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by Matthew R. Berg

A whisper grew into a roar Thursday, January 19, when Dr. John Murphy, professor of Political Science and head of the NEIU chapter of the Union of Illinois professors (UPI), announced to several UPI members via phonemail that, based on information received from reputable sources, "We've just gotten a report from the Board of Governor's (BGU) meetings that Gordon Lamb has announced his resignation as President of Northeastern. I don't have an effective date yet, but stay tuned for further details, and we'll see where we go from here. Thank you."

The news spread like "wild-fire", and the reaction in several areas of the University community was described by several witnesses as being a "celebration". According to a department secretary, "We were already nominating a new president."

However, within the hour, Dr. Murphy released a disclaimer stating, "We may have jumped the gun a bit on this report. I'm now told that there does seem to be some hang up in an agree-

ment. What seemed to be going to happen was not announced. So I must apologize to everyone and ask that you refrain from any further passing on of this rumor about the Lamb resignation until we have more definite word. It seems like things are in the works, but something might have happened and there may be a change. So I'll let you know as soon as I have something more definite." Dr. Murphy commented,"At this time we have no definite or further information."

Soon after this, Donn Bichsel, Vice President for Development and Public Affairs, released a statement via phonemail to the University community, "This is to inform you that, contrary to earlier messages received from the University Professionals of Illinois, President Gordon H. Lamb has not resigned from his position. The earlier reports simply are not true." Bichsel explained, "I wish I could give more information, all I can say is that he did not resign. These rumors came from what occured at the Executive session of the Board of Governors meeting."

President Lamb's office was



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contacted several times, however he did not return telephone calls, and the Independent was told that he was "in meetings."

"Rumors abound" as to the true fate of the President of NEIU. One reputable source above the BGU stated, "He (Dr. Lamb) is being forced out of office. He will resign in the near future, perhaps at the next meeting."

Another reputable source in the NEIU administration said, "He

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# Martin Luther King Jr. Remembered

by Colleen Kroll

On Monday, January 16th, the United States and NEIU celebrated a holiday reserved for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., leader of the Civil Rights Movement from 1955 to his assassination in 1968.

The 6th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration began at 12:30 pm in the Auditorium. It began with an energetic and spiritual recreation of the Liberian welcome dance called "Funga"

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Dr. John Henrik Clarke was the featured speaker during the two-day MLK Celebration.

brought to the U.S. by an anthropologist and performed by the Muntu Dance Theatre of Kennedy King College. The performance included participation from the audience in a chant from Ghana, an explanation of the musical instruments from the Malian Empire as well as a moment for commemoration of MLK in which a Muntu performer reminded the audience that, "If it were not for our ancestors we would not be

here."

A majority of the celebration was devoted to guest speaker Dr. John Henrick Clarke, an African History teacher and author of Africans at the Crossroads and Malcolm X: A Man and His Time. Dr. Clarke's speech focused on the precursors of MLK as, "men of peace as well as great warriors and conquerors" such as; Aknahtan, Bucker T. Washington, Harriet Tubman, Dubois, and Malcomn X. Dr. Clarke acknowledged that King is remembered for his nonviolent commitment to social change for which he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. Dr. Clarke explained how leaders, like King, brought back the self-reliance and community to his followers that slavery had taken away. Clarke also mentioned how King was killed not for having a dream but instead for calling attention how men with no vested interest in the war were losing their lives in Vietnam.

King was a Baptist minister from Alabama who attempted to rid this nation of oppression through peaceful demonstration. He lived in a time of great change due to the Supreme Court segregation decision, the Montgomery Bus boycott, and the Rosa Parks incident. Dr. Clarke commented, "We are an emotional people who dream too much, assume too much, and forget too much. For this reason we suffer from the' I have a dream syndrome' and we forget that King stood for so much more than that.

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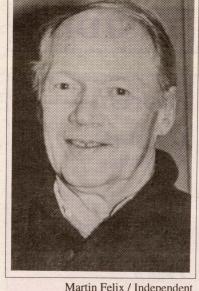
compiled by Sara Capetillo

Name: Richard Hesler Birthplace: Highland Park, Illinois

Years at NEIU: 28 years Field of Expertise: Theatre **Educational Credentials: B.A.** from Beloit College. M.A. from the University of Iowa.

Teaching Philosophy: "To try to open up an understanding of the world and especially the niche I'm most interested in theatre."

Future Plans: "To see more theatre and do more theatre."



Martin Felix / Independent

Hobbies: Travel, working out, and cooking for my wife. Words of Inspiration: "Read Shakespeare and keep your nose clean."

#### Changing

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is out. Currently, they are reviewing his contract... It is related to the deal with the Russians (referring to NEIU's sister school in Russia, the Urals Pedagogical Institute). The higher ups are not happy with him. They want him to resign by early this year."

Another administrator present at the BGU meeting stated that Gordon Lamb handed in a letter of intent to resign at the BGU meeting. This source also stated "It was a joke that Public relations responded to Dr. Murphy's call. All it was at that point was a rumor, and they could have easily ignored it, even though it was true. Why keep up this facade by

pretending that nothing is happening?"

Craig Johnson, BGU student representative and President of the Student Senate, was present at the Jan. 19th meeting. Johnson said," As far as I know, nothing in writing was handed in concerning Lamb's resignation." However, Johnson refused to comment when asked if Gordon Lamb's resignation was an issue at the meeting. Johnson stated,"I am unable to comment on anything said at an Executive meeting."

Dr. Donald Hoffman, Chairman of the English department expressed his opinion,"These people (Murphy and other sources) aren't stupid and irresponsible. They may have jumped the gun a bit, but clearly, something is in the works."

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#### Public Safety concerns compiled by Public Safety Officer Bob Paprocki

Jan. 3 - Burglary: A padlock was reported stolen from a storage area. A loss of \$10.00. Jan. 10 - Theft: An instructor reported several textbooks missing from an office in the Classroom Building. A loss of \$500.00. Medical Assist: A visitor reported falling in the D-Lot. Medical attention was refused.

**Jan. 11** - *Theft:* A staff member was detained after state property was found in a locker. No

charges were filed and the property was returned.

**Jan. 12** - Station Information: Two students and an instructor became involved in a personal dispute and were reported to the Public Safety Office. No charges were filed.

**Jan. 13** - *Armed Robbery:* A student's book bag was taken by a robber armed with a revolver. Both the victim and the offender

were involved in a previous dispute. A loss of \$100.00. *Theft:* An electronic device was reported stolen from the library. A loss of \$40.00. *Burglary:* Computer equipment was reported stolen from the Library. A loss of \$1175.00.

**Jan. 16** - *Traffic Accident:* Three non-university persons were injured in a traffic accident on Bryn Mawr Avenue. NEIU police provided traffic control.

**Jan. 18** - *Burglary:* A staff member reported a theft, but could provide no other information. **Jan. 19** - *Burglary:* A computer printer was reported stolen from the Library. A loss of \$305.00.

Jan. 20 - Theft: Computer equipment was reported stolen from the Library. No loss estimate. Criminal Damage: A student reported unknown person(s) had damaged his auto burglar alarm. His doors were unlocked and the alarm was not set. A loss of \$200.00. Jan. 21 - Burglary: A staff member was arrested by NEIU police. \$800.00 worth of university property was found in his possession. Felony charges were filed. This person is believed to be responsible for the thefts in the Library.

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Breakfast	7:30 AM - 10:30 AM	10:30 AM		
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Pizza Hut		2:00 PM		
Main Event	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM			
World's Fare	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM	2:00 PM		
Soups On	11:00 AM - 7:30 PM	2:00 PM		
Salad Bar	11:00 AM - 7:00 PM	2:00 PM		
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# Letters to the Editor

**Editor:** 

If I can find a path through the political cloud and the tangle of red tape that accompany application for graduation I will graduate at the end of the summer session. If there are no radical changes in scheduling and class options I will graduate a Jack of all trades and master of none. I can't help but feel that somewhere along the line I made a serious error and that I inadvertently missed something.

I will graduate a biologist. Impressive. It doesn't do much for me in the job market. Retail management and scrubbing cages at Brookfield Zoo aside, I don't feel that I was afforded a chance to specialize. The upper level electives offered from semester to semester declined in number and ranged from Anatomy of Plants to Neurobiology. You would think that, with such diversity, surely I could find and pursue my interests. Within these bounds such common sense principles are unfounded in practice. The biology regime offered no comprehensive class options within any single field.

Admission to this institution and the consequential registration are prime examples of the ridiculous restrictions enforced by our subjugators. The masses huddled in long lines, cups in hand, hoping for a shot at a disregarded or bypasses seat in a subject for which

they have no use, desire, or need. The biology regime offered three upper level electives this semester; seventy-two seats for an entire semester. The three electives had about as much biology in common as basket weaving and proctology. Majors are forced to chase all three of these in an attempt to satisfy institutional and departmental requirements in the pursuit of NEIU's Baccalaureate of Particularly Perplexing Patience.

The system here stinks. The present trends and policies lack common sense. Enrollment is up. Course offerings are down. My application to this institution was based on tuition and course information contained in the Academic Catalog (of the six schools that I contacted, NEIU was the only institution which responded by telling me that if I wanted one I could come and get it). Since my initial enrollment, there have been no more than fifty percent of the complete course offerings that have actually materialized in the schedule of classes. It is obvious to me that students come directly after faculty at the end of a long list of priorities.

For those, like Steve Horvath (Letters to the Editor in the January 17th issue) who need to think happy thoughts, there is a silver lining in my cloud of negativity. The "education" that I received was minimally adequate for acceptance to a graduate/profes-

sional program. Only four more years of my life and 85,000 of my dollars will be spent to finally fit into my specialized niche.

William Charles

**Editor:** 

I was reading in last week's "Letters to the Editor", an opinion voiced as to the negative commentary typical of Chris Jacobi's Eagle's Talon column. While I will admit that I usually just skim Mr. Jacobi's column, I was surprised and intrigued by the opinion expressed, so to satisfy my own curiosity I did read the Talon's column carefully. To my even greater surprise, I found a tirade expressed by Mr. Jacobi against my own department!

Mr. Jacobi (apparently) successfully completed Physics 103 ('Universe'), so I would expect that he would understand that an even a cursory understanding of the Universe requires an understanding of each of the various topic areas discussed: Knowing everything about the planets fails to guarantee any knowledge of the stars, for example. In the General Education Science lab classes, a typical requirement is that you pass both the lab and the lecture portions of the course: not only must you have a familiarity with the theory, but you must be able to put it into practice. (Isn't that what a lab course is all about?) Let's take this to the extreme: suppose that an architect can design marvelous entryways and superb oriel windows, but is unable to design a stable foundation for a building. I would not care to enter a structure such as she or he has designed!

My arguments are not specific to the science disciplines. Consider a course entitled "A survey of the Works of Shakespeare"; this course might be parceled into four areas: Poetry, Drama, Comedy and History. Suppose that the syllabus requires that the student decide to simply not do the 'Comedy' paper. Would you expect the instructor to say that you had made a satisfactory completion of the course?

Finally, YOU the student, Mr. Jacobi, were informed of the Physics Department policy regarding grades in this class, in writing, at the outset. Were you unhappy with what was expected of you, then you had ample opportunity to drop the course. This policy is not a "glitch", but is our considered pedagogical decision on how best to act in this case. Were the situation to be, as you (and we) encourage, that all students "should study as hard as possible", policies such as this would never be needed.

Dr. Paul Dolan Associate Professor of Physics

## **Editorial**

The mens' basketball team unveiled their new wood floor on Monday, January 16th, in front of 323 people and a Sportschannel audience. It was the first time in Eagle history a team has played a home game on cable television. Unfortunately watching the game on television and actually being there produced two entirely dif-

ferent pictures. To see the game on TV the P.E. Complex was transformed into a packed crowd of NEIU fans.

What the TV viewing audience did not realize was that the bleachers that the TV cameras did not show were empty with the exception of President Gordon Lamb, his wife, and Athletic Director Vivian Fuller, who were in

attendance to see their dreams meet reality.

The illusion of a crowded gym packed with fans was shown all over the Midwest as the Eagles played the University of Missouri-Kansas City in the Mid-Continent game of the week. The reality was that there were only 323 people in a gym that holds 2,000.

This reality versus illusion has

plagued the Athletic Department since the administration moved the Golden Eagles to the Division I level five years ago. The manipulation of the audience in attendance reflects a reality that goes far beyond the gym: NEIU students, faculty, staff and supporters on one side, Dr. Lamb and Dr. Fuller on the other...sounds familiar!

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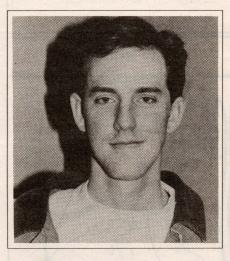
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# Voice of the Campus The opinions expressed on this page are those of members of the university community, and do not necessarily coincide with those of the editorial board of the Independent.

## The Eagle's Talon

by Chris Jacobi



When you turn on the television, you hear about it, when you see the front page of the paper, you

read about it. Random acts of violence that plague America everyday. It seems as if the violence and crime of todays' society overshadows everything else. Although it may be true, there is something that proves that there is light at the end of the tunnel, a hope that the violence on our streets if not out of control.

A few days ago I read an article entitled "Random Acts of Kindness". The article told many stories of regular people doing kind acts

hearts. One lady helped people shovel their driveways on a snowy day. Another person paid the tolls of several cars behind him. Sure. point is they bring a smile to the faces of everyday U.S.A.

It shows that all is not lost in the crimefilled world we live in. The story also told of a nineteen year old girl who stood outside a gas station in thirty degree weather and pumped gas for people. All of us can relate to this dilemma of not wanting to get out from the warmth of our cars to pump gas. She stood outside for a few hours and simply asked if customers wanted to have their gas pumped, and they could stay in their cars. The young lady said that most people were more than happy to have her pump their gas, but she had a few insisted on doing it themselves. When smiles on peoples faces."

This story touched me so much that I couldn't help but spread a little kindness myself. Driving on the tollway, I decided to pay the tolls of several cars behind me. I know it

and good deeds out of the kindness of their doesn't sound like much, but it's a start. It gives us a sense that we still can live in a safe and friendly society.

I urge you and everyone else to work on .. these stories don't sound like much, but the doing random acts of kindness. I'm not asking you to do it because you feel pressured, but because you want to. There are many little things that you can do. For instance, when your standing in line at McDonalds, buy someone breakfast. You can take food to a homeless shelter, or you could simply help someone brush off their car the day after a snowstorm. You're not being graded on how big your act is, or how much money you spend on doing it. The point is to just do something nice because you want to.

One can argue that these acts of kindness will have no affect on the hate of the world. But I believe that these are the people who need these random acts of kindness the most. asked why she did it, she stated, "just to see the The people of the world need to realize that it is possible to make a difference just by doing something out of the kindness of one's heart. After all, if there's one thing that can brighten a cold winter day, it's the warmth of someone's smile.



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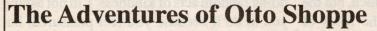
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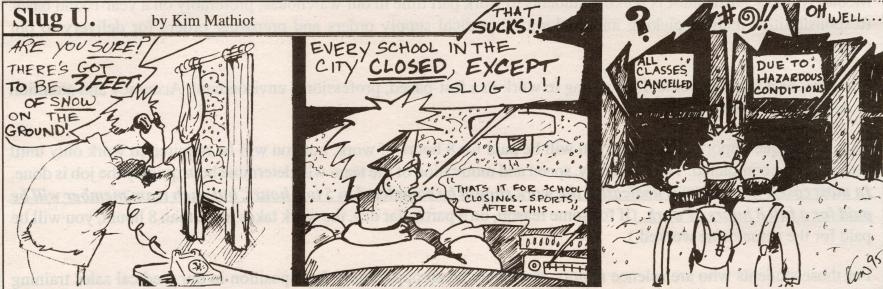
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by Bill Kirby





#### **Crossword Companion** 14 16 19 22 24 25 30 32 35 39 40 41 46 51 62 60 63

## 1. Western state (abbr.)

- 4. Musical note 8. Wonder
- 11. Unconscious
- 12. Dry
- 13. Recreational vehicle
- 14. Morning (Latin, abbr.)
- 15. Ban 17. Sea robber
- 19. Novel
- 21. Doze
- 23. Carry
- 24. Stalk 26. Spread grass to dry
- 28. Nude 30. Flap
- 32. Cat sound
- 34. Regular (abbr.)
- 35. Sullivan
- 37. Restore
- 40. Complete
- 41. Relative (abbr.) 43. Beetle
- 44. Lion's home 46. Get an A on a paper
- 48. Sesame plant 50. High wind
- 53. Thin

- 55. Black street substance
- 57. Each
- 58. Sheriff 60. Number
- 62. Move
- 63. A Gershwin 64. Short skirt (slang)
- 66. Woe is me!
- 68. Turkish title
- 69. Dash
- 70. Girl (slang)

#### 1. Star with a tail

- 2. Americium symbol
- 3. Scientist's room
- 4. Playing cards 5. Either
- 6. Sharp bite
- 7. Blue pencil
- 8. Archetype 9 Moisturized
- 10. Direction (abbr.)
- 11. Tins 16. Article
- 18. Steal
- 20. Moist 22. Take away points
- 25. Damage

- 27. Morning moisture
- 31. Cot
- 33. Compressed ball
- 35. Age
- 36. Say 38. Negative
- 39. Appendage
- 42. Give room
- 45. Doze 47. Beaver construction
- 52. God of love (Gr.)
- 54. Appellation
- 56. Concerning
- 58. Liberty (abbr.)
- 59. None
- 61. Annoy 65. Prosecutor (abbr.)
- 67. Southern state (abbr.)



Answers to Dec. 5 Crossword

# Entertainment

# **Bobby Rush: A Blues Classic**

by Mable L. Buckner

During the holiday season I had the pleasure of seeing Blues great Mr. Bobby Rush. He performed at several clubs in the Chicagoland area.

Every time I saw Mr. Rush he performed in front of a full house. "Bobby Rush", as people call him, was born in Houma, Louisiana. He knew at an early age blues was what was going on. Rush, as a child, began replicating blues records he heard on the radio with a "guitar" he made of broom wire, a brick, and a bottle. At the age of thirteen (of course he lied about his age) Rush's father moved his family to Pine Bluff, Arkansas where he landed a solo gig in a small night club. As a teenager in the mid-fifties, Bobby moved to Chicago and formed a band that would include, at various times, such stellar blues musicians as Freddie King and Luther Allision.

Over the next few years Bobby established a solid following on the Chicago Club scene. Rush has made over 230 records which have included such great hits as: "Chicken Head", "Aint Studdin You", "What's Good for the Goose is Good for the Gander", "A Man Can Give It, But He Can't Take It", and the hit of them all. "Sue".

In 1983 Bobby Rush relocated to Jackson, Mississippi where he currently resides. A devoted family man, Rush believes in helping others. One of his favorite charities is Sickle Cell. Rush has always dedicated himself to being the best entertainer possible on stage and on record.

He has shared the billings with Blues legends such as Johnnie Taylor, Tyrone Davis and Otis Clay. Bobby, who is lauded as one of the best in the business, is under three production companies including: Rush-Up production (Jackson, Mississippi), Rodger Redding (Macon, Georgia) and Sound Alternative (Gaithersburg, Maryland). A Musical Journey which has led him on a path with many recording labels including La Jam and Urgent.

Rush's illustrious career has been maintain by his showmanship. When he hits the stage, which



Bobby Rush will be one of the entertainers performing at the Blues Festival in Grant Park on June 2, 1995

includes a five piece band and ness for over thirty years he knows four dancers, (the dancers are called the Roosters and the Hens) the house comes rumbling down, and he leaves you breathless. His show is definitely awesome. Words cannot express the great talent he has. Being in the busi-

what the audience wants. Bobby Rush, in my opinion, is a classic! There is only one way to describe him. As the musical entertainer, Hammer says, "Can't touch this."

Please be sure to see him at the Blues Festival in Grant Park.

#### • Entertainment Calendar • Entertainment Calendar • Entertainment Calendar •

- Feb. 1 & 2 Anita Baker Star Plaza
- Feb. 3 NRBQ Coronet
- Feb. 4 Barenake Ladies, Jules Shear Parkwest
- Feb. 4 Flaco Jimenez Coronet
- Feb. 4 The Mavericks Whiskey River
- Feb. 10-12 Larry Coryell Trio Jazz Showcase
- Feb. 10 Megadeth, Corrosion of Conformity Aragon

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- Feb. 11 Magna Pop Empty Bottle
- Feb. 13 Nancy Wilson Merle Reskin Theatre
- Feb. 15 Cinderella Parkwest

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by Judie Reynolds

Last year, Dr. John Albazi encouraged me to participate in NEIU's Second Annual Student Research and Creative Activities Symposium. The experience of preparing an abstract and presentation, speaking, and answering questions was rewarding in many ways. I gained confidence in speaking to an audience in a professional forum and a deeper perspective of my research and other university studies. It prepared me for participation in the Board of Governors Universities 5th Annual Student Research Symposium and, more recently, the national symposium held by

Argonne National Laboratories.

These symposiums gave me an opportunity to get recognition for my research work. In addition, as the abstracts were published in the proceedings, they are considered publications. I have used my research activities, publications and participation in these symposiums to strengthen my resume.

Few students take advantage of learning how to conduct research or expanding on their creative activities while attending school. There are not many opportunities to gain this type of experience outside the university environment. I urge any student working on a project to consider presenting their work at the Third Annual Student Research and Creative Activities Symposium to be held on March 31, 1995.

# SPORTS

NEIU competes at the Division
I level in the Mid-Continent
Conference

# Lady Eagles Rebuilding

by Gary P. Cahill

The Lady Eagles' regular season record stands at five wins and eleven losses while they are 2-6 in their first year in the Mid-Continent Conference, a far cry from last year's 15-13 record. It will take a minor miracle for NEIU to break even. Second year head coach Denise Taylor is still optimistic about the rest of the season. "With every game we're improving," she said. We've shown some maturity so far this season. Obviously this is a rebuilding year."

The women are playing with seven freshman and just two returning players. They've struggled against conference opponents, compiling a 2-6 record in the Mid-Con. The Eagles

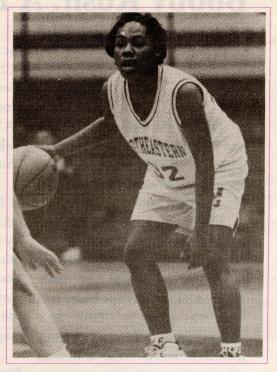
are currently on a five game conference road trip and will return February 11th for homecoming vs. Eastern Illinois.

Things do not get any easier for the Eagles, whose final ten contests are against conference foes.

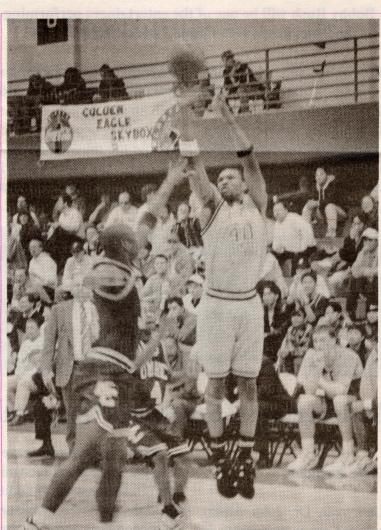
The Lady Eagles have had two bright spots in last year's East Coast Conference Most Valuable Player Jeannie Hinkey and point guard Clentana Dawkins.

Hinkey currently leads the Lady Eagles in scoring with 14.4 points-per-game. Junior center Delores Jones is second on the Eagles with 11.6 points-per-game.

Dawkins currently leads the Mid-Continent in steals-per-game with an average of 4.1 points-per-game. She ranks 19th in the nation in steals after finishing in the top 30 in the NCAA steal category last year.



Sophomore Guard Clentana Dawkins is currently ranked 19th in the nation in steals.



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Senior forward Craig Nowels scores two of his team leading 19 points in route to a 68-60 loss to the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Nowels leads the Golden Eagles in scoring (11.7 ppg) and rebounding (6.8 rpg).

# **Nowels Leads Limping Eagles**

by Joe Yovino

The Golden Eagles, still limping through an injury-filled season, have managed to increase their season record to four wins and twelve losses. NEIU is currently 2-6 in their first year in the Mid-Con.

The Eagles latest win came against Mid-Con foe Western Illinois University. NEIU defeated the Leathernecks 68-60.

In the win against WIU, the Eagles were led by forward Craig Nowels who poured in nineteen points in the overtime victory.

NEIU then lost to the University of Missouri-Kansas City on January 16th, 68-60. The loss to the Kangaroos gave head coach Rees Johnson and the Eagles a 0-9 lifetime record against UMKC. A controversial flagrant foul call against the Eagles led to a seven point swing in UMKC's favor. Junior guard Brian Bestor led NEIU in scoring with 22 points.

Senior Craig Nowels is currently the leading scorer among the active Golden Eagles averaging 11.7 pointsper-game. Nowels also leads the Eagles in rebounds with just under seven per game.

#### • 1995 Homecoming Events •

Thursday, February 9 - Noon • Homecoming Pep Rally with the Chicago Bulls' "Benny the Bull" - Commuter Center

Saturday, February 11 - 7:00-8:00 pm • 1995 Wall of Fame Inductees: Kevin Cooper (Tennis) 1984 Laura Fanning (Basketball/Softball) 1985

Robert Hessberger (Baseball/Hockey) 1977

Homecoming Game: NEIU vs Eastern Illinois University Womens' Basketball - 5:30 pm Mens' Basketball - 7:50 pm

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