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Vets Facing Stonewall on Funds

On Thursday, March 5, 1981, the U.S. Vets Club sponsored a meeting between Veterans and the administration of Northeastern concerning a cut off of Veterans benefits. The cut off of funds is the result of a "compliance survey," a routine audit of 50 veterans completed by the Veterans Administration September 26, 1980.

The audit by the VA charges that Northeastern had two categories of irregularities. In the first category, UNI is alleged not to have submitted incomplete and "R" (Registered but never withdrew) grades to the VA in 20 cases concerning 16 students. In the record category UNI is alleged not to have reported "W" (Withdrawal) grades for 12 students in 16 cases. The VA

is now conducting a 100 percent survey of all veterans cases at UNI. Until the survey is completed Vets will not receive benefits.

According to the Vice-President of Student Affairs, Dr. Daniel Kielson, Northeastern had considered various forms of action in reply to the VA cut off. Among the possible actions were political and legal pressure. However, Kielson states that the university was advised by political consultants that in the face of investigations into fraud and waste in the VA, no congressman or legislator wants to be identified with hampering the VA now that it has decided to do something.

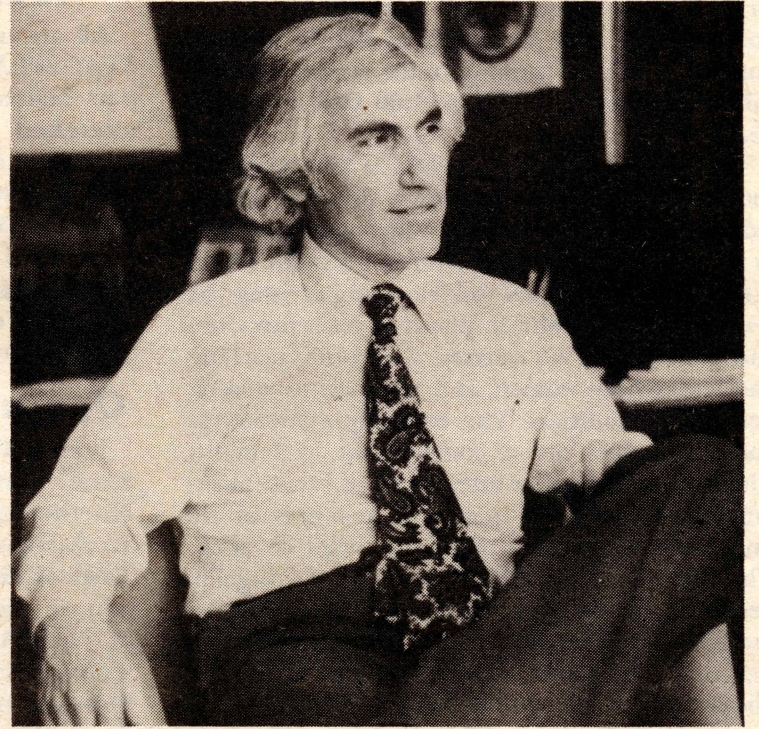
Keilson stated at Thursday's meeting, "We're feeling the ripple effect of that, (the VA investigation

into fraud), but that's something that the VA has to deal with. And that is going to take months, but perhaps well over a year to resolve." Keilson separates the larger issue of VA from the situation at UNI and as recently as Tuesday, March 3rd, he said he was confident that there would be no interruption of checks to the vets.

However, on Monday, Samuel Holmes of the VA said it was unlikely that veterans would receive their April 1st checks. At the same time Keilson met with the newly elected Student Senate President and Vice-President, Steve Gold and Gus Gramas to discuss the possibility of having Senate provide funds for emergency loans to veterans that depend on their VA check for food and rent.

At the U.S. Vets meeting on Thursday, many vets expressed their frustration with the system. A petition was passed out which cited the argument that vets were being punished by the VA for something the VA is accusing UNI of doing.

Jim Duff, President of the U.S. Vets Club gave a rousing speech from a veterans view of the dilemma. "What we have at Northeastern is a battle between two bureaucracies. The way I see it we have the administration on one hand saying that the VA is at fault and we have VA and congressman and representatives and everybody else saying well Northeastern's at fault. I as an individual veteran don't care whose at fault all I know is that April 1st from



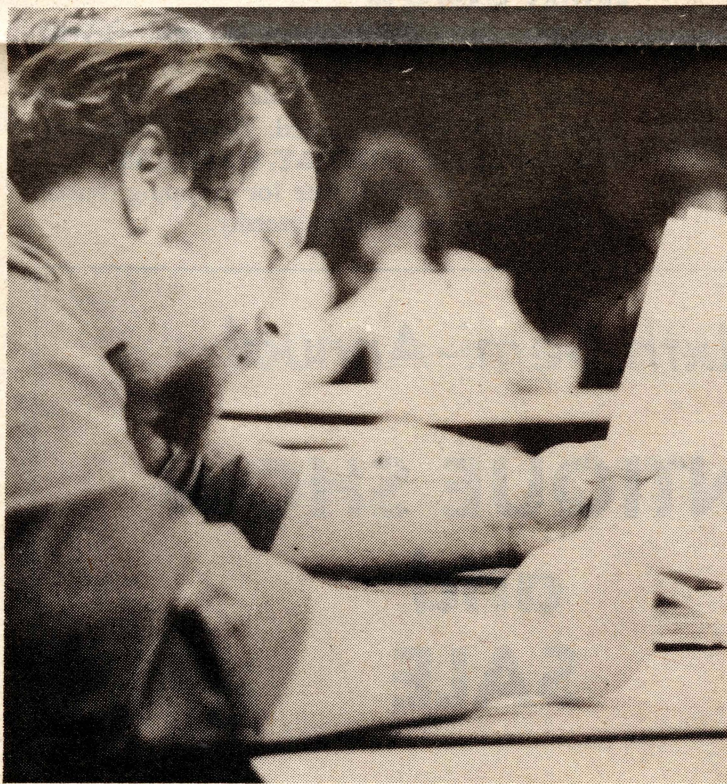
Dr. Daniel Kielson, UNI Vice-President of Student Affairs.

all likelihood we will not receive a check. And I say that if one veteran has to hold off on his future and it affects generations to come because many of us here, I know I am, are first generations attending college. And if even one has to drop out it is too many."

No one knows what will happen in the future, although some veterans at

the meeting discussed the possibility of applying pressure on their congressman to expediate the VA investigation.

Many also expressed their anger at the VA for not sending a representative to the Thursday meeting to which the VA was invited both to help answer questions and provide information needed by the vets.



Jim Grish, Vice-President of U.S.V.E.T. Club.

Vet Club Meeting

There will be a special evening meeting of U.S.V.E.T. on Thursday March 19, in cc-214 at 7:30 p.m. The regular meeting at 12:30 p.m. in room CLS 3005 will also be held on the same day. We, the officers of U.S.V.E.T. urge all concerned students and veterans to attend either or better yet, both meetings. We look forward to seeing you there to help keep you informed as to all the information we have concerning the recent freeze of all veteran benefits at Northeastern.

When your check doesn't come in April, it will be too late to cry about it!!!

Coalition Pushes To Increase Funds

By Tom Shaw

Very much aware of the inherent implications of Governor James Thompson's recommended \$1.228 billion budget for higher education in 1981-82, the Student Senate, in a vote of 19-1-6, moved to establish a special, five-member committee. The committee has been formed at the request of Professors Mary Ann Schwartz and Mitch Vogel.

Chaired by Senator Alan Mlotek, the committee will investigate various ways and means of assisting and sup-

porting Northeastern's efforts in a statewide coalition. All Senators, the other members of the committee are: Shirley Grabowski, Kent Anderson, Peter Bergus, and Robert Maniaci.

The coalition calls for a proposed student/faculty support network for Illinois Public University Education. The purpose of this coalition is to increase public awareness in hopes of bringing about a reconsideration by the Governor's office. Next month there is a planned trip to the State Capitol. In

order to put the pressure on legislators, faculty and students will do lobbying, as well as the petitioning and writing of letters.

According to Professor Margaret Schmid, president of University Professionals of Illinois Local 4100, the solution to the problem is to get more money. In order to bring this about, the proposed coalition calls for a joint effort in behalf of the following legislative program to achieve adequate funding for the Illinois public universities:

-an end to the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) policy of tying public university tuition to inflation.

-a tuition increase for fiscal year 1982 no higher than the increase in general revenue funding.

-full 10 percent dollar funding for the 10 percent recommended salary increase

-the full 8 percent increase for on-going costs recommended by the IBHE on January 6

-the 16-19 percent increase for utilities recom-

mended by the IBHE on January 6

-the original 7.7 million dollars in program support recommended by the IBHE

This program would help students, faculty, and universities, while at the same time continue to serve the public interest in providing low cost, high quality education.

More next
Issue!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women Studies Election

The Women's Studies Board announces that its annual election will be held on Wednesday March 25 and Thursday March 26, with **March 20 the deadline for new applications**. On both days, voting will take place in Village Square between 12 and 2, and in C-521 between 10 and 12, and 2 and 4. The following positions will be up for re-election: 5 students, 2 faculty, 2 civil service, 2 at-large. Sample ballots will be available for inspection in C-521 after March 23, as will the applications of all people running in the election. Ballots will be counted in C-505 at 4:00 p.m. in March 26.

The Women's Studies Board is the academic counterpart of the Women's Services Board (which is involved with providing support services to women students). The Women's Studies Board is concerned with such matters as supervising the Women's Studies Minor, planning WS curriculum and cross-listing WS courses, sponsoring teaching and research on women, and generally promoting non-sexist education. The only requirements for board members are a commitment to feminist education and regular attendance at board meetings on Fridays, 1-2 p.m. All members of the university community are encouraged to apply. The elections committee consists of Angelina Pedroso, Sandra Styer, and Rusty Wadsworth of the board, and Blanche Hersh, coordinator of the program. For more information, call X423. Applications can be picked up in C-521 in the Beehive Building.

Working on a term paper relating to women? Discover the wealth of information in the Women's Studies Program Resource Center, 0-041 in the basement of the classroom building. Laura Murphy is ready to help you during the following hours:

MONDAY 2:00 p.m. - 4 p.m.
TUESDAY 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY 2:00 p.m. - 4 p.m.
THURSDAY 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
FRIDAY 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

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Film Series. . .

Psychology Club and WTTW Channel 11 is inviting students to attend a series of films featuring Dr. Leo Buscaglia, author of the book *Love*, March 16 - March 20 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. If interested, meet at General Psychology Office S-313 at 12:30. For more information contact the Psychology Office S313.

Have Fun! Stage Meeting

All are invited to join in the fun at the next STAGEPLAYERS MEETING to be held at 12:30 p.m. March 17 in the STAGECENTER. Anyone interested in meeting new people, doing something constructive with their spare time, and most importantly having FUN, this is the club for you. The March 17 meeting will also feature a humorous interpretation of the comedy *Passionella*. The STAGECENTER is located at Northwest corner of the campus, to the right of the Classroom Building. Hope to see you there!

Opera Workshop Production

Francis Ginsberg stars as Antonia and Daniel Kane portrays Hoffman in the upcoming Northeastern Illinois University Opera Workshop's production of Jacques Offenbach's *Tales of Hoffman* March 18, 20, and 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the university's auditorium, 5500 North St. Louis Avenue. This French opera will be presented in English; it is directed by Ronald Combs, Professor of Music at Northeastern. Tickets are \$3.00. For details, call 583-4050, ext. 443. Free to UNI students, faculty and staff.

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Spanish Club News

A Spanish Movie entitled, *Cria* starring Geraldine Chapman will be seen in the Unicorn on Thursday, March 19, 1981 from 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. This is a Spanish Language film with English subtitles.

Professor Rodrigo Gonzalez will be the guest speaker on Tuesday, March 31, 1981 in Room 2081 of the Classroom Bldg. from 12:30-2:00 p.m. His topic is entitled "Information for Students Before going Abroad."

The Spanish Club and the Italian Club Present: A Scholarship Benefit Disco and Salsa Dance will be held on Friday, April 3, 1981 in Alumni Hall. There will be Disco and Salsa Contests. There will also be refreshments. The Music will be provided by "Disco Wonderland." The dance will be from 8 p.m. to Midnight. Being a Benefit Dance, there is a donation of \$2.00.

Ana Margarita Martell
Vice-President of Spanish Club
Dr. R. O'Cherony
Faculty Advisor of Spanish Club

All Spanish language majors, minors and students thinking about becoming majors or minors in Spanish are invited to attend an information meeting on Tuesday, March 24, at 12:30-2:00 p.m. in 2-081. New Regulations will be discussed.

Class Dropping Deadline

The last day on which a student may drop courses WITHOUT the instructor's permission or completely withdraw from the university WITHOUT permission from all instructors is **FRIDAY, MARCH 20**.

LATE DROP/WITHDRAWAL slips already signed by instructors will be signed by Carol B. Gartner, Assistant Dean, College of Arts and Sciences and Ahmed Fareed, Dean, College of Education up until **MONDAY, MARCH 30**.

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The Student Senate will have its next meeting March 16 in Room CC 217. The meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m.

The constitution committee will meet March 19. All students are invited.

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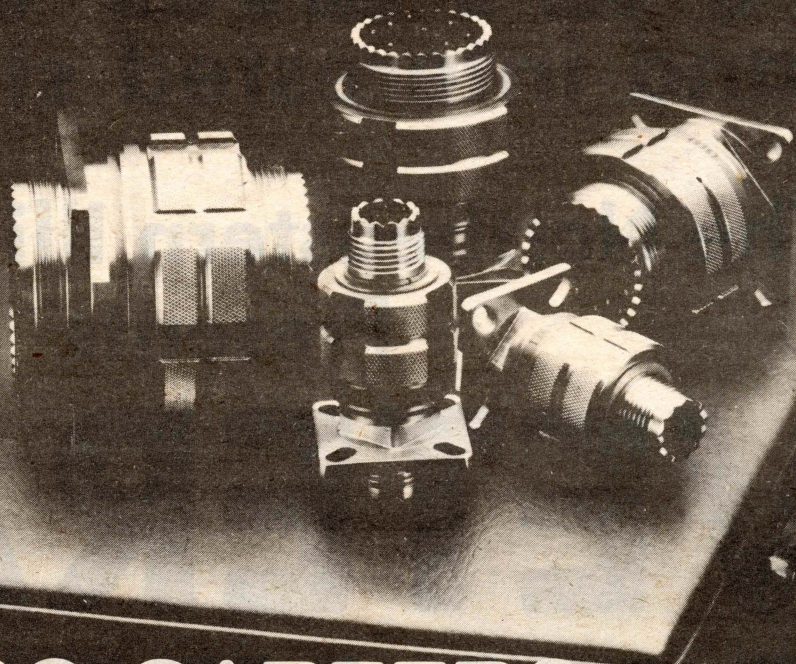
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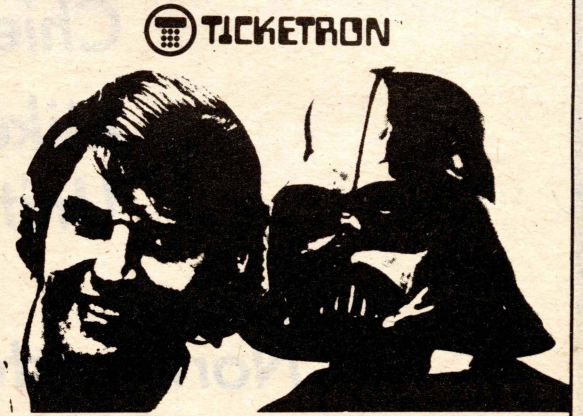
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