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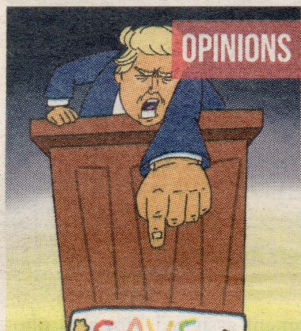
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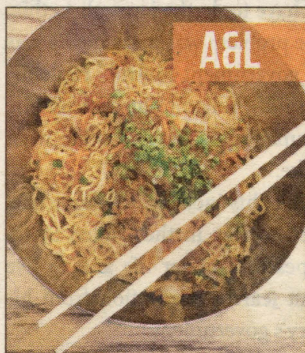
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News

From child soldier to human rights activist

NEIU Alumnus Berhane Hailmichael (Left) with two Eritrean Army commanders. He uses this experience to fuel his desire for activism. | Photo provided by Berhane Hailmichael

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Amaris Rodriguez

NEIU Alumnus Berhane Hailemichael uses his past as a child soldier during the Eritrean War to fuel his desire to be a human rights activist.

Hailemichael was sixteen years old when he volunteered as a "Freedom Fighter" for the Eritrean People's Liberation Front during the war for independence from Ethiopia in 1976.

"Nobody forced me," he said. "Our life situation was bad. We couldn't speak our language. Our land, our rights, everything was under Ethiopian colony."

During the fight for independence, many young people found themselves enlisting in the army to fight for a better life.

While the age for enlisting was eighteen, Hailemichael was able to enlist at sixteen.

"I told them if I go back to my village they would arrest me, they would kill me, so I cannot go anywhere," Hailemichael said. After joining the fight for Eritrea's independence, Hailemichael began political and military training for five months to

prepare for life in a combat zone.

"Being a Freedom Fighter is totally different from a regular life," he said. This life included days in the desert without food or water and under harsh weather conditions, Hailemichael recalls.

"The life was abnormal, we used to kill the enemy and mixed the dead body with the river; we had to drink that water to survive," he said. Despite the hardships he faced, Hailemichael remembers a sense of unity among the "Freedom Fighters."

"We had some respect because of the sacrifice between us," he said. Throughout his involvement in combat during the Eritrean War, Hailemichael kept a clear mind regarding what he had signed up for.

"I went to die, not to survive," he said "To suffer any kind of problem or tragedy, and to accept it gave me strength."

While the Eritrean War had casualties of over 65,000, Hailemichael survived combat.

He became a journalist in 1991 with the Ethiopian government. Due to his extensive army experience, the

government assigned him as a photojournalist in war zones during the war with Ethiopia.

He was injured in the eye and shoulder, adding onto the injuries he had received during his enlistment.

After the border conflict between Ethiopia and Eritrea settled down in 2000, Hailemichael was sent to cover The Eritrean Festival in the United States.

Hailemichael continued to write articles criticizing the Eritrean government, which landed his editor and Minister of Information in jail.

"I have to do the journalist ethic, but the problem was mass media was under government control," Hailemichael said. "You cannot criticize the government, you have to write what they like."

After this incident, Hailemichael decided to stay in the United States in hopes of a better life and to live without fear of retribution from his country's government.

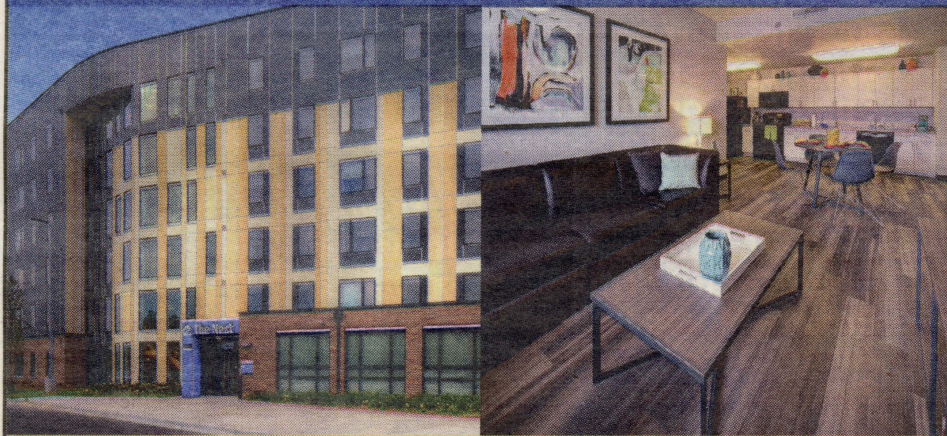
"It was not my choice to stay," Hailemichael said.



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Ending DACA program causes outrage

Angel Rodas

Former President Barack Obama announced the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program in 2012. The DACA program allows approximately 800,000 young immigrants to study and work the United States of America.

Now, President Trump is in the process of removing DACA. He gave Congress six months to resolve the doubt that DACA is unconstitutional.

"We will resolve the DACA issue with heart and compassion -- but through the lawful Democratic process -- while at the same time ensuring that any immigration reform we adopt provides enduring benefits for the American citizens we were elected to serve," said Trump.

According to NBC news, the presidential administration is giving congress six months to come up with a solution before the government stops renewing DACA.

Before the government stops renewing DACA for all the 800,000 immigrant students who came here build a future for themselves. Outrage erupted among people across the country. Protests were held in Chicago, Washington, California, Phoenix and New York.

As they walked through the streets chanting their outrage, the message was clear: DACA recipients and allies are not backing down without a fight.

Not only does the removal of DACA affect students across the country, but it affects NEIU students, too.

NEIU was quick to act upon the situation, making it possible for students to receive help in the Angelina Pedrosa center.

President Helldobler responded to the winding down of the DACA program via a targeted announcement.

"I, behalf of the Northeastern Illinois community, will continue to work with our national partners to urge congress to preserve the protections for our undocumented students.

"Our university will do everything it can to continue providing a quality education to all of our students regardless of their immigration status," he said.

The Student Government Association is fully against the removal of the Program DACA. "It does not make sense to me that the [presidential administration] would want to force such a strenuous situation on minors," SGA President Ashlei Ross said. "Why would they want to crush these children's dream? Majority of the people that are affected by this bill have lived in the United States their entire life. Why should they be forced to a country that most of them have never been to or know anything about."

Out of the 9,000 students that attend NEIU, about 289 students are undocumented. The SGA stands firm to protect DACA students, urging President Helldobler, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Governor Bruce Rauner to protect DACA recipients.

"This country was built on the backs from all different nationalities," Ross said. "We, as people, must support each other in order for our civilization to progress in a positive direction. We need common sense solutions instead of letting impractical and inhumane actions prevail."

Not only are there resources on NEIU campus for students to use, but there are resources around Chicago. The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) will be offering a bilingual hotline at (844-) 411-DACA. The association will make sure the Latino community has the latest information and resources they need.

Alpha Psi Lambda National Inc., the largest Latino fraternity, will be holding a rally on Thursday Sept. 14 at 3 p.m. to protest the removal of the DACA program.

"We hope to see voices assemble and come share their experience, expertise, and compassion to those who need to be aware, educated, or feel like they are not alone in this fight," Alpha Psi Lambda National Inc. Vice President Airam Velasquez said.

"We believe that the removal of DACA is cruel and unjustified. Trump's actions are not coming from a place of morality especially no tone with a heart."

NEWS

Drunkorexia: A disturbing trend

Sarahy Lopez

"Drunkorexia" is a pop culture term for a long running harmful trend on college campuses that is between an eating disorder and alcoholism.

It is the act of starving the body before going to binge drink for the purpose of getting drunk faster or to avoid gaining alcohol-related weight.

Eating disorders have the highest mortality rate of any mental illness, according to Dr. Casey Tallent from the National Collegiate Outreach Director for Eating Recovery Center.

In something like Drunkorexia, the disorder is linked to alcohol dependency, which can be portrayed has having to rely on drinking to relieve stress.

This also leads to eating disorders and behaviors like regularly skipping meals or refusing to eat.

"Individuals who are experiencing 'Drunkorexia' are restricting calories prior to binge drinking, so that can be a clue to eating disorder behaviors and substance abuse behaviors," said Tallent.

"Students who are restricting calories before binge drinking, need to recognize how dangerous that behavior is."

Students suffering from Drunkorexia have increased risks of many symptoms like losing consciousness, anxiety, feelings of isolation, alcoholism and, in the worst cases, death.

Mayra Zamorano, a senior majoring in Biology, had no idea that Drunkorexia was a serious problem.

She understands that sometimes students want to party or have fun, but it can lead to serious consequences when abused.

"Drink with moderation. You're setting yourself for a rocky relationship with your own health and loved ones, and alcoholism is just the tip of the iceberg," she warns incoming freshman and anyone who might be experiencing Drunkorexia, or an addiction to alcohol.

Recent studies have shown that about 46 percent of male and female students have

admitted participation in restricting calories before drinking heavily, an alarmingly high number which is a dangerous trend said Tallent.

"We need fuel to get us through the day, to power our brains, to power our body. If we're not having that, we're going to have negative experiences because our body does all kinds of things when we are not giving it food to preserve energy," said Tallent.

"Without food, your body is running extremely low on vital nourishment to help repair the body from your drinking habits," agrees Zamorano, who is studying anatomy and physiology.

"Have a healthy snack nearby. And water! So much water. Half a sandwich even."

For students worried that they might have eating disorders, Student Health and Counseling Services is a good place to start.

Students can also take an online quiz on at eatingrecovery.com to get a free confidential assessment to find out if they are suffering from Drunkorexia or other eating disorders.

The Eating Recovery Center (ERC) is a national health care system dedicated to the treatment of eating disorders at any stage of the illness.

They have multiple locations, including one in Chicago. ERC accepts most forms of medical insurance.

"What I tell all students is make sure in your schedule you have time for sleep, for food and for self-care," said Tallent. "Being able to accept yourself and your body is important."

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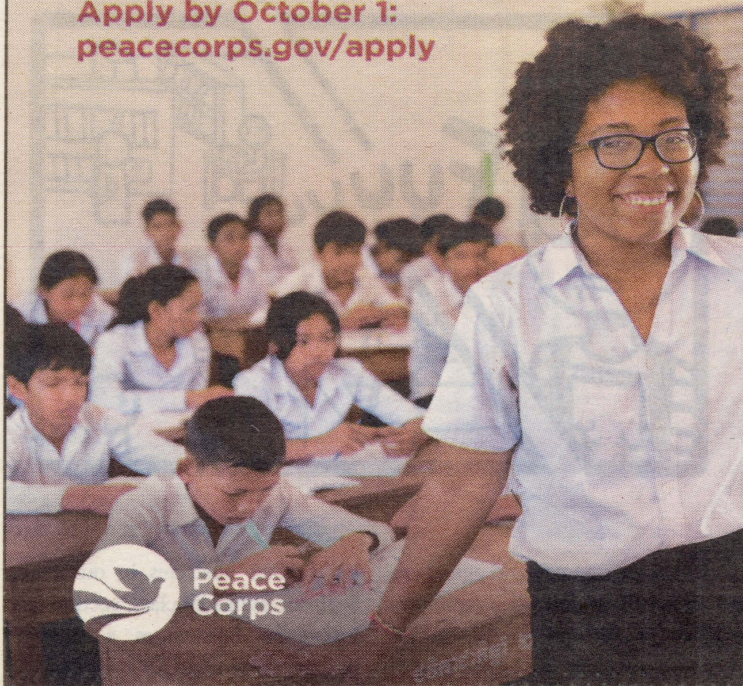


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"Imagine after fourteen years of being a Freedom Fighter, I am supposed to stay in my country to spend the rest of my life with my family.

I was frustrated. If I didn't go back home, it means I die without seeing my children. But if I go back home, they will arrest me. I took a risk."

With hopes for a new life in the United States in 2001, Hailemichael also experienced struggles when first trying to settle into the country.

"The hardest thing is to get a job and housing," he said.

Hailemichael performed odd jobs from washing cars to shoveling snow, a concept that was foreign to him as there is no snow in Eritrea, in order to make ends meet.

After struggling with finding jobs and dealing with

the culture shock of a new country, Hailemichael enrolled in ESL classes. He eventually earned an Associate's Degree in 2010.

"I have sacrificed," he said. "But if you have desire, if you have a goal, the impossible is possible."

Regardless of his past and current struggles, Hailemichael continued to pursue an education, graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Justice Science from NEIU in 2014.

Hailemichael hopes to become a leader in Human Advocacy utilizing his degree. He wants to use his experiences as a child soldier, an immigrant, and as a human being to speak for those you can't speak for themselves.

"I have to fight for equality," he said.

Part of this advocacy for human rights include his work in the development of an Eritrean Community Center, which he says will greatly benefit Eritrean immigrants and help for a smoother transition into the United States.

"I don't care about my salary, even if I make less than I do now. If I help someone, that's my salary," he says.

Ending DACA

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UndocuSpace Hour is a space for undocumented students to come together and support DACA recipients, which meets once a week at 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., locations varies.

There is training for faculty and staff called "Becoming

an Undocumented Student Ally" to understand the complications that a DACA recipient may be going through and how to help. The meetings will be located in the Student Union Building in room SU-215 on Friday, Sept. 19 and Oct. 27. Both meetings start at 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

DACA Renewal Workshop will meet at the El Centro campus on Sept. 23 and it will start at 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Undocumented students or DACA recipients can arrange appointments in the Angelina Pedrosa center at (773) 442-4601 or through email at Lu-Moreno@neu.edu.

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Follett's: New technology a hindrance

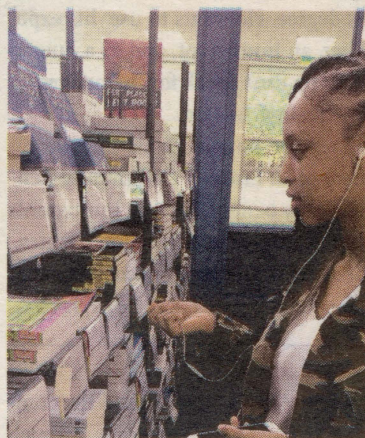


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Brianna Carter searches for her textbooks without a personalized list due to technical difficulties with KIOS.

Jenn Lee

As near as I can tell, Follett's is categorizing their books entirely by author or editor surname. I prefaced that sentence with "as near as I can tell," because after entering Follett's this semester, I spent about fifteen minutes inside. Being as confused and as lost as I have ever been in any bookstore before I retreated to the safe haven of online shopping to procure my required texts.

Most college bookstores arrange their selections by class, section, and instructor. Follett's at NEIU decided to buck that long-standing trend this year.

In the interest of full disclosure, I admit to having attended six colleges and universities, including my current term at NEIU. While I may not be an expert, I feel that I have accrued a reasonable understanding of the college experience.

To date, Follett's is the only university bookstore I have encountered, as a student or otherwise, that groups

their offerings in any manner other than that of class, section, and instructor.

While I may not be an expert at the college experience (or at least not yet), I have no qualms about declaring my expert-level knowledge of bookstores. From shiny, big-name corporations to quirky, adorably niche indie operations, I have worked in or frequented or planned vacations around bookstores for most of my more-than-the-typical-college-student's years.

Follett's is the first bookstore, of any type that I have confronted, that organizes their stock solely by author or editor surname.

The most mazy used bookstore makes at least a cursory effort at sorting their books into the broadest of genres such as fiction and non-fiction, or those horrifying dystopias that began their lives as fiction decades ago, but have now crossed over into terrifyingly true tales thanks to the interminable march of progress.

If it's important for standard consumers to have some idea of what might be found where, it is clearly even more important for students who go to their bookstores (often with very limited amount of time) to be able to quickly and easily find the books they need.

Even if every student that walked through Follett's doors had their class syllabi in hand, it would still take far too long for them to find the books they need. Scanning shelves exclusively by author surname makes no sense when you're browsing for bestsellers, let alone on the hunt for biology texts and Norton anthologies.

Follett's does provide a system called KIOS, where students use a

tablet found near the right side of the bookstore. Students enter their identification number in the tablet, and it pulls up all the books needed for a given semester, organized by author and title.

"KIOS helps students find their books quickly," Hope Tsurutani, an employee at Follett's, said. "There are not enough employees to help every single person that walks in."

Tsurutani mentioned that before KIOS, she was constantly pulled from helping with the cashiers, to helping maintain Follett's organization, to helping several students find their books.

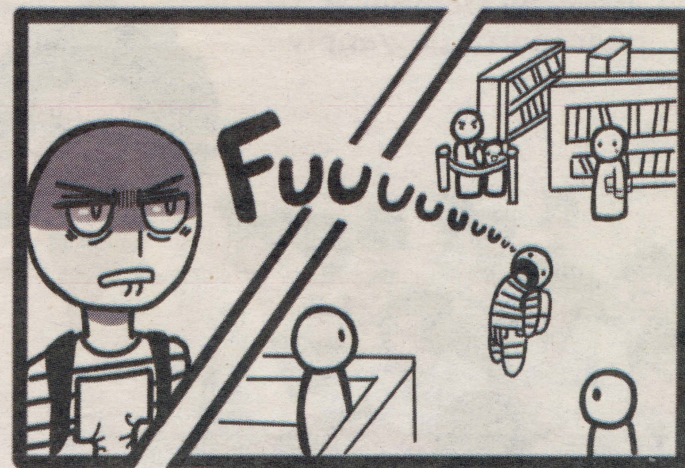
She said the benefit of KIOS is it provides each student with their own personalized list of books that helps them find their texts based on the author's last name.

"This way, every student receives help finding their books quickly," Tsurutani said.

Yet senior student Brianna Carter did not feel like Follett's new layout is helpful. "It's confusing," Carter said, as she ran her hand through her hair in frustration. "I'm just walking up and down the aisles, trying to find every single one of my books."

In talking to Tsurutani and Carter, I've realized that Follett's idea to make their employees' jobs easier by introducing technology that helps students find their books is a good one. However, the execution of that idea falls short of the mark when the tablet malfunctions.

Even when the technology works as intended, it doesn't seem to provide much benefit to the students searching for their books. It makes it more difficult, confusing, and time-consuming.



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In the current day and age, there are more than enough roadblocks in place for our students. We do not need our university bookstore throw-

DACA: Why destroy the Dream?

Amaris Rodriguez

More than 800,000 people across the nation held their breaths on Sept. 5. They waited for President Trump's decision on whether or not he would be terminating the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. As an American citizen and a Hispanic woman, I am not in favor of the decision to "wind-down" on the program.

DACA, a program set in place by former President Obama, allowed for undocumented immigrants who came into the United States as children to be able to have the ability to obtain work permits, go to school, and receive home mortgage loans among other amnesty benefits.

The program was set up for a specific group of immigrants nicknamed "Dreamers" after the Dream Act, in hopes of protecting those who had no say of coming to this country from immediate deportation.

The program was made eligible for those who were under the age of 31 on June 15, 2012, and entered the U.S. before turning sixteen.

It is through this extensive qualification program that Dreamers debunk a myth set forth by President Trump that has gained popularity since the presidential race in 2016: that all undocumented immigrants are criminals. In order to apply for the program, an individual goes through an extensive qualification program.

They willingly submit themselves and risk their stay in the United States in order to try to obtain a "consideration for deferred action," which would be valid for a period of two years and would have to be renewed.

In order to qualify for DACA, an individual must undergo a background check and cannot have a criminal record.

The fact that you can not have a criminal record, which is very often overlooked by those who oppose DACA, is extremely important in the topic of immigration.

Should the children of immigrants

have to pay for the so-called "mistakes" their parents made?

The end of DACA would be doing just that. Terminating DACA would punish people who have grown up in this country. They are people who have received an education, worked, and started families in the United States. They genuinely consider themselves American.

The nearly 800,000 people who are DACAmented have found their lives full of uncertainty since the announcement. These DACA recipients are questioning their security at their schools, jobs and sadly even their homes. They have received educations, created businesses and given back to their community.

These communities, and the United States as a whole, will be affected if contributing members of society are ripped away from their lives and sent to foreign countries that most have never even visited. The United States stands to lose hundreds of billions of dollars in taxes over the next ten years as thousands of young immigrants would be leaving the workforce.

As a child of immigrants, regardless of my citizenship status, I support anyone who is pursuing a better future for themselves and their children.

A Dreamer is anyone who is fighting against all odds to better themselves and their family's lives. Dreamers are the children of parents who wanted a safe life, an education, and a successful future for their children. This is something that should not be met with criminal charges or having their lives uprooted to countries they are not familiar with.

As an American citizen, I am saddened that our country has forgotten about the American dream. The same dream that drove millions of people from all over the world to pursue a better life in the United States. A dream that was built on values, hard work, and perseverance, all of which are qualities that Dreamers embody.



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Student Aide: We need more jobs for students

Rabea Aslam

I still remember my first year at NEIU as an international student back in 2016, frantically looking for a student aide job.

Coming to a country where I'm not allowed to work affected me financially. There wasn't much money leftover to buy food, with every cent counting towards paying my tuition. I was living mainly off of junk food instead of proper meals because chips were cheaper.

So I searched for jobs through student aide. However, I was met with very limited job postings, maybe two or three openings, which made me feel like NEIU needs to offer more student aide jobs.

Student Aide jobs are available for students registered at least part-time and offer very flexible hours. They're usually on reserve for students in need and help pay for their tuition while having some leftover money for other personal expenses.

I spent a lot of time searching for jobs on campus and researching about the different opportunities available for me. I started looking for them on College Central, a platform for students to find jobs on and off-campus (including volunteer positions and internships). I realized that searching for a job so late in the semester wasn't a good idea as most positions fill up quickly. Becoming an office assistant in Enrollment Services was the only thing I found available.

However, the limited job openings did not make me feel hopeless. In order to keep a positive attitude, I reminded myself to continue applying and start my search earlier next semester. This led me to look at jobs related to student

organizations, hoping they had openings available for me.

In my search for employment I found limited part-time opportunities in College Central, which often does not list all current openings throughout the campus buildings.

Another disadvantage of student aid positions students is they require you to be enrolled in a degree program. This means that the people wishing to transfer to a different college or university will have a harder time applying for these positions before they become unavailable.

I wanted to apply for on-campus jobs as soon as possible, however I was unsuccessful as I was not registered for classes yet.

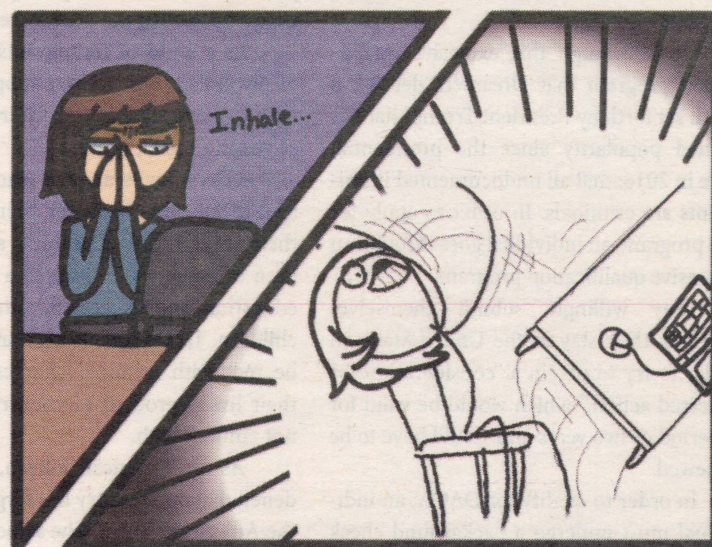
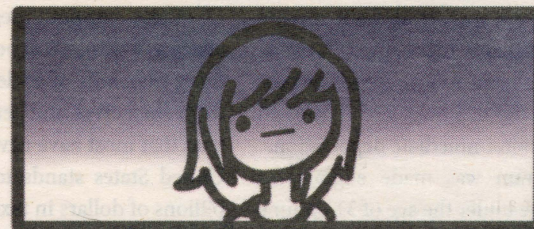
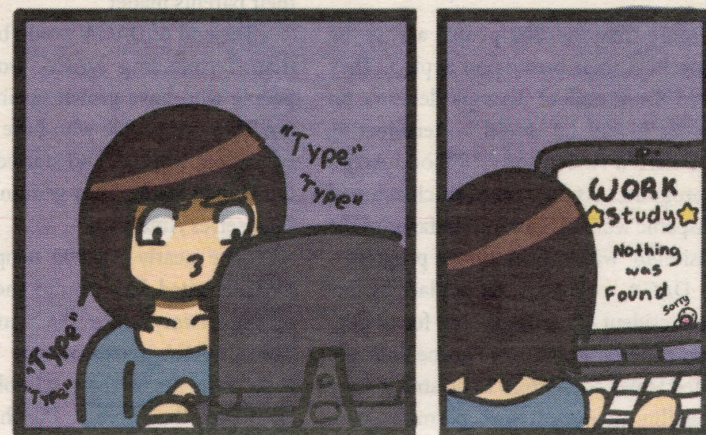
As a way of gaining real life experience, I looked for volunteering opportunities within NEIU, which lead me to WTTW Chicago PBS. I answered calls while on air during the pledge drive break of the Visions of Europe program in August. Even though I was gaining experience, I still didn't have any money, which is why NEIU's student pantry was a relief.

I heard about the student pantry during my first semester when I was working as a secretary for the business club "Achievers who serve Business and Management."

The pantry provides products and food with a high shelf life to NEIU students and staff who are on a tight budget.

Students get to choose from large quantities of various eatables offered and this can help them save money.

In my academic career I have studied at Ryerson University in Toronto and American University in Dubai and have not found a program



Cartoon by Brandi Nevarez

like the one offered at NEIU.

While the Student Panty already provides quality food for those in need, students might also benefit

from stationary or toilet items like paper towels, shower gels, shaving cream and soaps as well as school supplies.

A&L



Local Digs: Bubble tea and street food

Roine Dryer-Michaels

2 Asian Brothers

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As students we are always on the lookout for carryout and delivery spots that are healthy and cheap. Bánh Mi Sandwiches come on a French baguette. BBQ pork is the most often requested addition with standard daikon, carrots, cilantro, pate and mayo. Recently I checked out 2 Asian Brothers for their affordability, and found that their number one selling dish starts at only \$5.50 for a filling meal. This is a self-serve restaurant, which means the majority of your money goes into what you eat! For those looking for a hot, big bowl of goodness, try the Street Noodles with beef.

It hails from the streets of Saigon, Vietnam. This dish is a regular for those on the go. The noodles are similar to Lo Mein, but flavored with the 2 Asian Brothers wing sauce and served up with your choice of meats and veggies. This bowl of yumminess will leave your tummy completely satisfied. The Asian Wings are the best, taste wise and price. The unique teriyaki style sauce and breading are not your average everyday flavor. The texture is somewhat crunchy despite the generous amount of sauce. For \$8 bucks you get 8 wings and a bowl of homemade chicken noodle or veggie soup. If you're not into soup, you have an option of their flavorful fried rice. Don't forget to order bubble tea with tapioca to compliment your meal. The 2 Asian Brothers opened back in 2011.

Interestingly, the establishment is the product of two friends and not two brothers. One Vietnamese and the other Indian, they were both working in the technology field when they became inspired to serve others through the idea of amazing food and business. Check out their community info board next to the Bánh Mi sandwich diagram on the chalkboard. 2 Asian Brothers (3222 W. Foster Ave.) offers carryout and delivery. They offer a student discount on weekend evenings. The flow of customers is constant, but the wait is surprisingly

quite short for both eat-in and delivery. Wi-Fi is free, and there are plenty of seats. Come on in and try them out soon. Make sure to mention that you are a student at NEIU.

Shukr Bubble Tea and Cafe

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Chill out in the warm surroundings in this new local café, Shukr (3334 W Foster Ave.) Shukr is a laid back café with comfy two person settees. The cafe is clean and has a chill, quiet atmosphere which is excellent for studying. The counter and food prep is handled by an individual employee, but he is quick and friendly. The place is not what I'd call "hoppin," but the bubble tea comes with Popping Boba, which is a pleasant surprise. In this area of the city, many other smoothie places only tend to offer tapioca pearls which is so yesterday.

The word "Shukr" comes from the Arabic "shukran," meaning thankful. Along with their listing of hot and cold drinks Shukr serves up Samosa, Panini, Meat Puffs and other light bites. I had a chilled chai latte and my companions drank a Taro smoothie with Mango Popping Boba and Honeydew Smoothie with Lychee Popping Boba. They offer a rotating menu of pastry and snacks. We would have liked to have some dessert or pastry to go along with our drinks.

They really welcome students; there were several students working on their laptops while I was there. I understand that earlier in the day they also have sweets and other goodies, but they often run out by the afternoon and later evening hours.

Initially, it was not obvious that there was a food menu until we asked if they serve food. Their display case was clean and shiny, but it had nothing in it at all. The food offering are a short list but they are looking to expand it. This café has potential, but they really need to promote their

food items by making them visible during all hours of operation. They offer delivery through Grubhub outlets at every table. The cafe offers Wi-Fi and outlets at every table, perfect for studying, along with a 10% discount for students. Check them out on Facebook for more information and make sure to mention that you are an NEIU student.

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Trolls, Churches, and Fantasy: "Rise of the Dungeon Master" Review

Grant Spathis

There are a wide range of assumptions that are associated with players of Dungeons & Dragons: geeky, socially awkward, loner.

However, if there's one thing that "Rise of the Dungeon Master: Gary Gygax and the Creation of D&D" written by David Kushner with illustration by Koren Shamdi makes clear, it's that D&D meant much more to people than most realize. What started as a strategic war-game in a basement in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin became a global phenomenon played by 20 million people in 50 languages.

As "Rise of the Dungeon Master" makes clear, getting to that point was far from simple.

Gary Gygax, the creator of the game, was a child who loved adventure and became addicted to strategic war games of his day. When those games were unable to satiate his desire for a more improvisational and creative board game, he chose to create his own.

It was not an easy path, and "Rise of the Dungeon Master" does a wonderful job showcasing the struggles that come along with following a creative passion. That drive was not achieved by a singular man. Dave Arneson was brought on board to help clarify the game because Gygax was unable to remove himself from the minutiae of the rules.

That creation was not without bumps on the road, in spite of its massive success. When a young man went missing from college in the early 80s, Gygax's love of Dungeons & Dragons and the ensuing puzzle he created shook the nation. Worried parent groups quickly sprang up with claims that the game was Satanic, and they attempted to shut down production.

This attention was far from what the creators hoped for as the fear mongering reached a fever pitch. A film, starring a young Tom

Hanks, was made featuring a young man losing his mind due entirely to a D&D-esque game.

This incident was part of the catalyst that led to Gygax selling off his portion of the company in 1985. He continued creating games but none reached the status of Dungeons & Dragons. Shortly before he sold his stake, he ran into a disagreement with Dave Arneson, who is now credited as a co-creator of the game, following a lawsuit against Gygax.

Arneson is responsible for two of the most important parts of the game. First, that it takes place in a dungeon (because what is Dungeons & Dragons without dungeons). His second piece of invaluable input was a leveling system, allowing every player to play until they tire of the character they have created. This is a concept co-opted by every role-playing-game since, both on computers and off.

That idea, the unending game, is where Dungeons & Dragons's true legacy lies. The widespread influence of the tabletop game can be seen almost everywhere, from television shows like "Stranger Things" and "Game of Thrones" to "World of Warcraft" being a literal love letter to the classic game.

The cultural impact of Dungeons & Dragons is inexplicably tied to the widespread popularity of geek culture that is currently on-going. David Kushner and Koren Shamdi's "Rise of the Dungeon Master: Gary Gygax and the Creation of D&D" does a wonderful job of weaving the tale of how it came to be, and why it's creator fought so hard to make it happen.

Find "Rise of the Dungeon Master" at your local store by going to indiebound.org.

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Independent Campus Calendar

Find out which events are happening, where and when.

This calendar is for events happening on any of NEIU's four campuses as well as off campus events hosted by NEIU clubs, organizations, alumni, departments and staff.

Board of Trustees Meeting

September 14 @ 1:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Main Campus

All meetings may include an Executive Session if voted upon by the Board in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

Thursday Night Live

Every Thursday night at 10:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m., WZRD E-050

WZRD welcomes a new live band to the station to play a set.

Fall Fest 2017 Weekend

September 15 and 16 on Main Campus

This September we will celebrate Northeastern Illinois University's 150th anniversary. Here's a short list of events happening through the weekend.

2017 Biennial Juried Alumni Art Exhibition Reception

September 15 @ 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., NEIU Fine Arts Gallery
An exhibition of alumni work in all media to be juried by Shannon Keck. 2017 Biennial Juried Art Alumni Exhibition August.

Golden Eagle Alumni & Family Picnic 2017

September 16 @ 12:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m., Main Campus

Campus Trolley Tours

September 16 @ 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
CDT, Main Campus

Golden Gala Alumni Awards Dinner

September 16 @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
CDT, Main Campus

Eagle's O.A.P. Overnight

September 22 - September 23.
Physical Education Complex
Eagle's Overnight is a great time to explore the OAP. We will be participating in an open high course, create stacking, and sleeping on campus.

Latino Open House

September 28 @ 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Main Campus
Join us for an Open House hosted by Que Ondee Sola Magazine.

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Fall into Fun Week

September 11th - 16th Food, Fun and Giveaways



Monday, September 11
Day of Service Collection Drive for Veterans
11:30am - 3:00pm

Tie Dye Shirts
University Commons
(Village Square - rain location)
11:30am - 3:00pm

Tuesday, September 12
Temporary Tatt-Tuesday
University Commons
(Village Square - rain location)
11:30am - 3:00pm

Trivia Night
Bring a team of 2-5 to win prizes.
SU-003
5:30pm - 7:30pm

Wednesday, September 13
Latino Heritage Month Kickoff
University Commons
11:30am - 2:00pm

Thursday, September 14
Paint and Sip
Village Square
11:00am - 3:00pm

The Hook Up: An Improv Presentation
Alumni Hall - South
5:30pm - 7:30pm

Monday through Thursday
Information Table
Lobby
10:00am - 5:30pm

Tuesday through Thursday
Jump Rope Contest, Popcorn,
Snacks, and Giveaways
12:30pm - 5:30pm



NEIU WEEKEND

Friday, September 15 Fall Fest

NPB is hosting a night of fun activities, inflatables, free food and a beer garden at the University Commons! Featuring Live Performances by Cover Girl, Steven Cristi, Chicago Bucket Boys, and La Obra.

University Commons Main Campus
4:00pm - 10:00pm

Saturday, September 16

Alumni and Family Picnic
Join us for a picnic on the University Commons with fellow students, faculty, staff, parents, alumni and families. Bring your student ID!
University Commons Main Campus
Noon - 3:00pm

Club El Centro

Come to the El Centro campus for a Dance Party. Dress to Impress. Free food and lots of dancing! Transportation will be provided between the Main Campus and El Centro Campus.
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