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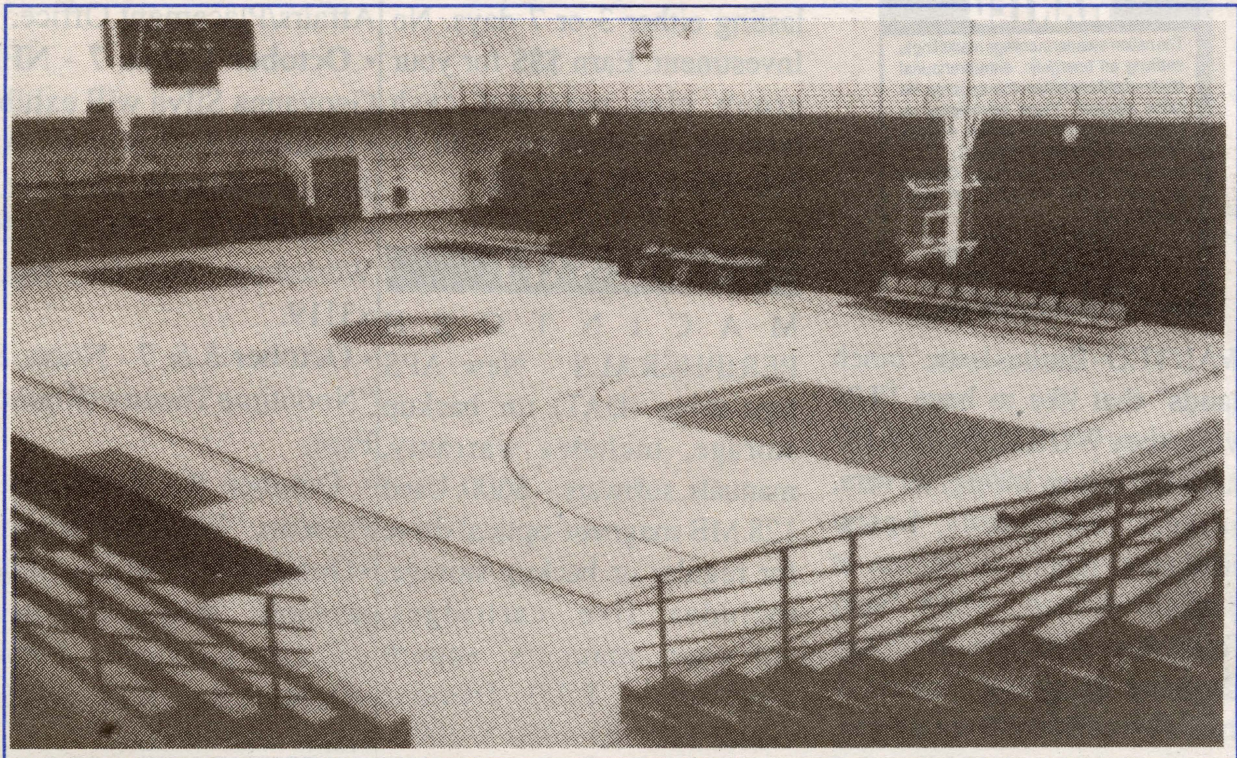
Gym Floor Planning Kept in the Woodwork

by Chris Jacobi

Anyone who has ever seen the the gymnasium floor in the Physical Education Building can see that it is not in terrible shape. The **Independent** has learned that NEIU is planning construction for a new wood floor in the near future. The first question for many is why? Is a new gym floor necessary? The next and most important question is the cost of the project that is slated to begin in the near future.

In the opinion of Dr. Charles Barber, professor of History and former Chairperson of Intercollegiate Athletics at NEIU, the new floor will cost an estimated 250,000 dollars. Dr. Barber also stated that he had been told that once the floor is finished, intramural sports and other activities would no longer be allowed to use the floor. When asked why, Dr. Barber stated, "The floor supposedly requires special treatment, which is a lie." He also added that Evanston High School has the same floor, and that they have had no problems over the years with sports and other activities such as graduations and intramural sports.

Several attempts by the **Independent** to



Renovations are slated to begin in the Winter with an estimated cost of \$250,000.

contact Athletic Director Dr. Vivian Fuller and the Chairperson of the Health and Physical Education Department Tony Schimpf were unsuccessful. Meetings with contractors are being kept-quiet due to unwanted publicity.

The **Independent** was told Dr. Fuller would be out-of-town until October 6th, but a reliable source in the Athletic Department has told the **Independent** that Fuller had never left town and was in her office the entire week.

Food Critics Give Cafe Mixed Reviews

by Sara Capitillo

The florescent lights beamed brightly and the balloons twinkled like stars in front of a huge crowd of hungry people.

On August 29, the grand opening of NEIU's newly remodeled cafeteria was unveiled. Every hungry student, faculty, and staff member squeezed their way through a variety of new fast-food places such as, Subway and Dunkin' Donuts, and theme vendors which include The World's Fair and The Main Event. These specialty "restaurants" include a variety of popular dishes ranging from hamburgers to noodles, rice, tacos, and eggrolls.

The cafeteria, which was closed-down since the beginning of the Summer, underwent the work of builders, plasterers, and others who gave the lunchroom a new look and extra space while the cooks and cashiers attended to

their customers at a different outside location which was located across from Beck's Bookstore.

The cafeteria's new facelift is getting mostly rave reviews. The majority of the students interviewed said the lunchroom looks much cleaner, brighter, and more appealing to the eye than ever before. On issues of food quality and prices, however, students have mixed feelings.

The biggest problem for some of the NEIU community are the prices. Students, in general, feel the new prices are too high. For instance, twenty ounce bottles of Lipton Iced Tea are priced at \$1.40 (with tax) and small bowls of salads which students prepare themselves are \$1.89 a plate.

Other issues raised by students included the freshness and quality of the food and the length of time in which the food has been

sitting-out. One student claimed there was only one pizza left by the time she was at the front of the line and that the pizza was too cold. Still others claimed that the hamburgers

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Minority Internships Available for Spring

by Glenda Davis

Minority students who are full-time Juniors and Seniors with a cumulative 2.75 GPA of Graduate Students with a 3.25 cumulative GPA interested in pursuing public service careers of policy making positions in the public sector are invited to apply for the BGU Minority Internship Program for the Spring Semester of 1995. According to Santos Rivera, University Chair of the BGU

Minority Internship Program, this program provides opportunities for selected students to observe and participate in the practical aspects of public policy-making in a variety of off-campus settings. Although many internships take place in state and local government offices, students may seek internship opportunities in fields such as business, human services, health, legal, communications, environment and consumer affairs.

If selected as an Intern, the placement will be for one academic semester. A montly stipend of \$1,000 will be paid to each intern for the duration of the internship.

Rivera said, "I think this is an excellent opportunity for anyone who qualifies. There are so many benefits which this would give a person. This gives them connections for future jobs."

If you are interested in candidacy for this internship program or would like furthur information and/or application, please stop by room B-114 or call extension 3169. The deadline for Spring 1995 participation is October 21, 1994.



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The Cultural Corner

Compiled by Anastasia Epstein

- **September 29** - noon, Village Square. Internship Information Table. Presented by Division of Student Affairs/Placement Office.
- **October 1 thru 7** - NEIU Library. Fall 1994 Art Show. Geovanna Silva will exhibit.
- **October 5** - 7:30 p.m., Auditorium. NEIU Brass Ensemble, Jonathon Martin, Director. Free.
- **October 5** - 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., CC214. Resume Writing Workshop. No fee, registration required (312) 583-4050 x3119.
- **October 5 & 7** - Noon, Stage Center Theatre. "Noontime Theatre (Round One)" Directed by Richard Hesler. Free.
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- **October 7** - 7:30 p.m., Auditorium. Batell Woodwind Quintet performs "Music of Barber, Rejcha and Harbison." Reception will follow concert. Admission \$10, Students/Seniors \$5.
- **October 8 thru 14** - NEIU Library. Fall 1994 Art Show. Peter Hsiao will exhibit.
- **October 13, 14 & 15** - 11:00 a.m./8:00 p.m., Auditorium. Ruth Page Dance Series.

Student clubs and organizations

- **A.A.** - meets Wednesdays 12-12:50 in the AWG A108 and Thursdays 1:40-2:50 in CLS 3071. Meetings are closed. For prospective and current members only.
- **A.C.E.I.** - Association for Childhood Education International will meet September 27 and October 18. 1:40-2:50 p.m., CLS 3044.
- **APOCALYPSE LITERARY ARTS COALITION** - meets Fridays 11:00 A.M. -12:00 noon E-041 or stop in anytime.
- **A.P.I.C.S.** - American Production and Inventory Control Society Inc., board meets first Tuesday of the month, guest speakers on second Tuesday of the month, 1:40 p.m. C.C. 217.
- **ART CLUB** - meets Thursdays, 1:40 p.m., B 119.
- **ASPIRA** - meets Thursdays, 1:40 p.m., S 112.
- **BLACK CAUCUS CLUB** - meets Thursdays, 1:40 p.m., CLS 3031.
- **BLACK HERITAGE CLUB** - meets on Tuesdays, 1:40 p.m., CLS 3031.
- **CHIMEXLA** - meets Tuesdays, 1:40 p.m., E 051.
- **CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDENTS ORGANIZATION** - meets 11/12, and 12/7, 1:40 p.m., CLS 3003. Additional dates to be announced.
- **GAY, LESBIAN AND BISEXUAL ALLIANCE** - meeting on Sept. 29. at 1:40 pm. CLS 2094. Oct. 11-National Coming-out Day. Think Pink! Be Proud! Oct. 27-meeting at 1:40 pm in CLS 2094. Nov. 17-meeting at 1:40 pm in CLS 2094. For more info., contact x-2960.
- **EARTH SCIENCE CLUB** - meets on alternate Tuesdays, 1:35 p.m. and Wednesday at 3:00 p.m., call Marianne ext. 4014 for more information.
- **HELLENIC CLUB** - meets every Tuesday at 1:40 p.m., S-111.
- **INDO-PAK STUDENT ASSOC.** - Meets every Wednesday at 2:00 in the Student Organization Conference Room which is located in the lower level of the Commuter Center.
- **INFINITY** - meets first and third Tuesdays of the month, 1:40 p.m., CLS 2031.
- **PHYSICS CLUB** - meets every third monday of the month, 8:00 p.m. in S-233.
- **MANAGEMENT CLUB** - sponsors a variety of events on campus. For more information regarding membership, contact M. O'Malley at ext. 2648.
- **MUSLIM STUDENTS ASSOC.** - meets every other Thursday, 1:40 p.m., S 144, 1A.
- **NSAB** - Northeastern Student Activities Board meets first and third Thursdays, E 205, ext. 3865.
- **QUE ONDEE SOLA** - meets Thursdays 1:40 p.m., E 041.
- **S.C.E.C.** - Student Council for Exceptional Children meets on alternate Thursdays at 1:45 p.m. in CLS 3020.
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- **STUDENT ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COALITION** - meets every third Thursday of the month, 1:40 p.m., S 202.
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- **WSU** - Women Students United meets Thursdays, 1:40 p.m., A108, ext. 3302.
- **WILDRENESS CLUB** - meets first and third Thursdays, 1:40 p.m., S-111.
- **WZRD 88.3 F.M.** - stop by E 059

Extension 200

Extension 200 is available 24 hours a day. Members of the University Community are urged to contact Public Safety when they need help, or if they have information about these items.

Public Safety concerns compiled by Public Safety Officer Bob Paprocki



- Sept. 7 - Theft: Audio Visual material was reported taken from the Classroom Building. A loss of \$330.00. Accident: Two vehicles were involved in a non-injury accident in the D-Lot.
- Sept. 8 - Station Information: A faculty member reported unusual behavior by a non-student visitor to his office.
- Sept. 9 - Service to other police: NEIU officers responded to a Chicago Police Department call of shots fired. Later a gun was confiscated from a teen-ager. Service to other police: Eleven youths were arrested for mob action near the University on McCormack Blvd.
- Sept. 12 - Medical Assist: A student became ill in the Classroom Building and was transported to a hospital.
- Sept. 13 - In-State Warrant: A non-student was arrested after a traffic stop for an out-standing warrant. Motor Vehicle offense: A vehicle struck another car in the M-Lot. Witnesses are being notified.
- Sept. 14 - Hit and Run: A student reported damage to her auto on campus. She refused to file a report or show insurance ID's. Station Information: A student reported a radio stolen from her vehicle parked off-campus. She refused to file a report.
- Sept. 15 - Burglary: A NEIU staff member reported a cabinet lock broken by unknown persons.
- Sept. 17 - Accident: Two motorists were involved in an accident on the access road. One driver stated he was injured but refused medical attention.

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Letters to the Editor

Editor:

Too many times the Financial Aid Office is only known as the, "Is my grant check in yet?" office. This is really too bad, because it is worth much more than the greed it perpetuates.

The Financial Aid Office staff is quite friendly and are always willing to help a student with any problems they might have. They always serve you with a smile.

Last year (around January) I applied for admission to NEIU and the first thing I did was to see financial aid for advice and help. Needless to say, they (the financial aid people) were very helpful, especially Marshall Jennings. Without his services, finding aid would have been next to impossible.

So the next time you are passing-by the Financial Aid Office, take time to stop by and talk with Mr. Jennings. You might be surprised!

Eva Towns

Editor:

I could not resist replying to Mr. John J. Piemonte's article in the first issue of the Independent entitled "Dr. Mr. Simon". At first the title of the article grabbed my attention because I did not know that Senator Simon was a Doctor? As far as addressing a senator, the proper decorum is "Honorable Senator," not Mr.! Whether the "Dr." in the title is a misprint, I don't know.

Mr. Piemonte first stated that, "life has cheapened because we had grown accustomed to the daily barrage of violence." I disagree completely because nobody can grow accustomed to violence! On the contrary! People try to stop violence where they can, as was seen in many neighborhood marches against the gangs during the Summer! I speculate that the reason why life has "become cheap" is due to some failure in the upbringing of children in the core unit of our society, namely in the family. In addition, there is the temptation of power promised by money (the root of all evil) through the trafficking of

narcotics by gangs. Last, but not least, television has become a media that spreads the vision of violence throughout all ages, starting with violent cartoons for the toddlers and later the programs that portray real life violence to teenagers and adults alike. This is compounded by the News-Media that seemingly makes heroes out of criminals, certainly an example to follow for any brainless punk so that he can be "cool" like the other guys! Go and see Oliver Stone's new film Natural Born Killers and you'll know exactly what I mean.

Second, Mr. Piemonte wants to put "an extreme price on the value of life," and this is the ultimate price! An "eye for an eye" and "a tooth for a tooth." I am certain that there are millions of people who agree with Mr. Piemonte, I admit that at times even I do, but the founders of our nation felt dissimilarly about this issue. The Constitution of the United States promulgated Article ten which states: "Excessive bail or fines and cruel punishment prohibited." On account of this I have two

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Editorial

Baseball and Society: A Dying Greed

Baseball, as fans know it, is dead. For the first time since 1904 there will be no world series and no heroes to play-out our fantasies on freshly-cut fields of play. Baseball, which once embodied everything right and good in the world, has now been reduced to a battle of insurmountable egos and greed. What was once a strong game passed-down from generation to generation is now a squabble between



owners and players in search of the all-powerful dollar. These same owners and players have not only destroyed a game, they have destroyed a century of tradition and dreams that once lived in every fan of baseball. The game that has survived world wars and earth-shattering events is gone; gone because of greed. A once glorious pastime surrounded by intrigue and heritage has been tarnished forever by athletes and their owners who believe they are bigger than the game itself.

In this respect baseball has become a model for the times in society; society, too, now plays a game of greed. Instead of stubborn athletes and owners playing the parts, we now see real, "everyday" people destroying human nature. People are at war with one another over greed and the excessive desire to accumulate money and power. Unfortunately, much like in baseball, no one wins this war and everyone loses. Society has become a Darwinistic survival of the fittest which is tearing human nature apart at the limbs. Men, Women, and Children are now at war with one another over the basics of life. Happiness is measured in dollars and cents. The struggle for power has led people to the notion of kill or be killed. The main motive is greed.

Both aspects of nature are being ruined by the very people that built them. Owners and players, much like people in society, have become too big for the games they inhabit. Long after we are all turned to dust there may still be baseball and humans will continue to exist; but at what cost? The national pastime is now past tense, and unfortunately, so to are the morals of society.

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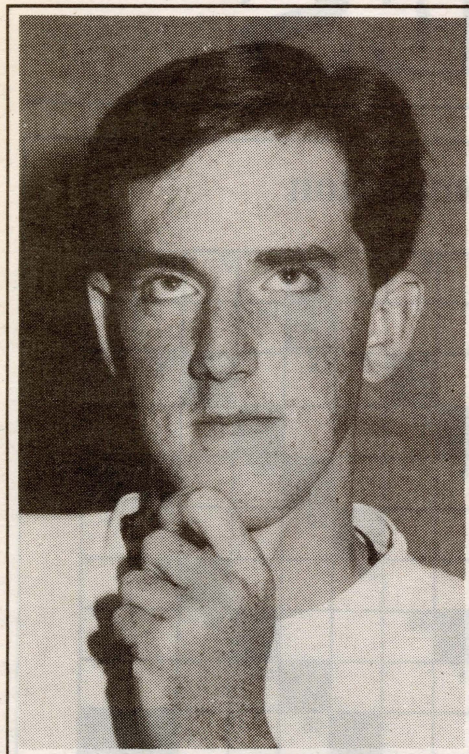
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Voice of the Campus

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The Eagle's Talon

by Chris Jacobi

This issue I thought we would start off with something a little different. My editor, in his infinite wisdom, thought I should explain the title of my column. I agreed, and here I am to explain what the title means. We all know that the Eagle is NEIU's mascot. What some of you might not know is what TALON means. According to the American Heritage Dictionary, a talon is the claw of a bird of prey or the part of a lock which the key presses in order to shoot the bolt. So now that you all know the meaning of the title,

there is no need to thank me. Like I said before, I am here to make your lives easier.

Now that President Clinton's Crime Bill is a law, I thought that this would be a good topic to talk about. Instead of discussing his plan, I thought I would discuss my plan if I were the President of these United States. If I were President, my first order of business would be the death penalty. Capital punishment is a gruesome subject, but hey...deal with it. I propose that if you commit murder, and are convicted by a jury of your peers, then you should die yourself. Now when I say die, I mean one appeal on your behalf, and if it fails, the next day you are history. We should have none of this ten to fifteen years on death row trying to save yourself even though you are guilty as sin. Having this happen just wastes time and our tax dollars. I bet, if criminals knew their fate before murdering, they would think twice. Even if they didn't, they still would not crowd our jails for years at a time.

My next order of business would be to do away with these easy sentences for violent offenders. I'm not talking murder, I am talking about rape and other sexual offenses. If you rape a person, and are found guilty of the crime...chop...you lose your manhood. Now being a male, I find it very hard to imagine someone chopping this off. But I believe in the old saying, "do unto others as you'd have done to you." You decide to rob an individual of their pride, dignity, and self-respect, then you lose yours also. And if this means castrating the offending organ, then so be it.

The final step in my crime bill would be to legalize caneing. Yes, this one is for you Michael Faye, of Singapore stardom. You and your little friends decided to spray-paint cars in a foreign country and got caught. Now you expect the government of that country to let you go. Hello, are you mental? You got caught, and you got punished like every other criminal. Sure caneing may sound cruel. But I thought that punishment was supposed to be a little painful. And for those of you who say that caneing will leave scars for life, I say to you, so does a rape or another violent crime. Again, I think having this sort of punishment would decrease crime significantly.

Now all of you are thinking that I am crazy or blood thirsty. Well, I am just tired of senseless violence. Everywhere you turn, it's there. Some will say that it is a part of society. But I ask you, do we as a society have to accept it? I'm not asking for anyone to agree with me. This is only what I would do if I were the President of the United States.

Tales from the Editor's Crypt

by Steve Horvath

I address this article to the Editor of the Independent as a matter of complaint!

During the last couple of years I had acquiesced a number of articles to our University Paper to be published. In my articles I had clearly expressed my own opinions and feelings on the issues about which I wrote. I had never used vulgar or substandard English. However, the Editor

went forth and changed my original writings anyway, according to his own taste and expression and printed my name in **bold print** under it! When I read my last two articles in Print I felt like an idiot in front of everyone who knows my name at the University because my style and diction were completely changed! After I create a piece of work, "I do not appreciate that anyone changes my representation in a manner that fits his or her own particular articulation!" Especially, when

it is hardly the original article I intended it to be! I think it is unfair because the newly created article does not represent my own thoughts and ideas. Whatever happened to the Freedom of Expression? I think the article of the Constitution allows any person the Freedom of Expression, especially when that representation is within social norms and acceptance!

Editor's note: This letter was published in its original form as requested by the author.

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pieces of advice for Mr. Piemonte. The first is that he should take a course in "American Government" to learn about the U.S. Constitution and its provisions and also to take a course in Ethics to learn how and why we treat people the way we do, whether a murderer or not, on ethical grounds.

My second advice to Mr. Piemonte is that instead of writing to Senator Simon about a new bill that, "says to America murder is a crime that cannot be corrected," why not go all the way and change the constitution! If the Constitution were changed and cruel punishment would be allowed then Mr. Piemonte, one day, would get his wish and murderers would be hung or fried in an electric chair, a rapist would have his penis severed, a thief would have his fingers, wrist, or arm separated from his body depending on the value of what he had stolen! I think this is still practiced in Muslim countries even today! Would these acts make Mr. Piemonte and millions of others feel happy? Sounds kind of blood thirsty, doesn't it?

My third point of disagreement was prompted by this sentence of the article: "I am sorry to say that the only way to preserve a civilized society is to resort to savage force." Allow me to paraphrase the sentence to make my point based on the semantics of the underlined phrases: "I am sorry to say that the only way to preserve a humanized (civilized) society is to resort to inhuman (barbaric) force." Is this not the greatest contradiction that anyone has read lately? It seems that Mr. Piemonte likes to use BIG words, but does not know when, where and how!

The final plea of Mr. Piemonte to Senator Simon reads: "Either make this country safe again or I am taking my American born and raised self and leaving for some safer country." Well, it seems to me that some American History may help to enlighten Mr. Piemonte. When was this country ever safe? Five hundred years ago Millions of American Indians were slaughtered in the name of Christianity. Later, the Civil War killed hundreds of thousands. Then came the "rooting tooting" Wild West Era with all the fast shooting cowboys with their famous Colt .45's. Nobody was safe around them!

In this Century the Mafia and their wars led to murders of innocent bystanders not only here in Chicago (Al Capone), but in New York and among other places as well. So, Mr. Piemonte, how can you even write "make this country safe again" when our own history is dripping with blood!

In conclusion, I'd like to suggest to Mr. Piemonte that first he should take the few courses I pointed out. Second, it does not matter where he goes on Earth, he will find that people and cultures have adapted to deal with the good and bad nature of human kind; this alone however does not mean complete safety to people and does not exclude anyone, including Mr. Piemonte, to become a victim of crime (which I think has happened to Mr. Piemonte lately) anywhere on our planet!

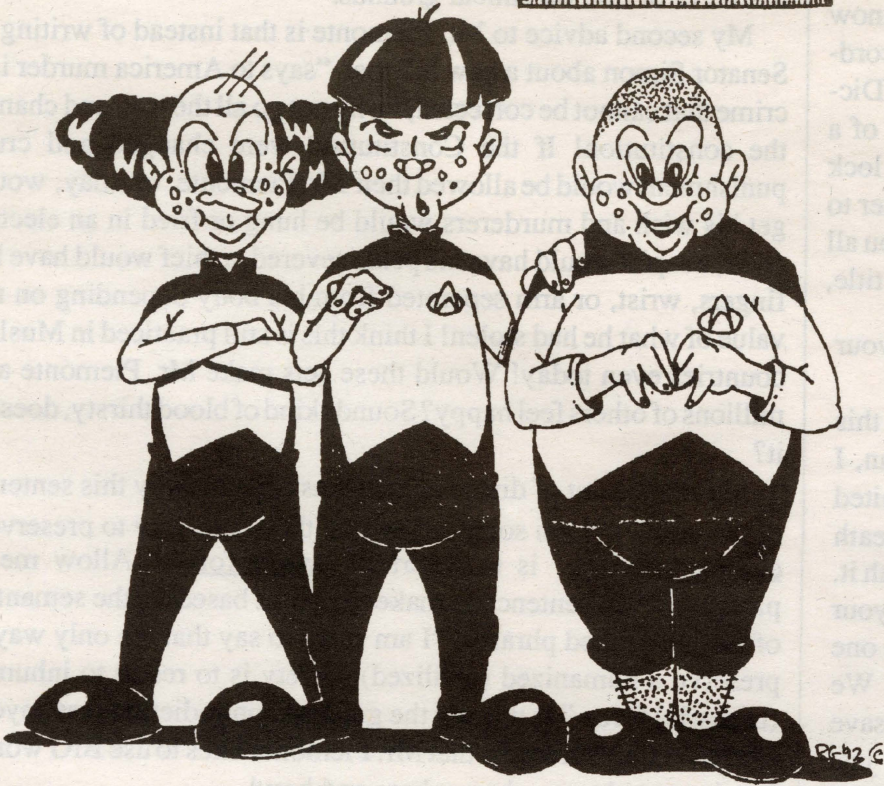
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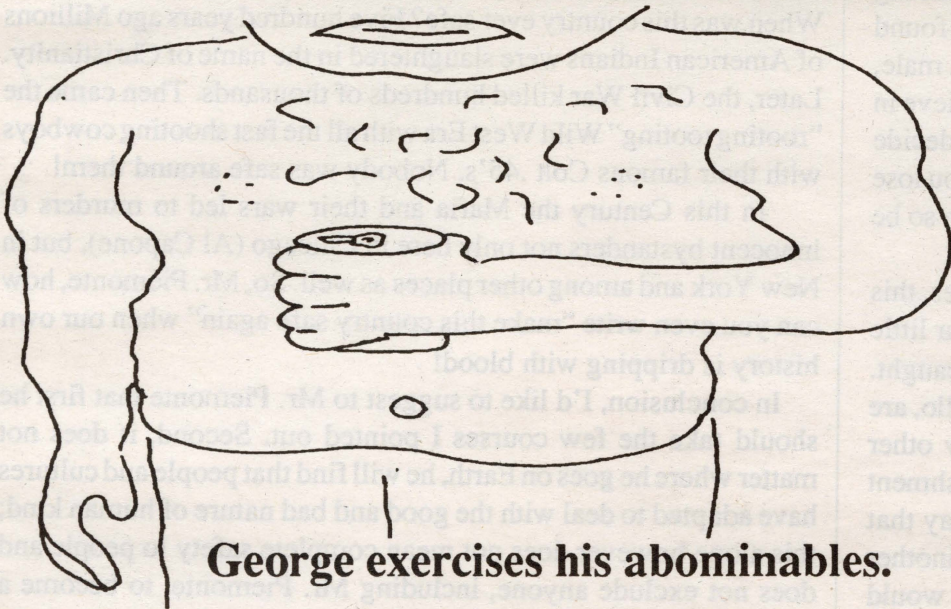
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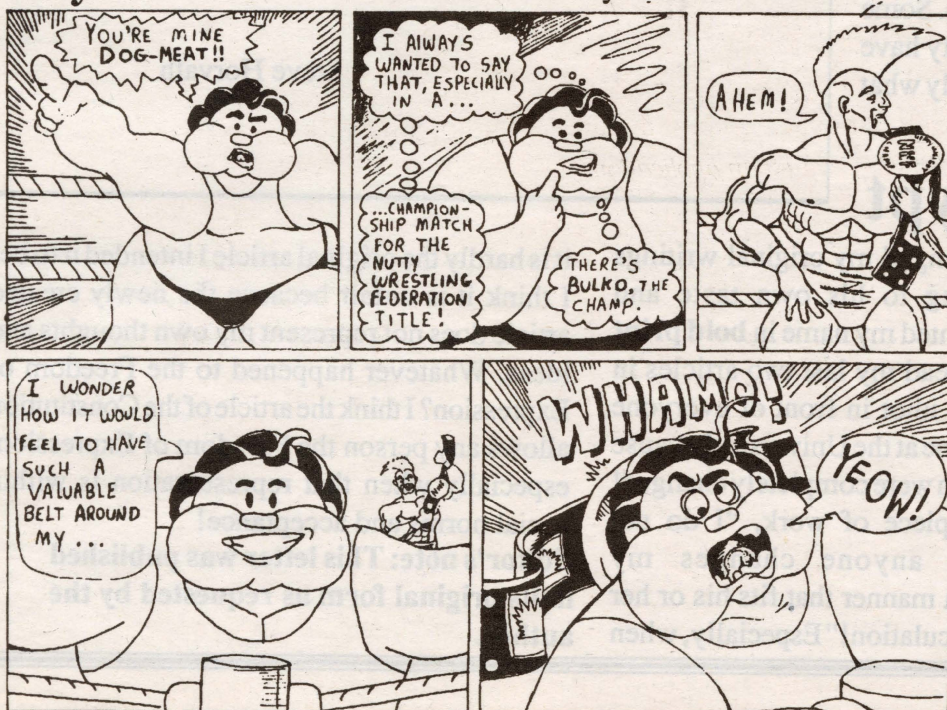
by Ellin Beltz



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by Juan Fernandez Saines



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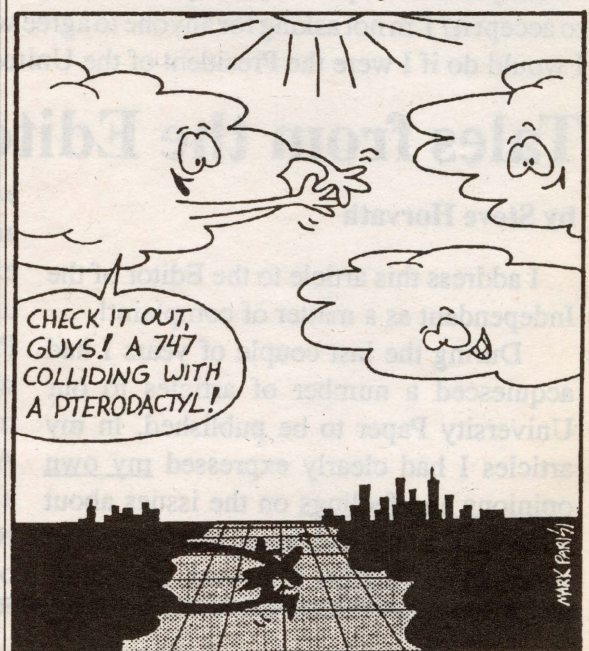
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- 19. Negative word
- 20. — Angeles
- 21. Color
- 22. Stitch
- 23. Narrow strip of wood
- 25. Wager
- 26. Preposition
- 27. Scottish cap
- 28. Wooden nail
- 29. Flower
- 32. Time zone
- 33. Not artificial
- 35. Eastern state (abbr.)
- 36. Pertaining to punishment
- 38. Large fallen tree trunk
- 39. Japanese coin
- 40. Russian river
- 41. Floor pad
- 42. Skeleton material
- 43. Empty property
- 45. Mongrel
- 46. None
- 47. Press group (abbr.)
- 48. Armed battle

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- 49. Degrade
 - 52. Spouse
 - 54. Again
 - 56. Lettuce
 - 57. Braid
 - 58. Pre-Easter
 - 59. Direction (abbr.)
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- 1. Limb
 - 2. Alias (abbr.)
 - 3. Chaos
 - 4. Fruit drinks
 - 5. Propelled airplane
 - 6. Southern state (abbr.)
 - 7. Metal pin
 - 8. Summer browning
 - 9. Human blood type
 - 10. Song
 - 11. Hide away
 - 16. Obtained
 - 18. Newspaper notice (slang)
 - 21. Usual
 - 22. Sun
 - 23. Gait
 - 24. Delayed
 - 25. Wager
 - 26. Sesame plant
 - 28. Friend
 - 29. Straggle
 - 30. Prayer ending
 - 31. Walking stick
 - 33. Snatch
 - 34. Decompose
 - 37. Negative
 - 39. Consolation
 - 41. Wall painting
 - 42. Baby's napkin
 - 43. End table light
 - 49. Gem
 - 45. Western state (abbr.)
 - 46. Salamander
 - 48. Damp
 - 49. Lion's lair
 - 50. Male child
 - 51. Direction (abbr.)
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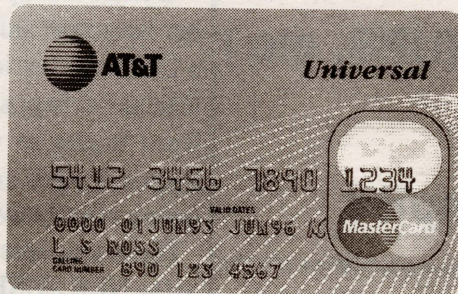


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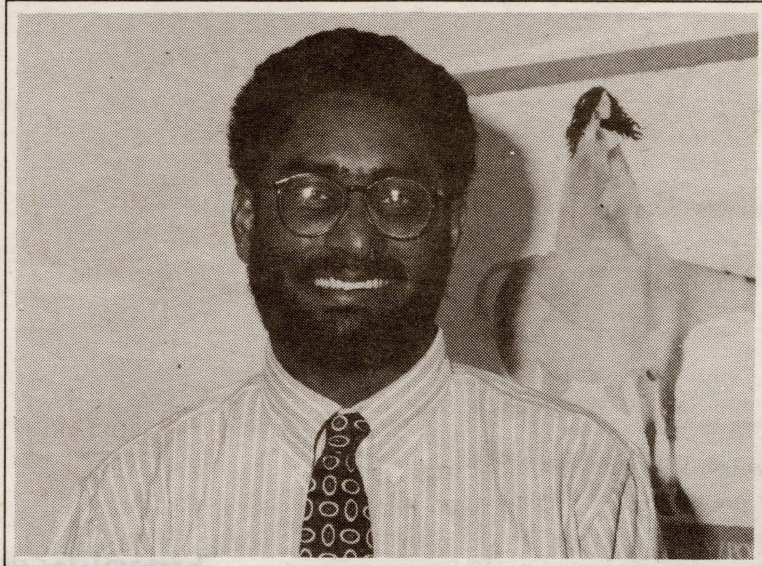
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Professor of the Week



Martin Felix/Independent

Name: Parvinder Sethi

Birthplace: Boona, India

Years teaching at NEIU: 5 years

Field of Expertise: Environmental Geo-Chemistry of clays and Climate Change.

Achievements: B.A., Fergusson College - M.D., University of Brussels - Doctorate, North Carolina State University.

Teaching Philosophy: "I always try to put myself in the students' shoes by presenting complex ideas as simply as possible. To me, how one teaches not only affects the ability of the student to think analytically, it also affects their confidence and self-esteem."

Future Plans: "To do research in educational techniques which work best for teaching Earth Science."

Hobbies: "Abstract photography, cooking Tai food, and playing the Sax."

Words of Inspiration: "Strangers are friends who haven't met yet."

USEPA "Kicks-Off" on Oct. 4

Denise is a Spanish major who loves the outdoors. Can she use her language skills while helping preserve wilderness? Victor is a Criminal Justice major who wants to protect the environment. Can he find a position with the Environmental Protection Agency? Toni wants to work with people in communities near waste disposal sites and incinerators. She wonders what the EPA is doing about environmental racism.

These students will find the answers to their questions and more at the NEIU/USEPA Academic Relations Program (ARP) Kickoff Day. NEIU will host the program Tuesday, October 4, from 12:30 to 3:00 pm, on the second floor of the Commuter Center.

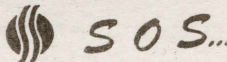
At the event, students and faculty will kick-off and celebrate NEIU's new agreement with the USEPA. The agreement will give students and faculty access to USEPA internships, research grants, cooperative appointments, and many other opportunities.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for students," said a member of the committee which is organizing the day. "Artists, language majors, earth scientists, pre-law students, virtually any student can take advantage of this program. They'll find ways to use their talents, do fascinating work, help protect the environment, and get credit for it." Faculty also will find opportunities galore at the Kickoff Day. The program will begin with a welcome from President Gordon Lamb, followed by 20-minute presentations by USEPA personnel. Valdas Adamkus, presidential appointee and chief administrator of USEPA's Region 5, will speak on the

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Artist of the Week



Name: Geovanna Silva

Year at NEIU: Senior

Major: Art; with an emphasis in Painting.

Accomplishments: Five-time recipient of the NEIU Special Skills Art Talent Scholarship (Fall 1992-Fall 1994); Two-time participant of the Student Scholarship Exhibition at the NEIU Art Gallery (1993-1994).

Future Goals: "I want to go to Graduate School and I would like to teach art workshops for both children and adults."

Favorite Media: Acrylic; currently she has been experimenting with mixed media-incorporating objects onto her paintings, particularly photographs.

Concerning her Art: (When viewing her work) "Viewers have the choice to interpret what they see."

Upcoming Events: Silva's work is currently being displayed at the Ronald Williams Library as part of her Senior Art Exhibition entitled "Self-Portrait". The show will run from September 24-30th.

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mission and challenges for protection of the environment. USEPA Region 5 includes Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Ohio. Robert Thayer, USEPA's Regional Equal Employment Opportunities Manager, will describe the ARP. Attorney Rodger Fields will speak on environmental justice and other major initiatives in the region. Charles Hornback, USEPA's chief of Human Resources, and Martin Sandocal, campus manager of the ARP, will talk about scientific and non-scientific positions at the USEPA.

"Breakout Sessions" from 2:00 to 3:00 will give students and faculty a chance to meet personally with the USEPA officials. Students interested in internships and jobs will meet and talk directly with USEPA workers to learn where they might be able to use their skills. Several Northeastern alumni will be among those workers.

Faculty will meet with top USEPA grant administrators to discuss the possibilities of doing joint research projects, obtain grant funding, and arrange cooperative faculty appointments. Refreshments will be served at the breakout sessions.

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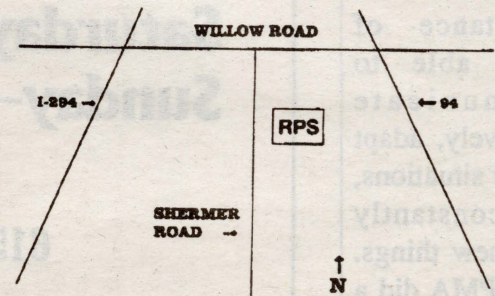
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NEIU Students Visit United Airlines Headquarters

by Arshad Hameed (Vice President, DPMA)

Note to readers: Due to limited space availability in the last issue we were unable to publish the entire article. The following is the rest of the article.

In addition to our article in the last issue, we continue by saying that the trip to the United Airlines World Headquarters was very apprising to students majoring in computer science. For most students, it was the first time they were exposed to a real-life working environment. At the end of the trip, we had a question-and-answer session where students had opportunities to ask any left-over questions. Finally, we all left the training center by thanking our hostess, Elizabeth Harwood, for her hospitality.

Later, some feedback was collected for the future planning of DPMA. The president of DPMA, Mr. Mark Salatino said, "I hope this will inspire more

students to take an active interest in pursuing this avenue of education. It will give them a chance to see what goes on in real-life activities in this profession." Ms. Susan Coyle, Academic Advisor to the Computer Science Dept., who accompanied us on the field trip said, "The trip to United Airlines gave students an opportunity to see first-hand the MIS environment of a major corporation, and to hear directly from those working in the field on what sort of skills and knowledge may be beneficial to them in the future. The employees spoke not only of technical and business-related skills, but also stressed the importance of being able to communicate effectively, adapt to new situations, and constantly learn new things. The DPMA did a great job in organizing a trip that encompassed both applications

and operations, so as to be of interest to all students present. I hope the success of this trip encourages the planning of future DPMA activities, and I urge students to take advantage of these opportunities."

As a result of students' interest, DPMA will be arranging a field trip to either Motorola or Commonwealth Edison in the near future. We feel this is the only way students can get a chance to experience the real-world while they are still in school. Presently DPMA is offering a free membership to new students and we strongly encourage students to become a part of the DPMA activities to develop professional attitude and learn managerial techniques which will help them later in job searches.

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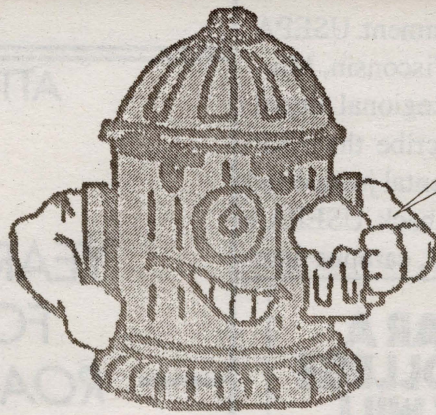
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David Cohen
Senior

"I like subway the best because it is healthy."



Cathy Ferone
Senior

"Prices have gone up due to the expenses of remodeling costs. Subway, Pizza Hut, and the Salad Bar are good ideas. The table set-ups and the dim lighting is poor though."



Wendy Schwartz
Sophomore

"For a commuter school, this is nice. Subway and Pizza Hut are what people like."



Louie Isaac
Senior

"Compared to different schools, such as UIC, we have many choices. Since we have a variety of foods more people want to eat here. It's an outstanding job."



Syeda Soofia, Senior (not pictured)

"It was really bad last year. The deli department would run out of food very fast and the prices were outrageous...It's much better now."

Mara Singer, Graduate Student (not pictured)

"This is the first time I have seen fast food chains. Other Universities and Colleges just have cafeteria food. This is nice."

Cafe

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were too dry or that the grilled cheese was too greasy. Some students who are vegetarians and others who are health conscious are concerned with the calorie content of the foods they purchased and the availability of fresh fruits and vegetables.

The hours of the cafeteria were also another problem facing the students. The cafe, which opens at 7:00 am and generally closes at 7:00 pm, is unavailable to students taking many night classes. NEIU students also noticed a reduction in staff and hot lunches available between the hours of 1:00 and 3:00 pm.

Many students also praised the cafeteria along with their concerns. Students are pleased to see the opening of Subway, and the return of Pizza Hut. People appreciate the fact that they can get a submarine sandwich made the way they like it. Pizza Hut also received rave reviews for their breadsticks and their Personal Pan Pizzas and the choices of cheese, pepperoni, or sausage toppings. Many students also enjoyed creating their own salads at the Salad Garden and some of them liked the various dishes that are featured in the World's Fair.

When students were asked about what sort of changes, if any, would they make to improve the quality of the food or services, all of them suggested that there should be more restaurants added such as McDonalds or Wendys and the more healthfood be made available. Students also suggested a reduction in prices when it comes to juices, salads, and doughnuts. And many would appreciate a chart which lists the number of calories for every meal featured.

When given the chance to respond, Todd Shepard, Manager of Food Services, explained the reasons for the high-priced drinks and elaborated on future plans for adding other foods. Shepard explained that the reason why the juices are so expensive is that when the juices are bought by the box they are very expensive in the first place. The prices need to be raised slightly higher in order for NEIU to make any profit. Shepard claimed that if he sees that something is not selling well he will discontinue the sale of that product. When asked about the quality of the food and the reduction in staff, Shepard responded by saying that foods such as hamburgers are now being grilled rather than heated by lamps. Mr. Shepard also stated that his staff is only allowed a half-hour break and that there is never a station left unattended. As for making anymore changes, he stated that in the future he would like to add other restaurants as well as a yogurt stand. Shepard also said a calorie chart would be added in the near future.

Overall the NEIU community gave the new cafeteria a high rating. Students basically craved more of a variety with less of a price. Hopefully, in the near future, students will get their wishes.

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Softball Strives for Unity

by Nancy Campbell

An entire new nest of Eagles have taken to the softball diamond this fall. With only five players returning from last spring's roster, the team is young but talented. The biggest test for the Lady Eagles will be to come together as one. Along with a brand new team comes the challenge of a brand new Conference. NEIU has left the East Coast Conference and will now be a strong contender in the Mid-Continent Conference. Expectations are high, goals are set, and the Golden Eagles are ready to play ball.

After a long year of recruiting, coach Joyce Wellhoefer moves into

her third season at NEIU with a full roster. Staying in the state, Coach Wellhoefer has brought in some of the best prospects Illinois had to offer. Players include: Bridget Hall (Bloom Trail), Stephanie Sorenson (Lincoln-Way), Jill Adams (Carl Sandburg), Bree Aronowitz (Bloom Trail), Tiffany Campbell (Mundelein), Danielle Gladstone (Rich East), Jill Meyer (Taft), Michelle Oswald (Lincoln-Way), Nichola Perillo (Amundsen), and Brandi Wargo (Glenbard North). Incoming transfers Debbie Cook (Kishwaukee) and Trish Gonzalez (South Suburban) will bring needed experience to the team. So, with the majority of the team Coach Wellhoefer will look to the five returners

for guidance and leadership. After finishing a successful spring season with the Golden Eagles, Seniors, Deanna Lombardo, Kerri Olivar, Jen Hagen, and Sophomores Shelly Willmann and Nancy Campbell are ready to put the bats and balls back into action.

As for the season ahead, everyone is very optimistic. The fall is a short, consisting of a five week season that serves as a test for both players and coaches to use for the upcoming Spring. Coach Wellhoefer is looking ahead with confidence. "The team is really focused. We have players that come from great High Schools and Summer programs. They have a good idea of what it takes to compete at this level and are willing to put forth the effort."

Soccer Kicks Into First Season

by Colleen Kroll

The NEIU soccer team began its' inaugural NCAA Division I season with a tournament at Central Michigan University, and on Wednesday, September 21st, the soccer team played its seventh game of the season against the Panthers from Eastern Illinois University. NEIU, with a record of 0-6, is still looking for their first win.

Second year head coach John Hannan remains optimistic. Coach Hannan states that in all of their soccer matches except one, "they have been very competitive." The first ten games of the season are against Division I teams and Hannan believes they will be the most difficult. The remaining ten games will be against Mid-Continent

Conference foes and should show a change in the teams' record. Hannan is very proud of his teams' effort throughout the early stages of the season. "They are a young team but they are working very hard, I am very confident." This is officially the soccer team's first season. Last year the soccer club competed in only the matches it needed to qualify for an NCAA ranking. This season NEIU will play a total of twenty games. Only five members remain from last year and twelve of the seventeen players are freshman. According to the coach, nine of the twelve freshman start the game while the goalie is a junior transfer from Michi-

gan.

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