Sonenthal

Bags, books stolen from NPB

by Patrick O'Brien
Production Manager

An unknown woman is thought to be responsible for the theft of several students' bookbags from the Northeastern Programming Board (NPB) offices on Thursday, May 27th.

Former SGA President Gary Gaspard and SGA Senator and NPB President Jermont Montgomery had their bags stolen from the NPB office in the afternoon. They

described a "nervous looking woman, tall with a denim jacket and pink floral dress on" walking near the Student Lounge and SGA offices just before the incident.

The woman claimed to be an NEIU student, and was thought to be responsible for an attempted theft on the 3rd floor of the library just before the theft of Gaspard and Montgomery's property. Montgomery's bag included a Calculus III text that is valued at well over \$100; Beck's Books has been contacted about the incident, in case the book is resold.

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sandwich board signs with arrows and placing them at strategic points around campus to attract meandering individuals to the front door.

As the audience began to fill out to around 100, there were a few introductory and welcome speeches by Kendra Young and Gary Gaspard. Also, Evanston Alderman of the 2nd Ward, Lionel Jean Baptiste, gave the keynote address.

Between 11 and 12pm, the audience swelled to over 200, as Tabou mesmerized the group. Volunteers outside the hall selling and taking tickets were also on their feet swaying to the upbeat sounds.

Even those who remained seated were clapping their hands and tapping their feet to the beat of electrifying music which has been produced by this band since 1968 when it first formed in Haiti.

The celebration was planned and hosted by the Caribbean club of NEIU and funded through the Northeastern Programming Board and Student Activities.

The event was free to students of NEIU upon presentation of a valid student ID card. Others paid \$40 at the door.

Besides the unannounced appearance of an opening band, there

was appetizers and refreshments provided by an additional \$4,000 from NPB.

It was estimated that the function was attended by at least 75 students of NEIU, many members of campus organizations such as GLBA (who helped in decorating the hall), Socialist Club, Caribbean Club, SGA, and the *Independent*.

At press, it is unknown how many tickets were sold and how many attendees were V.I.P. (non-paying) status. The dance, over the past few months, has drawn criticism due to the amount of funds (\$16,000) allocated for the event.

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Board of Governors celebrates 30th anniversary

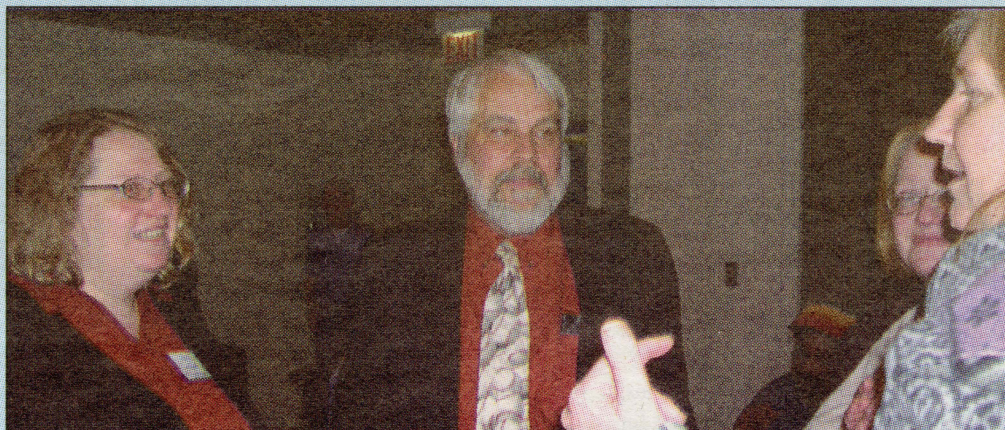


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From left: Anne Ward, '99 Alumni, Jay Jans, Program Specialist of Non-Traditional Degree Program, Joan Ward, '02 Alumni and Glenda Buklis, current student. All have been involved with the Board of Governors Degree Program.

by Andrea Zelinski
Chief Editor

Members of the university community gathered to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Board of Governors Bachelor of Arts Degree Program on the evening of Friday, May 7th.

Administration, professors, students, and

alumni alike participated in the celebration during a reception which included speeches, presentation of awards, food, and wine.

According to Jay P. Jans, Program Specialist of Northeastern's Non-traditional Degree Program, approximately 3,000 students are currently registered with the Board of Governor's Bachelor of Arts Degree program.

Commentary

Skepticism, now that's patriotic

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POW, Jessica Lynch early 2003.

by Tom Robb
Co-News Editor

This week the *New York Times*, the paper of record in the United States, admitted they were not sufficiently skeptical of those pushing for war in Iraq in the run up to war, and were too eager to take the Bush administration and others like Ahmad Chalabi at their word. I would like to say the situation in Iraq could not be worse, but given the rate at which things are unraveling, that is not a safe assumption to make.

It would seem that at this point it would be a good idea to take a step back and take a look at where we are and where we are going, something the major media has not done in far too long.

In 2002 and 2003, people who spoke out against, or even questioned, the war were ostracized as unpatriotic. In this post 9/11 environment of fear and flag waving, critical questions were not addressed and we are paying for it now.

Ahmad Chalabi, president of the Iraqi National Congress, seems to have duped key members of the Bush administration into the road to war. Recently, charges that Chalabi fed intelligence to Iran are truly disturbing.

Chalabi and a lack of skepticism would be bad enough, but we have now shown our selves as able to commit atrocities as Saddam Hussein, as pictures from the Abu Ghraib prison continue to trickle out, amid allegations in the Washington Post that General Sanchez witnessed an "interrogation" at the prison. The U.S. is currently in a situation in Iraq for which there is no good way out. A draft seems likely and our presence in the Middle East never ending. We have to look at how we got to this place; we must understand that skepticism in a democracy is very necessary and IS patriotic.

Ben Franklin stated, "Those who would sacrifice liberty for security deserve neither." In this post 9/11 climate, where the United States is now under attack from a new type of unconventional enemy, this is a hard thing to do. We want to run to the safety of a strong sounding leader who says, "I will protect you, trust in me and do what I say." We must balance that against healthy skepticism.

Iraq is a mess that political scientists smarter than I will wrestle with for decades to come. Hopefully we are not too late to undo the damage we have done and will learn that a healthy skepticism, and holding our leaders accountable for their actions, is the most patriotic thing we can do.



U.S. soldier with dead POW at Abu Ghraib, 2004.

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VOICE OF THE CAMPUS

Seize your day!



CECILIA CARBONI
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You could say that my life is really shaken up right now. As you, my readers, prepared for finals week, I was sharing bathrooms with a coke addict. I spent that week in a hospital. Turns out, I have this weird form of epilepsy where I don't lose consciousness but I have what the doctors call "involuntary tremors."

I was doing newspaper layout that Saturday night, laying out my *Guide to Getting It On* review, and suddenly my feet went numb. It's not something that normally happens when I get turned on, but I didn't think anything of it. An hour later I'm jerking around in the emergency room waiting area having a seizure, and the lady behind the counter decides that this is the best time to learn how to type stuff into the computer. I could hardly speak let alone strangle her.

Apparently, every teenager that's brought in on a Saturday night by her friends in the middle of a shaking fit is a liar, and a drug addict. It took a while to convince the emergency room doctor I was neither. He understood. They hopped me up on sedatives, ran a pregnancy test, and since all the other tests he had run had left him with no answers, he decided for himself that I must have been a victim of sexual abuse. According to my father, the doctor tried to interrogate me concerning said abuse. Meanwhile, I was living out *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*.

Next morning, I was rudely hauled off from my lava lamp inspired, sedative induced dreams, and hauled into my mom's car with the stamp of "cured" on my forehead. I had stopped shaking for an hour or so. As soon as they get me in the car, I start up again.

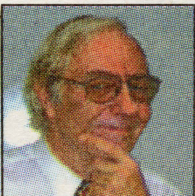
The nurse makes some smartass comment. Once again I am whisked back inside amidst a blur of color and sound. I pass out as they put another IV into my arm and my mom squirms in pain. In lapses I can hear my father yelling at that nurse in his broken English.

I spent about four days in the hospital until they figured out what I had. They ran CAT scans, MIR's, and an EEG. The entire time, except for when I slept (I assume), I was having the tremors. No one understood it. Not even the nurses. They would tell me to "calm down" when I felt one coming on even though I was completely fine emotionally. After a while, I refused to be administered sedatives.

I wasn't allowed to leave the room and I didn't have much company during the day. Next to me was an old lady. Her daughter would visit her and she wouldn't even recognize her. On the day before last, she disappeared after they pulled the curtains.

The night after, this woman came in complaining of an intense pain in her body. It was heartbreaking to hear her cry in agony, even more so to learn that she had been doing cocaine and heroine, three to four times daily for ten straight years, and she had little children. I spent that whole night listening to her on the other side of the curtain and I only saw her face once as I left the hospital the next morning with all my flowers in hand.

It was a very strange experience and I was left kind of dazed, a feeling that lingers thanks to the Zonegram. However, thinking back to that night makes me think about the decisions we all choose to make in life, and those that we can't plan for. I know I got a lot to think about going into my junior year. I hope that everyone reading takes care of themselves and doesn't wait for spontaneous brain damage to give them time to reflect on the meaning of their lives. God knows our schools medical insurance isn't that good.



Joe Hertel
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Old Man on Campus *Who mourns for the fallen?*

Stand with me for a while here in this quiet place and look around. It is a military cemetery, it is a cemetery with a military section, or it is a small town cemetery where tombstones date back to the founders.

Walk with me through the rows of tombstones and look at the dates: July, 1863; September, 1917; June, 1944; February, 1968; and April, 2004.

Stop a minute and look at the ages: 26, 24, 32, 18.

Look at the names. Are there any that you know?

It used to be called Decoration Day. It was a day of national mourning where people would come and decorate the graves of those who served their country with fresh Spring flowers and little American flags. There would be a few speeches and perhaps someone would play "Taps." People used to wear poppies as a symbol of spilled blood.

It was a day when old soldiers would gather together to honor

their fallen comrades, to remember their sacrifice, and to care for their final resting places.

It is now called Memorial Day, and has become a holiday, a three day weekend. It has become a weekend to celebrate the beginning of summer with beach parties, picnics, backyard barbecues, and weekend mall sales. In honor of those who gave their lives: 20-50% off!

There are still ceremonies marking the event. There are still services held in churches and cemeteries, but they are not as well attended as they used to be. They are short and sweet, as people have other things to do.

Picnics and barbecues are not so bad. I believe those who have fallen would like us to celebrate the liberty and joy of being alive and living in this country. Many of us vets hoist a beer or two in honor of our comrades, and we would expect them to do the same for us had the situation been reversed. But the enjoyment of being with family and friends should be preceded by a memorial service and not with a visit to the local mall for a shopping spree. Stores should be closed on this day. All stores. It is a solemn day.

Stand with me for a while and look out upon the rows and rows of white

markers. For under those markers lie the hopes, dreams, and aspirations of young people from every walk of life. Young people who had a future cut off and are no more. Men and women who, if they had lived, may have discovered cures for diseases, invented new technology, or maybe just raised a family and lived out their lives.

We will never know the true cost of sacrificed lives. We know approximately how many were lost, but what those lives could have meant to humanity will never be known. Look upon the rows and rows of white markers.

Surely, there is not one of us who does not know someone who died in service to this country, a family member, cousin, friend, school chum, or neighbor. Surely there is one name you know. Let that name roll off your lips this Memorial Day in remembrance of sacrifices made, of lives, many whose names we do not know, given for our freedom.

Contemplate for a while that someone placed their body between liberty and tyranny, between your freedom and an oppressor's enslavement. "What greater love than this: that a person lay down their life for another."

By no means should we glorify war. By no means should we be blinded by unjust aggression. And, even if we are for or against any particular war, we should not devalue the lives that are lost in serving our country.

Stand with me a while longer. Look at the rows and rows of markers. Have you ever laid a flower on the grave of a soldier? Maybe you should. Maybe it will cause you to shed one tear for someone who is no more, someone who gave their life for you. Yes, for you.

Why did I survive the war when others did not? I think I understand it now. I am here to remind you of those that perished. I am here to remind you that freedom is not free. I am here to remind you that generations past gave their lives so that this country, so that you, might enjoy the freedom that was purchased with the blood of others.

Melodramatic? I don't think so. Young people are dying today. What does it mean to you? You're comfortable, out of harm's way. Would it be so much an imposition on your life to just go to a cemetery and lay one little flower on the grave of a soldier, one day a year, thankful of your liberty?



Well, think about it, because one day, if it is not you, it might be your son or daughter who is in the military, and you will hope and pray for their survival. And, God forbid, if they perish, it will be you who then must visit the grave of one who gave their life in the hopes of a better life for all humanity.

Remember them! Do not let their deaths be forgotten. They are protectors of liberty and the guardians of freedom. May they rest in peace.

Thank you for staying here with me for a little while. Shall we meet here again next Memorial Day? We should. There will be new markers added to the rows and rows.

Your all-purpose entertainment guide for June 2004

Whether you're looking for a spicy place to meet people, take a date, or a new venue to relax and unwind, the windy city has much to offer to those daring enough to explore its territories. Since a large portion of those in the NEIU community are non-Chicago land natives or residents unacquainted with their city's vivacity, the following guide should suit your needs in breaking out of monotony without breaking the bank in the process. Also included are some of the hottest CD and motion picture releases of the following month.

Movie Openings:

- *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (June 4)
- *The Chronicles of Riddick (June 11)
- *The Passion of the Reefer (June 11)
- *Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story (June 18)
- *White Chicks (June 23) *Spider-Man 2 (June 30)
- *The Clearing (July 2) *King Arthur (July 7)
- *Anchorman (July 9) *I, Robot (July 16)
- *The Bourne Supremacy (July 23)
- *Catwoman (July 23)

CD Releases:

- *The Geto Boys: Resurrection: Screwed
- *Tears for Fears: Everybody Loves a Happy Ending
- *Sonic Youth: Sonic Youth Nurse
- *Beastie Boys: To the 5 Boroughs
- *Dave Matthews Band: Live at the Gorge
- *Bootsy Collins: Play with Bootsy
- *Savage Garden: Greatest Hits
- *Marc Anthony: Amar Sin Mentiras
- *Phish: Undermined
- *Quincy Jones & Bill Cosby: The Original Jam Sessions 1969
- *The Cure: The Cure
- *The Beach Boys: Sights and Sounds of Summer: The Very Best of The Beach Boys
- *Belmont/Sheffield Music Festival, June 5-6, 3200 N. Sheffield Ave.

Festivals:

- *5th Street Art Fair, June 5-6, 5700 S. Kimbark Ave.
- *21st Annual Chicago Blues Festival, June 10-13, Grant Park
- *Festa Pasta Vino, June 17-20, 2400 S. Oakley Ave.
- *Grant Park Music Festival in Millennium Park, June 23-Aug 29
- *Taste of Chicago, June 25-July 4, Grant Park, 300 S. Columbus Drive
- *Chicago Country Music Festival, June 26-27, Grant Park
- *Hyde Park-University of Chicago Arts Fest, June 3-6, 4700 N. Lincoln Ave.
- *Summerfest 2004, June 11-12, 5-6, 5550 S. Greenwood Ave.
- *Forest Park, June 12-13, 3300 N. Halsted St.
- *Old Town Art Fair, June 12-13, 4700 N. Lincoln Ave.
- *Jeff Fest, June 18-19, 4850 N. Milwaukee Ave.
- *Chicago Gospel Music Festival, June 4-6, Grant Park, 300 S. Columbus Drive
- *Printers Row Book Fair, June 5-6, 300 S. Columbus Drive
- *Ribfest Chicago, June 12-13, 4000 N. Lincoln Ave.
- *Wells Street Art Festival, June 12-13, North Wells Street between North Avenue and Division Street
- *Lincoln Square Mayfest, June 3-6, 4700 N. Lincoln Ave.
- *Chicago Summer Dance Festival, June 17-Aug. 29, Grant Park, Spirit of Music Garden, 601 S. Michigan Ave.
- *Lakeview Arts and Music Fest, June 26-27, 3210 N. Lincoln Ave.

Finding the Forbidden City

by Cecilia Carboni

Production
Editor

The lighting hit perfectly against the smooth talons of the snarling dragon. Its wooden body curled around the majestic throne, nestled within abstract shapes which twisted into wisps, upon the imperial desk. That same dragon could be seen arising from a carefully stitched sea of fine blue upon the emperor's royal yellow robe of silk.

Visitors at the Field Museum have had the chance to view small delicacies of the Qing dynasty such as this for themselves. Since March 12th, and continuing through September 12th, *Splendors of China's Forbidden City: the Glorious Reign of Emperor Qianlong* has been open to the public. Featuring artifacts from the Palace Museum in Beijing, the exhibit details the reign of one of China's most legendary ruler, Emperor Qianlong, who ruled from 1736 to 1795.

The exhibit begins with a scale model of the Forbidden City. A palace from the Ming dynasty, it was taken by the Manchurians, who came from the northeast of China, when they seized power and established the Qing dynasty. While the dynasty and the elite was Manchu, the Chinese people were of Han ethnicity. This created a syncretism of cultures apparent in the paintings, weapons, and common objects on display.

Topics covered in the exhibit

include Qianlong's success as bureaucrat, administrator, innovator of arts and sciences, as well as being an excellent horseback rider and archer. Even if you aren't terribly interested in how many arrows this man could string in a minute, it's still fascinating to see the handiwork involved in these artifacts and to imagine what they've been through.

There is some detail concerning his personal life, his musical interests, general collections, and poetry. There is a rather large room concerning the role of the emperors' wives and how they lived. There are paintings on silk, many of great landscapes done with painstaking detail which will capture your eye for a great while. There is even a small showcase with a collection of ivory combs and the every-day objects of a court lady.

Of those rooms, the highlight was an incredibly massive boulder of jade from which a mountainside had been carved, entitled "The Nine Elders of Huichang." Complete with trees, little elderly figures making their way down curving paths, and playing chess, it was a truly impressive sight. It is also the

second largest jade piece of Imperial China at 114.5 cm of height.

One of the most impressive rooms focused on China's many religions and Emperors Qianlong's tolerance and support of those, from Manchu Shamanism to Daoism and Mahayana Buddhism. The room is vibrant with energy; fierce Daoist statutes contrast with the silk embroidery of a Sakyamuni Buddha with lotus flowers that shine brilliantly.

Definitely a gem for the history lover, and those interested in art. It is a unique experience, a peek into the past, into the life of a great leader, a chance to be inspired by the finest Chinese artisans of the 16th century and beyond.



Image compiled by Cecilia Carboni

Flurries of flaws but sends clear message

by Duncan Macnab
Production Editor

Right from the start, *Day After Tomorrow* whisks you to the far reaches of the Earth. Loosely based on the novel by Art Bell and Whitley Strieber, *The Coming Global Superstorm*, this film shows, on the Hollywood scale, the effects of a catastrophic climate change. In the opening, we are thrown through massive ice sheets zooming in to a few humbly small humans, Dr. Jack Hall (Denis Quaid) and his fellow climatologists. Normally, I would say disaster movies are a load of crap, but this one is different. This film is approachable, meaning it doesn't use science jargon (I'll explain later). For a lack of a better term, it's been humanized.

Roland Emmerich, director of *Independence Day* and *Godzilla* (1998), apparently has a fascination for destroying Los Angeles, NYC, and our beloved capitol building, except for the "Liberty" for which it stands. But unlike the two films stated above, this one gets a good report. Not great, but good.

One endearingly inaccurate aspect is the time it takes NYC to get over run by the big white glacier. It would never take just a short 24 hours to freeze over like that. Though it makes sense that the temperature would decrease in low pressure systems, it would not go that low that fast. It wasn't really a surprise though that the writers didn't keep true to this or place

information in the film, as how can you depict the centuries of events it would require for this to take place. That would be boring. But, you should keep in mind that this wouldn't really happen.

Another fallacy was the Tornadoes in L.A. It's not the twister itself that does the damage, despite popular belief. The wind and debris around it causes all the havoc. But that was what they did in *Twister* too. Besides the fact that the reporters were WAY TOO close to the twisters, the little weak

humans would be sucked right up. Also, these disaster films have the horrible sense to change the shape of hail since hail is round.

If this is what it takes to warn the people of the effects of environmental changes, then the producers and writers did their job, even though the environmentalists told the filmmakers to simplify the plot in order to send a more powerful and quick message. Of course, it was added to by the canvassers handing out fliers to me explaining that President Bush has been doing bad things to the environment, but that's a whole different story.

If you're looking for a good disaster film, with the mandatory Hollywood pseudo-love story between Jake Gyllenhall and Emmy Rossum, which wasn't too dramatic and forced, then this is the film for you.

Three is the magic number

A sneak peak at Harry Potter

by Andrew Valkanas
Staff Writer

Change is in the air with *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*. Unlike the first two movies of the series, based on J.K. Rowling's best-selling books, *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* is a very well-made film. From a new director, to a great influx of cast, to an entirely new part of the wizarding world, the film really shines thanks to this infusion of fresh people.

Alfonso Cuarón (*Y Tu Mama Tambien*) is the first facet of this change. The movement of the film is much smoother than the other two. It flows much more elegantly from one scene to another; even the transitions for time are moments to inject a joke or two. Emma Thompson's ("Angels in America") performance as the nearly blind seer Professor Trelawny is refreshingly comic, especially doing her favorite form of foretelling, how people will die...until she gets to predicting Harry's ghastly demise.

Gary Oldman's (*Hannibal*, *The Fifth Element*) role as the title character, the escaped prisoner Sirius Black, is brief, but powerful. He is mastering the lost art of submerging himself into his roles, something which has really been lost since Sir Alec Guinness, Peter Sellers, and the other legendary actors of the 60's performed. He is haggard, rough-hewn, half-mad, but still composes himself enough to do what needed be done. David Thewlis (*Seven Years in Tibet*), the final major addition in Professor Lupin, also handles the role well. He is an outcast of the wizarding world, and he very much acts the lone wolf.

The special effects wizards have done a great job of this film. Moving shots, which used to feature wildly-gyrating cartoon people, now look realistic. The hippogriff, a horse with the claws, head, and wings of an eagle, looks like something fun to fly. The school looks coherent, rather than as a jumble of places put together. Hogsmead looks every bit the wizarding town it is.

The greatest difference, though, is in the kids. Instead of always being in the drab robes of Hogwarts, they dress down on their days off. Instead of being at peace with each other, they start to fight from the beginning of this film, when Hermione gets a pet cat to counter Ron's pet mouse. Instead of just shuffling off to bed, they let their hair down and do silly things kids in boarding schools do, like make animal noises, though with magical help rather than loads of practice.

There are problems with the movie though, but only from the point of view of a fan of the books. Not enough time is spent in the frenetic opening sequence of the movie with Aunt Marge, and the result is that Harry looks more like a hot-head than a victim of abuse. Sirius' escape isn't explained, and the enmity between Professor Snape and Professor Lupin is just exposed rather than explained.

The fine acting, the great directing, and a few surprises not in the books will entertain audiences this summer. Unlike other summer movies, especially other summer sequels, this film is going to leave its mark. The movie is surely one of the summer's best.

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Eagle's Nest

Lifestyles of the Northeastern community

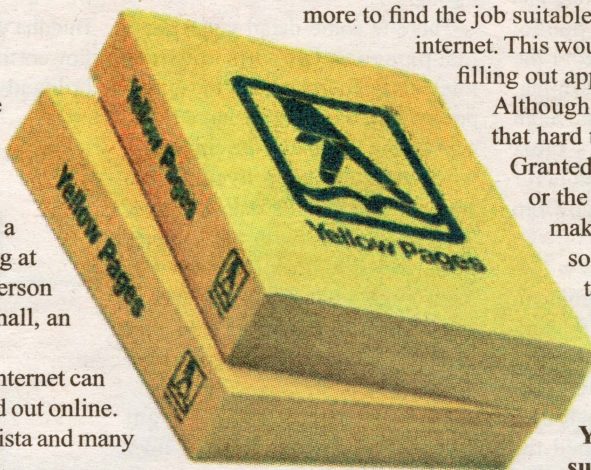


Summer jobs makes me feel fine

by Staci Sonenthal
Office Assistant

There are many types of jobs that can be obtained during the summer, some of which can be found on the internet or by going to a local store. It all depends on what kind of work the person is willing to endure for the summer and what atmosphere the person is willing to be in. Some jobs can be outside, whether it would be at a swimming pool or at a park district, such as life guarding, or working at a summer camp with kids. Then again, there are jobs that require a person to be inside for most of the day. Those could include working at a mall, an office, or the local grocery store.

There are many ways of finding these local jobs in one's area. The internet can take people to all different websites where the application can be filled out online. People can use the local search engines such as: Google, Yahoo, AltaVista and many



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more to find the job suitable for them. However, some jobs might not be available via the internet. This would mean spending some time going to different businesses and filling out applications to see who is, and who isn't, hiring at that time.

Although the economy isn't at its greatest peak right now, jobs are not that hard to come by if the search is thought and planned out correctly. Granted, some jobs might not have the exact hours one is looking for, or the highest pay one desires, but a job is a job and people need to make money to survive. Some jobs do require a uniform to be worn so looking stylish isn't exactly on the list of priorities. We all had to wear the funny looking uniforms some time in our lives, so why not for that temporary summer job? One has to think in the long run, and hey, it is going to give us that little chunk of change to have fun this summer.

Yellow Pages can be a useful tool in finding that summer job you want.

Mail Bag

Hello Everyone:

My name is Evelyn Nazario-Rose, newly elected Illinois Board of Higher Education Student Representative here at NEIU.

I would like to take this opportunity and thank everyone that voted for me in the Spring, 2004 elections. It was an extremely close race. I promise to continue to represent all of you to the best of my abilities and, most importantly, represent our university with pride, respect, and integrity. It was great being Vice President of SGA but feel that as your IBHE Rep. our voice will be stronger.

Being the state representative allows me to be at the forefront of the pressing issues that are plaguing our higher educational system here in the state of Illinois. During my term as the IBHE-SAC, I am going to be addressing local NEIU issues that need *dire* attention here on campus. These are, to name a few:

Northeastern Illinois University is the most diverse university in the Midwest. The issue of faculty diversity, especially for Hispanic professors, seems to be a problem on this campus. Even though we are a Hispanic Serving Institution, **why are there only 18 tenured, tenured-track professors on this campus with a current Hispanic population of 2,946 students?** What can we do to attract more Hispanic/minority professors to this campus?

What's up with how our classes are being scheduled? I know that current history professor Richard Grossman will only be allowed to teach introductory history classes next year. **Introductory Classes? What a joke!** This professor wants to teach more but is not being allowed to because another professor was hired in that department. Can

this new professor teach Latin American history as well as Professor Grossman? Doubt it!

What happened with the Latino/a Studies major? I hear that the holdup is what to name the major. Come on people! It is almost a done deal at the Illinois Board of Higher Education. Let's get it together. We really need to move on with this. The administration should be diligently to get this to happen.

Why are books so expensive? I have been campaigning against the high prices of textbooks for a few months now. Lots of you were happy about this. What has been done so far? I can tell you that Senator Wu from Oregon is currently drafting legislation to present to the federal government. I, along with other students from around the country, will be assisting in the writing of this legislation. Schools such as Georgetown, University of Michigan and Princeton are also involved in this campaign.

In closing, I want to let everyone know that no issue is too small as far as I am concerned. If there is anything that I can do to make your educational experience here at Northeastern easier, do not hesitate to let me know. My office is located in E-047, which is located right next door to the Independent office. My campus extension is 4285 and my e-mail address is ibhesacrose@yahoo.com. Now you know! Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve you again and look forward to a new and productive year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Evelyn Nazario-Rose

Illinois Board of Higher Education Student Advisory Committee Representative

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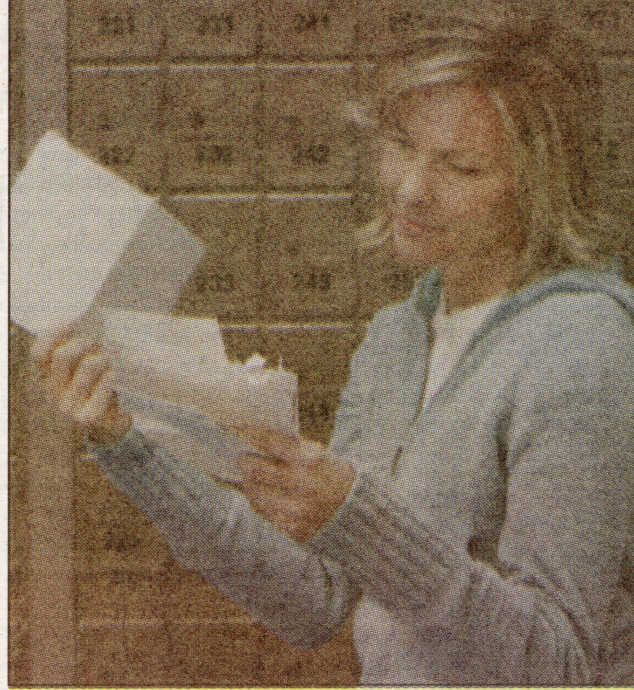
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