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SERVING NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY FOR OVER A DECADE

Tuesday, November 9, 1999

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## NEIU celebrates diversity

by Lior Alon  
Staff Writer

Northeastern's 24th Annual International Day continued a distinguished school tradition of putting up a colorful, highly spirited and varied day-long acknowledgment of the unique character typical of Northeastern.

International Day takes place on the first Tuesday of each November, and serves to publicly display what has already been nationally recognized as one of the most culturally and socially diverse campuses in the country. The appointment of NEIU as the most diversified college/university in the Midwest has not only brought the institution acclaim but also a substantial amount of support and funding.

The school therefore designated International Day as a highly focal means of expressing its pride and sense of achievement. Although mainly for the student body's enjoyment and benefit, the day also allows for school sponsorship and further development of its renowned enrollment composition and atmosphere of wide acceptance.

The event took place inside Alumni

Hall and included a main stage for performances by student groups and a wide assortment of stands representing the numerous cultures influencing NEIU. Volunteers and members of the chapters and clubs manned the stands, selling ethnic dishes and other items of interest for modest prices. Mexican, Cuban, French, Mediterranean, Korean, Chinese and a host of other student/faculty organizations were on hand to supply the attending crowds.

From black beans to falafel, NEIU students and visitors who occasioned the event were spoiled for choice and quality.

Adding to the celebratory mood were the authentic costumes worn by many attendees, signifying the culture they chose to bring to the fore. A series of dances and vocal performances provided entertainment throughout the day, making the point of student participation all the more obvious.

Thus, the last International Day of the century and millennium honored NEIU's ability to bring together countless origins and backgrounds in a working, academic environment, upholding a fine tradition.



The Chimexla Club performers prepare to serenade the crowd with their mariachi music.

photo by Luke Stinson

## Los Lobos cancelled



From left to right: Louie Perez, David Hidalgo, Cesar Rosas, Conrad Lozano and Steve Berlin

by Lior Alon  
Staff Writer

The greatly anticipated Los Lobos concert, scheduled for November 20 has been put on hold due to a tragic turn of events affecting one band member, Cesar Rosas. Apparently, Rosas' wife has been abducted not far from their Los Angeles home. Her whereabouts remain unknown, while an ongoing investigation by local police has turned up little clue as to her fate.

As of now, the band has ceased all public activities and performances, and will continue to do so until the crisis can be resolved.

Regarding the upcoming concert, it has been recently confirmed that the event will not take place on the scheduled date, as will several other scheduled Los Lobos appearances, such as their Riviera show planned for November 19.

This announcement has come at a most inopportune time for both

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school officials and community. The affordable tickets (a mere \$5) were selling at a most pleasing rate, leading to an expected capacity of 1000-2000 spectators. This favorable response encouraged organizers and was supposed to be the precursor to a long line of large-scale events to take place at the improved facilities of the revamped NEIU campus.

Los Lobos were expected to perform mostly off their latest best-selling CD. Enjoying a resurgence in their careers, the group has been benefiting from considerable airplay, perhaps accounting for their popularity among students at NEIU. The band was one of the most popular choices in a survey conducted last year, according to David Jonaitis, of the Office of Auxiliaries and Procurement. Also planned to make an appearance was Shannon Curfman, a successful 14 year old singer/songwriter similar in style to Bonnie Raitt, Cheryl Crow and a host of other female rockers.

While it remains mostly unknown when and if the concert will indeed take place, students at NEIU need to understand that this cancellation should be entirely attributed to

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## SGA meeting cut short Willow recommendations go unapproved

by Victor A. Dula  
News Editor

The NEIU Student Government Association (SGA), held a short meeting on Tuesday, November 2, in the Cafeteria Meeting Room. However, it did not take long for SGA President Maria Gandara to suspend the rules and motion to adjourn, before much of the meeting's agenda had been accomplished. Her reasoning behind such an early pause was that the Senate was unprepared for the meeting.

Gandara rebuked the Senators, saying that SGA had work to do and could not do it without the Senators' whole-hearted efforts. She also mentioned the fact that only she was present for a senior officer's meeting that was scheduled with Speaker Michael Hill and President of the Senate Larry Gonzalez, and SGA would have been more prepared for its agenda on Tuesday had the meeting taken place.

The motion to adjourn passed and much of the agenda was left untouched, including the recommendations from the Beautification Committee concerning the willow trees in the B-wing courtyard. Chair of the Committee, Student Trustee Tom Foley, was absent from the Tuesday SGA meeting, but he had

prepared the Beautification Committee's report with its recommendations in time for the Senators to vote on it. He also asked Senator Damien Washington to motion for its approval.

The meeting, which was held on Friday, Oct. 29 in SU 214 at 3 p.m., sought to find some way to salvage the willow trees and come up with a way to save the trees as concerned students asked through the SGA hotline. The recommendations that came from the meeting attended by Foley, Washington, representatives from Facilities Management, and Linda Berlow, an NEIU student who put together a compromise.

This plan calls for Facilities Management to save clippings from the willows in hopes that they would produce new willows. The clippings would be nurtured in the Biology Department's greenhouse in the Science Building because they would be too fragile to withstand a harsh Chicago winter. When strong enough, the trees would be planted in a suitable location on campus and be allowed to grow naturally.

When he learned of the Senate's failure to approve or even vote on

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# Around Campus

compiled by Thomas J. Foley, Features Editor

## Tasty treats, good eats!

The Earth Science Club will hold a bake sale on Tuesday, November 9 from 9 a.m. til 1 p.m. in the Village Square. Help them by excavating layers of all natural goodness!

The Honors Society is holding a bake sale on Thursday, November 11 from 9 a.m. til 1 p.m. in the Village Square. I'm sure their baked goods will make the grade!

The Indian Student Association is holding a bake sale on Friday, November 19 from 9 a.m. til 2 p.m. in the Village Square. In the immortal words of Aerosmith, "gotta love sweet taste of India."

## And today's events are...

The All-University Charity Drive is going on now in the Village Square. The drop off boxes are located in the south corner of the Square. The Student Volunteer Corps, who sponsor this drive, are looking for non-perishable foods, clothes, coats, toiletries, and toys. For more information, call them at ext. 6115, or drop by their office in E-205.

Starting on November 9 and running through November 18, NEIU in conjunction with Columbia College is sponsoring a huge program known as *Project Millenium - Transitions: The Legacy of Ethnic Linkages through Culture, Values, Attitudes and Experiences*. This program will be culminated by a one-woman show called *25 Psychics* performed by actress Lauren Tom of *The Joy Luck Club*. This show will take place at 7 p.m. in the Recital Hall on Thursday, November 18. Other events in the program will include a performance by the Natyakalayalam Dance Company of Chicago, a *Voices of the Millenium* performance, and various lectures.

The Placement Office is hosting some Internship Workshops on Thursday, November 11 and 18 at 1:30 p.m. and on Monday, November 22 at 5:30 p.m. All workshops are held in the Placement Office in C-330. Remember there is limited space for each workshop, so reserve your place today by calling the Placement Office at ext. 3119.

The Future Teachers Club is sponsoring an event called *Rookie Teachers Speak Out* on Saturday, November 13 at 11 a.m. at the Chicago Teachers Center at 770 N. Halsted, fourth floor. Hear how these brave individuals endured that crucial first year.

There will be a meeting of the Student Government Association's Finance Committee on Tuesday, November 16 at 1:40 p.m. in CLS-3005. Check it out!

The Black Student Movement is sponsoring an event at the Center for Inner City Studies called *Empowering Blacks, 21st Century and Beyond* on Thursday, November 18. The event will start at 3 p.m. and will feature talks by Muhammed Akil (3 p.m.) and keynote speaker Dr. Leonard Jeffries (7 p.m.). There will also be a fine art performance by Kemba, who will portray various important Black women.

Also on Thursday, November 18, there will be a meeting of your Student Government at 1:40 p.m. in the Cafeteria Meeting Room. Remember, they're only as powerful as you let them be, so come on out and support them.

Finally, on Thursday, November 18, there will be a meeting of the NEIU Board of Trustees at 4 p.m. in the Golden Eagles Room. Don't miss it!

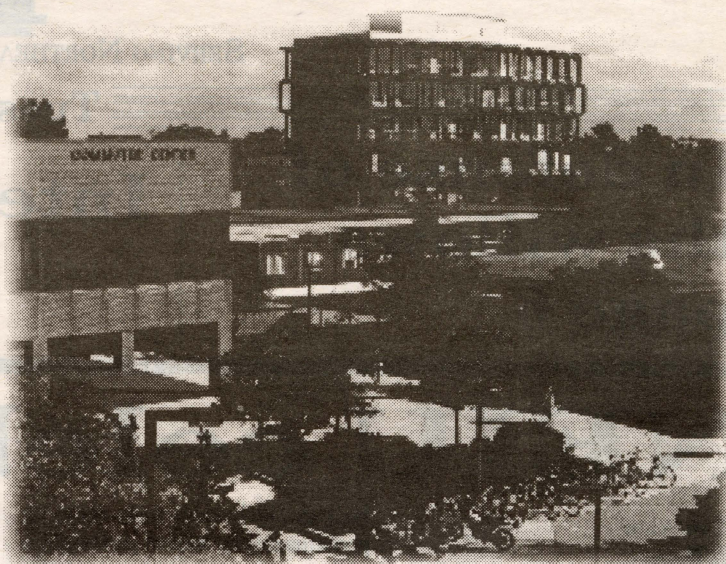
The Black Heritage Club is sponsoring a Fashion/Dance on Friday, November 19 from 6 p.m. til midnight in Alumni Hall. The Fashion part will feature Chi-Town's Exotic Hair Expedition.

## Lectures outside the classroom

As part of a program known as *Tuesday Talks*, a discussion by Dr. Constance Speake will take place in the Cafeteria Meeting Room on Tuesday, November 9 at 1:30 p.m. Speake will discuss at the Talk the topic of *International Education in South Africa*.

The Business and Management Club of NEIU is sponsoring a talk by Robin Sheerer on Thursday, November 11 in the Cafeteria Meeting Room at 1:40 p.m. Her topic will be *No More Blue Mondays*, and is a way to get inspired, challenged and motivated, so remember, B there, or B<sup>2</sup>.

**It's not too late to  
announce your event.  
Contact Tom at ext.  
2812 or put it in writing  
and send it to room  
E-049.**



## The Programming Board presents

The Northeastern Programming Board is sponsoring a Veteran's Day Salute on Wednesday, November 10 at 6:30 p.m. in Alumni Hall. Featured will be two lectures, one by Bill London on *The Jewish Veteran's Experience*, and the other by Rufus Hunt on *The History of the Tuskegee Airmen*. Do your patriotic duty and come on out!

NPB is also sponsoring one of its infamous Coffeehouse events on Tuesday, November 16 from 11 a.m. til 2 p.m. in the Village Square. This Coffeehouse will feature the musical stylings of Gypsi Fari, who play Afro-Brazilian Jazz. Don't miss it!

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Speak Out!*  
  
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# Rising obesity levels incite health concerns

by Craig Gustafson  
Minnesota Daily (U. Minnesota)

(U-WIRE) MINNEAPOLIS — A new study by the American Medical Association indicates that fewer Americans can boast a slim waistline.

The belt-loosening trend shows that obesity among Americans hit 18 percent, up from 12 percent in 1991, according to the report.

At the University of Minnesota, the stomachs behind many roon-and-gold sweat shirts are taking part in the upswing.

A 1995 Boynton Health Service study indicated that 13 percent of University students are overweight, and soon-to-be-released data will show a much higher incidence of campus heftiness.

"Obesity is an issue on campus for folks," said Dave Golden, a Boynton health specialist.

The nationwide cellulite upswing isn't isolated to a just a few pockets of states or ethnic groups. Instead, both men and women in every state and from every education level saw their

waistlines expand. Several races saw a similar trend, with Hispanics leading the way.

Minnesota ranked 32nd out of 45 states with 15.7 percent of its population classified as overweight. Wisconsin was 22nd with 17.9 percent, which is also the national average.

"People are starting to realize that obesity is a public health threat like tobacco," said Robert Jeffrey, a University professor of epidemiology.

The national study estimated that 280,000 people die each year from weight-related problems. It is second only to tobacco-related deaths.

As a person's weight balloons, the chance of dying follows suit.

Some of the long-term illnesses related to obesity are heart disease, diabetes, arthritis, gall-bladder disease, high blood pressure and cholesterol levels.

Nationally, obesity is defined by the much-contested Body Mass Index.

"The biggest problem with BMI is that it only measures height and weight to determine whether someone is fat," Golden said.

He also said body fat can be measured in better ways, such as pinch tests or visiting a nutritionist for an evaluation.

Crow said the BMI is highly inaccurate under two circumstances.

First, the BMI skews when a person has a lot of muscle mass, so a person could be classified as obese even though they might be in excellent physical shape.

According to the index, many professional athletes like Baltimore Orioles third baseman Cal Ripken Jr. would be considered obese.

Secondly, a person in extremely poor shape with little muscle mass could be classified as healthy.

But even with its flaws, Crow said the BMI can serve as a rough estimate of a person's health risks.

Craig Gustafson covers the Medical School and welcomes comments at cgustafson@daily.umn.edu.

# Students sought

by Joanna Frigo  
Staff Writer

The National Student Exchange Northeastern Chapter is looking for a few good students.

The National Student Exchange is looking for applicants up until February 2000 for the fall 2000/spring 2001 for study abroad. Northeastern is one of 161 schools

outstanding fines). A GPA of 2.5 or better is required. Two letters of recommendation from a professor, advisor and/or employer are needed as well. The application is due in Feb. 2000, because Llacuna and her assistant go to a conference in March, where they barter for the student's first choice.

If your first choice is too popular, you are asked for two other schools,



who participates in the National Student Exchange chapter on campus which is headed by Flora Llacuna, and she is looking for students who are willing to go to another school within the United States. The National Student Exchange is different from the International exchange, by the point that you stay within the United States.

You have to fill out the application and pay the application fee. You have to be a full time student and be in good standing (no

as a back up.

There are two ways to pay for this college experience: payment plan A is payment of the instate tuition for the school that you will attend or payment plan B which allows you to pay tuition for your home school while attending this other University.

The completion of the application and meeting the above requirements will finalize whether and where you get to go. If you have any questions, contact Flora Llacuna at ext. 3199.

be a most disheartening predicament, Mr. Jonaitis made it clear that even if this particular endeavor could not be accomplished, the school will still continue its entertainment/performing arts policy, meaning future events and opportunities will be investigated and worked on.

Although the situation as pertaining to the band's near future has yet to be determined, we could yet get to see them here if and when they get back to regular booking. Until then, stay tuned for further details and who to approach concerning purchased tickets.

## SGA

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the report, Foley expressed both anger and disappointment in Gandara's and SGA's action.

"This is unconscionable. Student Senate needs to be prepared for its scheduled meetings, and they need to conduct all the business they are charged to conduct."

"I hope [the report] will be 'retroactively approved' at the next meeting," says Foley, "though I guess it doesn't matter, since the willows were removed by November 7."

Facilities Management acted

right away on the committee recommendation, and set a member of the grounds crew the task of taking willow clippings on November 5.

The clippings, which consist of branches at least 10 inches long and a pencil-width thick are to be cared for by the Grounds department and the Science Building greenhouse.

The willows were removed within two days of that. Foley says that the next step for SGA is to see that the clippings are cared for properly.

Student Government's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 18 at 1:40 p.m. in the Cafeteria Meeting Room.

## Los Lobos

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outside factors beyond the school's ability to control and direct.

"More than anything else, I'm sorry for the student body possibly missing out on this," said David Jonaitis, who was directly responsible for bringing this project to fruition until the bad news reached him a few days ago. He further added, "this was to be the first time we've brought someone truly big from the pop culture scene to Northeastern." However, while this surely has to

## EXTENSION 200

For jump starts, auto lockouts, and all emergencies, please contact Public Safety at extension 200.

### 19 October

#### Forgery

Student found with a forged parking permit. No charges filed at this time. Case referred to the Dean of Students. Third forged permit caught this month.

### 20 October

#### Disturbance

A loud, disruptive student refused to leave computer lab, Public Safety was called. Student complied with police officer's request to leave. No charges filed, referred to Student Due Process.

#### Found Property

A found purse was turned in by a student. Owner contacted and property returned intact.

#### Found Property

Backpack found in parking lot, unclaimed at this time.

### 21 October

#### Burglary

Currency and personal items

removed from staff members desk in locked room. No force used in entry. Area processed by crime scene technician, fingerprints referred to state crime lab. Investigation continuing.

#### Theft from Motor Vehicle

Victim reported theft of accessories from his vehicle parked in lot.

#### Hit & Run

Victim's vehicle was struck while parked in lot. Illinois Vehicle Crash Report filed.

#### Criminal Damage to State Property

Graffiti painted on door to El Centro.

### 22 October

#### Theft

Victim left leather coat unattended in the Student Union.

### 23 October

#### Suspicious Person

Officer on patrol found several persons banging on windows in A Wing at 2 a.m. Subjects stopped, questioned and released with warning.

### 24 October

#### Found Property

Wallet left at Library Circulation

Desk. Owner contacted and property returned intact.

### 26 October

**Criminal Damage to State Property** Building Service Worker reported graffiti in men's rooms in Classroom Building. All markings removed.

#### Medical Assist

Student injured finger while playing basketball. Staff member transported student to hospital for treatment.

### 27 October

#### Traffic Accident Non-Injury

Two vehicles collided in H Parking Lot.

### 28 October

#### Medical Assist

Building Service Worker caught arm in door in Library Building. Subject refused medical treatment.

**Criminal Damage to State Property** Music Department reported that an unknown person had broken window in door of practice room in Fine Arts Building. \$400 replacement cost.

#### Theft

Faculty member reported cash and

personal items taken from coat. Property later found.

**Traffic Accident Property Damage** Parked vehicle rolled out of parking space, striking another vehicle.

**Traffic Accident Property Damage** Two vehicles in parking lot struck each other while backing.

### 29 October

#### Found Property

Officer found wallet on Bryn Mawr. Traced property to an armed robbery which occurred in Chicago earlier in the day. Property turned over to Chicago Police Department.

#### Found Property

Wallet turned in to Info Commons desk. Unable to contact owner, property not claimed at this time.

#### Medical Assist

Subject had epileptic seizure in front of Science Building. Taken to Health Service, subject left in company of friends after resting.

**Service to Other Police Agency** Officer observed offender breaking into car parked on Bryn Mawr. After foot chase, offender and accomplice were arrested. Turned over to Chicago Police Department for processing.

### 30 October

#### Service to Other Police Agency

Responding to call for assistance from units of the Chicago Police Department, Officers from Public Safety assisted in the foot chase and capture of robbery suspect.

### 1 November

#### Found Property

Credit card found in the Science Building. Unable to contact owner, property not claimed at this time.

*We're having way too many traffic accidents in the parking lots this year! Part of the problem is folks paying too much attention to grabbing a parking space and not enough attention to safe driving. So far no one has been injured thankfully but let's not take any more chances. Drive carefully, slow it down and don't park on the islands at the row ends (blocks vision!). Be Careful! Practice safe driving.*



# Student Trustee Quarterly Report

I guess the first quarter of my term actually ended in October, but since mid-terms just ended, and I have served as a Student Trustee half a semester, it feels more like the one quarter mark. Anyway, let me keep you abreast of what I've been doing to serve you, the student constituency.

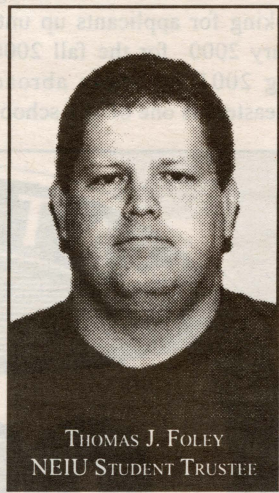
My first charge was to examine the situation of the B-Wing Courtyard and the proposed removal of the willows. According to all sources, the need for their removal is extreme. I've seen the slides of the damage, I've examined the possibility of re-routing the sewer system and I've asked if solid pipe (without joints) could be installed.

Everywhere I turn, it gets worse for the willows. I even tried to hold a meeting where concerned students could meet with the people of Facilities Management to hash out their differences, but the meeting was sparsely attended at best. So I did what I was empowered to do. I recommended that the Student Senate endorse the remodelling plan and also ask the people of Facilities Management to take clippings from the trees and initiate a replanting program next season. All of this came about due to the suggestion of one concerned student.

I have also been appointed to the Ad Hoc Committee on University Parking, which is charged with looking at the policies of complimentary parking passes and suspended parking. The committee is currently looking at how various other universities handle these situations, and all the members seem to be in agreement that guests invited to speak to the students, as well as prospective

students attending an open house, for example, should not have to pay to park on campus.

All of the committee members also seem to realize the sad truth



THOMAS J. FOLEY  
NEIU STUDENT TRUSTEE

about parking at NEIU, that is, there just aren't enough available parking spaces during peak hours. It is hoped that this ongoing problem will be communicated to Vice President Melvin Terrell (Student Affairs/Public Affairs) when the committee finishes its job by the end of the term.

I was also responsible for the referendum you may have noticed during the Fall of 1999 Student Government Elections. This referendum was put before you, the student body, because of the actions taken by the Board of Trustees back in April. Chair Goodwin and Board Legal Counsel Mark Dunn had drafted legislation calling for an expansion of the Board, an extension on the terms of the Board officers, an Illinois residency requirement and two provisions that directly affected my position as a Student Trustee.

These two provisions called for a one-term limit for anyone serving as Student Trustee and also required that the Student Trustee be an undergraduate

student. This was introduced to the Illinois House, which passed it unanimously and sent it to the Illinois Senate, which threw it into the Education Committee. This is where NEIU students and SGA became aware of its existence. We quickly polled students about how they felt about not having any say in this legislation and presented the results before the committee. The Democrats all sided with us, while the Republicans (in the majority) voted to pass the bill.

Even though the bill had passed, Chair Goodwin was nice enough to consider an amendment striking the term limit. In return, I promised to not actively oppose this legislation any further on the condition that I put the remaining grad student restriction before the student body in the form of a referendum in the Fall elections. The results

were overwhelmingly in favor of allowing all students the opportunity to serve in this position. My job now is to make the Board and the President aware of this development and begin discussing how we can return this privilege to the grad students.

Another idea that I've been looking into is the possibility of making faculty evaluations available to students, some sort of an informal guide to the faculty and classes that are offered at NEIU. I have spoken with the Provost on this matter, but it seems the hard part about instituting this kind of plan would be "selling" it to the faculty union. After all, such a system is clearly not in the best interests of the faculty members; it is in the best interests of the students. There are some informal web sites that allow

postings about various faculty members at other universities. That may be the way to go with a project like this. It's important to students, as they pay good money to attend here, they don't want to get stuck in a course with a teacher they just don't get along with. It is a structured form of the word-of-mouth system that already exists. This whole concept was presented to me by Senator Jermont Montgomery. Please remember that come election time.

Anyway, that is what I have been doing to as your Student Trustee. The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Thur., Nov. 18, at 4 p.m. in the Golden Eagles Room. Come on out and watch me in action. You can also contact me at my on-campus office at 773-583-4050 ext. 3886 or drop a note in E-207, above Beck's Bookstore.

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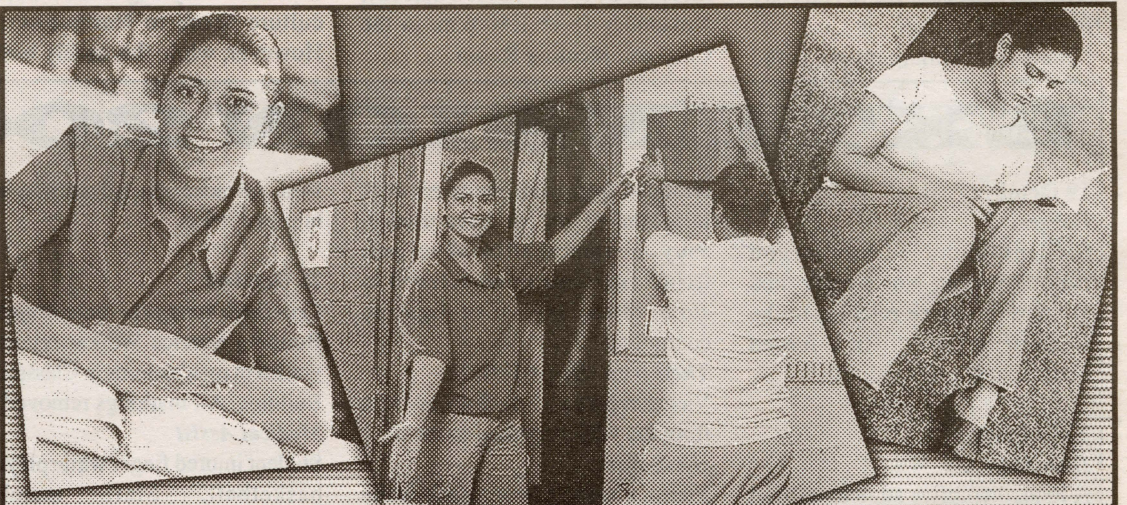
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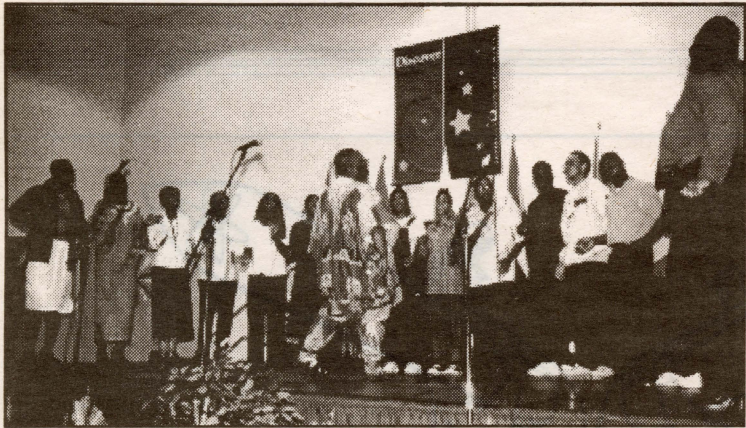


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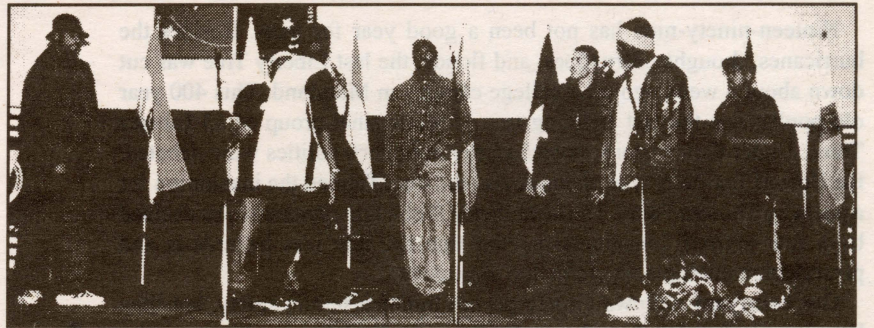
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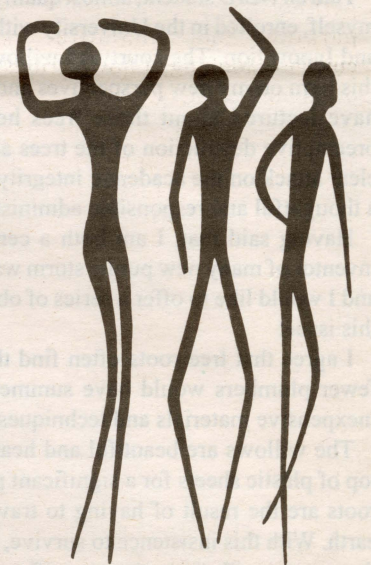


Hip - Hop Club performs for the crowd.

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# Perspectus

EDITORIAL BY Bob Wulkowicz, SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR

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## Where are the edges of history?

Nineteen-ninety-nine has not been a good year for trees. Besides the hurricanes, droughts, tornadoes, and floods, the last Liberty Tree was cut down about a week ago on a college campus in Maryland. This 400 year old poplar was the last standing tree of an original group of 13 Liberty Trees. Under their historic branches, revolutionary politics were debated, the Boston Tea Party was planned, and the trees formed the inspiration for a poem by Thomas Paine. The last Liberty Tree's fate appeared to be decided by a few invited consultants saying that the tree was hazardous and preservation attempts would be too expensive.

Our courtyard willows clearly do not threaten public safety, but they have been indicted and condemned to the same death for attacking a nearby sewer. For some, the trees are too young to deserve any historical protection, but the willows have been here for two-thirds of the existence of this campus and are familiar companions to tens of thousands of students. The trees will be killed for a new courtyard design claiming to have a doubling of "user-friendly" trees in the same site.

Here, the invited consultants of a tree company and a plumbing contractor agree that willow roots will continue to invade a newly-repaired sewer despite expensive prevention efforts and will eventually force the University into a second sewer replacement.

There has also been a rumor that a take-down and complete removal of the trees would be scheduled for a Sunday to avoid a direct confrontation with students about the fate of the trees. A recent student meeting on the willows however, saw only three attendees and generated the strong implication that students are indifferent to the issue.

Student indifference and apathy are an administrator's dream; no challenges or disputes to interfere with school decisions. However, as tempting as it may be, indifference and apathy should never be construed as proof of the actual correctness of a decision.

I am an NEIU student, almost qualifying for an elderly historic designation myself, enrolled in the University without Walls, and majoring in Invention and Innovation. The courtyard willows are a part of my final dissertation this term on my new perspectives and theories about the growth of trees. I have lectured about those trees here in the States and Canada. The preemptive destruction of the trees as described in the rumor would be a clear attack on the academic integrity of my efforts and I will assume that a thoughtful and responsible administration cannot allow that to occur.

Having said that, I am both a certified arborist and the designer and inventor of many new public storm water concepts and systems in this city, and I would like to offer a series of observations and recommendations for this issue:

I agree that tree roots often find their way into sewers; if they didn't, fewer plumbers would have summer homes. There are however, many inexpensive materials and techniques to slow or stop root invasions.

The willows are beautiful and healthy creatures that have lived on the top of plastic sheets for a significant part of their lives. The many exposed roots are the result of having to travel beyond the sheets to get into the earth. With this insistence to survive, I can think of no better indicator that these trees will attain the magnificence and grandeur of noble specimen trees.

This University is proud of its tree planting programs. But, there is a parallel obligation to maintain and preserve those trees, not cutting them down after a few decades as if there was no expectation of their longevity when they were first planted. Every steward sincerely believes that their efforts are memorialized in trees that can live a century or more. Are these innocents to be just another part of our throw-away society?

There is no urgency about this issue. No rush to get bids returned in tomorrow's mail. Given the extent of the excavation, the willow roots will take a long time in any approach to the sewer.

With that, I would like to offer an alternative: The courtyard can be redesigned AND the willows can stay—one need not exclude the other. I have designed an inexpensive system for the courtyard providing the willows with the water and soils they need and also minimizing any "threat" to the sewers. The concept can be fitted to any courtyard design.

As the NEIU campus matures, historic elements will naturally unfold and be recognized. The willows already have a quarter-century head start on anything we may do today. Killing those trees in defense of a sewer is absurd in an institution that acts so proudly as a steward for its thousands of young people. The willows can be even more beautiful for the many next generations of students if we take the time to understand that vision.

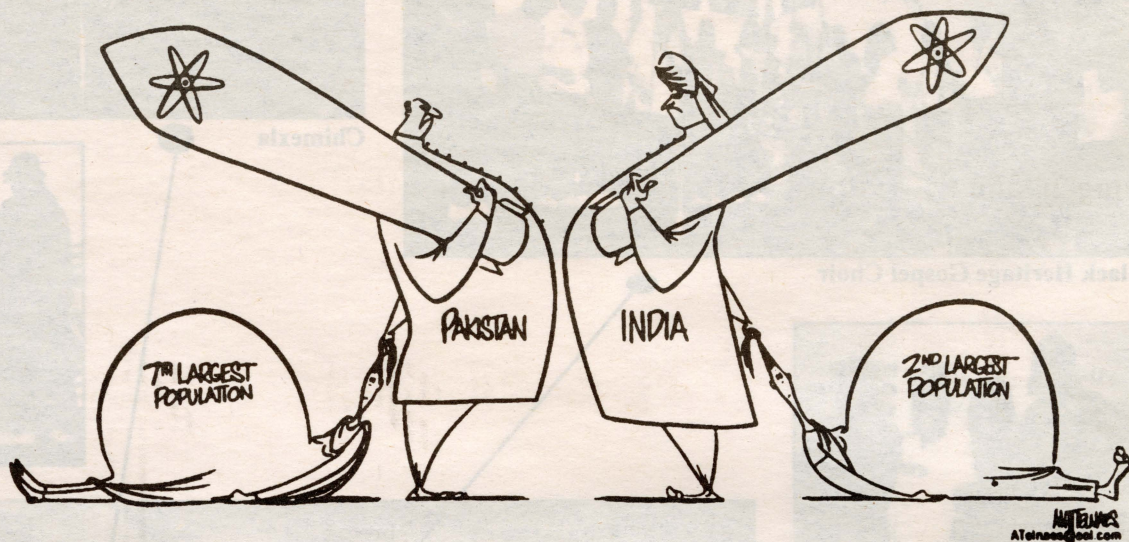
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EDITORIAL BY Scott Plencner, STAFF WRITER

## The dying presidency The Clinton legacy

Once upon a time, not very long ago, the presidency of the United States meant something. The job entailed very specific responsibilities requiring a vast amount of skill and experience. No person without extensive experience in legislation, legal execution, or the military who also professed to love his nation would dare step up to the plate to take a swing at the presidency. Such a move was simply too dangerous for the greater good. The presidency, at one time, was not a game and was a serious job with major implications, one in which the wrong person for the job could do critical damage to the American experiment in representative democracy.

But those days are gone. It seems today almost anyone with fame or a fat wallet has a chance at the job. Candidates who eight years ago would have been laughed off the political stage for assuming too lofty a position are now making uncalled for waves in the 2000 presidential campaign.

While some of the blame naturally falls on the unpopular Republican Congress which has seen an American population grow ever more disillusioned with everyday politics or the over-reactive, sensationalist media. In the case of the presidency a reasonable person must consider the stained record of President Clinton.

When President Washington took the oath of the presidency in 1789, he promised to wear the same hats that every president who followed promised to wear. He promised to act as chief legislator, to provide for and encourage discussion of issues in Congress. He promised to be chief executive, to enforce and realize the laws of the Constitution and Congress. And he promised to wear the hat of commander-in-chief, to oversee the military in matters of defense when war is declared by Congress. Because of this our list of presidents includes primarily legislators, accomplished military officers, and governors; all jobs which entail some part of the president's three-fold Constitutional duty. The current list of candidates presents a frightening bunch of inexperienced, attention-starved billionaires and pro wrestlers and actors running for all the wrong reasons. What made the difference?

In January of 1997, Clinton repeated

the oath of Washington: "I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of the presidency of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States." Soon afterward the scandals surfaced. The president, whose job it was to execute and protect the laws of the nation was, himself, breaking the laws and hiding behind the safety of his office. He unquestionably lied under oath to a federal Grand Jury. He was suspected of shady land deals in the Whitewater scandal. He was suspected of aiding or, at least, conveniently ignoring reports of Chinese espionage (an espionage that has increased red China's nuclear threat), while at the same time accepting large political donations from men associated with the communist regime of China. He claimed to be tough on guns while releasing terrorists from jail who were guilty of countless gun crimes. Is it no wonder that when asked by reporters if executing the laws is part of his job he responded in classic Clintonian fashion, "That's what some people say."

When Washington was elected, he worked very hard to set precedents that offered the presidency the same kind of esteem that the royal families possessed in Europe. Legends still thrive that Washington could not tell a lie. Has Clinton maintained this respect? If little Bill Clinton chopped down the cherry tree, its certain he would've blamed it on another kid and then uttered out a few focus-group approved phrases like "for the children" and "nonpartisan" and "surplus" and then beat up the nearest kid who couldn't defend himself to distract attention from the tree. The presidency over time became less a thing of the people and more a thing of Clinton's personal protection. It became a shield, a stage. Is this what Washington had in mind when trying to establish respect for the office?

What would Washington think of Monica Lewinsky sitting under the desk in the oval office gratifying the president while he was on the phone with leaders of foreign nations and Congressmen? Is this what he envisioned for the presidency? Clinton brought cigars, semen stains, and groping to the hallowed office of

Lincoln and Roosevelt. Why should the American people respect the office of the presidency when the president can not even respect it? Is it no wonder Joe Blow thinks he would make a fine president? If Clinton is the standard which presidents of the baby boomer generation are measured up to, it does not take very much at all to be president. No pride, no loyalty, no convictions. No problem! Everyone's welcome to take a shot at the presidency. Jesse Ventura despises Christians so let's give him legislative powers. Donald Trump said on last Sunday that, "France has to pay." Let's give Trump control of our nuclear arsenal.

It's sad to see going to waste all the work of upright men and capable presidents like Ronald Reagan, who defeated communist threats economically and without firing a single shot and who helped to reinvigorate an American economy on its last legs; or like John Kennedy who stood firm against Cuba and who prepared America's course for the moon.

There is hope, though. During the Democratic debates Al Gore, an accomplished legislator and bureaucrat and a qualified candidate for the presidency, indirectly acknowledged that much of the disillusionment of the American people had its genesis in Clinton's ignorance of his oath. This election, we should be voting for the most qualified candidate to save the esteem of the presidency ruined by eight years of lies, disregard, and selfishness.

If Clinton ever gets his library finished in Arkansas and if the people of Arkansas stop shooting at his birthplace as they've been known to do, I hope history remembers him for what he was: an excellent politician and a totally inept governor. We've all learned from Clinton that while lies may win elections, the honesty and esteem of George Washington is what makes a great leader.

So I urge you not to give up on politics. If you enjoy making enough money to feed yourself, if you enjoy living without nuclear war, if you ever want to cash in those savings bonds you got on your graduation day, do not vote for an unqualified candidate running for all the wrong reasons. Save the presidency from the disorder Clinton has created.



# REV

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## All things Asian

by Joanna Frigo  
Staff Writer

A collection of Asian art has come to Northeastern with the help of a Chicago-area doctor. This collection is the start of the new-Millennium Celebration Asia, which runs Nov. 15 to 21 at Northeastern Illinois University.

This special exhibit, part of a private collection, is up now until December 3. The collector, Dr. May Weber who practices in Chicago, collected this art from her travels in the Far East.

"The pieces are appealing whether [or not] you know what they are about," she says. The appeal begins the search to learn more about them, the background, the people who used them and lived with them. This leads to more pieces and so the collection begins.

The name of this collection is "All

Things Ceremonial." It was brought to us by Mary Stoppert. When asked about the showing, she said "...[it is the] use of celebration rituals and important times such as birth, puberty, weddings, funerals, and worship." The pieces come from all over the east, and the time frame is wide. There are individuals in the Art Gallery who are willing to talk to anyone about the display.

The pieces come from places like China, Myanmar (Burma), Japan, Korea, Nepal, Tibet, Borneo and the Philippines. The time frame is about 1618 to mid twentieth century. Also there are pieces from all over the world, i.e. from Africa, Australia, Europe, Central and South America and a few pieces from North America.

At the Grand Opening of the showing she was here on campus to talk to people who stopped by to see the exhibit. Please come by to see the past ceremonies, of the "Far East."



photos by Joanna Frigo

Dr. May Weber stands among some of the pieces of her collection. (above)

An exquisite purple kimono and wooden mallard (left) are two variations of the type of ceremonial art allowed to be seen in this exhibit. Some are cloth, some wood, and some stone.



### Play Review

## Not your ordinary night at the lanes

by Laura Hadley  
Editor

Ok. So you've sworn off bowling for life. Who could blame you - under normal circumstances.

The Bowling Show isn't normal circumstances though. It's birth and death. Love and hate. And ten frames of the wackiest bowling you'll ever play.

The Bowling Show, which runs Wednesday nights at the Timber Lanes bowling alley, 1851 W. Irving Park Road in Chicago, is an audience participatory show in the same style as the long running hits Tony and Tina's Wedding and Shear Madness.

You aren't just allowed to sit on the side and watch. You become a large part of the entertainment.

The premise - Mom (Pamela Chermansky) is having financial problems and is holding a fundraising tournament to help raise money to keep the bowling alley open. And you, the audience, are her guests.

From the time you walk into the bowling alley until you bowl the last frame, you are completely entwined in the lives of these consummate bowling professionals. You select a team captain, pick up bowling shoes (yes, the blue, red and white ones are still in style) and find a ball. Then you can

sit, meet your team and get ready for some action.

The set - there isn't one, at least the kind that theater goers are used too. Instead, the action is presented with the bowling lanes as a backdrop. Fluorescent and strobe lighting are both used at various times to help set the mood and highlight various "bits" that are going on during the show. Very creative given the space.

And finally - the characters themselves. They are all absolutely hilarious. And well acted also. One of the more difficult things about acting in a show where you interact with the crowd would be the necessity of keeping in character. But these folks have no problem with it at all.

An important thing to note about

this production is the fact that it's very family oriented. There were adults and children of all ages participating, including a 3 year old names Sunshine. Kiddie balls and bumper guards are available for them during the show so that they can join fully in the action.

It might just be enough excitement to change your mind about bowling!

The Bowling Show is presented by Oujar, a theater group out of Skokie. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays through December 15 (there is no show on November 24) at the Timber Lanes Bowling Alley. Tickets are \$15 per person and the price includes shoe rental. Seating is general admission. For more information or to make reservations call 847.674.4088.



# Dave's Rant

by Dave Grzelak

## King of the Hill

Here's adding to another record that won't be broken anytime soon. Even in passing, Walter Payton managed to break another record: most great things said about a person, lifetime.

The Niagara Falls of tributes have poured out to a man whose passion for the game was only surpassed by his passion for people.

Walter Payton's life was a smile. His playful demeanor, legendary practical jokes, and constant pants-ing of people he knew and people he didn't was a smile. His high-pitched voice, almost as if some higher entity was playing a practical joke on this practical joker, was a smile. His famous soapy-naked interview with Tim Weigel, where Walter came out of the locker room after a game with nothing on but his impish smile, was a smile.

And of course, watching him play was a smile. Watching him stiff arm a defensive back into the third row of the Soldier Field stands was a smile. Watching him break tackle after tackle after tackle after tackle after tackle was a smile. Watching him catapult over a pile of defenders to score a touchdown was a smile. Watching him throw one of his trademark devastating blocks, especially the one in the Super Bowl season of 1985 on a Thursday night game where he crushed a Minnesota Viking linebacker to allow Jim McMahon to throw a touchdown to Willie Gault, was a smile. Watching him carry the ball 40 times for 275 yards to break the NFL single game rushing record against those same Vikings eight years earlier was a smile.

And aside from the specifics, watching the way he played was a smile. Watching him play every down of football like an unproven rookie trying to make the team was a smile. Watching him take a beating on every play, only to have him spring up as if to say, "nice hit, try harder next time," was a smile. Watching him launch the ball into the stands after he scored a touchdown, as if to say, "this touchdown is for you fans," was a smile. Watching him bear the weight of a sagging franchise on his diminutive but powerful frame without complaint for 13 years while missing only one game which he could have played was a smile.

Aside from the smiles he gave us, never was a person's life and example more personified by a geological symbol as Walter Payton's life. His grueling training regimen included climbing up a steep hill, which most of us would probably look at and say, "I don't think so." Walter Payton's life is that hill, one for all of us to attempt to climb. If we would treat everyone like we treat our best friends and family, if we would keep focused on our goals, if we would maximize our talent and abilities, if we would be incredibly giving, if we would be a role model, if we would take responsibility for a team's actions, if we would be passionate in everything we did, and if we would be as giving in death as we were in life, we might have a chance to climb that hill.

And Walter Payton somewhere is smiling. He played one final joke on us all. Are we gonna be able to climb the hill that is Walter Payton? Well, here's one likely scenario: Walter stands with you at the base of the hill, gives you an inspirational talk to climb that hill, says "on your mark, get set, go," and as you take your first step up that hill, he pulls down your pants and roars with laughter, as if to say, "I don't think so." Walter, as always, has the last laugh.

# Pressed for interest

by Lior Alon  
Staff Writer

One of Britain's most turbulent, longest lasting and all the same relatively unknown pop powerhouses, Squeeze, has recently re-emerged with a new album, *Domino*.

Having formed in 1975 and released more albums and EP's than most NEIU students had those bread sticks in the cafeteria, Squeeze have known more than their fair share of ups and downs. On one hand, they have written the book about split ups, break ups and line up changes. In fact, between the years 1981-1985 the lads were officially out of business, only to come back during the mid-Eighties synth craze with a vengeance. On the other hand, the name Squeeze will be somewhat familiar to followers of intellectual pop, as the band have signed their names to an impressive array of albums (*Argybargy*, *Sweets From A Stranger*, *U.K. Squeeze* and others) as well as some medium-sized hit singles. For instance, WXRT has been playing *Pulling Muscles from a Shell* for years now.

Having said all this, Squeeze still failed to imprint themselves on the public retina as much as outfits with a less comprehensive portfolio have successfully done.

For *Domino*, the current album doing the rounds, Glenn Tilbrook and Chris Difford, two of the original founders and the band's core nowadays, have chosen to go with the usually smooth, easy sound of records past. Although indeed their music can be described as palatable, it falls far from the dreaded cookie-cutter side of the rock-pop lineage. Drawing on years upon years of experience and adjustment, Squeeze deliver 12 songs chock-full of thought, introspection and contemplation. While not enough to challenge history's greatest thinkers, the material does rise well above the occasion in terms of lyrics.

Musically, though, the same



cannot be said. If you've heard Crowded House or Split Enz you'll immediately recognize Squeeze's sound. Unlike Crowded House, however, these London veterans can be tedious and down right boring since they lack the bubbly, creative and largely humorous outlook their New Zealand counterparts so frequently possessed. Hence, you'll be very special if you actually sit down and remain focused for the duration of the CD. "Hit" single *Domino*, another WXRT favorite for some obscure reason, has nothing special about it whatsoever, and song no. 6, *Donkey Talk* may appeal to just those animals, but otherwise will surely be in the running for most annoying song ever, someday.

Solace can be found with track eight, *Without You Here*. Competently written and performed, it bodes well for what the rest could have been like.

Despite bringing to mind the now mostly gone glory of old school British pop a-la The Beautiful South, The Smithereens/House Martins etc., *Domino* fails to inspire. Yes, the

people who've fashioned it hold great talent and a credible track record, but sadly now seem rather distracted and not up to par. Their penchant for doing smarty-pants guitar 'n' keyboards pop has been squeezed dry judging by this effort, pun well intended.

Squeeze  
*Domino*  
Quixotic/London Records

**MUSIC:** C- yawnsome for the most part although no two songs actually sound the same. Uninspiring fare of a familiar type.

**LYRICS:** A authentically impressive and worthwhile. Not enough to salvage the rest of the album, though.

**PRODUCTION:** B as good as can be expected from folks who've been part of this industry since the days when a Pentium processor was considered the epitome of science fiction.

**OVERALL:** C clearly not their finest effort, Squeeze's latest leaves too much to be desired without detracting from their legitimate claim to fame.

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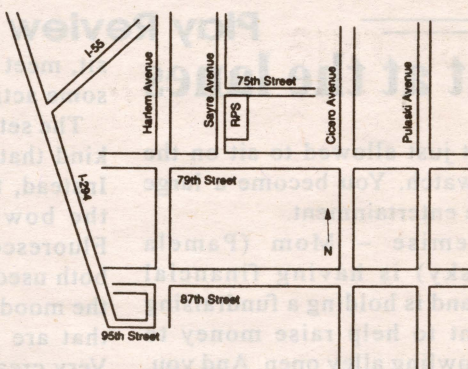
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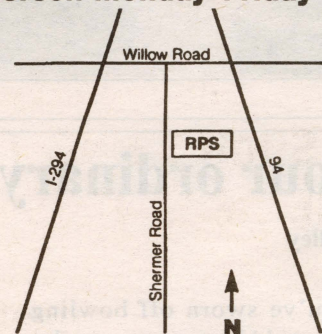
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# A gust of fresh air

by Lior Alon  
Staff Writer

All too often young, upcoming bands in America today make it their business to go around with some invisible chip on their proverbial shoulder just begging for somebody to knock it off. This results in an abundance of wasted talent and a truckload of irritating, lost music that grates on the old nerves.

Being their third full-length release, *Lost and Gone Forever* provides a relatively rare chunk of modern U.S. indie that has all the right ingredients.

Without any self-adoration or an uncalled session of ego-tripping, Guster proceed to deliver a full set of gems. Classifying them would be futile, as they breeze through an amazing plethora of styles without so much as a hint of glitch. This makes up for

humor! And unlike some of their influences, Guster have evolved beyond the basic four-piece rock, guitar driven formula. Therefore, whenever a new song loads, you just can't tell what'll be next, and that cannot be easily dismissed.

Although no longer teens by any stretch of the word, Guster have every right to expect their careers to take off. With songs as magnificent as *Happier* it should all go their way. And please bear in mind the fact that Guster actually consist of just three guys (plus some friends) and not a monstrous, in synch, money making conglomerate from the backstreets (warning: sarcasm sucks). You did get this, right? Please tell me you did.

Anyway, Guster come highly decorated and recommended. May they keep blowing hard as befits their name.

Guster  
*Lost and Gone Forever*  
Hybrid/Sire Records

**MUSIC:** A brilliant composition of a mosaic-like nature. Thrilling and enchanting to anyone interested in fresh ideas.

**LYRICS:** A funny, at times plain hilarious songs that refuse to be mundane.

**PRODUCTION:** B adequate like most other productions in the digital age.

**OVERALL:** A superb album of considerable magnitude. Hopefully an indicator of things to come.



Guster, conversely, have no such agenda. Being half Canadian, half Massachusettsian (I don't think such a thing even exists...) supposedly provides a sure fire way of getting into a lot of trouble, yet these guys take their distinct disadvantage and mould into a career of excellent musical releases.

Guster's lack of radio exposure and general recognition since it provides them with an invaluable versatility.

Just like Guided By Voices and Sebadoh, Guster dedicate themselves to cerebral, elaborate pieces of music supported by an uncanny knack for waxing lyrical. Plus, they have real, bonafide sense of

## Nathin' To Do



### Not your usual princess

The Stage Center Theatre's Children's Theatre Workshop is performing a daytime production of *The Princess Who Stood on Her Own Two Feet*. This is the first time this show has ever been presented so stop by and catch a piece of history.

The show starts at 10:30 a.m. and tickets are only \$3. For reservations call Jay Geller at (773) 794-6132. Show dates remaining are as follows: November 15, 17, 19, 22, 24, 29 and December 1, 3, 6, 8, 10 and 13.

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The NEIU Percussion Ensemble, with Jeff Stitely as director performs Wednesday, November 10.  
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The next installment of the NEIU Concert Series, the Lipatti String Quartet, happens on Thursday November 11.  
1:40 p.m. in the Fine Arts Recital Hall

Ruth Page returns on November 12. Venetia Stiffler will direct this Concert Dance which goes up at 8:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Recital Hall.

Don't miss the faculty concert of Duggan, Anderson and Kafer. Sonatas by Beethoven, Chopin, Debussy, and a Mozart duo will fill the air of the Fine Arts Recital Hall.  
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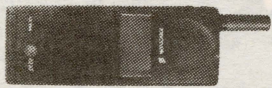
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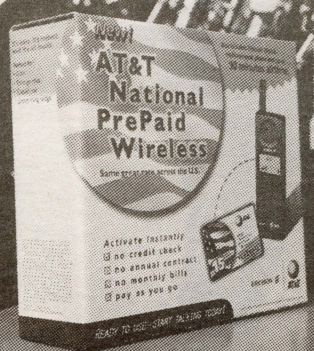
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# The Taliban must go      The joy of college

John Locke wrote that governments find validity in how well the life, liberty and property rights of citizens are preserved. Jefferson added that any government not adequately protecting these rights or one abusing these rights must and is naturally overthrown by force of the people. The government of Afghanistan, dominated since 1996 by the Islamic fundamentalist group known as the Taliban, disallows its people everything Western and offers refuge to anti-Western terrorists.

It is such government that the United States should actively and emphatically condemn in the same way it condemned Nazi Germany. If the Nazis waged war on the rights of German Jews, the Taliban is certainly no different in its unjustifiable and legalized abuse of the rights of Afghan women.

It's true that the totalitarian laws of the Taliban are harsh and that Afghanistan is a sovereign nation free to conduct its own business, but the punishments associated with these laws, especially when the punished is a woman, crosses the fine line that exists between the priorities of inter-government respect and simple moral duty to do everything possible to eradicate the immoral. For example, one

such law restricts women to proper Islamic attire, including the butqua, a garment that covers almost every square inch of the body except for the eyes. Recently a woman was beaten to death by a vigilante mob when she inadvertently exposed an arm while driving.

Laws surround the lives of women, restricting them from working or even being in public alone. Specific laws exist so that women are not seen or heard. Women are legally the property of their husband and fathers. Since the Taliban came to power, women professionals have been forced from their careers and many have been forced to suicide and lives of clinical depression and constant fear.

Many governments have not spoken on these issues in respect of the Afghani government's right to be self-sufficient. The matters are too often swept under the rug and ignored as an internal understanding and as an ancient and, at least, realistically reasonable cultural custom. Such harsh conditions did not exist previous to the Taliban's rise to power in 1996. These are not ancient customs, but rather three-year-old acts of legalized violence against the inherent rights of life, liberty and property of people wholly deserving all that these

rights promise.

Basic morals and certainly the natural rights Locke spoke of exist cross-culturally. Even if chalked up as a cultural phenomenon, it is true that other fundamentalist nations such as Iran are not nearly as abusive. There simply exists no justification (religious, cultural or philosophic) for what is basically a reign of terror motivated by hate.

The Taliban's reign is one of sin, murder, psychological torture and hatred should no longer be ignored. The United States, with its influential position in world affairs, should move in similar ways it has with the Chinese and Cuban human rights abuses. There exist many political and national security reasons to officially lend U.S. aid to rebels or Afghan enemies in an overthrow of the Taliban. The US has always dedicated itself to democratic ideals. When the Soviets were spending time and manpower pushing socialist ideology onto the nations of the world, it was the US who offered democracy to evolving nations. The U.S. should apply the same force and passion in stamping out the fascist regimes of totalitarians as it always has in eliminating the abusive regimes of communist governments.

Statisticians tell us that people with college educations will earn 76% more money throughout their lifetime than those that go straight to work after Benedict Arnold High School. If that is true, the mathematicians should be able to tell us that not only will they earn more money than the proverbial "unwashed mob", but they will do it faster, because they will DIE EARLIER from stress. The stress derived from obtaining an advanced degree. Having said that, stress and the college student will be our focus.

Let us consider some of the major sources of stress. I will grant you that a great many of them are, hopefully, beyond our reach, like the loss of a spouse, getting divorced or having your siblings leave home. Typically, you need to be married to have kids and you usually have to be married for a LONG time to have kids old enough to leave home. Those two factors tend to exclude most of us, albeit not all of us. But for the ones that do, those factors would occur whether or not we were college students. Looking down on the list, we see that stress is caused from "being in situations where you feel you have no control". HMMM! What could that be? Could it be having to take classes that you have no interest in, no cognition toward, and you usually sit there, looking at you shoe, wondering why you have to know how fast trains leave stations? Another source of stress is "being in environments that are constantly changing." NOW LET ME SEE! Could that be like sitting in a class that meets twice or three times a week for sixteen weeks and then you have ANOTHER class with ANOTHER teacher in ANOTHER room with ANOTHER book and some OTHER stinky kid sitting next to you, picking his

nose...(sorry, I am a little STRESSED out.)

But don't worry! There is help on the horizon! That same "ubiquitous other" that tells us that college grads make more money has compiled a list of things to do to reduce stress. The first one is my favorite: avoid the source of the stress. Let's try this out, "Excuse me, Dr. Blah-blah, I can't sit for your mid-term. You see all of the studying and the subsequent stress that it has caused, compounded by the fear of failing it, has placed me in an extreme state of angst. I won't be able to take it." Think of the stress you would be under when Dr. Blah-blah tells you that you have received a 0 for the mid-term? Almost as much stress as me trying to figure out how to spell "angst"! But, don't worry, there are less severe measures...

"Avoid eating or drinking products that contain salt, sugar or caffeine." Good luck! You would have a better time looking for a two-legged dog named Sammy teaching "The neuro-linguistics of biology" than to find food on campus that DOESN'T have one of these three deadly ingredients! Between Pizza-Hut Pizza, Subway and the Coca-Cola Corporation, I think they think that sugar, salt and caffeine are like "Wonder Bread", inasmuch as they are part of "healthy, well-balanced diet."

When it is cold out, I take solace in that fact that scientists tell us that the Earth will die out when the sun burns out, therefore those of us that can withstand those cold February mornings will be better suited than others for that fateful day that "Mother Sun" gives up the ghost. I guess then, when people start dropping like flies from cases of "mega-stress," we can turn to the person next to us and say, "where did you go to college?"

## College is found too good for you

Ain't college grand? Let's examine the concept of college and break it down to its fundamental components and examine it in-depth. A group of legislators, in an effort to create a more educated populace, drew together individuals with certain levels of expertise and their scholarly works (writings, journal articles, textbooks, etc.), and built physical structures where students may go to obtain that knowledge.

Sometimes this exchange of knowledge has direct and obvious advantages to society. The study of weather, for example, falls under this heading. Knowing that nimbostratus clouds are considered "rain clouds" will pre-empt many picnics and redirect them to the Museum of Science and Industry. Some aspects of language are not so clearly noticeable...take Communication Theory. After a careful study of this field, I have determined a way to become a communication theoretician without the constraints of an advanced degree. Please allow me to elaborate:

1. The first rule of being a good communication theoretician is to use every big word you can think of when writing your scholarly works. Scan the dictionary, reword sentences, if necessary. Use them, even if smaller words mean the same thing (Parsimony? That is for Wimps!). Let me give you a head start: Hegemony ... Bifurcation... Heterogeneous Ontogeny. When all else fails, make words up. Try structuration (the process of creating structures) or the transsociology (the study of conditions in societies). For further collateral illustrations, refer to Sanford, Fred, in his works "Sanford and Son." Sanford

characterized Champaign and Ripple in its mixture form as Cham-Bipple. Granted, this practice drives your computer's spell checker nuts, but look at the bright side, you can make these words mean anything you want! After all, they didn't exist until you got there!

2. Take life's simplest task and over-define it until no one but the brightest Harvard Ph.D recognizes it. For example, Poole refers to an argument as: "The system of interaction produced by members engaging in advancing arguables (refer to point # 1 where: arguables is concerned)... that are potentially disagreeable to other members (Poole, et al, 1996)". Wait a minute, let me get *The Wall Street Journal* on the phone! Do you mean Poole has actually created an operational definition for what an argument is? I am spiritually enlightened!

3. Get as many of your "phoney-baloney" friends in the process with you as you can. The average reader has no clue who they are, they don't care and they will never look up all of these obscure papers anyway. Try this, "Upon examining the constraints of extemporaneous primordial transmigrations (Hocus, Pocus, Dominocus, 1958, 1959, 1971), the study borrowed heavily from the findings of Fine, Larry, Howard, Moe and Howard, Curley (See Columbia Short Features, 1939 to 1957).

Lists, or course are good. As soon as you tell a student what "the nine characteristics of a good theory are...," he is reaching for the TVremote. You never even have to tell him that points 4, 6 and 8 have 5 sub-points each. He will be long gone before you ever get that out.

We know, from these theoriticians, that we create

language to make sense of our human experience. Maybe, no one told this to the leading communication theorists of the day. But then again, maybe (to quote Dennis Miller) "I am wrong." Maybe I am just being an iconoclast.

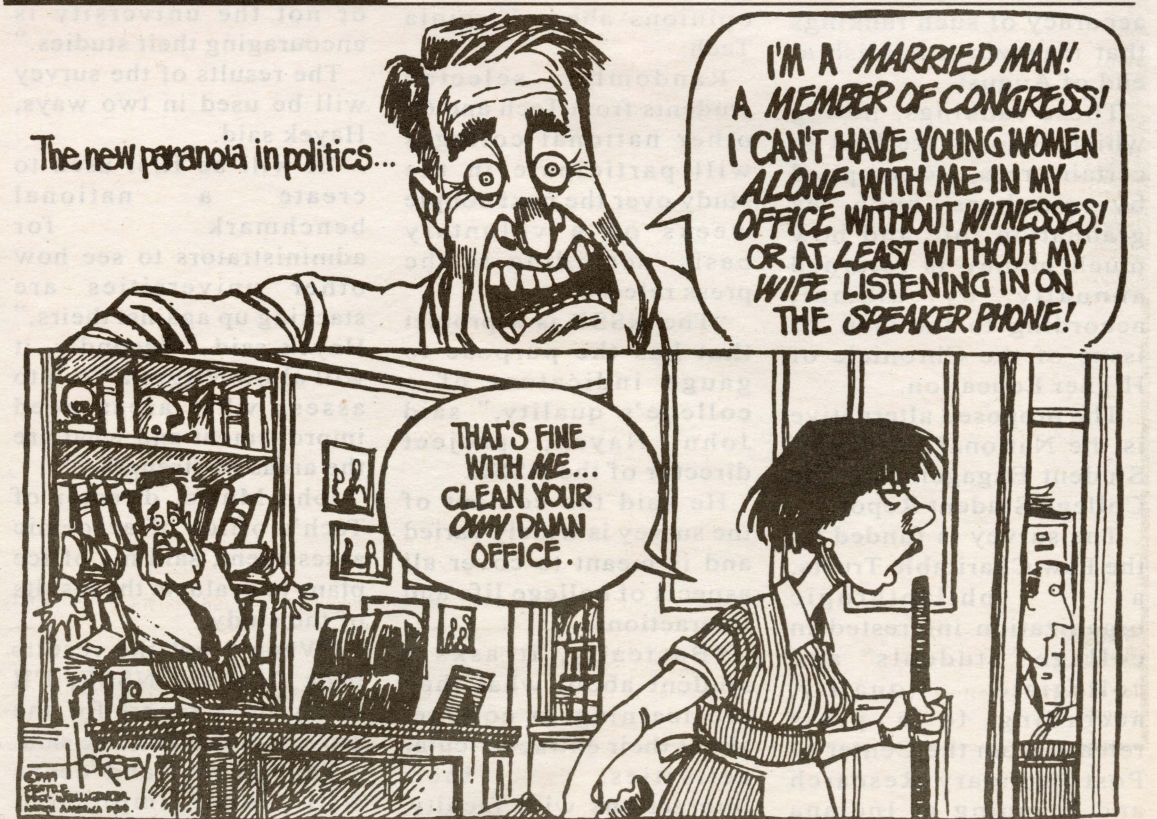
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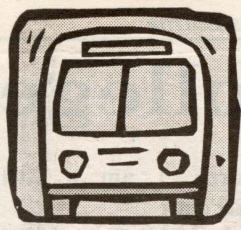
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## KidCare reaches Illinois

### Fair, affordable insurance guaranteed for all children

by Tracy Somodi  
Staff Writer

Think that you are unable to afford health insurance for your children? Do you believe that all children have the right to health care? Illinois has come up with a new program. It is called KidCare. It has been set up to provide all children with affordable health care.

Illinois' new insurance plan covers all children and is affordable to everyone no matter what financial situation one is in. According to their pamphlet KidCare "wants all kids to grow up healthy and strong, so KidCare matches an insurance plan to your income." Finally, health insurance that every parent can afford.

KidCare has immense benefits. There are many different health plans that KidCare provides that fit your income and lifestyle as a parent. One plan that KidCare offers you is called the KidCare Rebate Plan. This plan reimburses the parent for your part of the cost of health insurance for your children if your child's doctor and hospital services are already covered under your insurance plan.

With KidCare Rebate your child is able to be under the same health plan, receive the same benefits and see the same doctors as you do.

Your costs for the KidCare Rebate Plan are set by your private - or employer - provided insurance policy.

Another plan offered is KidCare Assist Plan. This plan will pay for your children's health care. This plan has no co-payments or premiums.

The third health plan offered is called KidCare Share Plan. This plan will pay for some of your child's health care and you will share the costs. You will make low co-payments each time your child visits a doctor, hospital or gets a prescription filled. You will not make a payment on immunizations and well-child care. The costs for this program are \$2 for all visits and prescriptions up to \$100 per year. There are no premiums.

The next plan that is offered for children is called KidCare Premium Plan. This plan is for parents who have a greater ability to afford health insurance. As a parent, you will pay a low premium every month under your KidCare Premium Plan and also make a low co-payment for each visit to a doctor, clinic, hospital or for prescriptions. Immunizations and well-child care have no co-payment. There is a premium payment of \$15 for one child, \$25 for two children, and \$30 for three

or more each month, whether or not you use health services. Then you pay \$5 for medical visits and \$25 for emergency room visits in a non-emergency, and \$3 for generic and \$5 for brand name prescriptions up to a maximum of \$100 per year.

The final plan that is offered is called KidCare and Babies Plan. This plan covers health care and prenatal care, including prenatal visits, delivery services, well baby care services, and immunizations

KidCare Plan are as follows: if you have children that are 18 years or younger, are a resident of Illinois and a U.S. citizen or legal immigrant, or you are pregnant and a resident of Illinois. If you meet these guidelines, follow these steps to see if you meet the income guidelines.

**Step 1:** Add up your total monthly employment earnings before taxes and any other monthly income.

**Step 3:** Now subtract Step 2 from Step 1 for your estimated KidCare income.

*Note: What counts as income? KidCare counts employment earnings, Social Security benefits, veteran's benefits, and other incomes such as child support or family and friends contributions. From your total income KidCare will subtract any payments made for daycare and child support.*



with no co-payments or premiums. This plan lasts throughout your pregnancy and the first year of the baby's life. There are no co-payments or premiums.

Health care for all children should be provided, but do you qualify for KidCare? Qualifications for parents who would like to be under the

**Step 2:** Add up the following:

- Monthly daycare expenses (up to \$200 per child under age 2 and \$175 per child who is age 2 and over);
- Monthly child support received (up to \$500);
- Monthly child support paid;
- \$90 for each adult with income from a job;

This section will try to provide answers to commonly asked questions. It usually takes about a month to find out whether your child will be covered if your application is complete. Once your application is approved, your health care benefits will start within 15-45 days. You are not able to end your child's current health insurance and be eligible for KidCare. Keep your existing plan and apply for the KidCare Rebate Plan. Your child is still able to receive health care insurance even if he has a preexisting condition. There are no exceptions for these.

Remember health checkups can help young people grow up healthy and strong. KidCare covers all ages from babies to teenagers.

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## Survey redefines traditional college ranking system

By Brian McNeill  
The Collegiate Times (Virginia Tech)

( U - W I R E )  
BLACKSBURG, Va. — For the first time there may be an alternative to the norm in college ranking systems, usually published by magazines such as U.S. News and World Report.

College administrators from across the country complain about the accuracy of such rankings that magazines publish at end of August.

These rankings, noting which schools are best in certain areas, are compiled by numbers such as graduation rate and how much money is returned annually by alumni, according to the Oct. 22 issue of the Chronicle of Higher Education.

The proposed alternative is the National Survey of Student Engagement, The College Student Report.

The survey is funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts, a philanthropic organization interested in college students and collegiate quality, according to a press release from the Center of Postsecondary Research and Planning at Indiana

University, the department through which runs the NSSE.

The survey is structured to give students the opportunity to voice opinions about their schools.

The College Student Report will focus on questions involving college activities, educational and personal growth and general opinions about Virginia Tech.

Randomly selected students from Tech and 60 other national colleges will participate in the study over the next couple weeks on a voluntary basis, according to the press release.

"The NSSE is a project that has the purpose to gauge indicators of a college's quality," said John Hayek, project director of the NSSE.

He said the content of the survey is widely varied and is meant to cover all aspects of college life and interactions.

"Basically, it asks a student about what they are learning in college, about their extracurricular activities, their interactions with faculty,

and what they do in class," Hayek said.

The survey also questions students about their relationships with faculty and the university.

"The survey asks about whether or not a student has had conversations with faculty, how much they're reading or writing and how many hours they're putting into studying per week," he said. "It also asks whether or not the university is encouraging their studies."

The results of the survey will be used in two ways, Hayek said.

"It will be first used to create a national benchmark for administrators to see how other universities are stacking up against theirs," Hayek said. "Secondly, it will allow Virginia Tech to assess what areas need improvement and what are the areas of strength."

John Muffo, director of Tech's office of academic assessment, said his office plans to evaluate the results of the study.

"When I get the results back from the NSSE, I'll likely do a report for the provost and deans," he said.

The provost and deans will then implement

institutional changes, should they deem it necessary, Muffo said.

However, he said, "I have no reason to believe that the results will be any different from other studies we have done, but occasionally new information does come out of such studies or new trends begin to emerge."

According to the press release, the survey is

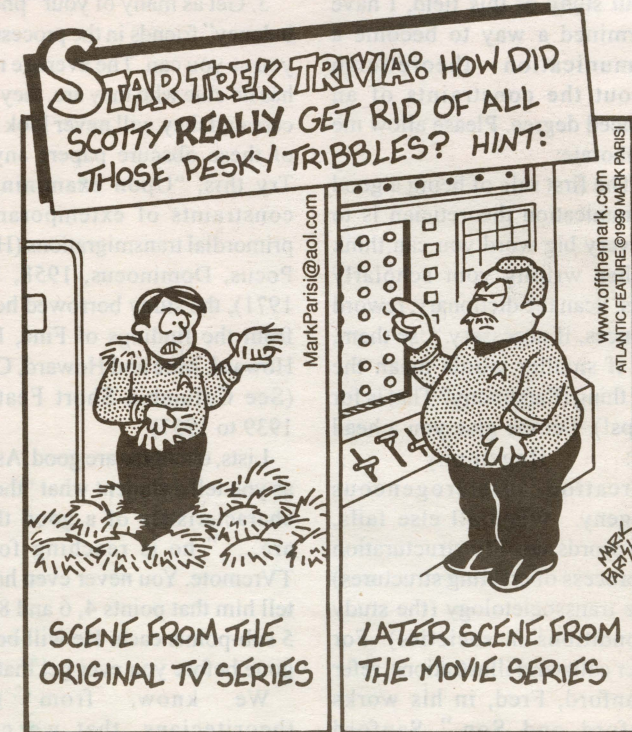
comprehensive but generally takes about 15 minutes to complete.

Muffo encourages students to participate in the study so Tech can receive information about areas of strength and weakness.

"It's important for students to participate so that we can know what's going on (with Tech)," he said.

### off the mark

by Mark Parisi







Dear Vieja,

I have a part time job at McDonald's and I hate it. I just work there because it's convenient to work nights and then I can go to school during the day. I get so upset, though. I can't stand how customers are always coming in and can't figure out what they want to eat, so I have to change their orders all the time. Then, my boss is always trying to get me to work more hours, even though she knows I have to study. The other people I work with never do their share of the job. They fill the orders the wrong way or don't clean up. I can't stand it!

Even so, I don't really want to quit because it's an easy job. I don't want to look for another job and the money is good enough for now. What should I do?

Miffed McD

Dear Miffed,

Whether you like it or not, the working situation at McDonald's is pretty representative of the working world in general. There will be annoying clients no matter what job you have, you will probably always have to deal with co-workers not doing their fair share, and you will definitely be asked to do more work than you are able to by most managers and supervisors. That is the name of the game in this country. You might ask yourself two questions:

1. Is there a way I can change the environment I am in?
2. Are the positive attributes of the position outweighing the negative attributes?

Try these changes. First, if you wait to enter an order until the customer is sure, you won't have to change it. It may also be possible for you to encourage rather than reprimand your fellow co-workers. They may respond by working more! You can also put your foot down with your boss. Make sure you don't give her any more of the time you have reserved for studying. Sometimes when you give an inch, people take a mile.

If all that doesn't work, take out a piece of paper, draw a line down the middle, and put a plus sign on one side and a minus sign on the other side. Write down everything positive about the job under the plus sign and everything negative under the minus. Make sure to include everything you can. Give each attribute one point and add up the total for each column. If the negative attributes are higher than the positive, check the bulletin board for internships. When you can't stand the heat, it's best to get out of the kitchen.

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You are not at a disadvantage; you only think you are.



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(MAY 21-  
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Pay attention to your mental "light bulbs." They are the seeds of prosperity.



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(JUNE 21-  
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Your emotions will be changed by the slightest of things. Go home and take a bubble bath. Listen to some soft music and relax, especially you crabby males.



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Find the middle ground in the dispute you are having. Be decisive in the strategies you decide to use and limit your options.



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Cooperate with your family and friends to make common goals happen. Your originality will come through - you are unique!



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You may have to give up your pride this time; however, your soul will thank you for it later.



# This Man's World

## DING! DONG! THE BLAIR IS DEAD

When I saw *The Blair Witch Project*, mostly I wanted to see if it would live up to all of the hype. As with many things that are hyped-to-the-hilt, such as *Star Wars Episode One: The Phantom Menace: Our Title Is Better*



JOHN ROSSI

*Detailed Than Our Plot (.com)*, *Windows 98 (The Bill Gates Glitch Project)*, or *Al Gore (The Last Ditch Project)*, *Blair Witch* told the hype, the whole hype, and nothing but the hype. In retrospect, I think the only amazing thing about this movie was that it didn't star Kevin Costner.

The commercials for the movie state that it is the scariest movie that you've ever seen. The scariest part of the movie for me was when my jaw got stuck together after attempting to eat too many Jujubes at the same time. The movie begins promising enough, townspeople tell the legend of the witch, how she came into their town, studied real estate trends, checked out the local schools and shopping districts before deciding to settle there. Local fishermen told eerie tales of how she once appeared, wearing nothing but Saran-Wrap, scared all the 20lb. trout away with a single boogie-boogie, and then disappeared into the woods. This is compelling testimony, because everyone knows that beer-swilling fishermen wearing rubber pants and sharp, pointy things in their hats always tell the truth. Later they were talking about their sighting of the Keebler Elves.

Our story progresses as some college students decide the witch would make a great documentary: The problem is that they seem more than a bit naïve for the task, at times downright stupid, and most of the time stoned to the earlobes. Into the woods they trudge, armed with a compass that was free inside specially marked packages of Cap'n Crunch, whiskey, zigzag papers, a borrowed video camera which they seem to have opted to mount on a pogo-stick, and two-hundred charged camera batteries. They stop at an Amoco for moist towelettes and a map, as an afterthought.

The girl takes charge, since she is the closest thing to a seasoned camper they have, having camped once - when she was in the Brownies. One of the young men is elected to be the cameraman, since his camera technique proves that he is especially skilled in the two basic camera movements: the Hokey-Pokey and the Hulley-Gulley. Once they are deep into the woods, they quickly consult the map only to discover that it depicts all the major attractions at Epcot.

While the team is lost, the movie presents an impression that being in the forest is a frightening experience. Having spent a great deal of time in the woods myself, I can say that the only frightening experiences are when you run out of toilet paper and have to turn over a new leaf, or when you've forgotten to pack a corkscrew and are compelled to survive on just food and water.

At night they encounter noises outside of their tent: wind, branches snapping, leaves rustling, -ooh what strange things to hear in the woods! James Earl Jones stating in a loud bass voice "This is CNN," might have been more frightening, or even Lou Costello screaming "Heeey Abbott..." but leaves and sticks just didn't make it for me. Inside the tent they are so scared that they take turns holding the flashlight under their chins so they can talk about how frightened they've become. There is some colossal footage of rumpled sleeping bags and the floor of the tent, but if you look closely the mood is lost entirely as one of them seems to be making S'mores.

In the morning they are ready for another day of panicking, over-reacting, using the "F" word as often as possible, and pointing the video camera at the ground. Stepping out of the tent they see a pile of sticks, rocks and twigs! Again, I cannot express how truly frightening it must be encountering such oddities in the woods. "Look at those F—— rocks next to those F—— twigs! Holy F—— I'll probably never see my F—— Mother again-you Mother F——; and it's all because you Mother F—— lost the Mother F—— map!! F——!!!"

I won't reveal the surprise ending, especially since I can't seem to recall it, but I know it did indeed end, because all of a sudden normal vision returned to me, and I became aware that I was no longer staring at someone else's feet clomping through the forest.

Given that the movie cost about thirty bucks to make and brought in millions, I can only assume a sequel is in the works, perhaps with Liam Neeson and a cool action-packed pod-race. If there is a sequel, I will probably skip it. It would be less painful to stay home and F—— sit on a Mother F—— fisherman's hat!

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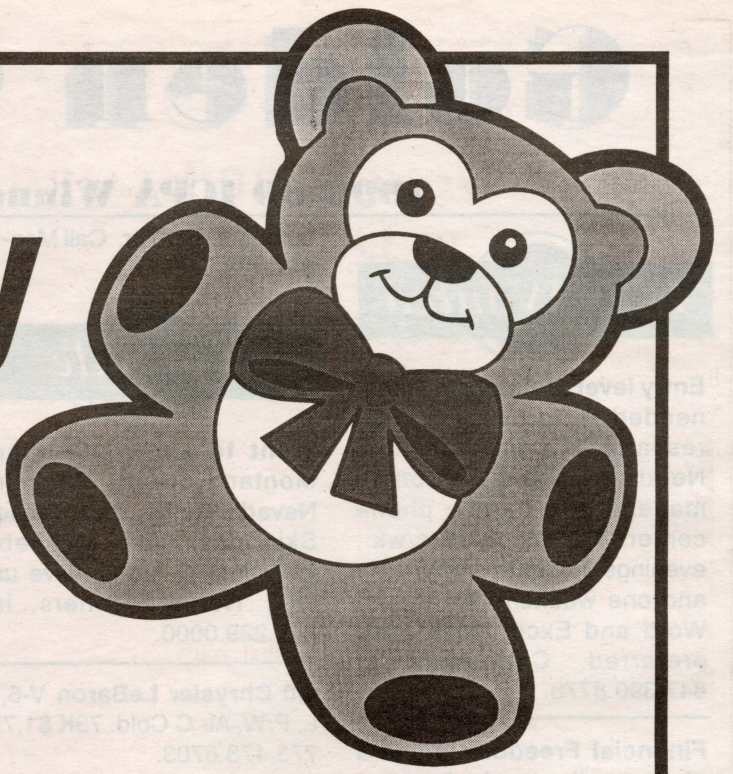
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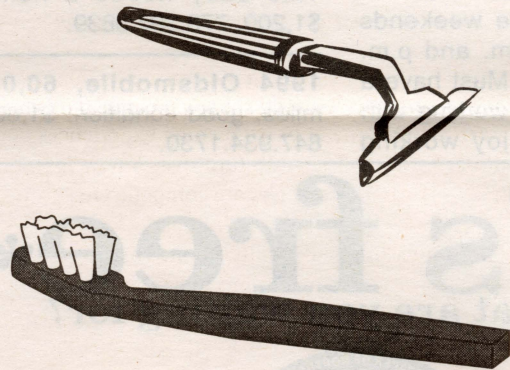
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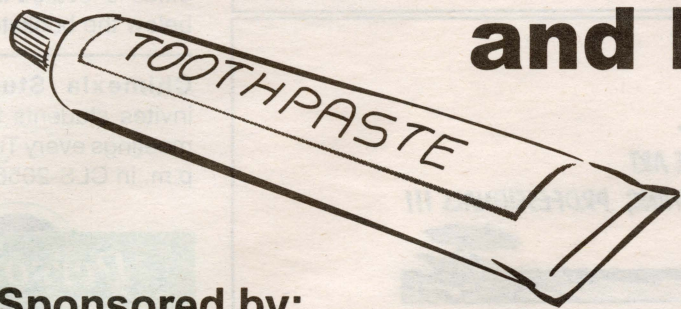
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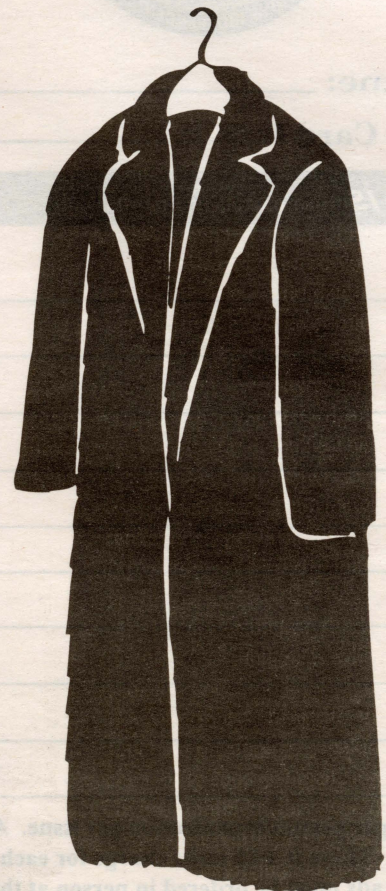
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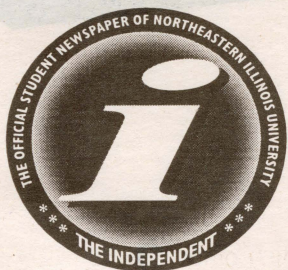
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