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Hahs hired as president after meeting agenda bait & switch

Original meeting agenda does not mention a vote on new president; revised agenda appears at meeting as student trustee rails against selection process

by Tom Robb
News Editor

Dr. Sharon Hahs was elected to be the next president of NEIU starting in February at a contentious meeting of the Board of Trustees on Nov. 16.

All voted "yes" to Hahs, with the exception of one abstention from newly seated Trustee Carlos Azcoitia and one strongly articulated "no" vote from Student Trustee Peter Michalczyk.

After the vote, Board Chair Nancy Masterson and outgoing President Salme Steinberg brought Hahs to the board meeting.

Hahs addressed the meeting with, "Let me just say that I am



photo by Tom Robb

NEIU presidents, current and future:
Salme Steinberg (left), Sharon Hahs (right).

delighted, I am honored to be selected as the next president of Northeastern Illinois University. ... It is a dynamic university, it's a dynamic city, and I like to think that it is actually the

university of the future."

"Dr. Hahs has a dynamic vision for the future of urban universities such as NEIU," said

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Proposed tuition increase for continuing students:

14.7%

by Patrick O'Brien
Editor-in-Chief

The university has proposed tuition rates for the 2007-08 school year that would include a 14.7 percent increase for continuing students enrolled before fall 2004.

The proposed tuition hike comes one year after increasing tuition 7.9 percent for continuing students and 9.4 percent for incoming students.

For the incoming freshman class, the proposed increase would be 11.4 percent more than this year's freshman

class is paying. President Salme Steinberg's report to the Board of Trustees cites the fiscal climate in Illinois as the culprit for the increases. State funding to NEIU has fallen 11.8 percent over the past five years, according to the president's report.

When measured from fiscal 2004 to fiscal 2007, state funds granted to NEIU actually increased 2.4 percent over that time, while tuition increased over 19 percent in the same period. During this time period,

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NEIU alum persevered despite obstacles



Rebecca Makridis Georgakis
1981-2006

by Patrick O'Brien
Editor-in-Chief

Rebecca Makridis Georgakis was taught early in life by her parents, Chrysanthi and John, that her education was the single most

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Bringing the baby to class



photo from Independent archives

Child Care Center serves 20 students out of 12,000; waiting list is three years long for some

by Tom Robb
News Editor

Leticia Hill and her 15-month-old child sat in the back of the classroom. The child became restless and began to cry softly. The professor stopped her lecture and asked if everything was all right. Leticia apologized and said she was on a waiting list for the

campus Child Care Center (CCC).

Hill has been on the waiting list for the CCC, located in the small building next to the P.E. Complex, since September. The waiting list has 309 people on it, and some have been waiting for as long as three years.

"My life would be a lot easier [with campus childcare]" Hill said.

Hill talked about juggling her roles as

mother and student. "Some teachers don't mind [my child in class], but some teachers do. I couldn't bring my son to certain classes, so I missed class," she explained.

The number of current students who have their children in the program is 20; the number

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Veterans Day Concert honors the sometimes forgotten

NEIU Wind Ensemble performs for small Monday crowd

by Patrick O'Brien
Editor-in-Chief

The powerful voice of student Gerald Chaney belting out the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" greeted students who attended the first-ever Veterans Day Concert at NEIU on Monday Nov. 13 in the Auditorium.

The concert was sponsored by the Student Government Association (SGA) and was the result of a collaboration between SGA President Eron McCormick and Joe Hertel.

Hertel is a Vietnam veteran and NEIU student who has been active in the veterans community since the 1970s and founded the Viet Nam War Museum that formerly operated in the Uptown neighborhood.

Dr. Shayne Cofer directed the Wind Ensemble in performing such march songs as the "Armed Forces Medley" and John Philip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever."

Hertel was somber and reflective as he began the program, saying the concert was honoring "Millions of lives over the past two centuries that were sacrificed for one ideal, one dream, one hope."



photo by Mario Go

Vietnam veteran Joe Hertel, who helped organize the concert along with SGA President Eron McCormick.

Hertel added that "freedom must be defended and protected" before he gave way to the Wind Ensemble's rendition of Henry Fillmore's

"It's truly a great day to be an American."

— SGA President
Eron McCormick

"Americans We."

McCormick next exclaimed to the crowd, "It's truly a great day to be an American." He announced that university President Salme Steinberg

had officially named the garden outside the Student Union the Peace Garden, a project started by Hertel and championed by McCormick and the SGA. McCormick asked the audience to reflect on the day and to "take a moment to think about freedom."

Hertel closed the afternoon by joining the debate as to whether gays and lesbians should be allowed to join the military, telling the audience, "I am against discrimination against anyone who wants to serve this country."

Reaction to Haggard scandal focuses on hypocrisy

by Sophia López
Staff Writer

Only days before the Nov. 7 midterm elections, Reverend Ted Haggard, president of the National Association of Evangelicals, resigned amid allegations of paying a male prostitute for sex and drugs.

The high-profile evangelical Christian leader became head of the 30 million-member organization in March of 2003. Later that year, he was invited to the Oval Office when President Bush signed the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban.

Christian conservatives are often cited as the Republican Party's political base and were courted heavily by Bush and other Republicans. Many political analysts suggested that issues like the war in Iraq and the Mark Foley scandal led many conservative

evangelicals to simply stay away from the polls.

NEIU senior Julie Hackman, who describes herself as a person of faith, welcomes the Democrats' wins in Congress.

Like many voters across the country, as well as here at Northeastern, she is concerned about the blurring separation between church and state under the Bush administration. She thinks the Ted Haggard scandal made little or no difference in the recent elections.

Haggard had significant clout in Washington, having participated in conference calls with White House staffers and lobbied Congress about Supreme Court nominees. His anti-gay rhetoric cemented his standing among the influential evangelical Christian political base.

"I am a deceiver and a liar.

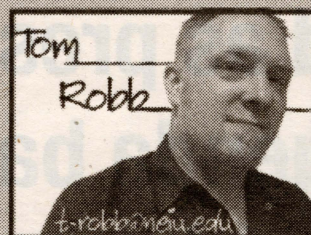
There's a part of my life that is so repulsive and dark that I have been warring against it for all of my adult life," wrote Haggard in a statement read before a packed congregation of his 14,000 member New Life Church he founded in the 1980s.

Some progressive voices on campus take issue with the Republicans' incorporation of their political and social views in the name of God.

As a member of the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance and supporter of gay rights, Hackman said, "I am so sick of these Republicans doing things and making decisions in the name of God."

She is surprised so many Christian conservatives are shocked that Haggard would be caught doing things which many consider to be "non-Christian."

A Closer Look...



Kids or class

Once again, the university professes to seek excellence, access, diversity and community. And again, that is brought into question.

This university has one of the largest returning adult populations in the state. Many of these people try to manage raising children while going back to school.

Wait, it's OK. There is a child care center right next to the P.E. Complex, so the kids can go to class there while mommy or daddy goes to study political science or physics, right?

Not exactly. While there is a child care center on campus, there is also a very long waiting list to get the child in, a wait of up to three years in some cases. Competing for the 89 spots in the center are not just students but also faculty, staff and members of the outside community. Students like Leticia Hill know this.

According to a document on enrollment in the child care facility released to the *Independent* by Director of Auxiliary Services Mark Kipp, 42 of those spots belong to community members who have no connection at all to the university. Sixteen slots belong to the children of alumni who may spend little or no time on this campus. NEIU has over 12,000 students, and only 20 of them have their children in child care on campus.

Kipp explained that child care is an auxiliary service, which cannot receive state funds and must be financially self-sufficient. The higher tuition for children of the community, faculty, staff and alumni keeps the rate for children of students down.

Meanwhile, Leticia brings her 15-month-old to class or just skips when she knows the teacher will not be sympathetic. So how are we serving a diverse community with access to education when only 20 students' kids get in and 143 were left on a waiting list last June? That number could only be bigger now.

Who said that the child care center must be a separate self-sustaining entity? Child care centers in many other universities are often part of their colleges of education, providing inexpensive student instructors.

Why is it that the university can ask for \$105.6 million from the state for capital development, can ask for \$63 million for an education building, but they cannot build a decent-sized facility for the children they may one day educate?

Saying that the place must be self-sufficient is a cop-out. There is a quarter of a million dollars to pay President Steinberg. There was all of that money to rehab the Beehive (Building C). There is even \$400,000 to study the history of the slave trade, an important subject, no doubt.

But what politician worth his or her salt would not love to stand at the groundbreaking of a new child care center, kissing babies? The money is there to support such a thing if the will is there.

Leticia has other options and will find a way, as so many mothers do to balance it all out. It may take a little more time, more stress, fewer classes and less studying, but it does not have to be that way.

To quote from a fairly popular book "As you have done unto the least of these, you have done unto me."

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NEIU state funding and tuition rates 1997-2008

| Fiscal Year | State Funding | Percent Change | Undergrad Tuition | Percent Change | Tuition Rates for |
|--------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| | | | Per Credit Hour | | Incoming Students |
| 1997 | 34,398,400 | NA | \$85 | NA | NA |
| 1998 | 36,024,100 | 4.70% | 88 | 3.5 | NA |
| 1999 | 38,189,000 | 6 | 91 | 3.4 | NA |
| 2000 | 40,330,400 | 5.6 | 94.25 | 3.6 | NA |
| 2001 | 42,610,100 | 5.7 | 97.5 | 3.4 | NA |
| 2002 | 45,396,800 | 6.5 | 101 | 3.6 | NA |
| 2003 | 42,585,400 | -6.2 | 107.5 | 3.5 | NA |
| 2004 | 39,077,700 | -8.2 | 110 | 5.3 | NA |
| 2005 | 39,227,700 | 0.4 | 115 | 4.5 | 124 |
| 2006 | 39,247,700 | 0.1 | 126 | 9.6 | 160 |
| 2007 | 40,026,300 | 2 | 136 | 7.9 | 175 |
| 2008 (PROPOSED) | NA | NA | 156 | 14.7 | 195 |

Source: President's Report to the Board of Trustees, Nov. 16, 2006

Tuition at NEIU has generally increased by less than six percent most years, until fiscal year 2006, which saw increases approaching 10 percent.

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however, fiscal demands from the state increased, and NEIU now has increased costs in a variety of areas including health care, pensions and compensation.

Vice President of Finance and Administration Mark Wilcockson, who helps formulate the school's budget and oversees the process by which tuition increases are made, said that the university would be presenting the increase to the Student Government Association (SGA) at the SGA's Thursday, Dec. 7 meeting.

As is the custom in recent years, Wilcockson, Provost Lawrence Frank and Vice President of Student Affairs Melvin Terrell will attend the SGA meeting to present the increase.

The two previous increases in tuition

for continuing students were 9.6 percent for the 2006 school year and 7.9 percent for the 2007 school year. The highest previous increase in the preceding 10 years was 5.3 percent for the 2004 school year.

Also noted in the President's Report to the Board of Trustees, the three administrators will "meet with Student Government, discuss the proposed tuition and fee plan and work with Student Government to facilitate a broad discussion of the issues."

Steinberg added that she will present a set of tuition and fee recommendations to the Board for approval at their next February meeting.

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Fees could increase possibly as much as 18.1 percent under the proposal detailed in the President's report, which also proposes that resident graduate tuition is raised by 25 percent from \$160 per credit hour to \$200 per credit hour, an increase that is approximately seven times the rate of inflation.

Continuing students enrolled before fall 2004 will pay 26 percent more in tuition

than students who enrolled in fall 2004 under the Truth In Tuition Act, which guarantees a four-year tuition rate at all public universities in Illinois.

"It was artificially low," Wilcockson said of the fall 2004 tuition rate, which has been lower than continuing undergrads for three consecutive years. "The students of fall 2004 got a great deal."

With the proposed tuition rate for incoming students in fall 2007 set at \$195 per credit hour, tuition at NEIU will have doubled between the fiscal years of 2001 and 2008, with tuition in 2001 at \$97.50 per credit hour and the proposed fiscal year 2008 tuition for new students exactly twice that.

Wilcockson also confirmed that the proposed increases were an "action item" for the next board meeting, scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 15, 2007.

Campus reaction to Democrats retaking Congress

by Duncan Macnab
Production Manager

The votes are in: the Democrats hold the power in the House and the Senate. History is the only thing in the way of the Democrats to see if the election has done anything for America.

"This election was a good day for democracy," said Assistant Professor of Political Science Gregory Neddenriep.

About President George Bush's acceptance of the resignation of Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, Neddenriep said, "Bush is being responsive to the public sentiment."

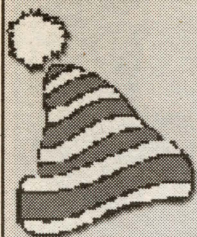
Though Bush is still the president, "the [Democrats'] control of the

Senate and the House will control the influence on the agenda," Neddenriep continued. He went on to say that the turnout was influenced by public polls showing the need for response and "a change of course" in political practices and the war in Iraq.

"Sangmin Bae, another political science professor, said, "I think it is a good start for good change in two years. ... It should send a positive [signal] to the international world."

As to the implications for the 2008 presidential election, Bae agreed with Neddenriep's assertion "that is was too early to tell what this meant for the Democrats and the shift power in the presidency in two years, or even if the Democrats can hold the power in the House and the Senate."

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important thing.

Despite being weakened by rounds of chemotherapy to treat a brain tumor diagnosed in February 2003, Makridis graduated cum laude in 2005 from NEIU with a bachelor's in English and a minor in human resources, fulfilling her dream of obtaining her degree despite obstacles.

Rebecca died Tuesday, Oct. 31 after her cancer returned, leaving her family and others who admired her to reflect on the life of a determined young woman who touched the lives of everyone who knew her.

Her mother remembers a headstrong, talented young woman who did not back away from the challenges of her illness. "We were always pushing for education," Mrs. Makridis said, and she noted with more than a little pride the fact that Rebecca earned her degree under some very trying circumstances. Mrs. Makridis also pointed out that Rebecca was one of the first in her family to earn a college degree.

Mrs. Makridis described just how badly Rebecca wanted to finish what she started at NEIU, as she and Rebecca's then-fiancé Christos Georgakis drove Rebecca to school each day because she could not drive herself, helping Rebecca achieve her goal of earning a degree.

Despite the fact that her illness was taxing her physical strength, she persevered and continued to live her life, marrying Christos on Dec. 11, 2005 and taking a job at NEIU for a brief time. Rebecca described to others how Christos supported her through her illness, acting as her "chauffeur." She told a friend that she was "forever grateful" for

his support.

Peggy Shannon, Honors Program administrative aide, described Rebecca as having an "Enormous love and respect for her family and friends. She kept her illness private and strove for the normal everyday life that her peers were experiencing here at NEIU. She wanted to finish her degree, get married and a get a job. She did all that. I miss her."

Mrs. Makridis said that Rebecca loved writing and wrote quite a bit of poetry. Rebecca wrote the following poem at age 15, long before the battle that would eventually take her life:

War Between Heart and Mind

*Not war between right and wrong
War between right and right
While the mind seeks education,
the heart seeks love*

*There are three things that the brain as
well as modern medicine
Cannot cure or control
Spirits that die
A wounded soul
And a broken heart*

*The only way to find truce between the
battle of the two rights, mind and heart, is
patience*

*The longer the heart waits, the more
spirits will die and the
longer soul wounds
will take to heal*

Rebecca Makridis Georgakis is survived by her mother Chrysanthi, father John, brother Alex and husband Christos.

Women's empowerment in indigenous cultures

by Amy Scoma
Managing Editor

"Keep the symmetrical power between minority and majority, even if it means sacrificing equality in numbers," Professor Ilham Nasser, Ph.D., told her audience at the panel discussion, "Social Justice and Peace Education."

Nasser studied a school in village called Neve Shalom/Wahat Al Salam (NSWAS) in Israel, a place where Jews and Palestinians decided live together in relative peace since the 1970s.

In this village, peace was sought through education. According to Nasser, peace education claims to understand the other side. The school in NSWAS is bilingual; however, according to Nasser, problems of equality persist.

Palestinian schools teach Hebrew beginning in second grade, but Arabic is not mandated in Jewish schools. Jewish teachers in NSWAS, Nasser reported, did not believe they had to learn Arabic because all administrative dealings are done in Hebrew. For the school to thrive, Nasser noted, "it is important to give legitimacy to the minority language" in order to achieve bilingual power.

The second speaker, Kathryn Fisher, writer and performance artist, spoke about her month at a remote farming cooperative in San Ramon, Nicaragua. There she studied women's perceptions of their roles by formally and informally interviewing the women. Most women in this farming co-op felt they needed financial help, contraceptives and literacy within their communities.

Fischer noted that many women did not feel disempowered; that word was not part of their vocabulary. The co-op sponsored a gender empowerment program, and men and women alike seemed responsive to the workshops that taught the difference between gender and sex. Women were especially responsive to the thought of men helping them with housework and cooking.

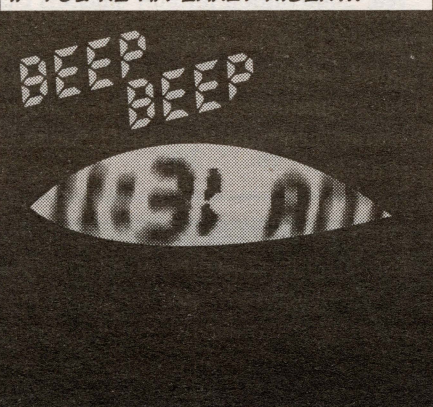
A typical day for these women, Fisher told the audience, was getting up at 3:00 a.m., cooking breakfast and lunch, running errands, cooking dinner, and going to bed at 8:00 p.m. The typical day for men included getting up at 3:00 a.m., working from 6:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., playing soccer for an hour in the evening before dinner at 6:00, and going to bed at 8:00 p.m.

In San Ramon, most children did not go to school, and only one adult female told Fisher that she was interested in learning English.

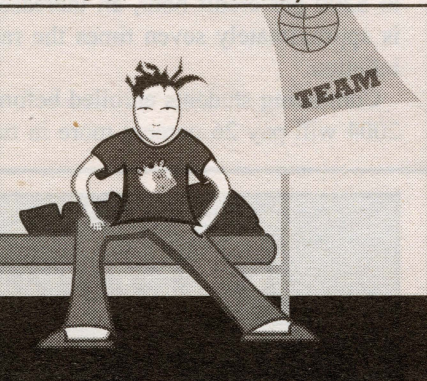
Fisher told the audience that she often felt out of place in her month in San Ramon. "What is my relationship to these women? How can I take place in this environment?" she often asked herself during her stay.

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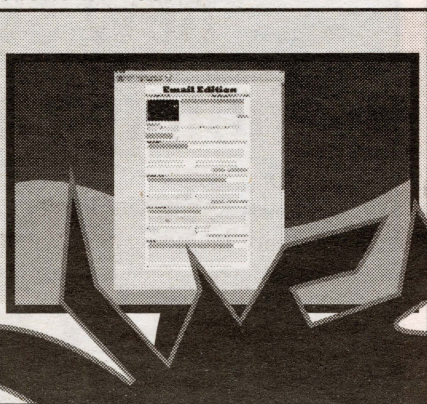
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No H.O.M.E coming this time

by Dino Pollard
REV Editor

Sometimes, there is no going H.O.M.E. The anti-gay organization Heterosexuals Organized for a Moral Environment has come to NEIU on and off since at least 1994. Most of the time, they were either ignored or protested.

That all changed in fall of 2003 when a large protest broke out, and students demanded changes in policy from the administration. Since then, Heterosexuals Organizing for a Moral Environment (H.O.M.E.) have had a history with the students on campus.

"They told us they wanted to come on November 13, and we got word out to the students so they could mobilize a response. We contacted them to tell them to use the B-Wing, and they responded back that they weren't coming," said Dean of Students Michael Kelly.

Regardless, students from the Socialist Club and the GLBA were prepared to meet H.O.M.E. in the event that they did show up. At 12:30 p.m. on Nov. 13, around 10 students affiliated with the two groups waited in Village Square with a table and signs protesting bigotry and hate speech. H.O.M.E. never showed up to meet their opposition.

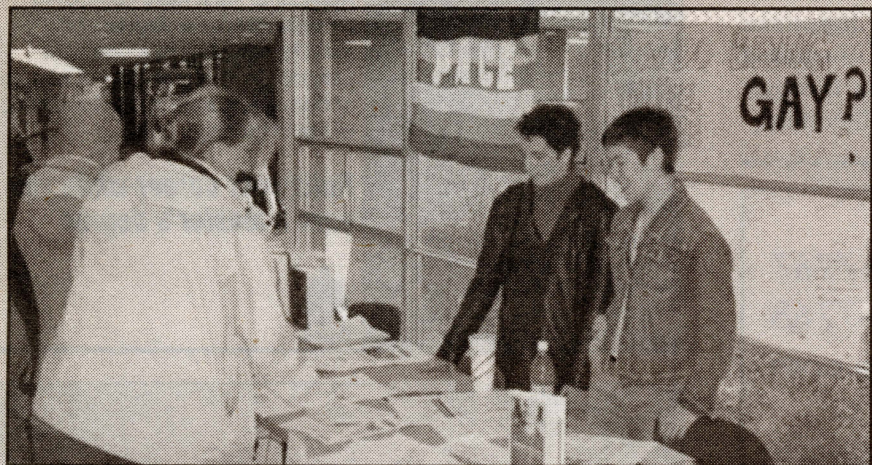
"It was anti-climatic, but we still had a presence," said Rachel Cohen of the Socialist Club. "The administration likes to brag about diversity, but they refuse to take a stance for student rights. Every time H.O.M.E. has come here we've given them hell. They chickened out his time, but that doesn't change the fact that the administration still allowed them to come."

According to Kelly, H.O.M.E. was not invited to come to campus. Since the university is state property, they can show up whenever they choose.

"They can't threaten, berate or shout at students, and they can't be disruptive," Kelly said. "If there is a likelihood that their presence will result in lawless action, then we can ask them to leave."

Kelly clarified that lawful protests, such as the one planned by the Socialist Club and the GLBA, will not be grounds for the university to ask H.O.M.E. to leave.

Director of the Student Union Felicia Keelen said H.O.M.E.'s spokesman told her their appearance was never planned. "They may have just been inquiring about the day," she said. She also said that H.O.M.E. did not mention another day for coming to campus.



The GLBTA at a past tabling. Campus groups have usually responded to the presence of H.O.M.E on campus by tabling and counter-demonstrating.

President, from page 1

Nancy Masterson in a written statement released by NEIU Public Relations. "She has a demonstrated record of developing new academic programs, a firm commitment to academic excellence and a strong record of faculty support which are areas of special importance to the Board."

Trustee and member of the Presidential Search Committee Edward G. Dykla also said he voted for Hahs because, "I think the sincerity of her answers when we interviewed her, also the fact that she is from the State of Illinois, [shows] she knows the political game."

Hahs said that the first issue she will have to deal with as president is "the learning curve. First we learn more about the university. There are lots of people with lots of expertise, and we want to work together to identify what the first set of issues are."

As to a proposed 14.9 percent tuition increase, Hahs said, "Well, I need to be brought up to speed on that before I would comment."

A war of words

Not all at the meeting had praise for Hahs. "Today is truly a dark and gloomy day at Northeastern University," Michalczyk's four-page speech began during the discussion before the election of Hahs.

"What we are seeing here today is business as usual. Back door deals, polarization and division of the campus community, and most importantly, morally reprehensible actions that are being taken by this Board," said Michalczyk.

"The Board Search Committee has taken upon itself to decide to extend a contract offer to Hahs, one of the candidates for university president. This couldn't have been a bigger mistake," Michalczyk continued.

Trustee Walter W. Dudycz reacted to Michalczyk's characterization with, "In my opinion, we have chosen not only the right but the best candidate for the job that she's about to undertake. ... I see this as being a very bright and sunny day."

Michalczyk spoke about the interview process with the Student Government Association (SGA). He said that presidential candidate Dr. Nabil A. Ibrahim had researched information about the university, including memorizing line items from the budget, whereas Hahs had not.

"How can a potential president not do any research about certain basic things

Student Trustee Peter Michalczyk, who delivered an impassioned speech to his fellow trustees questioning the process that selected the new university president, Dr. Sharon K. Hahs.

"I'm sorry, it's not Spanish. It's Latino or Hispanic or whatever you want to call them."

-NEIU Trustee
Edward Dykla

involving the campus?" Michalczyk asked in his speech.

SGA President Eron McCormick said that at a candidate forum exclusive to the SGA, the members present unanimously supported Ibrahim.

"I'm not attacking Dr. Hahs at all, but Dr. Ibrahim was a better fit in our opinion," McCormick said.

After slamming Hahs, Michalczyk lauded Ibrahim, saying, "He has a proven

record of working with minority groups, especially Hispanic and African American students. After all, we are a Hispanic-Serving Institution. We should pick somebody that has a shown a clear dedication to the causes

of these groups."

Dykla also took issue during the meeting to the charges in Michalczyk's speech. "We were searching for this candidate for over a year. He said we didn't have enough candidates. We were working on it for over a year. We had 66 candidates from around the country, and we boiled down [to] 10, six, two and one.

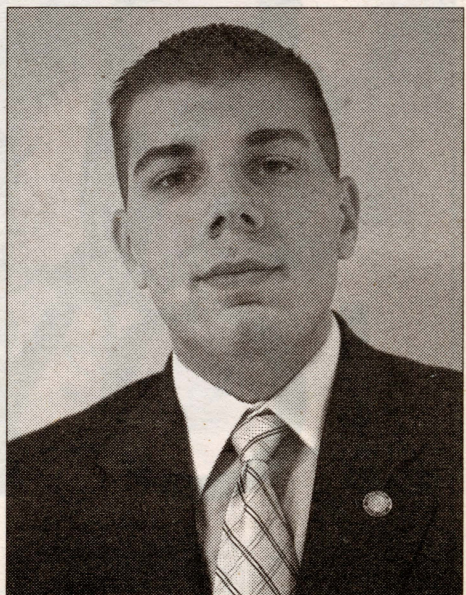
"They were very good, especially the last 10. We had Spanish. He mentioned the Spanish situation. We had two extremely qualified Spanish people, and they both withdrew at the last moment for personal reasons.

"Before I cast my vote, I resent the comment and am insulted by his statement of backroom tactics. It is in good, clear conscience. Over a year, [there were] 66 candidates, several Spanish. Two finalists were the best Spanish people you could have education-wise, [and they] withdrew. So in conscience, I am voting yes."

Dykla then corrected himself, saying "I'm sorry, it's not Spanish. It's Latino or Hispanic or whatever you want to call them."

Azcoitia abstained from voting, stating that being new, he did not have enough information to vote. He took issue with Dykla's self correction, saying that he did not hear the entire comment but found the language troubling.

Hahs comes from Southern Illinois Edwardsville where she was provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs and director of special projects.



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New trustee has eventful first day

by Jo Cook

Assistant News Editor

As to his professional relationship with NEIU prior to his appointment to the Board of Trustees on Nov. 16, Carlos Azcoitia said "I've had none whatsoever. This is my first meeting."

At that first meeting, Azcoitia abstained from voting to confirm the new university presidential appointee Sharon Hahs, saying "I just now had a chance to review the information," as he was not a member of the search committee that selected her.

Azcoitia's credentials include a doctorate in education from Northern Illinois University and a bachelor's

from the University of Puerto Rico. He is a former deputy chief education officer for Chicago Public Schools and currently serves as the principal at John Spry Community School.

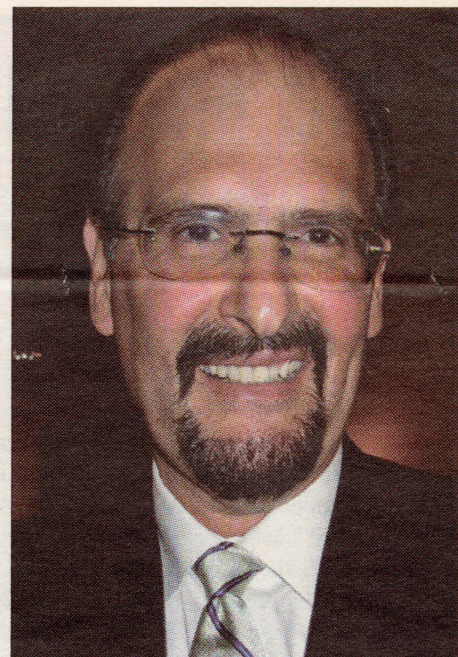
In his brief speech to the board on Thursday, he said that he is "looking forward to being a member of the Board of Trustees and working with the university community. We need to work together on quality issues that affect the diverse constituents of this school."

"This is my neighborhood university. When I was a teacher, I had student teachers that came from Northeastern, and now, as a principal, I have an assistant principal from NEIU. There's a personal connection here for me."

Azcoitia said that first and foremost, he would like to address gross teacher shortages in certain departments, which he believes needs to be discussed amongst the Board.

He also noted that he has "read some articles about our graduation rates, and I think that we have to take a look at how students' needs are being attended to."

As a principal, I want 100% graduation rates. Many times, people bring excuses about minority populations into their arguments [about poor student retention]. I think that you need to create environments in which students from all backgrounds can succeed, and I'd like to contribute to that."



New Board of Trustees member
Carlos Azcoitia.

photo by Tom Robb

"Occupied" Japan under debate at conference

by Angelica Garcia

Staff Writer

During the "Dialogue under Occupation" conference that NEIU from Nov. 7 to 11, Christine De Matos was the only speaker to address how "in some ways, Japan is still occupied."

De Matos, who came from the University of Wollongong in Australia, engaged the audience in a discussion on gender roles and stereotypes. When she commenced her speech, she began by stating that she was not a linguist but

a historian.

The paper she delivered to an audience of about 13 explored the roles of women in Japan as both the occupiers and the occupied.

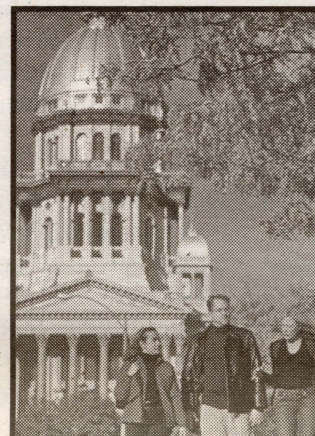
Through slides and articulate speech, she was able to illustrate how distant two cultures were with one another, despite living in the same area. She said Australians were expected to "engage with the culture, [but] not so much the people."

De Matos also explained how Australian language, both in Australia and in

Japan, changed to portray the Japanese negatively in an "elegant" manner.

The Japanese government provided military men and their families with workers. These workers were paid, and yet they were claimed as property.

Australian women also demeaned both Japanese men and women by calling them "Jap houseboys" and "Jap housegirls." De Matos explained how Japanese women were also illustrated as domestic slaves through modern Australian literature.



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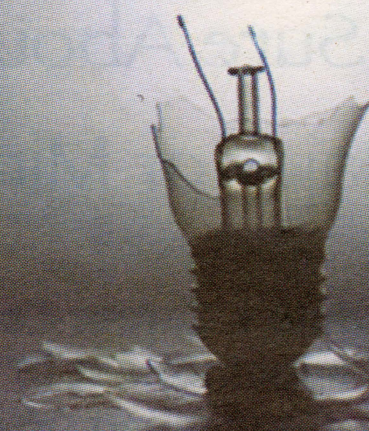
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Hot off the presses and into the hands of thieves

Newspaper theft grows on college campuses across the country, spurring legislation

by Richard Fausset

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LEXINGTON, Ky. -- Megan Boehnke, the editor of the University of Kentucky's student newspaper, came up with a big, controversial scoop for last Monday's edition.

Under a banner headline, she announced that two students and a recent graduate had been legally drunk when they died in high-profile accidents this year.

But someone -- who apparently didn't want the story out -- decided to scoop up Boehnke's scoop.

Early Monday, more than 4,700 copies of the Kentucky Kernel went missing from bins around campus. The free paper's total press run is 17,000, but enough copies were stolen to dull the buzz for a while.

As censorship goes, snapping up truckloads of local newspapers ranks among the bluntest of tactics -- right up there with serving hemlock to Socrates. And it's obviously not the kind of problem big-city dailies are worried about.

But newspaper theft is a recurring and pernicious issue for college newspapers, and one that has endured, strangely, through the Internet era, when most controversial articles are usually just a Google search away.

The Kentucky theft was the 11th at an American campus since the school year started, according to the Student Press Law Center.

The Virginia-based nonprofit has logged an average of 24 incidents a year since it began keeping serious tabs in 1992.

"It's kind of a consistent problem, and a very difficult one to deal with and solve," said Executive Director Mark Goodman. "It's somewhat insidious, because it's out of the hands of the newspaper staff to do something to prevent it."

Punishing the thieves can be tricky: Because college papers are usually free of charge, prosecutors sometimes refuse to treat their disappearance as a theft, though newspapers must sometimes reimburse advertisers.

Some states are trying to remedy the problem. California will soon join Maryland and Colorado in explicitly criminalizing the theft of free newspapers. Starting in January, the taking of more than 25 free papers will result in a fine of up to \$250 for first-time offenders.

The law was pushed strongly by the California Newspaper Publishers Association after a number of campus newspaper thefts

this year.

At Glendale Community College, 2,000 copies of the student paper El Vaquero disappeared in June. The issue contained a report on student suicide that named a recent victim. College President John A. Davitt, who has since retired, was upset that the article was going to

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appear, but he denied having had the copies removed, El Vaquero reported.

At Pasadena City College, 5,000 copies of its student paper, the Courier, were stolen in May. Torn-up copies showed up at the newspaper office, with a note that claimed the Latino group MEChA was responsible. A student later admitted to taking and shredding the copies.

And at Cal State Chico, environmental activists stole 2,500 copies of the Orion, the campus weekly, because they were upset by an editorial. According to the Student Press Law Center, an anonymous caller threatened to "recycle all copies."

None of the California cases resulted in prosecutions, said Jim Ewert, legal counsel for the California Newspaper Publishers Assn.

In Kentucky, campus police are pursuing the case. The cover of the Kernel, like those of many student papers, states that the first issue is free, but additional issues cost 25 cents.

Because the total value of the stolen copies is more than \$300, the police say the act probably constitutes felony theft.

Acting Police Chief Joe Monroe said the department had identified a female suspect from surveillance cameras.

An arrest had not been made.

Editor Boehnke said she knew her article was causing a stir in the days before its publication: When she called one victim's mother for a comment, the mother asked her not to print the story, saying it would be hurtful to the family. Then Boehnke received more than a dozen calls and e-mails from the victim's family and friends urging her not to publish. Some were measured, others "hysterical," she said.

After consulting her faculty advisor and other journalism professors, Boehnke decided to publish.

Headlined "Students who died were legally drunk," it was the lead story, reporting that at least one Kentucky student had died in an alcohol-related incident in five of the last six years.

On Monday morning, she got a call from the newsroom. The paper -- and her story -- had disappeared from the heavily trafficked hallways of the central campus.

The story, she notes, is still available on the paper's Web site (www.kykernel.com), and the paper itself still available elsewhere on campus.

And a number of national websites that focus on education and the press have picked up news of the controversy.

"That's the thing," Monroe said. "All these people who wanted to suppress the story have only magnified the story."

It is, of course, the availability of papers on campuses that makes their theft so tempting. University of Kentucky police say that most of the thefts occurred within a mile of the Kernel offices.

But that concentration has also helped college newspapers avoid broader industry doldrums. Advertisers continue to be attracted to a medium tightly focused on an audience that is, by definition, young, educated and upwardly mobile.

Child care, from page 1

of alumni and community members with children in the program is almost three times that at 58.

Faculty have five and staff have six children in the CCC, according to an enrolment document provided by Director of Auxiliary Services Mark Kipp.

As of June 2006, there were 309 children waiting to get in: 124 children of students, 140 children of community members, and 45 children of alumni, faculty and staff, according to an e-mail from Elfriede Weber, coordinator of the CCC. Kipp provided the e-mail, which was originally sent to him, as the CCC reports to Auxiliary Services.

Classes in the CCC are divided by age, ranging from infants to kindergarten. Weber said that the classes for toddlers between the ages of 15 months and 2 and a half years are most in demand and had the longest waiting time of up to

three years. There are only 15 filled spots in that division.

There are four categories of people who use the center for their children: students, faculty and staff, alumni, and members of the general community. Weber said that when a slot in any of the categories becomes open, it is filled by someone in that same category.

Kipp said that the community, staff and alumni categories pay about a third more in CCC tuition than students.

The reason for the waiting list, explained Weber, is due to the space and limitations of 35 square feet per child in any given room. She advises people to get on the waiting list when they become pregnant.

Both Kipp and Weber said it is not possible to expand the current building. "We're not going to meet all the needs. ... If we expand, we would have to up fees," said Kipp.

Furthermore, Kipp said that a ratio of one teacher to every five children imposed by the Department of Children and Family Services prevents more children from being admitted.

As an auxiliary service, the

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CCC also must be financially self-sufficient, except for rent, according both Weber and Kipp.

Weber expressed her frustration with the financial situation, saying "What's really difficult is that we

have to pay an administrative overhead of \$25,000 per year." Kip said that this money is issued for administrative expenses, such as processing payroll for the employees of the center.

Additionally, Weber said that she had to pay for physical repairs, like the recent replacement of the furnace, out of the CCC's budget. She added that some operating costs are covered by grants from the Department of Education.

The CCC was set up as an auxiliary service when it opened in 1972. Were it not an auxiliary service, explained Kip, it would need to be part of the College of Education, making it a magnet school and thus complicating matters even more.

The CCC has had several spaces since 1972, which were all off campus until this most recent space.

Kipp offered one possible

solution to the limited enrollment in the CCC: "[Governor Rod] Blagojevich talked about childcare expansion. Maybe the state grants us money."

Even if the CCC were not an auxiliary service, explained Kip, the only way to expand enrolment in the CCC is to build a new building. Weber said that a study should be available on the feasibility of a new building in the coming weeks.

But the prospect of a new building is doubtful, according to Kipp. He said that such buildings were typically funded through bonds, and the university has three bonds one for the parking garage and two for the Student Union that it is still paying off.

Kipp also said that for an expansion to be financially viable, enrollment at the CCC would need to reach the capacity of the new space.

Editorial

We owe it to Rebecca

There is no better example of what Northeastern Illinois University embodies than Rebecca Makridis Georgakis. She represents the fundamental truth that underlies the mission of this university, which is to educate and give access to those who strive for an education no matter what challenges are placed before them.

Rebecca Makridis Georgakis died Oct. 31 after a three-year battle with brain cancer, but the example she sets casts a long shadow over all of the students who will ever call themselves graduates of this university.

Despite rounds of chemotherapy and a constant battle just to make it to class, Rebecca graduated with cum laude honors in 2005. She graduated with the support and love of her family, who saw to it that she made it to school every day despite her weakened state, and who watched as Rebecca defied every expectation and refused to surrender to her illness.

The lives of students seem filled with crises and challenges, from family to work to professors to the obstacle course that is life. Some students will point to such challenges as the reason they fail.

Rebecca would not accept that false truth that says that our circumstances define us. She carried on, despite a situation that would have broken a lesser person. She succeeded because she refused to accept that her dreams were impossible.

The character of our lives is determined by our *reaction* to our circumstances, and Rebecca Makridis Georgakis rose to the occasion in a way that many of us cannot help but be humbled by. She took what life gave her and made it her own. In defying death and fulfilling her goals, she truly lived.

The way Rebecca lived her life is the epitome of how students should approach the gift that is our education: with passion and with strength, knowing that each day is not promised, and that the chance to earn a degree should not be taken for granted.

We should approach our education with the same fervor that Rebecca seized life, never resigning ourselves to accept how things are but striving to make the most of them. This is not about merely showing up to school but fighting to make class, this university, this *experience* the complete, quality education it should be.

Before we sell ourselves short as we near the finish line at NEIU, before we go gentle into that good night, we must ask ourselves if we are truly doing everything we can to become educated. We have to be able to say that every day, every class, every moment, is filled with a tenth of the determination that Rebecca had to have just to get out of bed every morning.

Even if we fall short of the lives we envision, it should not be due to a lack of effort or desire. We owe it to Rebecca to treat the lives we live as a gift.

We owe it to Rebecca to try.

Obama in '08?

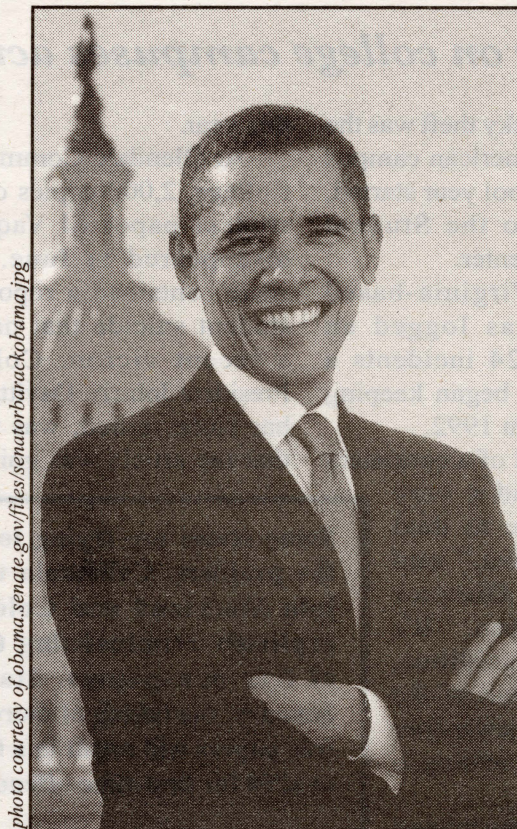


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by Dino Pollard
REV Editor

When was the last time progressives in America voted *for* a presidential candidate, as opposed to voting *against* the greater of two evils? Hard to recall. There have been very few presidential candidates who seem so distant from the rest of the American people.

But there is one potential candidate for the 2008 presidential election who can reach out to those who have become jaded by America's political process: Senator Barack Obama.

Until the Democratic National Convention of 2004, very few people outside of Illinois even knew who Obama was. But after he gave a rousing keynote address, he was thrust onto the national stage. He's now become the rock star of the Democratic Party,

named as a potential presidential candidate for future elections.

At first, Obama denied that he would run in 2008, telling Tim Russert of *Meet The Press* "I'm not focused on running for higher office." But when he reappeared on the program, he seemed to change his mind. He admitted that he was thinking about it but will wait until after the Nov. 7 election. A recent issue of *TIME* magazine even featured Obama on the cover with the caption, "Why Barack Obama Could Be The Next President."

According to Obama's Web site (www.barackobama.com), "he still believes in the ability to unite people around a politics of purpose — a politics that puts solving the challenges of everyday Americans ahead of partisan calculation and political gain."

His track record shows he's more than willing to work outside of partisan politics. In the Illinois state Senate, he worked with both Democrats and Republicans to create the Earned Income Tax Credit. He also worked with Republican Tom Coburn in the U.S. Senate to pass a law for transparency in government.

Unlike many politicians, Obama is no trash-talker. He's a very eloquent speaker who states his position without condemning others for disagreeing with him. The man is capable of uniting people across the political spectrum. This kind of compromise is something the country needs after eight years of partisan bickering.

More importantly, Obama is a candidate people can believe in. He's well-spoken, well-educated, yet he's also approachable. He looks just as comfortable in jeans and a t-shirt as he does in a suit; he's not just another stiff career politician.

Will Obama run for president in 2008? That remains to be seen. But there is definitely interest, and if he does run, it would be a great step for America and an even greater step if he wins. Obama has the charisma and the intelligence to lead America out of the darkness it has seen during the Bush administration.



Old Man on Campus

Taste life

Observing small children gives us a wonderful insight into what life is about. Watch a toddler as they reach out and pick something up in their hands. They look at it, shake it around, hold it up for examination and then ... they put it in their mouth!

They taste it. No matter what it is, they want to know what it tastes like. And that is how we should approach life. Not just look at it or examine it, but taste it and savor the unique flavor of each experience we have. It is the childlike wonder and joy of discovery that makes life exciting and worth living. And it is the tasting of life that brings character to our being.

Connoisseurs of wine sip and slowly relish the bouquet and body, swirling it around in their cheeks and tongue to receive the full effect of its content. Epicureans will prepare foods

that tempt the palate and then slowly masticate in order to enjoy the various textures and juices of the meal. Life should be approached in this manner.

In this fast-paced, high-tech society we live in, we content ourselves with pre-weighed, prepared, pre-cooked, pre-formed, pre-portioned fast foods. There is no deviance from the corporate burger, there is no variance in flavor, nothing to spice up the experience. This is reflective of our lifestyle of convenience, complacency and lemming-like acceptance of a bland existence. Life itself, as does eating, becomes uneventful and mundane.

College students today cannot remember what eating was like before McDonalds restaurants and the multitude of franchised food dispensaries that followed. There were mom and pop snack shops, as they were called, and usually had a simple sign in the window that said, "EAT."

As a high schooler, we could eat lunch at the main street "EAT" places such as Lynde's or Poppa Joe's; even the corner

Rexall drugstore had a lunch counter. In those places you could get grilled burgers, dogs, sandwiches, fries and a malt, shake or a fountain drink such as orange or root beer, made before your eyes with syrup and carbonated water.

Have you ever tried a chocolate phosphate? There were not many canned sodas back then, and bottled pop was in dispensing machines or sold in the questionably sanitary mom and pop eateries operating in local residential garages around the school. And the food in each place had a personal uniqueness about it. No two burgers were the same.

Yup, back in my high school days, there were lunchtime places operating out of garages where enterprising folk sold cold lunch meat (now we call them deli-style) sandwiches, potato chips and bottled pop purchased at the local food store to hungry students who paid a little more rather than eat in the school cafeteria.

Places called "Mom's" or "Gertie's" lined the alleyways around school, and we each had our chosen hang-out where we

would meet and eat until the sound of the exterior school buzzer, which could be heard for at least a mile, called us back to class.

Eating was an adventure with many options. That is how life should be. If you didn't like the taste of food in one place, you tried another. Today, choices outside the corporate level are few, but they do exist. You have to search for them. Step away from the norm of franchise (when was the last time you had a pizza that was not from, say, Domino's or Pizza Hut?) and vending machine choices once in a while and experiment. Look for the "EAT" sign.

Life is more than vending machine to microwave to your mouth. Break free from the monotonous, bland existence of corpora-tech society and live a little. Discover what's out there. Become as a child again and experience the wonder of Being. Pick life up in your hands; shake it, touch and feel it, and by all means, taste it!

Election 2006:

A referendum on the war

by Amy Scoma
Managing Editor

"Since my kids are gone, I can say it: [Republicans] can go f—k themselves!" Rahm Emanuel exclaimed exuberantly at the Democratic victories in the House and Senate, as quoted by the *Chicago Tribune*.

There is something so candid about Emanuel's statement. Instead of cowering or growling Howard Dean-style at disgusting Republican rhetoric, Emanuel called it like he saw it.

After 12 years of a party gone wrong and then worse, Emanuel, head of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC), and Charles Schumer, head of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, helped rebuild a falling party.

People can argue that what it

means to be a Democrat — that is, being pro-choice and pro-gay marriage — has been redefined in this last election. But the most important issue was decided upon. Citizens of this country are fed up with a war based on lies and greed.

No one should be able to wage war in a predominantly Muslim country if he or she does not know the difference between a Shi'ite and a Sunni. The facts are clear: the Iraq crisis has devolved into civil war.

When Lincoln Chaffee, a liberal, liberal Republican, lost in Rhode Island to Democrat Sheldon Whitehouse, everyone knew it was all over. At the end of the night, more governorships and House seats went to Democrats than Republicans. Claire McCaskill beat incumbent Senator Jim Talent in Missouri.

Wednesday, Senator George Allen could have certainly asked for a recount in Virginia, but he just conceded to Jim Webb. Jon Tester took Montana, Donald Rumsfeld resigned, and the Republican Party folded like a \$12.99 beach chair.

What's more is that *our* guy, *our* district Congressman Rahm Emanuel was a part of creating this tsunami of Democratic voters across the nation. The *Chicago Tribune* reported that in a conversation with Democratic strategist James Carville and pollster Stan Greenberg, both trying to persuade Emanuel to go easy on the opponents in the last days of campaign ads, Emanuel responded, "Can you listen for one [expletive] minute? I'm working these campaigns all the time. The campaigns all have different textures."

Would it really do any good anyway?

by Jonathan Gronli
Production Editor

With Saddam Hussein sentenced to be executed by means of hanging, one can only ask what kind of effect would this have on the war on Iraq. Quite frankly, there are only two visible answers to that question.

It will have no effect, with Iraq eventually tearing itself apart or the citizens of Iraq finally resolving whatever differences there are, and peace will be had. That, however, is the best-case scenario. Worst-case scenario, things get much worse and Iraq gets torn apart from within more quickly, even with an American presence trying to induce stability.

Before the news of Hussein being set to hang, things were getting progressively worse in Iraq. While the violence has been predominately localized in only certain areas, its impact is still significant. The combined casualty count of the Iraqi police over the past two years is around 12,000 (4,000 dead and 8,000 wounded) as reported by the *New York Times* on Oct. 7.

Seven hundred members of the Iraqi police force have been laid off due to suspicion of complicity with the insurgents, as reported by the Associated Press on Oct. 4. Last month alone, over 100 American soldiers have been killed, making it the bloodiest month in well over a year.

As Iraq descends closer and closer to the

possible all-out civil war rather than just small sectarian skirmishes that are localized in certain areas, the announcement of Hussein's sentencing brought out protests from the Sunni population. It is here where the already virulent situation could potentially get messier for both Iraq and America.

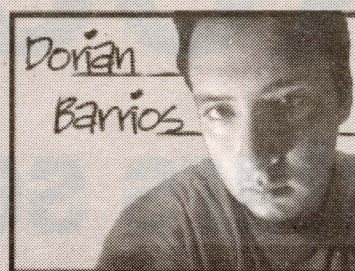
Either the violence increases exponentially and the nation falls into a civil war with America trying to hold back all sides, or it continues on the path it has been going toward either eventual all-out civil war or eventual peace.

Would there be any benefit to Hussein's execution? There are a couple of things that are good about it. For one, it will be justice for the people who were tortured and killed in Iraq while he was in power. It will be a means of showing that part of the mission in Iraq is done, although the rest of the mission will be rebuilding and stabilizing Iraq.

Also for America, it will be a means of fixing one of its Cold War mistakes. A renewed hope in change is also a possible outcome of the execution.

While there are these good aspects to Hussein's execution, there still are the problems that were mentioned earlier. Chances are the execution will be more costly in terms of lives and property damage than keeping him alive. Iraq will either continue on its course or be torn apart, and the ones who will suffer the most from either the change, or lack thereof, will be the Iraqi civilians.

VOICE OF THE CAMPUS



Feel-good university

Something has been bothering me ever since I started here at NEIU. No its not the food available in the cafeteria, or the lack of availability of classes (even though that is a huge problem.) I can deal with all that and graduation will come soon enough. But one thing that has seriously bothered me is the generally low expectations that are found everywhere on campus. It almost seems like they're out to boost our self image than actually teach useful material.

Starting from the top we hear President Steinberg justifying the rather long period of time that it takes students to graduate from this school. Rather than making a case strong case to improve the graduation rate we are given reasons why students take a longer time but that never includes the lack of classes available to students and awkward schedule that students have to deal with. Students would love to graduate in a more timely manner but the university is not set up to graduate students.

From the low expectations from the administration we move on to the curriculum that is offered on campus. From a general education program that includes much content that's offered in High School and in some cases even middle school to professors that just don't care, it can be difficult trying to comprehend why were paying so much for these classes. And the major wildcard once getting that degree is how well is it going to stack up against some one from UIC or another comparable school?

The massive egos that seem to guide the administration seem to have made their way down to the student level where many organizations are bogged down by a bizarre addiction to bureaucracy. Big egos usually go hand in hand with ambition but not here, people seem more eager to hold each other back and settle into a sad stalemate than become bigger, better, and more influential. I've confronted several colleagues and associates of mine with their conformity only to be put on the defensive. People would rather continue with the usual and feel good about themselves than be innovators.

This seems to be the culture on campus to just get by and hope for the best. There seems to be no interest to improve on what been done. At certain points it starts to feel like de ja vu. HOME causes a raucous; Jesse Jackson speaks on campus; students ignored by faculty. The only news story that becomes more spectacular every year is the annual SGA scandal. In 05 the president at the time was put on trial by the SGA judiciary system. This year the old president might face a real judiciary system. Spectacular!

While were on the topic of the SGA, it still boggles my mind why they continually reduce the requirements that students must meet to lead some of the clubs on campus. If a person has responsibilities with the family and work and can't manage to be a full time student how are they going to have time to lead a student organization? I can say with certainty that they won't and the students in the organization will ultimately suffer from that. This is college we should be shooting for the stars we have to rest of our lives to give into the doldrums of dealing with reality.

Kerry's generation gap

Comment from the 60s falls flat

by Joe Hertel
Senior Staff Writer

"You know, education, if you make the most of it, you study hard, you do your homework and you make an effort to be smart, you can do well. If you don't, you get stuck in Iraq."

— Sen. John Kerry

I don't normally comment on political figures, but in this case I take exception. The comment made by Senator John Kerry is a badly botched joke, but it is also much more than that. It's ignorance-speak.

This kind of statement, in many paraphrased forms, was prevalent in the 1960s and 70s as the Vietnam War dragged

on and on, and the draft was picking out young people for active duty day after day. It was true that if you stayed in school you could avoid the draft. It had nothing to do with getting smart, however, but only being smart to avoid winding up in Vietnam. It is not true today.

There is no draft ... yet. Young people volunteer and join up to serve, and some wind up in Iraq. It has nothing to do with how "smart" one is. For some, it is a manner in which one can obtain a job and income, which is why many of us unprivileged sorts find Kerry's comment insulting.

While it is true that for some it may be the only source of income for the present time, it still has nothing to do with staying

in school to avoid military service. Studying hard in school does not mean that you will do well later. And it does not mean that you will not end up in Iraq.

Also, some need a paycheck right now to support themselves or family and cannot wait through, or afford, four years of education. So the military becomes an immediate venue for financial assistance.

Considering today's current military program, it is archaic to equate staying in school as a means to evade military service ... unless Kerry is telling us that a military draft looms in the near future. However, even then the comment makes little sense because the new draft conditions have eliminated, for the most part, student deferment from the draft.

Kerry's reference to An Army of Dumb makes no sense. It's just not true. In an attempt either to get a laugh or make a point, he screwed up. Like most of our politicians today, he has led a relatively pampered life with little experience in having to struggle to put food on the table.

When politicians make dumb remarks like the recent faux pas by Kerry, it should impress the youth of today to stay in school if for no other reason than to gain knowledge and insight (in Kerry's words, "Make an effort to be smart") in order to run for future office and replace these dummies. Then we can once again have a country we can be proud of with leadership that is in touch with the people.

Rockstars pre

Rockstars season scoop

Tickets for students will be \$8, no liquor at games; practices on Tuesday, Thursday nights



Brandon Weiss (54) guarding Ripknees player in home opener.

by Mike Arch
Assistant REV Editor

The excitement of a new basketball season for the American Basketball Association (ABA) is on campus.

At a news conference in the P.E. Complex held by the Chicago Rockstars, Chicago's ABA team playing its debut season at NEIU, owner Marques Sullivan talked about contract negotiations.

Sullivan said, "[The Rockstars] are very excited to be here. It is an honor to play at a university that has great tradition and also great students and faculty. What we try to provide here is fun, family-orientated, professional basketball and [are] bringing this to Chicago."

At the first Rockstars game, NEIU Students enjoyed half-price admission. In all subsequent home games, NEIU students will receive a \$2 discount on tickets with a student ID.

Matt Specht, Director of Campus Recreation, was quoted previously by the *Independent* as saying that students

are "going to get a discount one way or another. I'm committed to students getting in [at] half price. That will be what students pay out of pocket, discounted or subsidized [by the campus Recreation Department.]"

Specht expressed disappointment with the current arrangement, saying, "Am I happy with it? No, I'm not happy with it, but that's where we ended up."

Specht explained that the two sides had agreed to charge students \$8 based on a \$15 ticket. After the two sides agreed to that price for students, Sullivan decided to drop the lowest ticket price to \$10.

Previously, Sullivan had said there would be liquor sales, and Specht had said the decision was pending due to insurance issues. According to Erika Krehbiel, director of public relations, the final word is there will be no alcohol sales at the games due to liability issues.

Security was another issue in the negotiations. Officer Tony Hill of the Chicago Police Department will head up the security effort. The bill for the security

will be shared between the Rockstars and the university.

Kenny Williams, the Rockstars' head coach and general manager, said, "practice for the Rockstars will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 8:45 p.m." This is after the close of the P.E. Complex. The prior closing of the gym during regular hours was due to the Rockstars' training camp.

In informational materials provided for the press, the new franchise maps out the sideline entertainment for the games. The Lady Rockstars dance team, "want[s] to provide Chicagoland fans with an 'edge' to the traditional dance teams in Chicago."

The team mascot is a fictional character, Rick Rock. According to Rock's "bio," he is Chicago-born and is signed to a 50-year contract with the Rockstars.

The Rockstars are all geared up for this season with the final contracts signed. Fans can expect professional basketball with all the trimmings here at NEIU Rockstars in a season they can only hope will lead to an ABA Championship.



Loyola University alum Louis Smith (5) soars to



photos by Dorian Barrios

Marcus Liberty (shooting), formerly of the Denver Nuggets and Detroit Pistons of the NBA, scored 14 points and led the team in rebounds (9), steals (4), and assists (4).

Results

November 10: Minnesota Ripknees

November 17: Chicago Rockstars

November 18: Chicago Rockstars

Upcoming

November 26: Rockstars

December 2: Rockstars

December 9: Rockstars

December 18: Rockstars



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Premiere at NEIU

Sawyer stars in basketball's return to NEIU

Rockstars comeback from 57-42 deficit at the half to win their debut game



a layup.



Liberty (25) and Weiss (54) block a shot.

by Mike Arch
Assistant REV Editor

Imari Sawyer led the Chicago Rockstars with 19 points to the team's first victory over the Minnesota Ripknees in their first game of the season, played at NEIU's P.E. Complex, 94-88.

Sawyer, a former DePaul University and King High School star, was responsible for bringing the Rockstars back after being down 15 points at the half with a score of 57-42.

The Rockstars chipped away at the lead throughout the third quarter. In the fourth, Sawyer made a layup and drew a foul for three points with 3:36 left in the game, putting the Rockstars up 82-81.

After a missed shot by Minnesota, Louis Smith rebounded and passed to Marcus Liberty for the layup to put the Rockstars up by three. Minnesota never regained the

lead. Liberty was second in points for the Rockstars with 14 points.

About his first win, Head Coach Kenny Williams said, "If I wanted to win some way it would be this way because it was a close game. At half time we looked kind of bleak, and what happened was the team showed they had some heart. This is perfect."

After the game, Sawyer was asked about being the star for the first game. He answered, "[It] doesn't matter. I just want to win. [It] feels good to play basketball anytime."

This was an exciting start to the first basketball season to be played in NEIU's P.E. Complex since 1997.

Student Trustee Peter Michalczyk, who attended the game, said, "[It was a] great game. I'd like to see more students in attendance. It's a wonderful venue for the students on campus."

Officials from the Rockstars organization

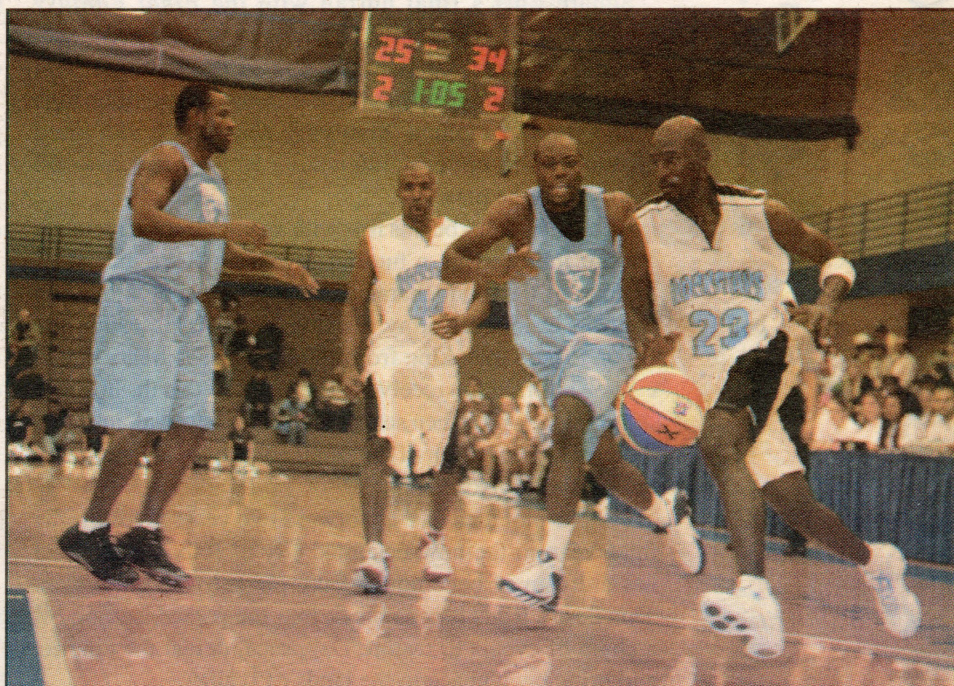
said the number of fans at the game was 275. Part of the reason for the low turnout could have been the weather, which was cold with heavy rain the night of the game.

There were no disturbances during the game, and security was present and noticeable.

Concessions didn't arrive until midway through the third quarter. According to Kevin Lampe, vice president of public relations for the Rockstars, "[there was a] scheduling conflict with the caterer, and they weren't able to make it until midway in the third quarter." Lampe said that this issue will be fixed before the next game.

The top five Rockstar players to watch for this season will be #5, Louis Smith (guard/forward); #10, Imari Sawyer (point guard); #23, Sherrick Simpson (guard); #25, Marcus Liberty (forward); and #8, Larry Smith (guard).

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Guard Sherrick Simpson (23), an Elgin native, goes in for the drive.

Borat

by Sophia López
Staff Writer

"If it is not success I will be execute," says the fictional Kazakh journalist Borat Sagdiyev, who is played by British comedian Sacha Baron Cohen. He stars in the controversial and number-one box office mockumentary *Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan*.

The film, which is directed by Larry Charles, follows Borat on a tour of the United States. Producers from 20th Century Fox hoped that reducing the number of theaters showing the film from 2,000 to 800 would help generate word-of-mouth buzz, which has paid off quite well. This off-beat satire raised protests even before its Nov. 3 release.

In interviews, Cohen is always in character as Borat. Commenting on the uproar over his film, Borat said, "This film have been very controversial in my country because of amount of anti-Semitism in it. However, eventually our censor decide there was enough and allow its release," as quoted on ocregister.com.

Legal actions against the film have already been filed by two fraternity members from South Carolina who say there were humiliated in the film. Kazak officials have also threatened to sue because of its crude portrayal as a country which is very anti-Semitic and backwards. Russia's Culture Agency has also refused to license the film.

Borat was even on the agenda of visiting Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev's meeting with President

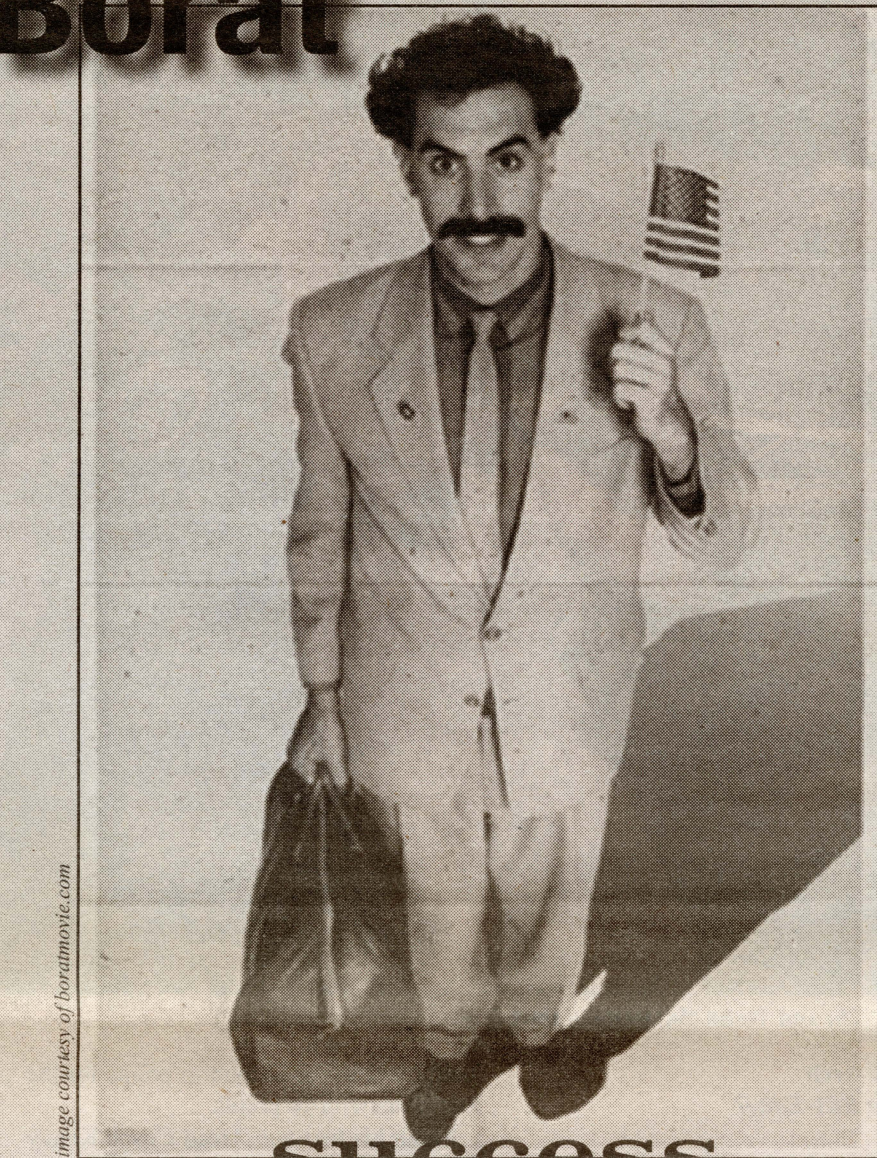


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success through satire

George Bush. A recent feature in National Public Radio's *All Things Considered* had Kazakhstan embassy spokesman Roman Vassilenko responding to the film. He said that the film has offended

many, and the Kazakhstan government is running large media ads in the United States to show what the "real" Kazakhstan is like.

Vassilenko also said that the

public relations blitz coincided with Nazarbayev's recent trip to the United States. He argued that the film is a great opportunity to tell the true story of Kazakhstan.

"[Borat] claims that the Kazakhs are very anti-Semitic people and that running of the Jews is the famous pastime. That is, of course, ridiculous," Vassilenko added, "Kazakhstan has a very vibrant Jewish community."

In real life, Cohen comes from an Orthodox Jewish family and is a practicing Jew. The 35-year-old comic attended Christ's College at Cambridge and speaks fluent Hebrew. Accordingly, in *Borat*, every ethnic group is fair game.

In the film, Borat encounters feminists, high-brow civil society, random strangers on a New York train, and countless others. At one point, he yells, "We support your war of terror!" to a cheering rodeo audience.

Humor can be tricky, and what's funny to one is repulsive to another. Some have expressed concern over whether or not audiences will understand that the film is meant as satire.

It is also possible that a film could encourage and mock racism at the same time. One can only imagine what the people Borat encounters say of him once he has left and is out of earshot.

The controversy surrounding the film may partly explain its mass appeal as a guilty pleasure of sorts. Regardless, *Borat* helps unearth the racism that barely lies beneath the surface in our everyday American lives. It achieves this in an oddly entertaining and profound way.

The fantasy lives on

by Jenni Lada
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Staff Writer

Square-Enix's final hurrah with the *Final Fantasy* series on PlayStation 2 is an event not to be missed. *Final Fantasy XII* is easily one of the strongest and most entertaining entries in the series, providing fans with vibrant graphics, involving characters, unlimited customization options, innovative battles, and over 50 hours of game play.

The story begins first with an impressive cinematic scene followed by a tutorial involving Reks, the older brother of the main character Vaan, as he is on a mission with the Dalmaskan army. Commander Basch is leading the men to stop their king from signing a peace treaty due to new information received. The result of this flashback is regicide, which then sets the scene for betrayal, intrigue, and foreign invasion of the small country of Dalmasca by the empire of Arcadia.

The plot then flashes forward two years to follow the thief Vaan in the now-occupied city of Rabanastre. Vaan has a dream of becoming a "sky pirate" with an airship. This desire leads him to break into the palace, setting off a chain of events to restore Dalmasca, defeat the empire, and bring back peace to the lands of Ivalice.

The storyline borrows the setting, races, and some

summons from the earlier *Final Fantasy Tactics Advance*, but it takes these a step further to create a complete world to immerse players in. Also, as a first, Vaan isn't truly at the center of attention. Like the player, he and his friend Penelo are more observers of the real main characters, Ashe and Basch. They participate but aren't the focus of the action, providing an interesting perspective to in-game events.

Additionally, many great concepts are scattered throughout the game. Each character is fully customizable with the license board, so players can choose what weapons, armor, magic, and abilities each has. There are no random battles, and each area is a battlefield with monsters roaming freely. In fact, some monsters aren't even hostile and instead will heal or help the party as they fight mutual enemies. Also, the voice actors are extremely talented and the background music fitting.

Overall, this is an incredible entry in the series and one that any role-playing fan won't want to miss. The imaginary world and story created by Square-Enix in this entry is so complete, it is difficult not to become absorbed in it.



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Up late with the Owls

by Joe Binder
Staff Writer

Occasionally, in one of Chicago's many unsentimental dives there is a musical outfit that self-consciously recovers the sounds that made Chicago a destination for musicians. They can be green or seasoned, of both the jazz and blues stripes. A patron can close his eyes, and in between sashes of rye, gulp down generous portions of nostalgia with a chaser of old-school charm.

On any given night, that outfit might very well be the Deep Chicago Rhythm Owls (Owls). The name immediately indicates the band's fondness for late-night musical carousing and their firm entrenchment in the rich landscape of Chicago music.

Their sets often last until close. At once shrewd and buoyant, the *Owls* create with their smoggy confines an atmosphere.

Driven by the Satchmo-hewn vocals of Trombone Dave Ramey and the swampy precision of Paul Kaye's guitar, the Owls

deliver savory versions of such numbers as "Bye, Bye Blues," "Pennies from Heaven" and "The Sheik of Araby."

Homage is also paid to the delta-cum-urban style of early electric blues acts as well as Curtis Mayfield's *Chicago Soul* album with numbers like "Got My Mojo Workin'" and "He Don't Love You (Like I Love You)."

Rick Veras on fiddle, Pete O'Leary on double bass and frequent guest Larry Cox on harmonica compliment the Ramsey-Kaye nucleus.

When you find yourself knee deep in crooked aldermen and parking tickets and need a little peace of mind, stop in to see the Deep Chicago Rhythm Owls. They are pleased to remind you that some things never change.

The Deep Chicago Rhythm Owls can be found at the California Clipper at 1002 N. California and Duke's Bar at 6920 N. Glenwood with startling regularity. Upcoming shows include Dec. 1 at the Clipper and Dec. 2 at the Waukegan Holiday Festival in downtown Waukegan.



Pollard's picks

The Return: it's Gellar's show

Sarah Michelle Gellar seems intent on defining herself as a "scream queen" by mostly defaulting to horror films these days. From her roles on TV's *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* as well as Takashi Shimizu's remakes of *The Grudge* series, Gellar has now added another horror film to her credits: *The Return*.

The plot actually is pretty similar to *The Grudge*, to be honest. Gellar plays Joanna Mills, a traveling sales representative who, 15 years ago, started seeing bizarre visions. Now, when she returns to her home state of Texas on business, the visions start occurring once more, leading her to a murder of a young woman named Annie (Erinn Allison). While trying to make sense of her visions, Joanna's path crosses with Terry Stahl (Peter O'Brien), Annie's boyfriend who was wrongly accused of her murder.

There isn't much, if anything, in *The Return* that could be considered groundbreaking. In fact, the film is fairly typical of the vengeful ghost story which has populated the horror genre since the success of *The Ring*. But director Asif Kapadia does a good job of maintaining a decent pace throughout the film and delivering the scares at the right moments. Ultimately though, the devil is in the details, and it's the little details in Joanna's visions of the murder that really strengthen the movie.

Although *The Grudge* remakes suffered from their quality (or lack thereof), Gellar redeems herself with *The Return*. The role of Joanna Mills is much more developed than Karen Davis from *The Grudge*, and it plays to Gellar's strengths. She's able to give a convincing performance as a tortured young woman who tries to cover up her fears with a tough facade.

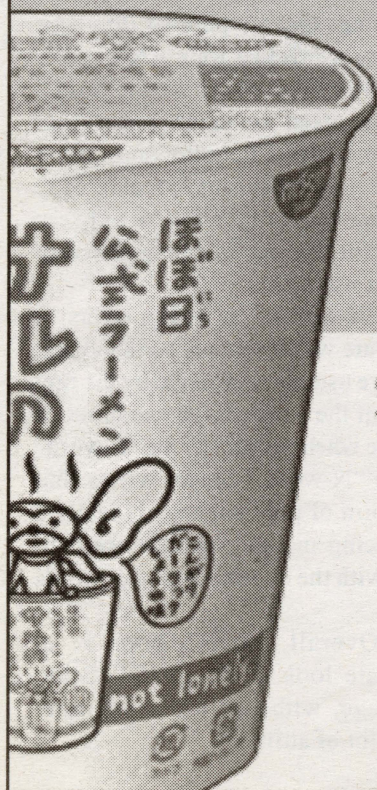
Not a lot can really be said about Gellar's supporting cast; they're competent in their roles, but none of them really provides anything outstanding. This film is obviously Gellar's show. *The Return* never claims to be something it's not: there are no surprise endings or plot twists. It's a fairly generic horror film, but the details and Gellar's performance at least make it a fun ride.

The Return is rated PG-13 and currently showing in theaters.



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Pedal steel and steel-toed boots

Robert Randolph's Colorblind, "bringing quality back"

by Amy Scoma
Managing Editor

When people think of Robert Randolph, most think of the awesome pedal steel musician who frequently jams with Dave Matthews. Having had the pleasure of seeing Robert Randolph's over-the-top pedal steel performance with Dave Matthews Band on PBS last year, the prospect of a good studio album seemed improbable.

According to Warner Brothers Records, Randolph said, "I was always caught up in the show, because I'm comfortable as a performer. ... But Carlos Santana said to me, if you ask fifty people which they remember most, a show or a record, 48 of them will say a great record." This idea set up the framework for his second studio album, *Colorblind*.

Robert Randolph & The Family Band's new CD, *Colorblind*, is a gritty roller coaster ride into the depths of rockdom.

The CD features the kind of let-loose vocals and guitar riffs that can make the soul soar. Eric Clapton's appearance on a cover of "Jesus is Just Alright with Me" showcases Randolph's mutual respect with one of the most influential recording artists in the 20th century. Not a bad person to have on a sophomore album.

Randolph proves to be a musical triathlete on *Colorblind* by performing the pedal steel, guitars and vocals with such rigor. "Love Is the Only Way," featuring Dave Matthews, Leroi Moore and Rashawn Ross is a Stevie Wonder-esque global change anthem. The driving beats and horn section in this song are reminiscent of those in the Wonder's "Sir Duke."



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Ballads on *Colorblind* are R&B mixed with a country feel. "Stronger," featuring Leela James and astonishingly honest vocals from Robert Randolph, fits perfectly on the album. The sultriest rhythm on the album is in the song "Angels."

Often the driving, up-tempo songs are viewed as stronger than the ballads on a sophomore album like *Colorblind*. However, the ballads and the gospel-themed selection, "Blessed," is not to be ignored. This song is suggestive of some songs off Janet Jackson's CD *Janet*.

Randolph has a lot of insight to offer the contemporary music scene; he is unafraid to learn from the greats and build from their expertise. He may not be "bringing sexy back," but he is bringing quality back.

The word on pop language

by Lenny Ocasio
Staff Writer

The English language is always being added to and changed. Leslie Savan's book, *Slam Dunks and No-Brainers: Pop Language in Your Life, the Media, and, Like, Whatever*, explores the phenomenon of pop language and the changes it makes in communication.

Savan goes through pop language, past and present. She discusses how Shakespeare added thousands of words to the English language. For example, when you say that you have had "too much of a good thing," you are quoting a phrase popularized by the Bard himself.

Pop culture influences so many parts of our lives that today, words like "dude" and "cool" have become a normal part of any conversation. Savan goes into more recent instances of pop culture like *The Simpsons*, where the phrase "don't have a cow, man" was popularly used to the point that even the character it was intended for, Bart, could not use it anymore.

Not all pop language discussed is English.

Savan goes on about the influences that Yiddish, French and Spanish have on current and not-so-current pop phrases. Remember "hasta la vista, baby"? She writes that while foreign languages infiltrate our language, English is slowly

seeping into other cultures. She lists some silly examples of American words that have been banned in foreign schools. Most of the words were innocuous, like cheeseburger (France), cool (Turkey), intellectual (Iran) and brainstorming (France).

Savan does not criticize all pop language. She writes that there are some words she likes, some she loathes, and some she can't stop using. She uses pop language the way it was meant: to give more feeling to what is being said.

Savan describes the many ways that things that are popular influence the very words that we use to express ourselves. She writes of the words that are used so many times that their meanings become something completely different, or else they become the only way to express a certain feeling in our politically correct ways.

"X-words," as Savan refers to them, are words that are so taboo that they are usually referred to by the first letter of the word. Some examples of this are when people say the "F-word" or the "N-word." Savan writes that this form of pop language is really a distancing method; people use it to cope with the enormous power words have.

Overall, Savan's book is an intricate look at all forms of pop language, with just a hint of irony and a lot of attitude.

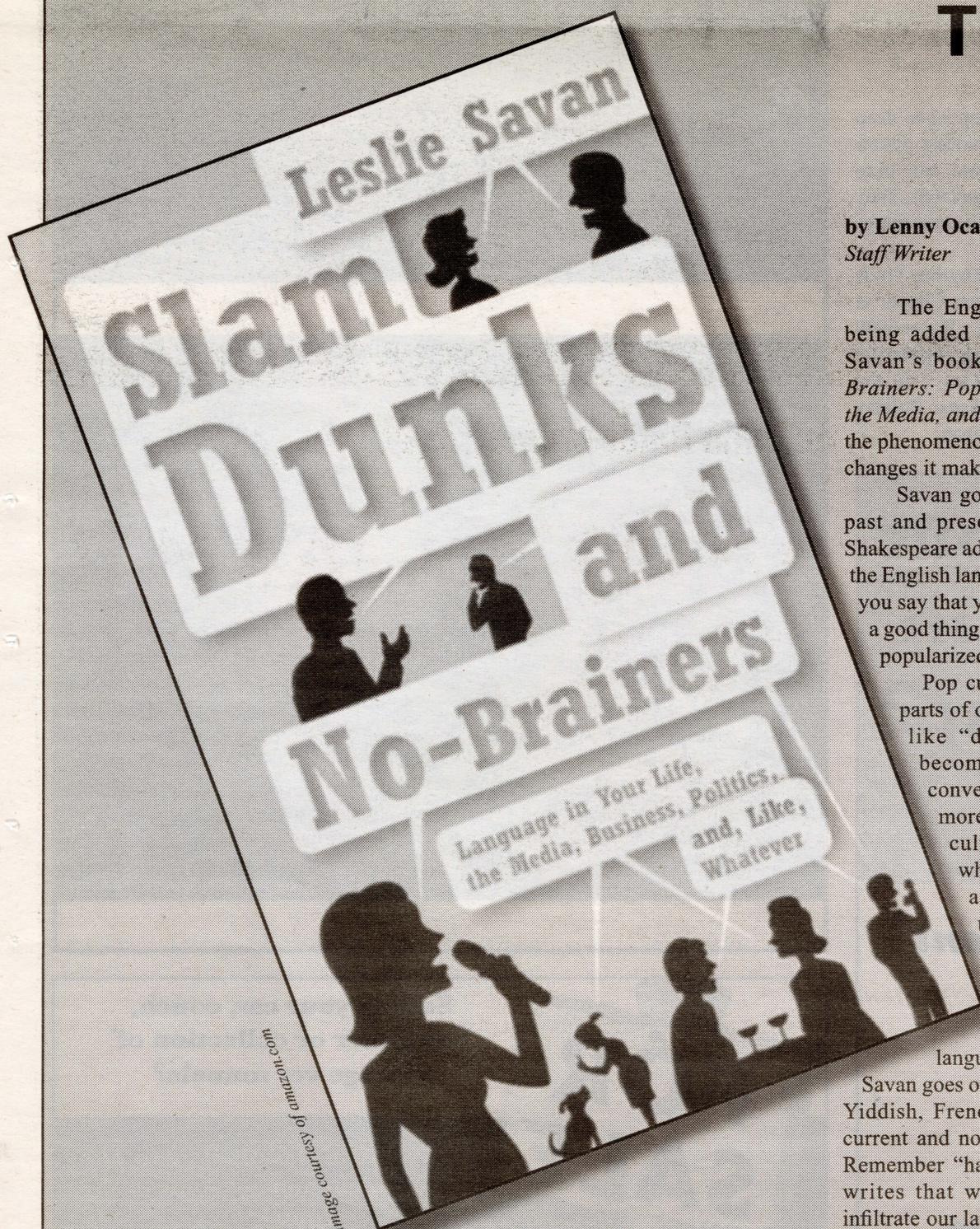


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Putting the "art" in heart

The Albany Park Theater Project

by Cicely Virginia Teal
Staff Writer

The Albany Park Theater Project (APTP) consists of a group of dynamic, passionate teenagers who take on the task of bringing real-life human drama, triumph and pain to the stage.

Albany Park is one of the most culturally ethnic and diverse communities in Chicago. It is a working-class area with immigrants looking for a brighter future for themselves and their families. The various groups include include large numbers of German, Swedish, Korean, Filipino, and Guatemalan immigrants.

As stated on www.encyclopedia.chicagohistory.org,

Albany Park is a gateway community for aspiring middle-class ethnic groups. What APTP has so eloquently done is taken the stories, memories, and rich history of these immigrants and created outstanding performances for all to learn from and enjoy.

The APTP was founded and is co-directed by David Feiner and Laura Wiley, who won the 2003 Susan F. Berkowitz Award for Outstanding Service to Children.

Feiner and Wiley created APTP to encourage young people to better themselves and their communities, as well as to teach them to be positive active citizens. This groundbreaking group was even featured this June in the *New York Times*.

So far, the APTP has taken 50 stories from immigrants



in the community and brought them to the stage. The cast is multiethnic, which often brings a multiethnic audience.

According to their Web site, www.aptpchicago.org, not only does the APTP give teens the opportunity to showcase their talents to show the stories of the immigrants, but it also has a college preparation and planning program.

The teens over the years who have been involved in the APTP have gone on to pursue higher education at numerous colleges and universities across the country, including Northeastern Illinois University.

Also on their Web site are the goals of the project: to create dynamic, original theater, to help teenagers reach their goals, and to contribute to Albany Park through being the only performing arts organization representing it.



by Amanda Dalal *Online Editor*



Can MySpace land you in jail?

If you've ever been in someone's "Top 8," or written on someone's "wall," keep reading. Online social networking sites like MySpace and Facebook can be found on more than half of the screens in the NEIU computer labs at any given time. You aren't fooling anyone hiding the window behind Microsoft Word, guys.

These sites allow us to stay in touch with each other. You can search for old high school friends, share pictures from last night's party, and send messages to people without e-mailing. You can promote your band, update your blog, give people up-to-the-minute checks

on your status and form groups for any reason whatsoever (I personally favor my participation in the Andrew Eisenberg fan club group).

Even professional artists, actors and TV shows are getting into the mix to promote themselves. Seems like a barrel of fun.

But MySpace and Facebook have recently started landing people in sticky situations with the law. Teachers and employers may also be perusing your MySpace profile or Facebook account. For example, according to *ArkCity.net*, a student at Cowley College was removed from the drama program she was enrolled in because school administrators found derogatory comments she had written about one of her professors in her MySpace blog. Also, many employers have started to screen out candidates who have shady information or unflattering pictures posted in their accounts.

Because these sites are searchable,

anyone can find you if they enter the right information, such as your name, for example. Although Facebook surpasses MySpace when dealing with security (you have to approve someone's request to "friend" you before they can see your info), the amount of information we have begun to willingly provide to the world is appalling. Names, workplace information, detailed interests, personal location, phone numbers, e-mail addresses ... the list goes on and on. Aside from the fact that if you happen to gain a stalker at any point in your life, you're in trouble, these sites have become a new tool for the police and investigators.

WCCO (CBS4, Minnesota) reported on two high school students who were suspended recently after posting pictures of themselves getting drunk in their MySpace profiles. A boy in Denver was jailed after he posted photos of himself surrounded by guns on his MySpace account, according to the Denver CBS affiliate. Students in

Washington state were nabbed by police for posting video of themselves assaulting another student on their MySpace page.

In short: law enforcement has been alerted to the way younger generations are communicating, and in doing so, stumbled upon a gold-mine of self-incrimination.

I'm not trying to help you get away with doing anything unlawful. This is simply a wake-up call: if you are stupid enough to do something illegal and post it in a social networking community, you deserve to be caught. Now, thanks to all this heightened online awareness, you will be.

However, even for my fellow law abiding citizens, this should serve as a reminder that you never know who is looking at you online, and how the information you volunteer without second thought everyday might come back to haunt you later.

Cancer in the young

by Angelica Garcia
Staff Writer

In a recent *RedEye* article, the crude reality of cancer amongst young adults was analyzed. More and more people between the ages of 15 to 29 are being diagnosed with cancer.

The types of cancers vary: Hodgkin's lymphoma, thyroid cancer, and different kinds of tumors. The research needed to help these patients is scarce, and the problem is in danger of becoming worse.

About 1.4 million Americans are diagnosed with cancer every year, as stated in the *RedEye* article published Oct. 30. It also stated that between 1975 and 2000, the five-year survival rate for adults over 45 has increased from 47 to 66 percent, and for children under 15 rates have gone up from 56 to 84 percent.

Surprisingly, more

young adults (ages 15 to 29) develop cancer than children under 15. Despite this fact, the five-year survival rate amongst young adults has remained the same for 25 years at 77 percent.

However, things are looking up. Dr. Archie Bleyer, who founded the Livestrong Young Adult Alliance, was quoted in the *RedEye*, saying, "Five year survival rates appear toward 80 percent for young adults diagnosed in 2005."

By becoming more aware, things are able to improve and progress. The only problem is getting young adults to do so. This has been made more difficult by the health insurance situation, or lack thereof. It is because of insurance issues that young adults elongate the process of getting medical help, which can become fatal in the future.

Another reason for a deficiency in resources

Danielle Eichner, who attends college in Baltimore, had cancer at age 11. "You've got to sort of work with what you've got now," she of continuing health risk, as quoted in the *Washington Post*. A study has concluded that many young adults who conquered cancer as children suffer chronic health issues more commonly seen in the elderly.

is because many are too stubborn and reluctant to provided labs with the necessary specimens to attain useful information. NEIU students know how disconcerting it is to deal with health insurance agencies, but it must be done.

Unfortunately, cancer

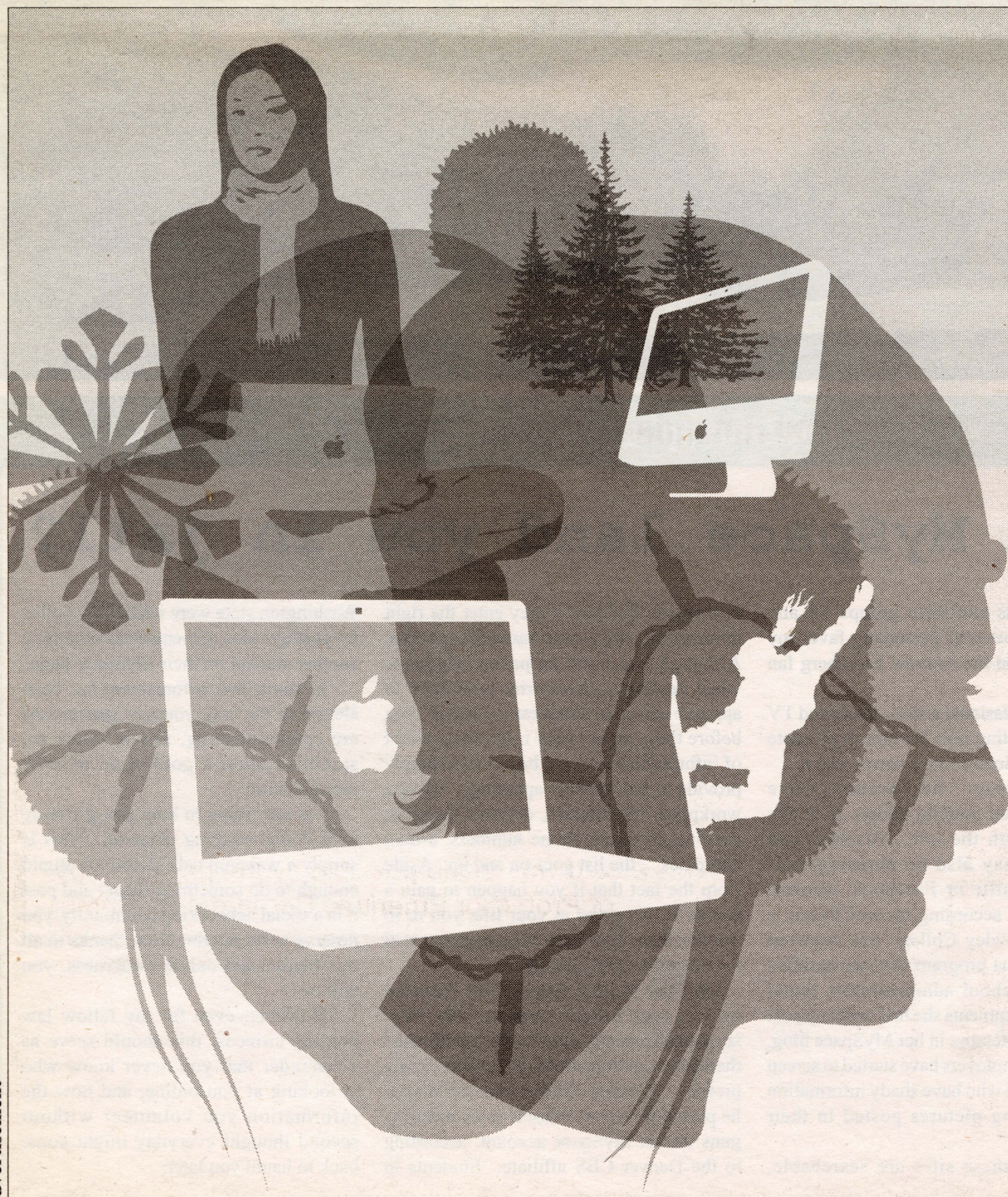
doesn't spare college students, or an individual planning a wedding, or a medical student finishing up her residency.

Lindsay Beck, executive director of Fertile Hope, a nonprofit organization, explained in the *RedEye* the possibility of men

ceasing to produce sperm and the rapid aging progression of a woman's reproductive system that is caused by chemotherapy. The reproductive system will age 10 to 15 years, allowing the possibility of early menopause to become relevant.



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A tortoise among hares

The 2006 Chicago Marathon

... part 2



by **Matthew Winer**
Staff Writer

The marathon began at 8 a.m., so I woke up at 5, got dressed, and enjoyed a protein-rich breakfast of scrambled eggs and juice.

At 6 a.m., a friend picked me up, and we made our way to Grant Park. The news predicted 1.5 million people in addition to the 40,000 race participants. As we made our way through the massive crowd, that seemed about right.

By the time we got to the starting area it was 15 minutes to race time, and I took my place with the rest of the runners. It was about 45 degrees out and I was wearing shorts, so I jumped up and down to stay warm. All the runners were instructed via the many speakers in the area to "stand in the place where you are."

At last the hour arrived. After a few starts and stops, I crossed the starting line at about 8:06 and began the race. From the very beginning, I was passed closely from behind by people jockeying for a better time and position.

There was a time when it was my goal to finish in less than four hours. My new goal was to run 10-minute miles and finish in less than 5 hours: slow and steady. Ultimately, I just wanted to finish with a respectable time.

The course meandered around downtown for a few miles before heading north to Addison. Before I knew it, I was a quarter of the way there.

At various points along the course there was live music, and all along the way there were people cheering us on.

After Addison, the course

headed back south and then west to the halfway point. I hit the half at two hours and 17 minutes and was pretty much on target for my new goal of 10-minute miles.

The half-way point also marked the beginning of my physical problems. My muscles were sore and I was getting the beginnings of a problem with my left knee and hip that was not likely to get better.

The next stretch went west for a few miles, then south, and then east into Pilsen.

There seemed to be less music and fewer spectators during this stretch. As I went along, the wind turned colder and my physical problems got gradually worse.

I began walking through the water stations and tried to draw strength from the encouragement of the spectators. As I entered Pilsen, the streets were lined with people and festive music playing.

In Chinatown, as I approached the 22-mile mark, my physical problems were enough of an issue that I walked about as much as I ran.

As I rounded on to Michigan Avenue with a little more than a mile to go, I was in pretty bad shape, unable to run more than a quarter mile at a time. I would run until the pain in my leg became unbearable and then walk until it seemed OK to run again. I repeated this process several times until I rounded a corner.

With the finish line in sight, I ran the last 200 meters to cross the finish line with a still-respectable time of 5 hours and 12 minutes.

It was a good week before I was walking normally again, but this was a small price to pay to cross something off of my life to-do list.



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The title of Dr. Milovanovic's lecture will be

**"Criminal Justice as Bad Cinema:
And the Ship Sails on..."**

and will take place on
**Monday, December 4th, 2006,
at 2:00 p.m. in the Recital Hall.**

I invite you to attend this special event.

The Brommel Distinguished Research Professor Award will be given annually to the tenured/tenure track member of the NEIU faculty who best demonstrates excellence in research and scholarship. This award was made possible by the philanthropy of Professor Emeritus, Bernard J. Brommel.

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The global job market

by Rolando Ithier III
Staff Writer

The global job market has undergone considerable growth in the 21st Century. Much of that growth can be attributed to the rapid development of multi-national corporations, technology, and tourism.

As the job market expands, more American professionals and students have moved overseas to meet the demand.

According to figures released by the non-profit organization American Citizens Abroad, there are over 4 million Americans living and working abroad.

Employment opportunities fluctuate depending on the country and job skill level. In a professional setting, bilingual speakers are at more of an advantage when moving to a country where English is not the *lingua franca*.

Some employers offer the extra benefit of paying for language courses. This is ideal for those who want to learn a second language while earning a wage.

For students seeking short term employment in tourism, being bilingual is not as much of an issue. Many employers throughout the world prefer native English speakers

because of the service they provide for English-speaking tourists. The most common jobs available for students are in bars or resorts where tourists frequently visit.

Being TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language)-certified is another option when considering working abroad. This internationally recognized certificate allows the student to teach English in any country. The four- to six-week course is offered online at a reasonable cost. Employment and lodging are usually arranged upon completion of the course.

Depending on the intended length of stay, a work visa may be needed. Country profiles as well as job listings can be found at www.jobsabroad.com. Foreign embassies also provide a wealth of information on their respective countries. It is recommended that in-depth research be carried out prior to arrival.

The opportunity to spend time working abroad is one that should be taken if given the chance. The experience, though it may be difficult at first, is one that will undoubtedly expand the mind and add depth to character.

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Fitness Matters

by Dejan Slavnic
Special Contributor

Sleep, which restores the body, is divided into five stages. The first four stages fall under the non-rapid eye movement (non-REM) sleep. The last is the well-known rapid eye movement (REM) stage.

The REM and non-REM sleep stages change in cycles of 90 minutes. During the non-REM sleep, growth hormone levels increase and the tissues repair and grow. In addition, the immune system rejuvenates, making people less prone to illnesses.

REM sleep is associated with memory. Some scientists believe that during REM sleep, short-term memory is stored into long-term memory. This would explain why people have better memory retention after a night's sleep. The majority of dreams are experienced during this stage as well.

Staying awake for 24 consecutive hours causes

reduced hand-eye coordination and increases reaction time, effects similar to having a blood-alcohol level equal to 0.1. For this reason, many road accidents and work incidents are caused by a lack of sleep. Chronic sleep deprivation may be linked to depression, emotional problems, prolonged fatigue and mood swings.

When it comes to physical activity, sleep is of great importance. Only 20 hours without sleep can deter mental functioning. This will make activities involving coordination and agility much more difficult, as control over muscles by the nervous system will diminish.

As mentioned earlier, muscles and bones repair and grow during sleep. To notice improvements in physical performance and avoid injuries, therefore, a person needs adequate sleep.

Adults should have about 8 hours of sleep. This is a general guideline, as everyone is different, and some people can function adequately with less sleep.

Some research shows that people averaging less than four hours or more than nine hours of sleep a day have a shorter

Sleep deprivation

lifespan than those who sleep somewhere between those amounts.

In order to get a good night's sleep and feel refreshed in the morning, a person should purposefully go to bed earlier each night. Adjusting the room temperature or having a comfortable bed will make the sleep more enjoyable.

Also, it is very important is to stay away from coffee (caffeine can remain in the body for eight hours) or nicotine before sleeping because of their stimulating effects.

Sleeping pills and alcohol may help a person fall asleep by causing a loss of consciousness, but they suppress some of the sleep stages mentioned earlier. For this reason, certain physiological functions will not be fulfilled.

If you are having trouble sleeping, you should stop by the P.E. Complex for a good workout and see if that will help.

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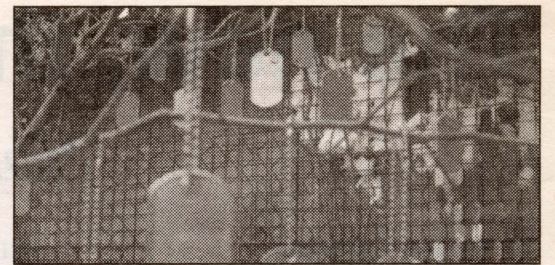
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Around Campus

Events, Deadlines, Club Meetings, Concerts, Job Listings and Study Tours



Future Teacher's Club Book Drive during the FTC Bake Sale

Nov. 28 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Village Square, to benefit the "Reader to Reader" program. FTC is accepting gently used children's books, particularly at the elementary and middle school levels. If you cannot make the drive, please drop off donations in the boxes provided by the information desk.

NEIU Spanish Club

Learn and celebrate the different Latino/Latin American cultures and the Spanish language. Meetings are held every Thursday during activity hour in FA-153. More information is available by e-mailing spanishclubneiu@yahoo.com.

Lighting of the International Peace Fire

Tuesday, Nov. 28 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Weather permitting, north side of the P.E. Complex on the grassy clearing at the Peace Pole, or inside the P.E. Complex vestibule if weather is inclement. Please gather after the meeting for refreshments in the Honors Lounge, B-Wing.

Can You Sing?

The Black Heritage Gospel Choir needs you on Tuesdays and Thursdays during activity hour, FA-152.

NEIU Capoeira Club

Capoeira is an Afro-Brazilian art that combines martial arts with music and dance. Meetings are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. in Studio 1 in the PE Complex. For more information, call: 847.476.4705.

Should You Start a Small Business or Not?

The Business and Management Club presents a forum hosted by Henderson Feagin on Thursday, Nov. 30 during activity hour in SU-003.

Project Angel Tree 2006

Angel Tree is designed to collect new gifts, toys, and clothing items for prisoners' children and to distribute them during the holiday season. Contribute by taking an "Angel Tag," which includes a child's name and size. Purchase your gift, wrap it up, and drop it off in the Mail Room by Dec. 1.

NEIU University Chorus and Chamber Singers

Michael Melton, conductor, and Jane Kenas-Heller, accompanist, present the music of Monteverdi, Debussy, Ravel, and Lauridsen. Free admission. Tuesday, Nov. 28 at 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Center Recital Hall.

Free Swim Lessons

Learn to swim or improve your skills. Six complementary lessons for NEIU students and recreational pass holders. For more info, call Aneta Maksimovic at 773.383.4334 or email neiuswimlessons@yahoo.com.

NEIU Aikido Club

Free, non-credit classes are open to students and recreational pass holders every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. in the auxiliary gym. Good exercise and great for self-defense and self-awareness.

Okinawan Secrets of Longevity: How to Live to be 100

The Generativity Club and Anthropolos present an evening of dance, film, and book signings on Tuesday, Nov. 21 in Alumni Hall, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Supervising Personnel Seminar

Open to all NEIU graduate students on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 8:30 am to 12 p.m. in B-152.

The Vagina Monologues

A new addition to the spring class schedule has been announced. This activism project includes a production of the famous play as well as an exploration of women's goals and challenges in society. The class will be offered Monday and Wednesday, 2:50 to 4:05 p.m. For more information, call: 773.442.4550.

What's Around Campus?

On the second-to-last page of every issue of the Independent, we publish Around Campus, which is a listing of clubs, sports, events, classes, special trips and anything else that is happening on campus during the coming two weeks. If you have any events or info for campus email the Calendar Editor at neiu_calendareditor@yahoo.com.

The Independent's 2006-07 Publication Schedule

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The new, the used and the broken down

Some tips to help you buy a car

by **Thelma Coleman**
Staff Writer

Buying a vehicle can be a fun but stressful occasion. It can be a defining moment of independence and a huge undertaking of responsibility. To make sure a car-buying experience is successful and enjoyable, it should never be rushed into.

As a national company, Carmax, has created an image of reliability and cost-effective car buying. Carmax buys and sells used cars in addition to new cars. The cars are refurbished and inspected before being sold and they are equipped with a limited 30-day warranty and five-day money back guarantee.

At *Carmax.com*, consumers can use a research tool that includes payment estimators, vehicle reviews, car-buying tips, and insurance quotes.

There has always been speculation that foreign cars are better than American cars. Consumer Reports states, "Asian automakers like Honda and Toyota are

still at the top with the most reliable cars on the road, but the U.S. made cars are closing the gap". Don't be afraid to buy an American-made car, but make sure to research the vehicle as you would with any car.

With rising fuel costs in recent years, it is economical to buy a car with great gas mileage. According to *cars.com*, the Honda Civic gets the best gas mileage for cars, trucks, and SUVs. The Civic manages 30 miles per gallon in the city and 40 on the highway.

When buying a car, the mileage is also important. American cars in particular start experiencing major problems around the 100,000-mile mark.

Used cars can be a great buy. Many owners "pimp" their vehicles to their personal tastes. This includes the addition of entertainment systems, upgrading factory wheels with what is popularly known as "rims," or changing

the upholstery or the interior of the vehicle.

New vehicles are equipped with factory features such as power windows, a.m./f.m. radio with a CD player, and maybe even a sunroof. All General Motors vehicles are equipped with OnStar, a system that features roadside assistance and emergency services. Many new vehicles are equipped with

XM Radio, a service that plays music continuously without commercials.

The Consumer Reports Web site, *consumerreports.org*, recommends that everyone appraise their current vehicle before trading it in to get the best value, having used cars checked out by an independent mechanic, and test driving the car before making any purchase.



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