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Independent

• Northeastern Illinois University •

Robberies infest local neighborhood

by Mike Solarte

The community surrounding Northeastern Illinois University has been the scene of eight recent robberies. The crimes occurred between Oct. 1 and Nov. 1 of this year. The robberies included several different offenders and were both strong-armed and armed. These attacks have prompted Public Safety to begin patrolling the streets adjacent to the campus.

A UNI professor was a victim of one of these robberies, which occurred on the 5700 block of N. Central Park Ave. According to Public Safety director Bill Curtin, the professor escaped unharmed, even though the crime occurred in a poorly lit area.

"The area on Central Park contains residences on the east side and the west side is very dark with trees lining that particular side," said Curtin.

According to Public Safety, the robberies have taken place between Foster and Bryn Mawr Avenues and between Spaulding and Central Park Avenues. Two of the robberies were committed on the 5600 block of N. Spaulding, while two others occurred on the 5600 block of N.

Kimball. Public Safety has not learned of any others in the UNI community to be victims. Public Safety has also reported that no sexual harassment or abuse charges have been reported to them.

Crimes that have occurred on campus have been either car break-ins or book theft. The articles stolen from the break-ins range from radar detectors to cassette tapes.

"We recommend that to avoid book theft," says Curtin, "people should write their name and social security number in the front, back, and somewhere in the middle of the book.

"Beck's (bookstore) is very insistent on that, as they make people sign for their book returns and write down social security number. This way, if a book is reported as stolen, and is returned for the money, the signature of the returnee is on file."

"If you find yourself in a situation where you feel unsure," said Curtin, "trust your instincts and get out of the situation."

If you are a victim of a crime, contact the police and make a report. On campus, call

Public Safety at ext.200; off campus, dial 911.

Public Safety has released five helpful hints (see accompanying chart) to help cut down the number of thefts and such that occur on or around campus:

Helpful hints for theft protection

1. Be alert and aware of your surroundings. Know the route you plan to take.
2. Walk on main streets. Avoid taking short cuts through alleys and vacant lots.
3. Be observant of people sitting in parked cars, following you or cars which repeatedly pass by you.
4. Walk in groups when possible. There is safety in numbers.
5. If you park off campus, park and walk in well lighted areas.

Committee discusses plans to save building's ornamental stonework

by Julie Schad

The Oct. 31 meeting of the Campus Planning Committee (CPC) discussed the impending demolition of the Chicago Parental Schools' Administration Building (Oct. 30 Independent), yet little was accomplished in the way of progress.

The CPC was informed that the outcome of the Oct. 19 Landscape Committee meeting was the admission that the preserving of the cupola was impractical - even though the actual advisement for the preservation was not withdrawn. Both the Landscape Committee and the CPC agree that the lion-faced scuppers, limestone slabs and other ornamental pieces from the building should be utilized in some decorative manner. It was stated, however, that a better defined plan for this utilization must be devised prior to the finalization of the demolition contract, in order to include it in the actual written specifications.

Currently, the plan is for the ornamental stonework to be incorporated into approxi-

mately 10 benches that will be stationed in various places around the campus. However, there seem to be some potential problems with this plan. It is possible that some or all of the slabs are only facially limestone. It is also possible that portions of the decorative stonework, including that which is around the main doorway, is terra cotta - not stone. If these possibilities prove to be true, the hoped for benches might need to be abandoned and a new plan devised.

Although the Landscape Committee has admitted that the preservation of the 21' 9" cupola is impractical, plans are still being constructed for its use. Bob Easton, chairman of the committee, confesses that initially they were "caught off guard" by the size of the cupola and are presently trying to restructure a "workable plan." Unfortunately, any "workable plan" will need a substantial amount of funds - which, so far, have not been raised.

During the meeting, Easton had a "spur of the moment" idea that the cupola could be grounded

on a raised portion in the center of the retention pond. (This bowl-shaped pond, designed to collect surface run-off water, is planned to occupy some of the land around the present site holding the Administration Building. Another such pond area can be found to the west of the Day Care Center) This idea, taken at face value, appears to be unworkable, since the contact with the ground, combined with the seasonal wet/dry conditions, could possibly cause the cupola's inner wooden structure to rot.

Ron Flieg, representing the Civil Service Committee, raised a motion to recommend that "as much effort as possible should be made to save the decorative, ornamental stonework, and significant limestone slabs be saved so that they may be incorporated into benches." This motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

More progress is expected prior to the next scheduled CPC meeting in late November or early December.

Jackson's antics mar Senate election

Those were the days, my friends, we thought they'd never end...

Apparently, they haven't - at least as far as Student Senate elections are concerned.

It's been over a year since claims of improprieties have been made about a Senate election, and the close supervision of Walter Williams, director of Student Activities, has much to do with this. However, Williams himself would be the first one to admit that such involvement in student elections by university staff members should not be necessary.

Unfortunately, as the events of the Oct. 24-25 elections indicate, such involvement is still critical if any semblance of honesty and respectability is to be maintained.

During balloting, there was a woeful lack of participation by Senate members, a chronic

problem confronting elections. Several staff members from the Student Activities were required to man the table as a result.

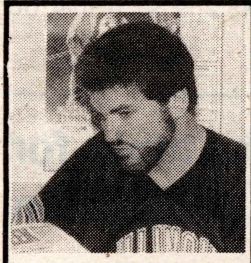
A larger problem, though, loomed over the entire balloting procedure. Senate Vice-President Julius Jackson actively campaigned in front of the balloting area for several candidates, passing out stickers with candidates' names typed upon them in order to facilitate a large write-in vote. When asked by one senator at the table, "Why do all these stickers have different names on them?" Jackson responded, "Shhh! No one's supposed to know that!" Sorry, Julius - we *do* know that.

Jackson further wished to man the balloting table while no one else would be available to do so, but Senator Steve Ratz quickly agreed to the task. At least one senator understands the ab-

surdity of allowing someone to campaign as well as man the ballot box in an election - especially when the person in question is a member of the organization for which the election is being conducted.

If the Student Senate put in a fraction of the effort to serve students as its unethical vice-president does in trying to fix elections, this university would be a better place.

George Santayana defined a fanatic as "one who redoubles his efforts when he has forgotten his aim." Such a description surely fits Jackson, whose fanaticism for politics and self-aggrandizement are a detriment to the entire university community. It can only be hoped that the new members of the Student Senate will choose a better role model for their future efforts.



Don Price's Mental Floss

UNI's move to become like everyone else is all wet

Monkey see, monkey do.

Those seem to be President Gordon Lamb's bywords concerning the reasoning behind UNI's new semester calendar. All the other schools do it, he tells us, so we should too.

That seems to be just as much of an excuse now as it was when I was a kid.

For example: "Mom, can I have a dog? All the other kids have one." Or: "Mom, I wasn't the only one fighting - so were Billy and Tommy and Jimmy." Mom's comeback seems appropriate even now: "So? If the other kids wanted to jump off a cliff, would you follow them?"

A good question, President Lamb. If all the other schools wanted to end undergraduate education to concentrate on research and graduate training, would you follow them?

All this may seem a bit facetious, but stop and think for a minute: the conversion to a new calendar is a monumental undertaking. It will change the course loads taught by faculty, affect the number and types of classes available to students and dramatically affect enrollment patterns. It may also wind up costing considerably more than the current calendar. The reason for all of this, we are told, is that everyone else does it.

The single greatest advantage that Northeastern has held over its competition is the fact that it was not like every other school. It wasn't monolithic, with thousand-student lecture classes and teaching assistants in the majority of undergraduate classes. It valued research, but not at the expense of undergraduate education.

All of this seems about to change. By becoming more like everyone else, UNI appears to have thrown its hat into the ring of educational institutions which value faculty research and publication more highly than

undergraduate education. These schools feel that research and publication contribute much more to a school's academic reputation than mere education, and should therefore be promoted. In other words, the education you receive from these schools may decrease in quality, but the degree you earn will have a better reputation than before. Some tradeoff, huh?

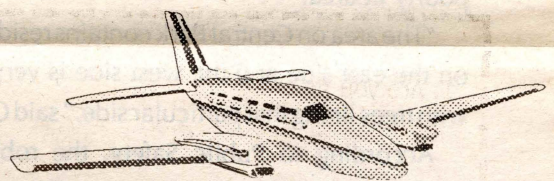
In many respects, this situation parallels the one I described in my Oct. 2 column about Charles Sykes' book *ProfScam*. I praised Northeastern then for having the courage to stick to its guns and not follow the ill-advised paths of other schools, where professors called the shots and research and publication held sway over undergraduate education. In this case, however, the professors are not the ones to instigate the new calendar and its repercussions; in fact, the majority have indicated their opposition to the new plan, citing its negative impact on students. No, the sole instigator is President Lamb, and the reason he gives is that everyone else does it.

Lamb could learn a lesson from some local advertisers. In its new television ads, WXRT-FM has admonished viewers to "do their own thing" and avoid going along with the crowd. One of the ads describes the unfortunate circumstances of the lemming, a small rodent which, for unknown reasons, commits suicide in droves every few years by resolutely marching into the ocean to drown. The camera portrays a lemming smart enough to turn away from the rest of his doomed compatriots.

Unfortunately, Lamb has already answered the question, "Which are you - a man or a lemming?" with a resounding splash.



Letters to the Editor should be typed, double-spaced and no longer than 250 words.



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Students benefit from philosophy

Dear Editor:

The Strategic Planning Council's recommendation to eliminate the philosophy major does indeed threaten the health of one of the best departments on this campus, and will do nothing for Northeastern's ruptured academic image or the actual quality of education here.

It is true that the recommendation may foreshadow a move to reduce the number of senior-level philosophy courses available to UNI students, and that such a reduction could, in turn, lead to eliminating at least one faculty position. It is *not* true that the Council recommends eliminating the Philosophy Department, as has been claimed in your letters column, but those alarmist claims do not invalidate the concerns of the beleaguered minority of students and faculty members on this campus who are interested in

quality education.

What would cutting a few philosophy classes mean? If, for example, Phil-341, Metaphysics, were scratched from the schedule, it would mean that no student on this campus would have an opportunity to systematically read, hear lectures and be tested on difficult treatises by Kant.

Why read Kant? To understand ethics. Why read Descartes? To understand the seventeenth century, to understand how modern science differs from modern philosophy. Why read Aristotle? To understand the history and literature of the West, especially through the Renaissance.

I have taken approximately seventy hours at Northeastern; these courses have included many of the best available in the English, History and Philosophy Departments. Some of the most rig-

orous, honest, enthusiastic and useful instruction I have received in this school has been in philosophy courses.

I highly recommend these classes, not only to liberal-arts students, but to anyone interested in professional success. Studies show that philosophy majors achieve top scores on entrance tests for business, law and graduate schools, far out-ranking "practical" majors, such as business and education.

The number of people majoring in this field at UNI has always been low, but has doubled in the past two years. Rather than damaging the department, rather than eliminating educational opportunities, the Strategic Planning Council could have recommended seeking ways to encourage UNI's freshmen and sophomores to consider majoring or minoring in philosophy. The Council's recommendation is a sad, embarrassing bit of evidence about this university's priorities.

Laura Nilges-Matias

ATTENTION

The *independent* is conducting a survey to determine the feelings of the Northeastern community about on-campus recycling. By filling out the questionnaire below, you will help the Campus Recycling Committee in its efforts to determine the viability of on-campus recycling.

Please return your completed questionnaire to the marked collection boxes where you picked up your copy of the *independent* or to Room E-049. Questionnaires are due by 5 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 20.



Poor lighting affects safety

Dear Editor:

I am sure you are aware of the notice dated Nov. 2 from the Department of Public Safety regarding recent robberies on city streets near campus [see Page 1 - Editor].

It specifies a list of five simple rules to follow in order to lessen the risks of being a victim. Rule number five states: if you park off campus, park and walk in **well-lighted areas**.

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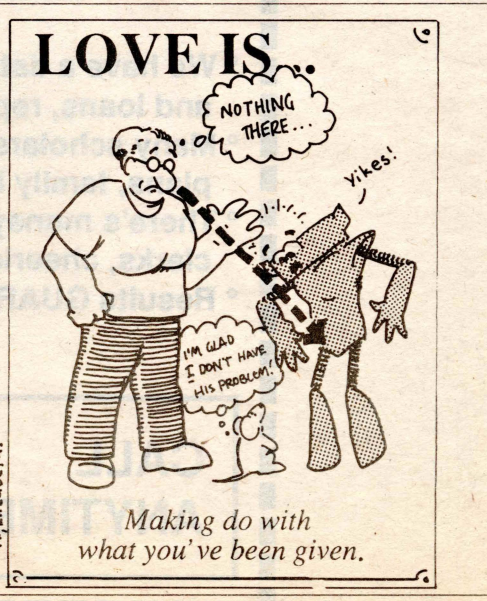
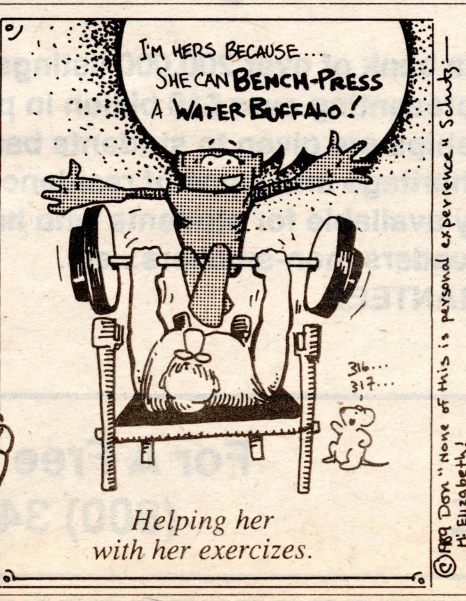
and right-of-ways of the Science Building are ever lit. The area has been kept in darkness for over two years. Hundreds of students are put at unnecessary risk every school night.

If you are a victim of a crime or accident in this area, call a lawyer and bring suit against the university. Lighting is not up to safety code!

Please fix the broken lights around the Science Building before someone gets hurt.
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Poll says that women know about AIDS, but do not practice 'safe sex'

by Karen S. Peterson
 Nearly all the women questioned about AIDS in a just-released Gallup poll say they know about the deadly illness, but many are at risk for the disease because they have had multiple sex partners who do not use condoms.

The nationwide survey of 612 women between ages 18 and 40 — conducted by telephone last month — turned up "terrifying" results, said Gallup analyst Elaine Christiansen.

The poll was released on the eve of the second set of

hearings by the National Commission on AIDS, which is expected Thursday to hear grim news about the spread of the disease in the 1990s from Jonathan Mann, head of the World Health Organization's AIDS program.

As of Oct. 15, the Centers for Disease Control said, 27,184 cases of acquired immune deficiency syndrome were diagnosed this year alone. About 1.5 million Americans are thought to carry the virus that causes the disease.

The United States reported its 100,000th case and 50,000 death this year; the CDC says 9,724 adult women have AIDS.

In the Gallup survey, 93 percent of respondents said they were knowledgeable about AIDS; 65 percent said they would quiz a potential partner about drug use; 62 percent would ask about previous sex partners; and 61 percent said they would request that their partner use a condom.

But Christiansen said 20 percent of those responding

said that in the last five years, they have had three or more sex partners who did not use condoms regularly — a combination that places the women at "high risk" for contracting the human immunodeficiency virus, which causes AIDS.

The Gallup survey found that 12 percent of those responding said that in the last five years, they had two sex partners who did not use condoms regularly, behavior that put them at "moderate risk" for AIDS.

But the results also show

that "smart rich women are fooling themselves into believing AIDS is not an issue for them," Christiansen says: 58 percent of high school graduates were concerned about contracting the AIDS virus, and 48 percent of college graduates had that concern.

The poll was commissioned by the Fox Broadcasting television show "The Reporters," for a special program on the subject.

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Privacy, convenience cited as reasons

Schools dispense condoms by machine

by Tuesday Georges

Talk about one stop shopping.

University students who are short on potato chips, ding dongs and candy bars can pick them up in the nearest university vending machine. Now, a coin in the slot will also buy a packet of condoms.

This union of junk food and protective rubber in the same vending machine came into play when the regular condom machines were broken into, and in some cases, torn from the wall.

"This year, the university put condoms in the vending machines," said Kathleen Matthews, Director of Health Education at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. "We decided to take this approach because some schools were having problems with the machines being vandalized or not working properly."

University of Minnesota students can now purchase three condoms for a dollar from vending machines at all eight of their residential halls and all three student unions.

Dick Otterness, vending manager at the University of Minnesota said the school sells from 10 to 15 condoms per machine each week.

Generally condom machines are small white boxes resembling a medicine cabinet. Its small construction makes it easy to vandalize.

Vending machines, on the other hand, are large and sturdy old pros at handling the attacks of abusive customers.

University officials say that even though some people argue that putting food and condoms in the same dispenser is tasteless, they have no other easy alternative.

Mark Mittelhauser, student government president at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Penn., said removing the machines would not be acceptable to CMU students.

"The feeling on campus is that student are very happy to have them (vending of condoms) on campus," said Mittlehauer.

Anita Barkin, Director of Student Health, said back in 1987 when CMU had the standard condom machines, one was ripped from the wall and stolen. Officials immediately received calls from students wanting to know if the machine would be replaced.

Michael Murphy, Dean of Students at CMU, said the university condoms, which cost 50 cents a piece, are doing "pretty good volumn in those machines."

CMU now has cigarette/condom vending machines in the residential halls and in one of their student unions.

Some universities were reluctant to install

condom machines on campus because of the moral and political implications.

"It had been an issue for about two years at Drake, but wasn't done because of administrations concern that it would encourage students to have sex," said Mike Elston, Vice President of Students, at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa.

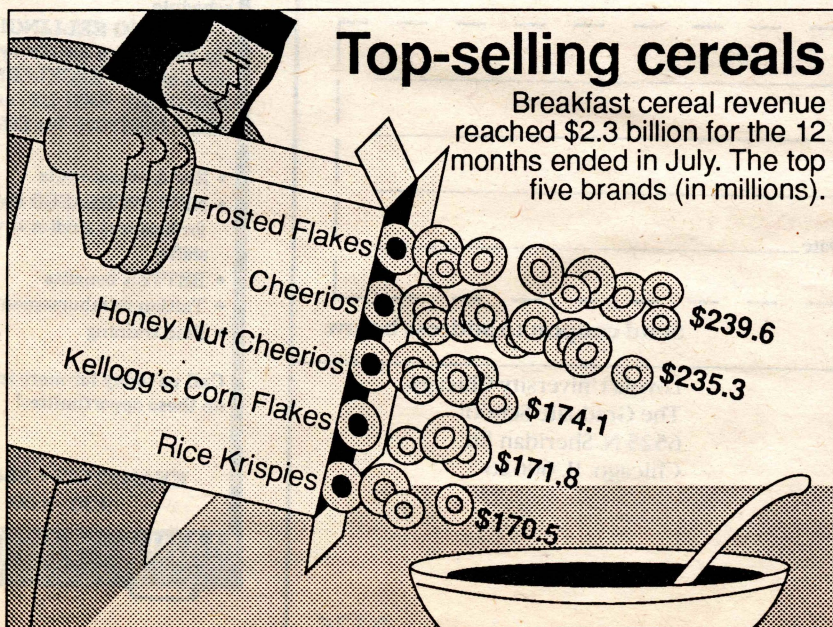
"But that concern was translated into, 'If you are going to have sex, have it safely.'"

Most of the schools contacted said they decided to install condom machines because of the growing risk of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

"We made the decision to install them (condom machines) due to the fact that condoms are one possible way to decrease the risk of AIDS ... because we know college students are sexually active," said Laurie Bisset-Grady, Health Educator at California State University, in Sacramento.

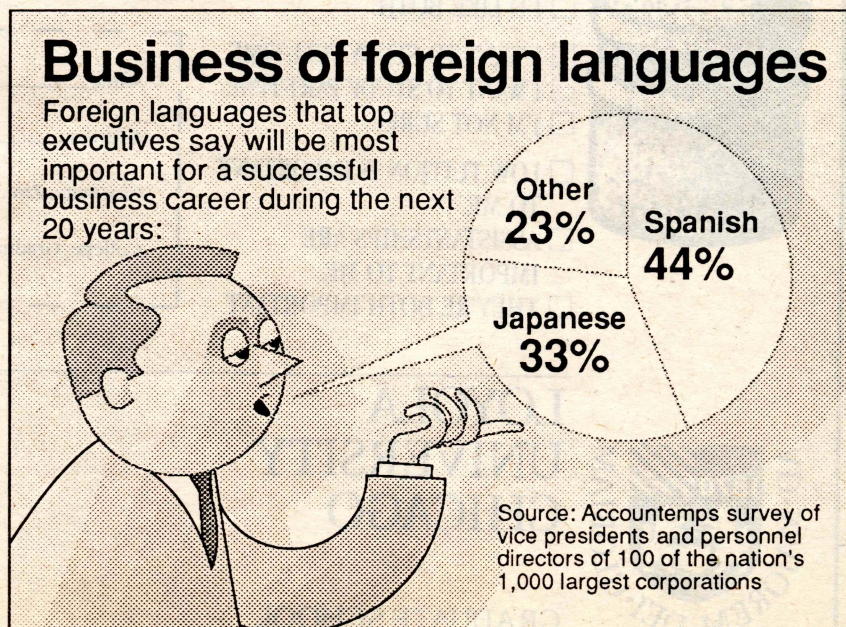
University officials believe condom machines are more attractive to students than over the counter sales, because students don't have to ask for the condoms — saving them embarrassment.

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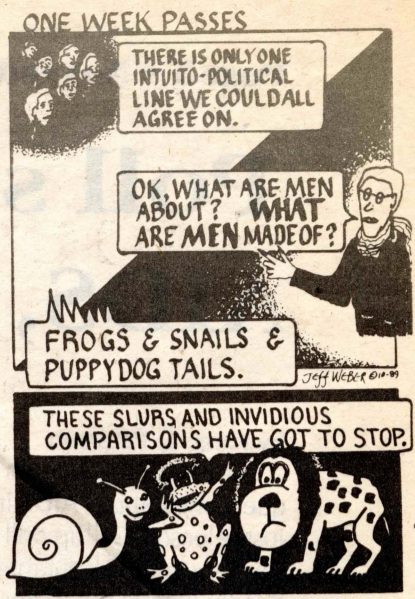
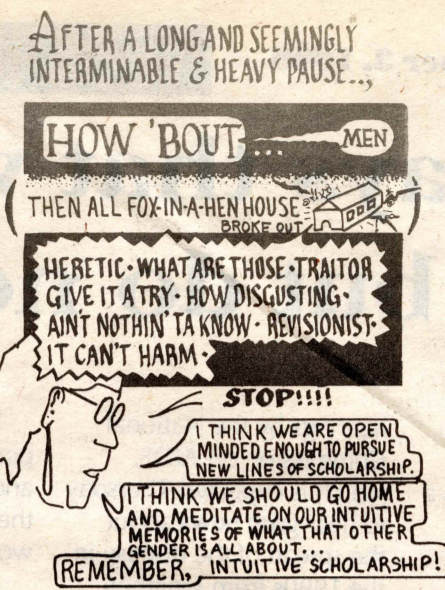
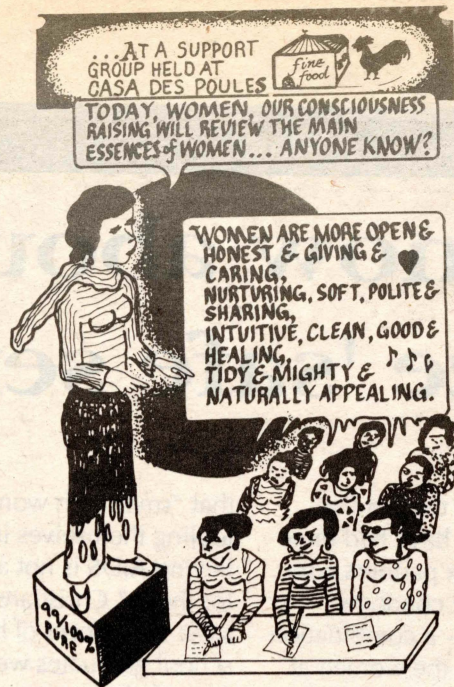


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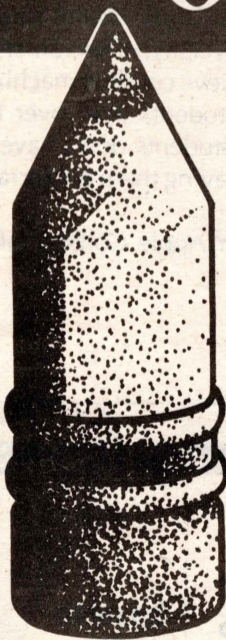
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Super Hoops returns to campus

The Schick Super Hoops 3-on-3 Basketball Championships sponsored by Schick Razors and Blades, begins its seventh year of competition on the intramural level this year, continuing as America's largest college recreational sports activity. For the 1989-90 season, more than 200,000 students at over 800 colleges and Universities are registered to participate.

Northeastern Illinois University

is once again participating in this year's Super Hoop's, which will be held on campus January 16-19, 1990 as part of our Homecoming Week activities. Our winning men's and women's team's will advance to the Schick Super Hoops regional championships.

The application deadline is Tuesday, January 9, 1990. To enter, please complete a Super Hoops application and submit it prior to

the deadline. All information concerning the competition can be obtained at the Intramural/Recreation Office (room 1110), which is located in the P.E. complex.

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Congratulations go out to the Intramural Racquetball Champions. In the Men's 12:45 Tuesday/Thursday league, Ernest Krajniak took first place. Jeremy Cowan took second place while Glen Shivahama

finished in third.

In the Men's 5:00 Tuesday/Thursday league, Robert Morton took first place while Peter Parada finished second. Finishing in third was Jody Repass.

In the Women's 12:45 Tuesday Thursday league Rosa Molina finished first.

Congratulations to all who participated.

Matras runs 10,000 in 35.13 despite rough weather

Jim Matras put a promising end to a fantastic freshman year as he finished 51st in the NCAA Great Lakes Regional held at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, MI.

The freshman covered the 10,000 meter course in 35:13. The fact that he finished 51st is not that impressive until one considers that the course was four inches covered in snow and the mercury never reached a temperature over 40 degrees. The weather proved to be the big factor as it made for slick footing on the rolling hills and turns found on the course.

"It was difficult to move through runners," said Matras. "I was able to pick off about 50,

but that wasn't until the second half of the race."

Matras, with his competing in this event, has become the first athlete to compete in NCAA post-season competition in UNI history.

"Jim did a great job considering the conditions," said coach Tom Lake. "Every time he came past me he had improved his position. The last time I saw him before the finish he had moved up a great deal and by the finish it was even more."

Matras was the fifth freshman to complete the race, and the seventh Illinois runner to cross the finish line.

Sports Opinion

This week's *SPORTSOPINION* questions:

What do you think is wrong with the Chicago Bears? Is there a problem with coach Ditka? Has the age factor caught up with the famed 'Monsters of the Midway'?



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All submissions should include your full name and year in school.

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Collegiate Happenings
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LASERS CAN NOW REMOVE BIRTHMARKS

Physicians at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas are among the first five health-care institutions in the United States to experiment with a tunable dye argon laser to remove birthmarks called port wine stains.

"Before this type of laser was developed, there was no acceptable treatment for port wine stains," said Dr. Lynne Roberts, assistant professor of dermatology at Children's Medical Center.

The dye laser can be tuned to the specific wavelength of light that will give the desired biological effect of absorbing blood vessels. The intense energy of the laser beam destroys the enlarged and excess blood vessels of the port wine stain, while leaving surrounding, normal tissue unaffected.

Although the surgery requires sedation, it's performed on an out-patient basis and virtually leaves no scars. The treatment usually takes an hour or less.

Port wine stains occur in approximately three out of every 10,000 births and affect Caucasians more often than blacks or Hispanics. At birth, the stains are flat with a pink or red coloration. They tend to darken and take on a raised or lumpy appearance throughout adolescence and adulthood.

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COUNCIL HELPS NATIVE AMERICANS FIT IN

Students in the Swinomish, Cree, Squaxin and Potawatomi tribes at Central Washington University feel at home through the Native American Council.

The NAC is a small support group that fosters friendships among Native Americans in a world that can be lonely, according to President Barbara Bains.

Many of the group members are from reservations, and some never interacted within "mainstream society" before attending CWU, Bains said.

She said the contact with other Native Americans in the council can make a big difference in academic success and adjusting to social differences.

NAC sponsors guest speakers and student presentations, but the group's main agenda this year is to gain recognition from the school as students.

Vice President Tim Mackey said, "It gives Native Americans a chance to be part of something (at Central)."