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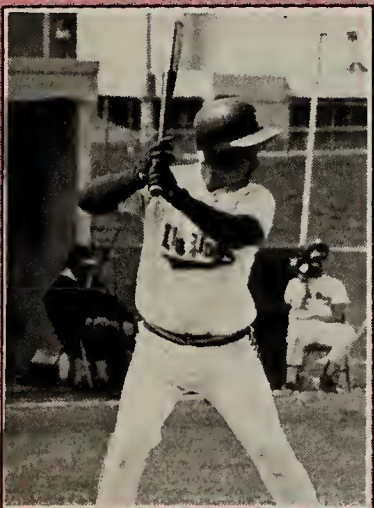
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Candidate claims petition forged

By WILL HACKER
News Editor

Claiming that his running mate forged students' signatures on his election petition, Michael T. Beavers withdrew last Friday from the student body presidential race.

Beavers resigned because his running mate, vice presidential candidate Nomaan Aziz, allegedly used a college computer to access the names and Social Security numbers of students for use on Beavers' petition, Election Commissioner Marvin McNeese said.

The computer was at the Student Resource Center information desk, where Aziz works as a student aide, Beavers said.

McNeese said Aziz is no longer eligible for this year's election. Aziz could not be reached for comment at press time.

"It is physically possible for a student aide in this office to access the information," said Judy Kolasny, a supervisor in the information office. "But it is illegal."

Student Activities Director Meri Phillips said students' names and Social Security numbers could be accessed from the

student activities office, but only she and her secretary, Carroll Westergren, have the necessary access codes.

McNeese said the election committee did not plan to pursue the matter further, but added that "Nomaan could be impeached by the Student Senate."

Beavers, however, was allowed to remain in the election.

"Because he came forward and revealed the violation, he (Beavers) was offered the chance to remain in the election and choose

see Violation, pg. 2

State grant question on spring ballot

By WILL HACKER
News Editor

When students go to the polls to elect student leaders this month they will be asked whether the college should participate in the Illinois Student to Student Grant Program.

A referendum question will ask students if they are willing to pay a \$1 mandatory refundable fee to fund student grants of not more than \$1000.

"I think the students will pass this," said Scott Andrews, student body president. "It's for needy students and it's important we have it."

Created in 1972, and extended to community colleges in 1991, the program has students contribute to a fund in which their dollars are supposed to be matched, one-for-one, by the state.

The funds are then distributed by the college's financial aid office, according to student financial need.

The grant program is in place at 12 state universities and student referendums have been passed at several community colleges, although none have collected the fee yet.

If students pass the non-binding referendum, the issue will be sent to the board of trustees for consideration.

"I think this will be easier to push through than ISA," Andrews said, referring to a 1991 student referendum calling for the college's membership in the Illinois Student Association. The referendum was passed by students, but was rejected by trustees because of administrative problems related to collecting the fee.

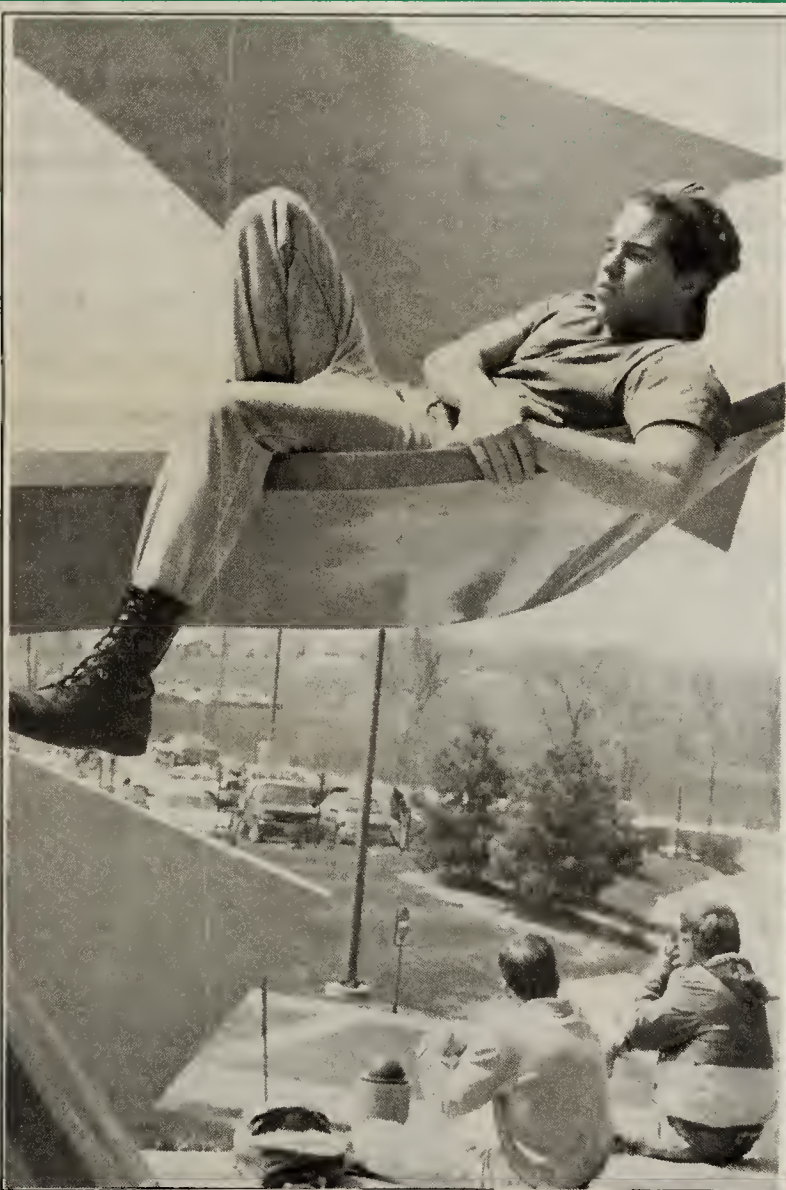


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Sit back and enjoy the ride.

Mike Gollins uses the sculpture in front of the SRC as a chaise lounge during last week's "Thursdays Alive" year end party. See story pages 14 and 15.

Human relations course mandated

By MARY ATKISON
Staff Reporter

Students entering the AA and AS degree programs in fall quarter 1992 will need to complete one credit hour of "human relations" as part of their general education requirement, according to a state mandate.

"We all admit from the outset that this

can be beneficial to society," said Ron Schiesz, chairman of CD's degree requirements committee. "(The challenge) is starting it up."

Currently enrolled degree students would finish their degrees under the 1991-93 catalog requirements, Schiesz said.

The course work will examine "race, ethnicity, gender and other issues related to improving human relations (and) address

racism and sexual harassment on their campuses...." (Public Act 87-851).

After corresponding with the Illinois Community College Board, Schiesz and the degree requirements committee have made this recommendation.

Requirement: All AA and AS Degree students are required by the State of Illinois

see Requirements, pg. 3

Disabled students the focus of special day

BY SUE FUNK
Staff Reporter

Students with learning and physical disabilities will be recognized at the college's Disability Awareness Day on Monday.

The day's events will be held in SRC 1024A, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event was planned to promote disability awareness at the college, and to inform students attending the college and area high schools of CD's special services and facilities.

Refreshments donated from local food services will be available in IC 2119.

A series of speakers including President H.D. McAninich, Dean of Student Affairs Kay Nielsen, Counselor Ron Schiesz and

Student Body President Scott Andrews will deliver speeches about learning and physical disabilities.

Student government is involved in this year's activities. Student Sen. Gurpreet Padam handled all event publicity and sent flyers to the 28 high schools in the college's district.

"She's been just wonderful, really tuned into the activities this year," said Val Burke, director of health and special services.

Burke and Jackie Reuland, of the student services office, have always worked with disabled students, because they need a home base, Burke said.

"I really enjoy working with disabled students," Burke said. "They need the support services we offer. They really are

such courageous people. Really fun to be around."

Also included in this year's activities is a panel hosted by former CD students to discuss disabilities at the college. Students hosting the discussion are Lillian Potts, Jack Vrana, Kevin Shields, Linda Nixon and Anita Kroll.

Representatives from nine various agencies including Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, Independent Living Center, Chicago Blind Services, Recording for the Blind, PACE Transportation Services, Sports for Special Populations and Project Path will present information concerning the services they provide for the community.

Students have been invited from all the area high schools with the hopes that they

will learn the differences between the mainstream education offered at CD and the programs for the disabled offered at high schools. Hinsdale South, Glenbard East, Naperville Central, Downers Grove South and others high schools have already responded.

"Because these will be the future students at CD, it is important that they be aware of its offerings and facilities," Burke said. "Many students have special needs and are very productive to society, therefore deserve to be celebrated at this 25th anniversary."

As Padam wrote in her flyer, "This event will honor our former disabled students, recognize our current students and offer support to those who wish to pursue their education at CD."

SGA shows campaign commercial

BY WILL HACKER
News Editor

In an effort to combat student apathy towards school politics and reach potential voters, student government has adopted the most widely used communication media: television.

Election Commissioner Marvin McNeese has asked faculty to allow the Student Government Association to show a three minute election commercial in their classes.

"The commercial is not to endorse incumbents," McNeese said. "It's to inform students about the process."

The commercial will use students-at-large instead of members of SGA, so that there is no appearance of political affiliation, McNeese said.

The commercial will be shown the week of May 18-22, when students off campus will be voting. On-campus elections take place the following week.

"I think this will reach a lot of voters," McNeese said. "The biggest complaint students have is that they don't know who's running or how to vote. If teachers allow us to show the commercial, these won't be excuses."

"The commercial is not to endorse incumbents, it's to inform students about the process"

**-Marvin McNeese,
election commissioner**

So far, 45 teachers have given SGA the go ahead to show the commercial in their classes, McNeese said.

The commercial will be broken into three segments covering various aspects of the campaign.

The first segment will explain what SGA is and does. The second will address the questions of how and where students can vote. The third will show a picture of each candidate along with that candidate's name.

"We want to show students who is running for what office," McNeese said. "This will be a chance for students to get a better idea of what SGA does."

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a new running mate," McNeese said. "He decided to drop out of the presidential race and run for a Senate seat."

"I came forward because I knew it was illegal," Beavers said. "But I wanted it to be handled internally by the Senate. I didn't want it to be public."

"I found out about it (the alleged violation) when Aziz told me that he had forged the signatures. Last Friday, he told me that he used a computer where he works to look up names and Social Security numbers. That's when I told Marvin."

Beavers said he will remain in the election and run on the same ticket as presidential candidate John Bedi.

However, he added that he has some reservations about running on Bedi's Independent Party ticket "because of the sniping between Bedi and (Student Body President Scott) Andrews."



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Voter registration drive to be held next week

By WILL HACKER
News Editor

Students and other county residents not registered to vote will have an opportunity to register for the Nov. 3 general election when a second voter drive is held on campus next week.

Co-sponsored by CD's Student Government Association, the college's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and the League of Women Voters organizations from Glen Ellyn, Naperville and Lombard, the drive will be held Tuesday, May 12, in front of the cafeteria in the Student Resource Center.

The drive runs from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and from 5 to 7 p.m.

About 150 students were registered during a voter registration drive held Feb. 18. That voter drive was sponsored by SGA, PTK and the Glen Ellyn League of Women Voters.

"The turnout last time was wonderful,"

said Mary Henessey, of GELWV. "We are hoping for more this time."

With four registrars on continuous duty more people can be registered, Henessey said.

"There shouldn't be any of the long lines that we had last time," she said. "With more help it will be easier to do."

To be registered one must be a DuPage County resident; have two forms of valid identification, one with a current address; and be at least 18 years old.

Valid identification can be a driver's license, social security card, birth certificate, utility bill with current address, school I.D. card or a major credit card.

Anyone unable to register on May 12 can do so at the DuPage County Board of Elections, at 421 County Farm Road in Wheaton.

For more information on registering, call the board of elections at (708) 682-7440.

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to meet a Human Relations Requirement which includes course work on human relations. This course work will include the issues of race, ethnicity and gender.

Students completing this requirement at the college and planning to transfer will not have to complete a similar requirement at the state universities in Illinois.

Other committee recommendations more specific to course offerings included the

following:

"Develop a one hour course devoted to improving human relations and addressing racism and sexual harassment. This course would be in place, available for all AA and AS students entering fall 1992 and after."

Modify the content of the existing Anthropology 105 and Sociology 120 courses to include topics "related to the issues of sexual harassment and racism, respectively."

Correction: The photo of Anna Quindlen in the May 1 edition of the Courier was taken by Lori Peterson.

POLICE BEAT

April 20

Frank A. Pielsticker was taking a left turn in his 1991 Mitsubishi Mirage around 10:55 a.m. Pielsticker didn't see Jeffery S. Livingston's 1989 Saab Turbo 900 traveling down the same road. Pielsticker hit Livingston's car on the right side back door and damage to both cars was valued over \$250.

April 21

Alfred K Haas III was backing out of Parking Lot I in his 1978 Oldsmobile Cutlass when he hit Richard B. Sklenar's 1990 Chevy Blazer. Damage was valued at over \$250.

Emily S. Wallace was standing next to the magazine rack with a classmate in the LRC around 8:15 p.m. She placed her books and purse on the right side of one of the library desks. When she returned back to the desk around 8:45, the purse was missing. The washrooms and garbage was checked for the purse but it was not found.

The items missing include a navy blue Gitano purse with a brown strip shoulder strap, a wallet with \$71 cash, a checkbook and other ID for a total loss of \$108.

The Carol Stream Post Office later told Wallace that they had recovered her purse.

Laura S. Groenendal was backing out of a parking space in her Dodge Omni in

Lot #6 when she yielded to Brenda Johnson who was driving past in her 1985 Chevy Cavalier. When Groenendal noticed Johnson was taking a left turn before the space, she began to back up. Johnson, however, continued on the road and hit Groenendal's right side passenger rear wheel causing Groenendal's car to spin 450 degrees. There was 96 feet of skid marks. Both cars had damage over \$250.

April 22

John M. Bach returned from class around 12:30 p.m. to find his two Pioneer speakers (\$50), Pentax 35 mm camera (\$220), and black camera bag (\$12) removed. His driver's side door locks were unlocked before he left due to a non-functional lock. The camera was out of sight under the driver's seat.

Mark A. Schmidt went to his P.E. class around 7:30 p.m. When he returned to the locker room around 8:30, he found his Chicago Blackhawks Starter jacket was missing. The jacket was a size large, with the collar worn, with a stain on the front straps. Some people reported a 5' 11" Hispanic male, 21 years of age wearing the same type of jacket. The jacket was valued at \$100.

Joanne J. McKee returned to her Acura Integra to find her Passport Radar Detector missing. The detector was taken between 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The black, five year old detector was taken from the glove box. The detector was valued at \$200.

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Students shocked by verdict and rioting

History major knows how King, others feel

BY TAMMY STROH
Arts and Entertainment Editor

CD students are reeling with the rest of society over the recent verdict in the Los Angeles police brutality case of Rodney King.

They are talking about the verdict in class, in the halls and over lunch. It seems everyone has something to say and they all feel strongly.

Mike Joiner, a black student who intends to go onto law school said, "When I first heard about the verdict of not guilty, I was discouraged. It's just another example of how blacks are still mis-treated in society today."

He added, "If I was in L.A. I would participate in a peaceful demonstration."

Asked if there was any racial tension here at CD, Catina Robinson, another black student said, "I feel tension and some of it comes from within. When I first heard the verdict all I felt was angry. If I was there (in L.A.) today I would not protest in the black neighborhoods. I would go to Semi Valley, to the white community."

Black student Kevin Govan also is angry. He believes the verdict will give the police permission to carry on their brutality of blacks, and that this case will set a precedent for other police brutality cases.

However, not everyone's initial reaction was anger. Black student Douglas Petty said, "I cried when I first heard."

He went on to say, "As a result of the verdict many blacks as a people have grown closer and that's good."

"It's just another example of how blacks are still mis-treated in society today."

-Mike Joiner, student

White student, Ama McPeak, who intends to go into law enforcement said, "I'm glad the police officers were not convicted, because there obviously were extraordinary circumstances we didn't know about."

And despite all the reports of increased racism, not all white students feel that way.

"I disagree with the verdict, but I fear because of recent events society will be set back twenty years," said Charles Spentzos, a white student.

Other white students said they were shocked and saddened by the verdict.

They spoke of being frustrated by the obvious racism and their lack of control over it, a sentiment echoed by black students.

"If only there was something we could do to show blacks that not all white people feel that way," said Adam Kasprzak, a white student majoring in criminology.

He added, "That's an exact example of the kind of cop I don't want to be. I know there is still a lot of racism out there, but I have hope that there is a majority of white and black people who are not racist, and those are the people I hope are registered to vote."

BY ARUN KHOSLA
Sports Editor

A police officer pulls a black male over and asks him to get out of the car. The officer tells the black man to spread his legs a shoulder's-length apart with his hands on the hood. The officer forces the individual to continue spreading his legs so he can trip him.

This actual event is similar to the Rodney King incident. The only difference is it happened to a CD student from Calumet Park, a nearby suburb of Chicago.

Tony Mitchell, the black man mentioned above, is an American history major, who lives in the suburbs during the school year but returns to Calumet Park during the summer. He has not received any tickets in his encounters with white officers.

The 19-year-old Mitchell explained that harassment of blacks by white officers is a common occurrence near Chicago.

"You drive down the street and they (white officers) will follow you and stop you for no apparent reason," he said. The officers would justify their actions by saying that the individual was speeding or they were performing a routine check.

Mitchell said he's been harassed on other occasions.

While riding in his friend's new 1992 Geo Tracker a white officer, who Mitchell and his friend had encountered before, pulled both individuals over again. The officer noticed the new vehicle and said to Mitchell's friend, "Now I have a reason to pull your black ass over and f--- with you more."

Mitchell feels with the current harassment, the recent not guilty verdict in the Rodney King case is an insult to the African-American community.

"It's a slap in the face," Mitchell said.

"You drive down the street and they (white officers) will follow you and stop you for no apparent reason,"

-Tony Mitchell, student

"Nothing has changed from the '60's. Slavery is the same and the only difference is we don't have the shackles on us physically. We're in jail in our country."

"What kind of message is it sending to the black kids," he said. "They're going to be scared to hell when they get pulled over by a cop."

Due to the racism and harassment Mitchell has received in his life, he feels no sympathy for the white citizens of Los Angeles.

"I don't condone the actions of the rioters in L.A., but I don't feel sorry for the white individuals."

Mitchell said if he were in California he would not riot in south-central L.A., but in Beverly Hills and Hollywood, where whites reside.

The Rodney King verdict and previous experiences have led this CD student, who also played on the football team, to believe that all white individuals are racist.

"They can say that they're not (racist) until they're blue in the face," he said. "It's in their nature. If whites or other minorities see a collaboration of black kids they get scared and they grab for their purses and start tightening them."

Mitchell does not see a bright future in the elimination of racism in the United States.

"Something terrible is going to happen in the United States of America," he said. "Doom is coming upon us."




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Editorial

Racial harmony should remain on the agenda

Sorry, Dr. King, you're dream has turned into a nightmare. The white hands you wanted black children to join with on the journey to the promised land have instead been used to beat up a black man.

The recent not guilty verdict in the Los Angeles police brutality case is a slap in the face to the African-American community and all minorities living under the U.S. Constitution. The decision not only shows the loopholes in our justice system, but also the fact that some things haven't changed since the 1960's.

Former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke gained enough support to run for governor of Louisiana, and burning crosses are still a common site in some Iowa towns.

The real tragedy of the jury's decision is the setback now caused in the relationship between different races. Not all whites are racist, but tell that to the wife of a black man shot dead while sipping a soda outside a L.A. store. Not all blacks advocated violence to protest the jury's decision. But how can that be explained to the daughter of a white truck driver who was pulled from his truck and beaten senseless.

But there can be some hope of future cooperation. The truck driver mentioned above was later taken to the hospital, where he is listed in critical condition, by four blacks. The bottom line is we can't let a serious setback like the acquittal of the four L.A. police officers destroy the growing understanding between different races in the United States.

The stares and racial slurs between both groups will continue. Racism is built around ignorance and can only be improved through a mutual understanding between all groups. Some people will remain racist, but there are those who are ready to break their stereotypes.

The Rodney King decision was unjust and wrong. The violence in Los Angeles was uncalled for, but should have been expected. But now our frustrations must drive us to break the tension between both races. It will take years, maybe decades, for a slight improvement between both races. But let us join together in putting Dr. King's dream back on track.



Letters to the editor

If you want change, run for office

To the editor:

As student government elections are approaching, I believe the electorate ought to evaluate the present student government's qualities and determine if this is satisfactory and truly representing of the student body's views. Or perhaps new persons with cogent, pragmatic style would be better able to reflect the students' desires for change?

As a third-year student at CD, I do not feel our student government knows what I feel about issues in our world of academia. Perhaps this is my own fault: I have not made an appropriate initiative to make known either my views or feelings about student issues to the student government at CD.

Why did I not take the initiative to have my voice be heard by the student government? Likely, it is because I did not have faith in the three-ring circus that in the past was "representing" the student body. This was due to a perception on my part (and probably many others) that our student government was ineffective.

Further, I thought of it as a community of incompetence. Why was this? Was the student government even aware that I viewed them as such?

Today's student government seems much improved. I like the idea of the student government's newsletter, *VOICE*, now being open to suggestions from the student body. Excellent move, guys.

Looking in retrospect, I should have run for student government myself. Had I not been

intimidated by that three-ring circus of quarters past, this change in SGA may not have taken so long.

What I am calling for in this election is simply that those of you who feel that you may have an excellent idea or two on how to better represent our student body, that you run for Student Senate, or even student body president. Do this now. All the student voters (are there any of you?) will decide whether your ideas are viable.

There are many opportunities for the new student government to sink their teeth into.

One idea I have of finding out what it is that students are thinking, what their views are, and what new ideas they have is by instituting computerized voting here at CD. This may be a very good and reasonable way of increasing student-voter turnout at CD.

(Verification of a person's status as a CD student might be done through the use of a four-digit PIN number.)

Might we have voting of referenda by phone? How about at terminals including our satellite locations? These are the kind of questions I believe your student government should be asking.

The point is that people need to come up with solutions to problems. Improvements are yet to be made. If you do not actively promote sound change, you risk having someone less qualified than yourself make these decisions for you!

Jeffrey Antonelli,
CD student

Forum

Democracy means some responsibility

Is the young generation prepared, in Czechoslovakia, for creating a new foundation of relations between people and authority?

Three months after the culmination of revolution, which was called democratic because changes in the government have taken place peacefully, I met at the Wenceslas Square with a young girl who asked me, "Do you have two crowns for me?" I asked, "Why?" She said, "because we are free, we are lucky, now, any rights, any liabilities."

I was shocked, because I was feeling that for this girl is the call— "any rights, any liabilities" was something like a definition of democracy, and I will try to demonstrate that a right definition is quite different.

Yes, a lot of young people in that time were feeling the same, probably. But, the quality of government depends on the quality of participation. Well educated and informed citizens are able to participate more intelligently. For this reason democratic government strongly supports education for all citizens.

Then, the meeting with Tom Griffiths, was something like "shining star." This young gentlemen from England came to Czechoslovakia

to say "hello" for a new born democracy.

His fascinating idea of new partnership, building bridges for a better future, gave me new optimism. His words, "now we are offering you huge opportunity. You should be able to choose your own friends. So, do you want to find friends in England? Friends for colleges? Friends for families, student lectures, managers and any other professions?"

"Friends who respect you for what you are. True friends? I know some of you are looking for more professional relationship also, but I still think, friendship makes an excellent point."

And somewhere in these ideas we can feel the foundation for establishing of stable growing economy, and that is it, what democracy needs. Good educated people, stable, growing economy, large middle class and the goal, which is equality of opportunity...

I believe, that in the country, where was President Tomas G. Masaryk, after World War I, who prided us with the best working definition of democracy: "democracy means responsibility, the young generation will find the right way."

Frank Hladik,
student from Czechoslovakia

student views

What was the worst advice your mother ever gave you?

By Karl Vogel and E. Altman Terry

Dave Stegman, 25,
Naperville

"She's given good advice."



Jim Kartsounes, 20,
Downers Grove

"Look both ways."



B r e n d a
Husarik, 19,
Naperville

"Do what you think is right."



C h r i s t y
McKinney, 18,
Addison

"My Mom has never given me bad advice. She's always right on the button."

Nilesh Patel, 19,
Addison

"Wait until you are married to have sex."



D e a n n a
Caruso, 18,
Carol Stream

"To break up with my boyfriend."



Mary Kirchen,
19, Addison

"She doesn't give me advice."



John Frenette,
19, Elmhurst

"Go to CD."

Maria Ramirez, 28,
Villa Park

"All the advice that comes from your mother is based on her past experiences. So, any advice she has given me I try to apply it to my future. When my Mom speaks there's no wrong answer. I always listen to my Mom."

NEWS BRIEFS

National Law Enforcement Month will honor police officers that died in line of duty, honor survivors and pay tribute to all law enforcement officers. Join fraternal order of police lodge 203 in support by placing a blue ribbon on your car during May.

International Students Organization is a college-wide organization open to all registered students and to interested members of the community regardless of color, creed and nationality. ISO's goal is to promote multicultural understanding among CD's many different populations. Call May Sinno at ext. 2094.

Adult Children of Alcoholics meet 2 to 4 p.m. every Wednesday in SRC 3001.

Expansion of SRC architectural plans will be displayed on the bulletin board at the SRC first floor entryway. Check the bulletin board periodically for progress or changes.

Join Basic Club for volleyball from 7 to 9 p.m. on first and third Fridays at the gym of First Baptist Church of West Chicago, just west of West Chicago High School on Ann Street.

See Great Britain this summer. Get a jump on your college career by earning 15 credit hours in the literary landscapes of Great Britain. Call ext. 2356.

The Computer Club activities include field exploration, trips and keeping pace with technological advancement. Call Akbar Jaffer ext. 3092.

Minority Transfer Program encourages students to participate in the Faculty Mentoring Program to assist CD students with their educational and career goals. If interested in interacting with faculty/staff members or for more information, call ext. 2522 or stop at IC 2010.

Central campus counseling will study assertive, non-assertive and aggressive behaviors lead by Tyra Imes-Salaselat from 1 to 3 p.m. on May 14 and 21 at IC 2015. Questions call ext. 2259.

Students for a Better Environment will be meet from noon to 1 p.m. on Thursday in IC 2107 or 5 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday. Call Hal Cohen ext. 2235 or Sharon Nichols ext. 2765. Information booth will be set up from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on May 12 in front of the cafeteria to give information on deforestation and will be organizing on-campus clean-up activities.

American Muslim Club has daily prayers 1 to 2 p.m. and 4 to 5 p.m. in IC 2107 except Friday which are held in IC 2101. Questions—leave message in SGA mail box.

Sigma Delta Mu, the two-year Spanish honor society will hold meetings at 2 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month in IC 3109. For more information, contact Marge Florio at ext. 2051.

Disability Awareness Day at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 11 at SRC 1024A will honor former disabled students, recognize current students and offer support. High school students are invited and will be offered a tour of CD. Contact Val Burke ext. 2154, Jackie Reuland ext. 2141 or Gurpreet Padam ext. 2095 for more information.

The Environment at Risk held by National Issue Forum will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. on May 20 in SRC 1030/32 to give everyone opportunity to openly discuss issues concerning the environment. Forum is presented by students of Sociology 210. Call 2134 for information.

Phi Theta Kappa meetings will be held at 1 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month in IC 3049. The induction ceremony for new members will be held at 7 p.m. on May 17 in SRC 1024.

Psi Beta wants you to be part of a national honor society and enjoy the privileges. Join us at our meetings at 2 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month in the cafeteria.

Alcohol/drug treatment centers in danger of existence because of cutbacks. Call health center at ext 2154 for names and addresses of representatives and senators to write to for protest of funding cuts.

See Germany, Austria and Switzerland from July 31 to Aug. 11. Programs presented by the Field Studies program in a travel-study Alpine Panorama. Contact Instructional Center IC 3046, ext. 2356.

Latino Ethnic Awareness Association (LEAA) is organized to enrich the Spanish culture and to support people of all ethnic descent. All are welcome at 1:00 p.m. every Wednesday in IC 1002.

Understanding and living with HIV facilitated by Bob Peeters and Val Burke will be offered from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 13 at SRC 1046. Questions contact central campus counseling IC 2010.

Transfer tips facilitated by Sandy Szuberla and Jerry Morris will take place from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on May 13 in SRC 1046. Questions contact central campus counseling IC 2012.

Campus Christian Fellowship meets at noon on Wednesdays and at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in SRC 1024A or call ext. 2570.

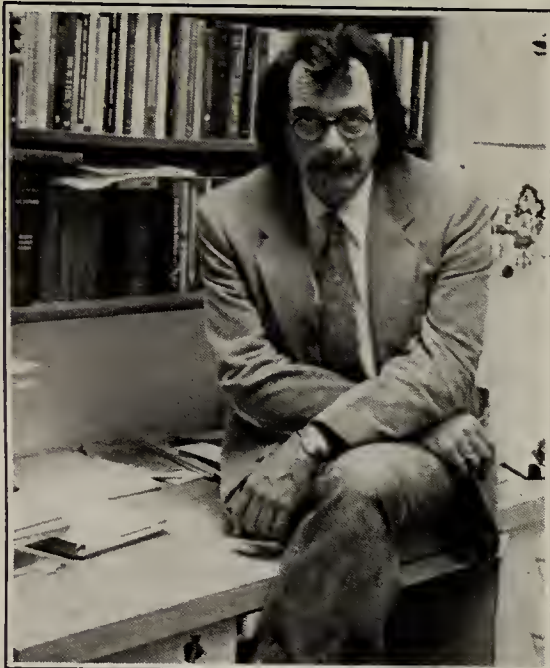
Project Path offers students with special needs individualized pre-employment skills training to enhance their job searching techniques. Five seminars are free and will cover topics such as self-assessment, resume writing, interviewing skills and job maintenance skills on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. in IC2105. Call ext. 2612 or stop by SRC 2044 with questions.

Blood drive will be held from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on May 12 in SRC 1024. Donors must be in good health, be 17 to 75 of age, weigh at least 110 pounds, not donated in the past eight weeks, had tooth extracted in the past 72 hours or had a cold, flu or sore throat in the past six weeks.

The Advising and Transfer Center would like to offer support in the usage of the Advising Handbook, catalogs, general education requirements, general information, scholarship applications for four-year institutions, on-line transcript system, program guides and career counseling referrals. Help also is given for implementing transfer programs and assisting transfer students with their transfer process. Call ext. 2522.

Deadline for "news briefs"—Noon, Friday, before next publication. The college can be reached by calling (708) 858-2800.

FACES IN THE CROWD



Fred Hombach
Professor of Philosophy

Hometown: Mount Wolf, Penn.

Birthday: Sept. 17, 1940.

Position at CD and for how long: professor of philosophy for 22 years.

I drive a: big ashtray that gets me from here to there.

The last good movie I saw was: it pulls me to my mirror and makes me ask if I am saying: "It's show time, folks!".

My favorite music is: I prefer no particular music, but I abhor music that uses our capacity to make music to make money.

My favorite book is: The Night Is Dark and I Am Far from Home by Jonathan Kozol. It's a reality check for me when I think I am beginning to get too smug.

My favorite sports team is: A cartoon has said it all—"Birds gotta fly; fish gotta swim; Cubs gotta...well, you know!"

My hobbies are: I breed and show Persian and Devon Rex cats.

My prized possession is: People are not possessions, so I cannot say Connie, but she is my most prized resource.

Fascinating people I'd like to know are: Mike Royko, Gary Larson, Jonathon Kozel.

My most memorable experience was: attending the funeral of my mother. I clearly saw the impermanence of all things.

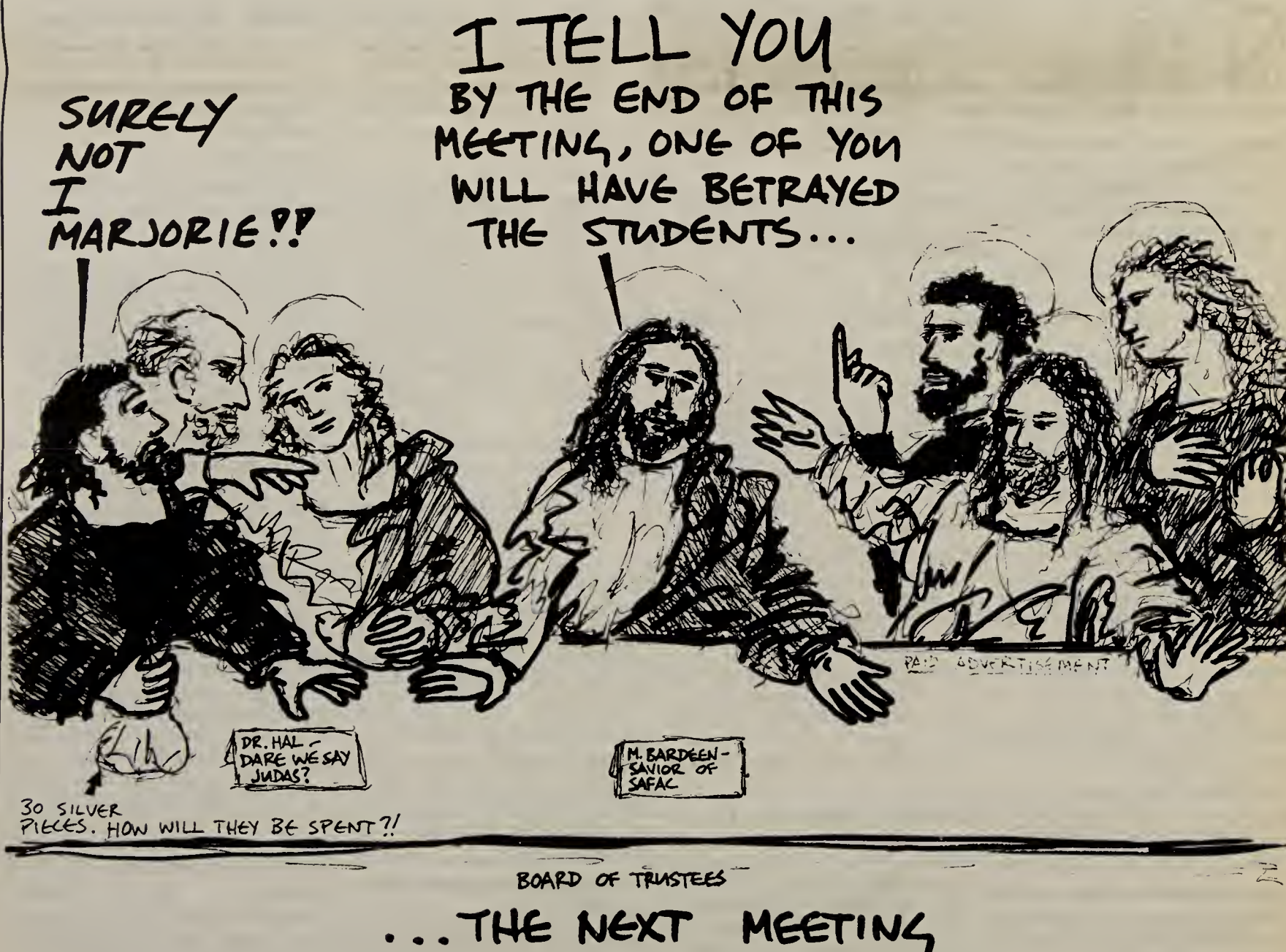
Major accomplishment and a major goal I'd like to yet achieve is: to be able to continue to be amazed that I get paid to do what I love to do. Sorry, Socrates!

The worst advice I was ever given was:
having a Ph.D. is very important.

Nobody knows I'm: not a good Jeopardy player..

If I've learned one thing in life, it's: that you can make more friends in a month by being interested in them than you can in a year by trying to get them interested in you.

I would like to instill in the minds of CD students that: a healthy crap-detector may be more important than a good job.



Instructor witnesses regrouping of ex-communist country

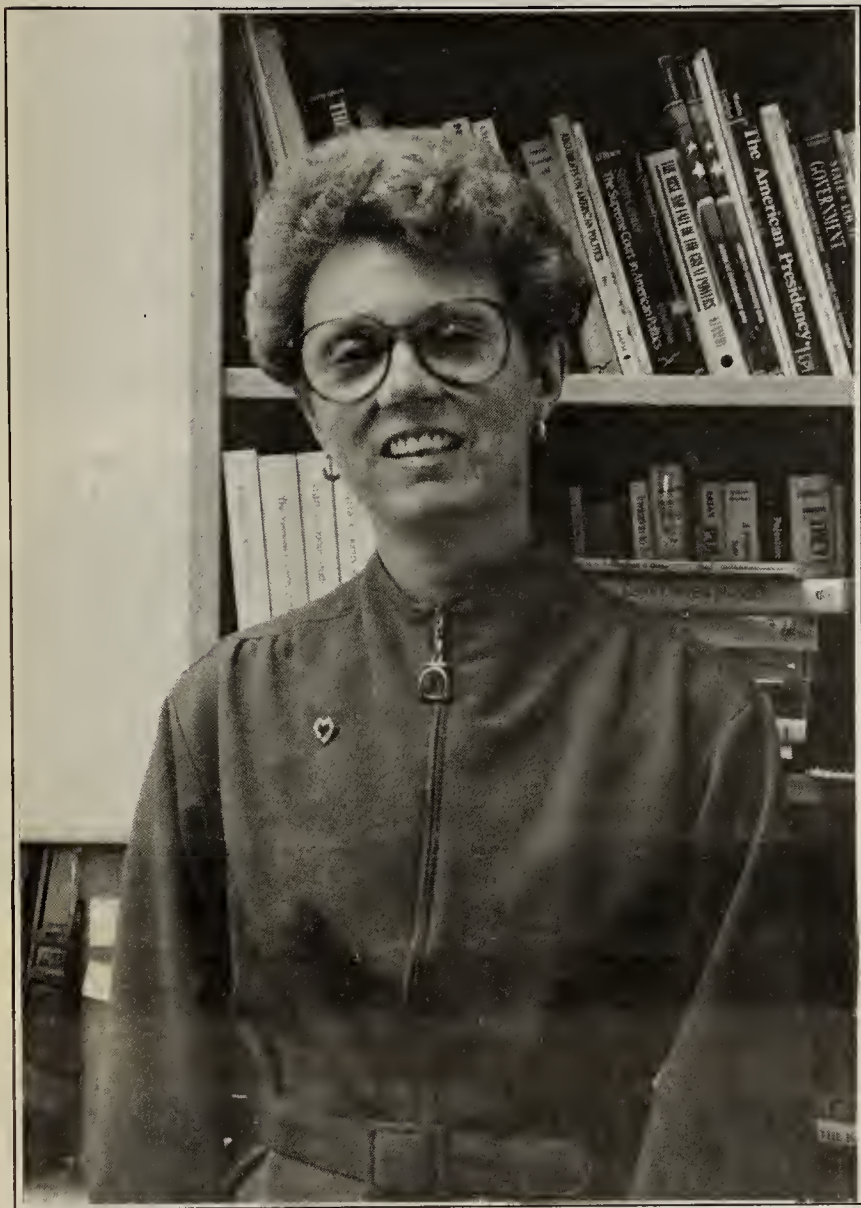


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Riphennburg lives in Czechoslovakia in fall 1991 with her sons and witnesses the remaking of a country as it struggles to make its way after the fall of communism.

by Susan Polay
Editor in Chief

When a program from Community Colleges and Development for an opportunity to travel to Czechoslovakia arrived, Carol Riphennburg, assistant professor of political science/economics, was motivated personally to go.

Her 19 year old son was assigned to learn the Czech language in the army.

"It was kind of outside of our range of interest. My main interest was the Middle East, and I never thought that much of Eastern Europe," Riphennburg said.

Riphennburg took the opportunity to see what this area was like and presumes to probably not have gone to this area otherwise.

"It is a time of a lot of change. The old regime is gone, and they are trying to put something new in its place," she said.

"It is a chance to study this experiment to see if one can guess where it is going to go."

CCID sent a sheet of openings in different countries specifying a political scientist for Czechoslovakia, Riphennburg sent in her resume and wasn't sure she would hear any more. They later sent a

letter stating that they were interested in sending someone there and asked if she was still interested in going.

While in Czechoslovakia, Riphennburg taught political science and a course in American democracy.

"I think the students enjoyed it. I taught in English," Riphennburg said.

"The young people especially are open for new ideas, to learning about the outside world and to get some grasp of where their country is going."

Riphennburg stated that no one knows for certain where the country is going and there is fear of the unknown which makes it difficult to live there because people are preoccupied with their on personal situations.

Even though the people did not like the communist system, they were taken care of. They had a job although it might be boring; they could not be fired. They were somewhat secure.

Now things have changed as far as not being employed and out looking for their own jobs. Their money is not worth as much either.

Riphennburg took her younger two teenage sons and they made friends.

"They enjoyed it a lot," Riphennburg

said. "I think it was good for them to see a different way of life, learn a different language and see how another school system works."

Riphennburg said that her sons learned adaptability. To travel to their school in Czechoslovakia, they had to take a bus for 15 minutes, take the metro for ten stops and take the tram for 20 minutes.

The school was far but chosen because some of their classes were in English thinking on her part that the Riphennburg boys would be looked upon as a resource.

"The schools could not look upon the boys as a resource at this time because they were more concerned about what was going to happen because of all the change," Riphennburg said, "but the boys did get a lot out of it."

Riphennburg tutored one son to help him keep up his German, but she thought he fell a little behind in math while in Czechoslovakia.

She stressed that since this is his first year in high school, he has a lot of time to make it up.

In our stores Americans are used to food well stocked on the shelves. In Czechoslovakia, when an item runs out, it could be a couple of months before it is restocked.

"We liked these chocolate wafers, and then they would be gone," she said with laugh.

She said there may have been shortages, but food could always be had.

The Czechs eat more pork than we do added with dumplings which is considered a national dish.

Riphennburg said that they are not as health conscious as the U.S. citizens are, so their meat is a lot more fatty than ours.

"I think that will change in time as they become more health conscious and open to the outside world to see that people have different life styles," she said.

Riphennburg said that the Czechs drink a lot of beer. Both Budweiser and Pilsner beers originated in Czechoslovakia, but it may have been modified somewhat.

The main advantage in going to Czechoslovakia Riphennburg stated was that she can use the material that she accumulated in her classes by using examples contrasting American democracy, history of civil rights and belief of individual freedom.

They are not accustomed to that kind of philosophy or knowing what it is like to live in freedom.

Czechoslovakia has a president and parliament democracy. They are trying to write a new constitution but are still operating under the communist constitution.

What is keeping them from agreeing on the new constitution is the relationship the Czech land and what Slovakia should have.

Bohemia, Moravia and Slovakia divided into three areas making up

Czechoslovakia.

Bohemia and Moravia are a unit known as the Czech lands.

Slovakia has a different language and history but were all united before 1918. What is not known is if they will stay in the federal government, form a confederation or break away.

They are stumped over this and the upper house is divided equally in deciding a Czech or Slovak part, so a law that goes through has to be approved by both halves.

"It is difficult because what one side wants the other refuses," Riphennburg said.

Riphennburg heard from other authorities that the Czechs were worried and have put more emphasis on working together because they have seen what has happened to their "big slovak" brother Russia. They have seen things collapsing and falling about them, so they were concerned that would happen to them.

"It all depends who you talk to," Riphennburg said. "Whether they are going to tough it out and work together or finally go their own way."

Hungry has been making reforms for a longer time, so they are sort of leader in the area. They have a multi-party system.

Whether the economic situation is going to get so bad that the people give up on democracy until they can straighten things out and develop another system, remains to be seen.

Democracy is very new to them; they do not have deep beliefs or understandings of what it is. It is hard for them to make a commitment to something they do not know anything about.

About one third of the population is under the poverty level.

"These people are not uneducated and are not accustomed to being in that situation and are worried about what is going to happen," Riphennburg said.

Housing under the communism was hard to get and is easier now, but prices are increasing.

Unless a person was in top levels in the communist party, they were not allowed over four rooms, but people did have a place to live. Now as prices go up, it will be more difficult.

Many of the Slovaks are now turning to and rediscovering religion because they are now free to do so. The Czechs are not as religious because in the 1600's the leader to turn them to protestant reformation was burned at the stake. Then the area was recaptured by a group who practiced catholicism.

Riphennburg added that they may be more secular because they have been torn by many religious forces.

"I would encourage people to learn about it and even if it is not a part of the world, they have thought about because I think it will be important in the long run," Riphennburg said.

Opening ceremonies of the Asian Festival proved to be colorful, sparkling, creative and appealing witnesses by almost a full house of all ages.

BY SUSAN POLAY
Editor in Chief

The Mainstage of the Art Center was set up for the production of West Side Story. The set made a contrasting background of the harsh, "ugly" reality of American life to a glittering and outward portrayal of Asian dance.

Betsy Cabatit-Segal, associate dean of health and public services, hosted the opening ceremony which began with a lion dance. The dance was originated to appease evil spirits lurking about. The dance began with musical drums and a dragon-like headaddress clothed with red glittering cloth.

After the lion dance different martial dances were performed accompanied by cymbals and drums.

A procession of seven nations entered carrying national flags of participating countries including China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea and Phillipines.

A spokesman from each country, clothed in gaily-colored cultural costumes greeted the audience some in native language.

Carol Viola, provost of open campus, welcomed everyone with open remarks stressing that CD is a melting pot and everyone's culture is important to learn about. CD celebrates diversity, customs and cuisines.

Viola welcomed everyone in behalf of H. D. McAninch, president, who was unable to attend because of pressing family matters.

Keynote address was given by Ted Tilton, provost of main campus, titled "Global Education: Focus on Asia."

He expressed pleasure to this gala festival but fondly criticized the title suggesting it to be the "First Annual CD Asian Festival."

He said this festival is "designed for something for everyone."

He spoke about the "ugly American" who is a type of condescending and patronizing person portrayed as "better than any foreigners and far superior than all other people."

He further suggested that at CD our race creed, country are created equal, and all people need to exert effort to know and understand people's literature, cultural knowledge.

Tilton said that Dean Wood has

tried to international the curriculum, and each Asian country is represented by a CD employee except for two countries.

Tilton told of a story of a lonely traveler on a desolate road who sees an image afar off which looks like an animal. As he gets closer he sees that the image is a man and turns out to be his brother.

Tilton suggested that the international curriculum draws all distant images of people at CD to indeed be brothers.

Marilyn Johnston, nursing instructor, and Ray Olson, professor of sociology, were recognized by Viola as instrumental in organizing the Asian Festival.

Asian dancers then performed classic Chinese and Korean folk dances.

A fan dance used flowing pink material as ribbons making designs as the dancer twirled the cloth and threw flower petals.

A drum dance was performed with the dancer clothed in a blue sequin dress beating on a drum hanging around her neck while she danced.

Another dancer used what looked like rattling batons. She twirled, hit and swung them together in synchronized to music.

Other highly trained dancers used fans and bells while adorned in bright red, green blue, yellow costumes native to these distant lands.

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Chinese lion dance was performed at opening ceremonies on Ma

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Aikidoists (left) use the energy of the attacker against him as a form of defense.

Ai 合
Ki 氣
Do 道

Aikido style shows control of mind.

BY JON KRENEK
Staff Reporter

CD's Asian Festival offered a mix of Japanese martial arts and philosophy in its Aikido demonstration. Aikido demonstrates that harmonizing with the laws of nature can assist anyone regardless of size or strength in defending themselves according to CD Aikido instructor Judy Leppert.

"In Aikido you can use the energy of the attacker

against him," Leppert explained. "It's the ability to be self defensive without being violent."

Aikido was originated in Japan in 1925 by Morihei Ueshiba, who is revered by Aikidoists as "Great Teacher" and was declared a sacred national treasure in his country after his death in 1969. Students of Aikido do not practice attacks but rather hand grabbing, falling techniques and acquiring leverage according to Leppert.

"That is why Aikido works," Leppert

explained. "You can use pain to force an attacker to the ground using his joints, forcing him to move in that direction to relieve the pain. And it doesn't cause any damage."

The first thing students learn is how to fall and roll correctly according to Leppert. Aikido can be practiced at all different speeds and between students of all different levels, with one person playing the role of attacker and the other of defender.

"Give me all of your money," screamed instructor Lor Segel as he rushed Leppert with a wooden knife. Grabbing

his wrist, twisting to the side and then thrusting forward, she dropped Segel off the mat to the applause of spectators.

"That's why you learn to roll first," Segel said standing up. "Once you start practicing it hurts if you don't do it properly."

"One of the key concepts of Aikido is victory over one's self, not trying to overcome another by domination but by the perfection of your own skills," Segel said.

He added, "People come to Aikido for fitness and to learn self defense, but some stay when they realize there's more to it than just that."

Food carver (right) Siriporn Desamut shows food carvings as a form of art of Thailand.



Food sparks interest.

BY JON KRENEK
Staff Reporter

In Thailand, one could expect to find an ordinary cucumber as a decorative leaf or a blossoming flower in a boring beet.

"You just want to bring this to your home and put it in your china cabinet," CD student Donna Stevanovic said.

The fruit carver's of Thailand grace the tables of their country with the very fruits and vegetables would ordinarily turn the heads of your typical vegetable snob. Cucumbers, squash, watermelons, gourds, carrots, beets, radishes and jiacmas are among them. You got a fruit, Thailand's got a style.

"I'd like my daughters to learn this," Jan Johnston said.

Beginning as a use for religious ceremonies and holidays, the skill was passed down from mother to daughter for years.

Presently it is still used for religious purposes in addition to its commercial appeal

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Asian festival



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instage at Art Center on May 4.



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Shuby Dewan, an Indian woman, demonstrates her native dress.

Last Wednesday students had the opportunity to sample the cuisine of Asia as part of the week-long celebration for Asia festival.

By KARL VOGEL
Staff Reporter

A variety of Chinese food prepared by Chef Neih of Genghis Khan Mongolian Restaurant in Downers Grove offered a multitude of choices for students looking for an alternative to the standard cafeteria fare.

Students could choose from egg rolls, spicy chicken, fried rice, steamed pork dumplings, or a combination plate with many types of food.

Mike Chu, associate professor of instructional

alternatives, advised the students who made the arrangements with Genghis Khan restaurant in Downers Grove.

The unique cuisine of India and Pakistan also tempted passers-by with its spicy smells. Fragrant rice, kaju barfi (sweet cashew nut cake), lassi (yogurt milk shake), samosas (potato turnovers), chholey (chick peas in spicy sauce), a dill, curry, and onion chutney comprised the menu.

Some of the food was prepared at the school and some was brought from the Viceroy Indian restaurant in Villa Park.

D Asia Committee
sted Augustana
College directors in
their Japanese koto
ital at the Art
Center's Main Stage
May 4.

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porter

esse Evans and Elizabeth Falconer performed four pieces at the recital, in celebration of CD's Asian Festival.

Koto, the name for the music and instrument was originally reserved for the Imperial royalty in the seventh century when it came over from China and Korea.

Kotos have 13, 17 or 20 strings and are positioned on the floor. The musician kneels next to it and leans over while playing. The strings are plucked or struck by ring-like picks worn on the fingertips called bachi and the other hand bends the strings to change the pitch.

Evans, director and founder of Augustana's seven-piece Koto Ensemble, teaches a class of 20 students. Involved with koto music for 25 years, Evans studied in both Japan and the United States. Falconer, started at Augustana in Fall 1990, is learning Japanese language and music. She had 12 years of koto in Japan.

Evans is probably the best koto player in the whole United States," Evans said, adding, "but I won't tell you."

Evans started to play koto after he heard it on the radio, found out what it was and tracked down a teacher. Falconer's start was purely accidental.

"I wanted to go to France with an exchange program, but they sent me to Japan instead," she explained, "and that is how it started."

Both directors hold a master's license from the Sawai Koto School, which is the highest degree of accomplishment to be achieved.

The pieces they performed included "Rokudan no Shirabe", "Mukugeni", "Habataki", and a selection written by Elizabeth Falcon herself, "Haiku no Kyoku".

The first piece, "Rokudan no Shirabe" is seen by the directors as the most representative of all koto pieces. "Mukugeni," helped koto to occupy a niche in the world of contemporary music.

"Haiku no Kyoku" was written for a performance by the Augustana Koto Ensemble in 1992.

"Habataki" was written for Falconer by Sawai Tadao at the request of her husband. The pieces range in age from centuries to less than a year; however, the instrument has not changed.

There have been additions to the family of kotos in that, only recently have composers begun to write for the 17 string bass koto and 20 string koto. Koto music is effected by other nations, as every type of music has been. Therefore, koto has changed in the centuries since its creation.

"Music is international, so it is hard for a type of music to have its own identity," explained Evans.

The two instructors were contacted by the Asian committee, who heard of them by Evans' musical club, Chusei or Midwestern.

The pieces were soothing and melodic. Koto music could be considered stress relieving music. Portions; however, were up tempo and required quite a deal of speed to perform.

The Augustana College Koto Ensemble has performed at schools and concerts throughout the United States including, The Kennedy Center and Florida State University.

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"Facing the Music," 1991 by Dennis Kowalski hangs in the Gahlberg Arts Center Gallery as part of the Dennis Kowalski and David Russick exhibit and is courtesy of Dart Gallery, Chicago. This piece is reviewed on the opposite page, 13.

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Art with a philosophic bent

BY WILL HACKER
News Editor

The multi-dimensional work of artists David Russick and Dennis Kowalski brings to the Arts Center gallery a sense of philosophic vision that both captures and stuns the viewer's eye.

Exhibiting not only the creative power of man, but also the cognizance that raises him above the lower primates, works like Kowalski's "Facing the Music" give strong testimony to man's desire to rise above the trivial thoughts of the day.

In "Facing the Music," the stern faced bust of classical composer Ludwig Von Beethoven gazes at a board emblazoned with the sheet music of his famous Ninth Symphony, as known as "The Ode to Joy." However, the theme of the work hits home when Beethoven's (and the viewer's) eyes come upon a photo of Third World people clustered together. For them, joy is an abstract idea.

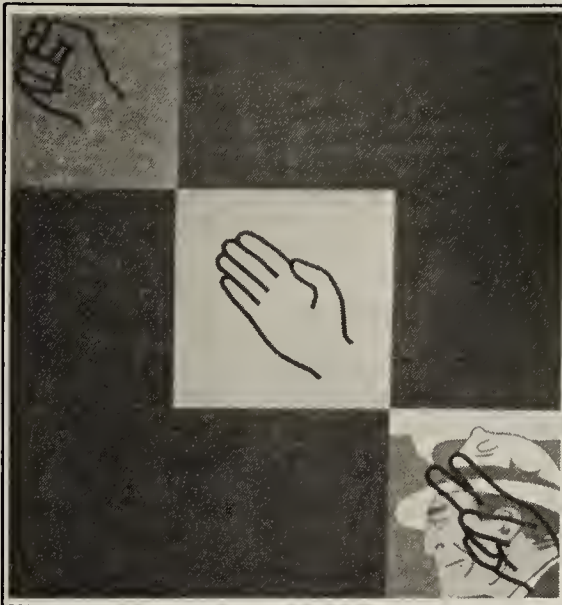
Through Kowalski's masterful juxtaposition of the images, the work speaks of the First World's moral, social and political obligations to its fellow men. Men, who by chance, are born into a world lacking in joy.

The notion of chance is further illustrated in Russick's "Wind in Sails," which is art about art.

Using artistic styles from the past — Abstract Expressionism, Minimalism and Pop Art — Russick shows how contemporary artists create their works using the element of chance, relying on what their own eyes have seen.

It is a personal journey through Russick's evolution as an artist. Russick himself feels that his intimate works are his best because of the powerful picture of humanity which they convey to the viewer.

An equally powerful message comes from his "Nature Sculpture," a satirical look at mankind's relationship with nature.



PHOTOS BY E. ALTMAN TERRY

"Wind in Sails (above)," a 1991 creation of artist David Russick, is representative of the artistic styles he was influenced by: Abstract Expressionism, Minimalism and Pop Art.

This metallic 1991 mixed media work (right) by artist Dennis Kowalski is titled, ironically, Nature Sculpture.



The image of an aluminum tree stump, strengthened by its three dimensional format, makes a brief but compelling statement about man's inability to fit in the natural world.

The same message is found in several of Russick's other works, including his "Little Green," in which a piece of AstroTurf is illuminated by neon light.

The work shows how man has failed to imitate nature, and the viewer gets the distinct feeling that Russick is warning of impending environmental doom.

The common thread in the Kowalski/Russick exhibit is the way art is used to make poignant statements about the ironies of life and the condition of the human spirit.



Steve Hanson, director of DuPage Community Band for the last 10 years.

Community Band director presents final concert

BY TAMMY STROH
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Steve Hanson, director of the DuPage Community Band for the last 10 years, will present his final concert as band leader at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, May 17.

Hanson, who graduated from Roosevelt University in 1982, changed the bands format to that of an evening community band, thus allowing for greater adult participation.

The format change also has enabled the band to grow to its large size and therefore play the high caliber of music it is known for, Hanson said.

He added, "Directing the band has been a rewarding experience, I most enjoyed giving people an opportunity on a non-auditioned basis to play really quality music. I also enjoyed developing the group as a whole."

Hanson will be going on to direct his church choir, teach private lessons, and begin to work toward assembling his own orchestra.

Hanson's final concert, which is also the final concert for the season, will feature such favorites as the overture to Rossini's opera, "The Barber of Seville," and selections from "Ain't Misbehavin'."

The program will also include P.D.Q. Bach's "Grand Serenade for An Awful Lot of Winds and Percussion" and Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever." Also featured at the concert will be piccolo soloist Lisa Hamilton.

Each year, the band attracts between 65 and 95 musicians, 20 percent of which are students and the rest of its members are from the community.

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Birthday barbecue

Thursdays Alive picnic marks 25 year celebration

BY TAMMY STROH
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Imagine the smell and smoke of barbecue, the sounds of rocking music and the feel of warm fresh spring air. And you are at the end of the year *Thursdays Alive* birthday picnic marking yet another event in the 25 year celebration.

For the last 9 months at 11:30 on Thursdays in the Student Resource Center (SRC), Student Activities has provided entertainment and fun ranging from Hypnotist Jim Wand to the antics of Comedian and Ventriloquist Taylor Mason.

Last Thursday was the wrap party for the year of fun and what a party it was.

An estimated 200 half pound hamburgers and hot dogs were grilled on the barbecue and at a bargain low price of \$2.50, for a hamburger or hot dog, chips and a soft drink.

"The kitchen did not make any profit on the barbecue," said Dave Gauger, manger of dining services. He added, The \$2.50 price just covered the cost of the food, grill rental and the labor involved. Who said the cafeteria never runs specials?"

Air ball "a game of strategy, endurance and fun" had over 375 participants. Air ball is a newfangled carnival type volley ball which happens on a raised floor of blown air, participants jump around trying to maintain balance while volleying a large beach ball.

The rocking music came from the Chicago band, "Big Guitars from Memphis," who are a country rock group known around the world for getting crowds to dance.

"Our experimentation on stage is to see how crazy we can get the crowd," said

"The kitchen did not make any profit on the barbecue. The \$2.50 price just covered the cost of the food, grill rental and the labor involved."

-Dave Gauger,
dinning services manger

Lead singer Michael Meyer.

Thursdays Alive organizer Kathy Smith said, "I'm real happy with how the party turned out, it was an exciting last show to do."

Becky Tador, who coordinates Student Activities special events, and who also helped with the *Thursdays Alive* Birthday Bash said, she thought everything went well. "I really didn't expect all those people to come. I knew the good weather would work to our benefit, but I thought since it was so nice students would go somewhere else to enjoy it. I'm happy they didn't we had a great time."

Steven Howard, who will be next years *Thursdays Alive* organizer hopes to bring back some of this years favorites, such as Hypnotist Jim Wand. He also hopes to start a candlelight dinner with a murder mystery.

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Above: The Chicago country rock group "Big Guitars from Memphis" entertained on lookers through lunch at the Birthday bash. The band is world famous and has a Top Ten album in Europe.

Left: An estimated 375 students participated in Air ball at the Thursdays Alive Birthday bash. Air ball is a game of strategy, endurance and fun.

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The Jets, a New York City gang from the play "West Side Story" dance up a rumble. PHOTO BY E. ALTMAN TERRY

'West Side Story' mirrors today's gang violence

BY TAMMY STROH
Arts and Entertainment Editor

"When your a jet— little boy your a man, when your a man your a king." The Jet song was the first number in "West Side Story" and it echoes a sentiment not only being played out on stage, but also in gangs around the country.

Riff, played by William S. Litton, says shortly after the play starts "Without a gang your nothing."

With gang violence in the news this modern version of "Romeo and Juliet" seems relevant and a some what graphic display of daily events taking place around us.

The Jets, who are of polish decent, control their turf, a small piece of a New York alley.

The sharks, who are the rival Puerto Rican gang, started to take over the area.

Hostility between the gangs is fueled by the economics of the city, i.e. Puerto Ricans buying businesses in the area.

The police in this story are quite obviously racist, for example Lieutenant Schrank, played by Peter Boekoff, actually said, "I got the badge, you got the skin."

Under the gang violence is a touching and tender love story between Tony, played by Erich Buchholz, and Maria, played by Kelly Kukoved. Tony is the ex-leader of the Jets, and Maria is Shark leader Bernardos' sister. Bernardo is played by Faith Haciosmanoglu. With this combination it's easy to tell heart break is on the horizon.

Buchholz's (Tony) voice is strong and mature, he seems able to hold a note forever. Kukovec's (Maria) is both penetrating and delicate. She defiantly matches Buchholz's voice with equal strength.

Haciosmanoglu, is effective and believable as Bernardo, the Shark leader. He seems comfortable and natural in the role, not to mention sexy, especially when he takes off his shirt. Wow!

When the inevitable rumble between the Jets and Sharks happens danger is in the air. The Knives are out and the light glimmers off them creating tension and fear.

Riff (Litton), is dramatically killed escalating the violence further.

The racial slurs that come after the rumble are ugly and offensive in any

context even in a play meant for entertainment.

It is sad to think the action for this play takes place on the West Side of New York City during 1957, and it is hard to tell the difference between what's happening today in Los Angeles between the Crips and Bloods.

All in all, I found the acting believable, the live orchestra music and songs incredible and the action stimulating.

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Championship
Saturday, May 9
2 p.m.

BY ARUN KHOSLA
Sports Editor

For the first time in four years, the women's softball team will not be a part of the Region IV tournament. The team lost two games to South Suburban on Tuesday in the two out of three elimination playoff tournament.

The Chaps lost the first game 3-2 after having a 2-1 lead through most of the game.

Down 1-0 in the top of the fifth inning, Karen Calabrese doubled while Joy Dillavou singled to put runners on second and third. Tara Grube then had a bunt which resulted in a wild throw to first, scoring Calabrese. Tracy O'Malley then flied out allowing Dillavou to score giving the Chaps a 2-1 lead.

The Chaps eventually lost the game in the seventh inning when South Suburban scored their game winning runs.

In the second game, the Chaps found themselves down 4-0 by the fifth inning before they eventually lost the game, 4-3.

Chris Slobodnik walked in the top of the seventh inning to start the Chaps' rally. Pitcher Margo Wiltfong and Melissa Mohr both singled, allowing Slobodnik to score. Rachel Sedlacek and Joy Dillavou both singled to score two more runs. A fly ball ended the Chaps season.

Head Coach Sevan Sarkisian said the team felt it could win the Region IV title if they got passed South Suburban.

"We did the best we could," he said. "There was a failure in the clutch." The Chaps finished with a 23-14 record.

One of the reasons the Chaps had trouble hitting the ball was because of the performance by the number one pitcher in the nation, Candy Wiedeman. Wiedeman had allowed only two earned runs before the games against CD. But the Chaps scored five earned runs against her. Wiedeman also had 20 strikeouts out of 42 outs against

the Chaps.

O'Malley, Wiltfong, and J. Dillavou, however, were selected to play in the All-Star Game which will be held at CD tomorrow at noon.

Sarkisian said the team will be stronger next year since most of the players will be returning. But he said the team needs a power hitter.

"This year we were a singles hitting team. It takes us three singles to score one run," he said. "We need some thump in our hitting."

Sarkisian also said the team needs two strong pitchers in order to help out Brandy Harrison next year. The team only used Harrison and Wiltfong during the season.

South Suburban now advances to the Region IV Tournament which will be held at CD this weekend. South Suburban faces Carl Sandberg College at noon on Friday, while Kankakee will face Joliet at 10 a.m.

"If I had a guess, I would pick Kankakee and Carl Sandberg (in the championship) because of their pitching," Sarkisian said.

The Chaps won two Region IV titles in the last four years with one third place finish.

Last Saturday, in the second round of the playoffs, the Chaps lost the first game 5-4 against Illinois Valley before pounding the Apaches with 32 runs in the next two games.

In the 17-5 second game victory, the Chaps were down 4-0 after the first inning. The team then scored two runs in the bottom of the first, three runs in the second, and seven runs in the third. Wiltfong earned the win before Harrison came on in the third game.

Behind Harrison's pitching and the team's hitting, the Chaps won the series with a 15-4 victory.

The team scored nine runs in the fifth inning to seal the victory.

Wiltfong went three for five at the plate with two triples. For the day, Wiltfong went seven for eleven, driving in five runs.

Increased hitting leads team into sectionals

BY ARUN KHOSLA
Sports Editor

The hitting of the baseball team is coming around at the right time. The team has averaged 12 runs per game in its last six games as they head into the sectional tournament which begins today and runs through Sunday.

The Chaps will face the winner of Wednesday's Wright-Malcolm X game, today at 2:30 p.m. at Moraine Valley. If the Chaps win that game they will play on Saturday at noon. The winner of that game then advances to the sectional championship, Sunday at noon.

Each game lasts for nine innings compared seven inning regular season games.

The sectional champion qualifies for the Region IV championship which will be held at CD from May 15-17. The Division III World Series will be held in New York from May 22-29.

The Chaps finished the regular season at 31-17 which is better than last year's record of 30-19.

The team's recent hitting has enabled the Chaps to reach that record.

"We're really coming alive," said Head Coach Steve Kranz. "We're hitting doubles and triples. This is how we played on the Arizona trip."

The team batting average was .377 last week while the overall average moved up 20 points to .306.

Jim Reynolds is batting .413 followed by Bryan Armstrong (.368) and Ric Balus (.354). Scott MacKay raised his average by hitting .462 last week.

Recent injuries, however, may hurt the Chaps chances of advancing in the tournament. The top three pitchers have been plagued by injuries.

Frank Tuma, whose pitched the most innings, had a swollen elbow on Sunday. He will miss the next two weeks.

Jeff Tuohy has a muscle pull on his side which effects his motion. Che Earwood has taken medication for his arm and he listed as doubtful for this weekend.

Kranz said early in the week he was unsure of whether any of these three pitchers would be in the rotation this weekend.

Bill Michelin will probably get the start today. Earwood said he was feeling better after Monday's practice while Tuohy is still questionable.

Kranz said the rest of the team must now take charge of their own destiny.

"The other 20 guys are ready," Kranz said. "The other seven to eight pitchers have got to be ready. When they're called upon, they have a job to do."

Kranz said the team's to beat in the tournament are Harper, Joliet, and Waubensee.

Harper started with an 0-5 North Central Community College Conference record, but they finished with a 5-7 NCC record and a .500 overall winning percentage.

Joliet and Waubensee both split their games with the Chaps, but only one of them will be left in the second round since they face each other in the first round.

Last week, the Chaps swept Truman in two games at Northeastern Illinois University before splitting the doubleheader with Waubensee on Sunday.

The team beat Truman 14-4 in the first game and 14-1 in the second game.

After a 12-5 victory against Waubensee in the first game the Chaps gave up a grand slam in the seventh inning to lose 15-13.



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Doug Krob returns to the dugout after hitting a home run against Triton last week. The Chaps begin the sectional tournament this weekend at Moraine Valley.

Tennis claims share of N4C title

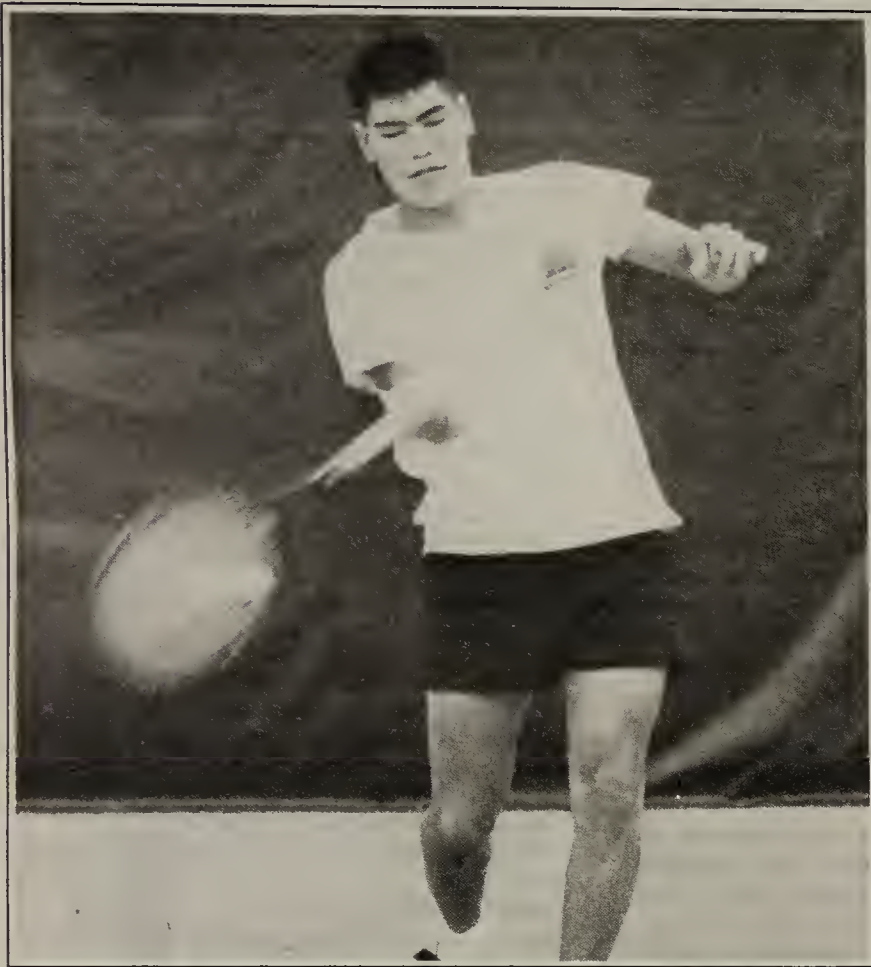


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Vince Itoku won the N4C title at number four singles by beating Steve Dittman of Harper, 2-6, 6-2, 6-3 in last weekends meet. The team tied Harper for the N4C title.

BY PRASHANT J. SAMPAT
Sports Reporter

The North Central Community College Conference Meet held at College of DuPage last weekend saw CD and Harper gruclling for the title. The result was a first place tie between CD and Harper.

The Chaps finished second behind Harper (5-0) in the dual meets (4-1) while finishing first in front of Harper in the Conference Final Meet (23 points) which added up to a first place tie. Rock Valley placed third followed by Illinois Valley, Joliet and Moraine Valley.

"I am really pleased with the performance," said Head Coach Dave Webster, who also won the Coach of the Year Award. "I'd like to give credit to all my players and assistant coaches, Earl Reed and Brett Bridel, for everything. I couldn't have done it without them."

"The team really did a great job," Reed said. "We did a great job of understanding the skills. We did a lot of drill work and created real game situations in the drill. It paid off in the conference which is evident by way we finished."

Reed was particularly impressed with the improvement of Eric Brittain, Don Fenton and Vince Itoku. "They worked extremely hard in practice and it paid off well," Reed said.

Even Bridel was impressed by the Chaps performance in the conference meet. "Everybody stepped forward and played awesome," he said.

The Chaps won four of the six singles

titles and all three doubles titles.

In the singles matches, the Chaps' Kasra Medhart beat Dave Piestrup of Harper, 6-4, 6-3, to win the first singles title. Both the coaches think that Medhart has a good shot at the national tournament which runs from May 23-30 in Corpus Christi, TX.

At number two singles, Chad Roy won his match against Frank Tysl of Harper, 6-3, 6-2.

Eric Brittain beat Chris Maddin of Harper, 6-0, 6-2, to clinch the third singles title while Vince Itoku beat Steve Dittman of Harper 2-6, 6-2, 6-3, for the fourth singles title.

In the doubles matches, Medhart and Roy paired up to beat Piestrup and Tysl pair 6-2, 4-6, 6-1. Brittain and Itoku beat Maddin and Dittman 6-4, 6-1 for the second doubles title and Don Fenton teamed up with Greg Lamberti to earn a victory over Jason Bagley and Sang Sisouphanthong of Rock Valley for the third doubles title 6-3, 1-6, 6-4.

"Our weak point was doubles when we started and now it's strong," Bridel said. "We are more aggressive at the net now."

"In the coach's philosophy, we like to see the players closing in on the court and not allowing any gaps in the doubles play," Reed said. "I am extremely proud for the young men. It has been a good experience for me and they have taught me a lot by watching them grow and watching them play."

The team travels to Rockford this weekend for the Region IV Championship, to qualify players for the national meet.

Injuries hurt track at Region IV Meet

BY ARUN KHOSLA
Sports Editor

The men's and women's track had no key injuries going into the Region IV Championships last weekend at Harper. When they left Ron Westphal and national qualifier Imelda March were in pain.

On Friday night, Westphal, who leads the team in the running events, had a blister on his foot. The blister exploded that night forcing Westphal to spend Saturday afternoon in the hospital. He will return to practice according to Head Coach Frank Heegaard.

With Westphal's absence, the men's team which was favored to win their fourth consecutive regional title, finished second with 196 points behind Harper (220 points). Blackhawk East Community College finished third with 195 points followed by Triton (66), Oakton (35), and Wright (1).

"If we had Westphal, we would have won the meet hands down," Heegaard said. "It (the injury) was a huge blow to us."

On the women's side, March suffered from a strained hamstring while running her last race of the tournament. While running the last leg of the 4 X 400 meter relay, she pulled out of the race.

"It was disappointing (that she pulled out of the race), but it's the decision I would have wanted her to make," Heegaard said. "If she continued, she could have jeopardized her possibilities of going to nationals."

The women's team finished third in the tournament behind first place Blackhawk East and Harper.

Despite these key injuries, both teams earned top performances.

Mike McGraw earned first place in the hammer throw with a distance of 101 feet.

The two-mile relay team which consisted of Westphal, Tony Slas, Sam Piazza and Max Wilson finished first with a time of 8:00.10.

The 400 meter relay also finished first with a time of 44.03 seconds. The members on that team included Chris Beams, Ed Magerski, Noonan, and Slas. Slas completed the anchor leg in place of Westphal.

Tim Johnson won the shot put with a distance of 45

feet, 11 inches.

Jason Ax won the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 15.57 seconds.

Bryan Rebhan claimed the pole vault title at a height of 14 feet, three inches.

"There was a gusty wind and we had to hold up the bar with other poles," Heegaard said.

Wilson placed first in the 800 and 1,500 meter runs.

On the women's side Dana Palmer and Sue Andersen both qualified for the national tournament in their events.

Palmer won the triple jump with a distance of 34 feet, two inches.

Andersen won the 400 meter hurdles with a time of 1:03.

The members of both teams will have two more chances to qualify for the National Junior College Athletic Association Tournament, which will be held May 19-24 in Odessa, TX.

Both teams will participate in the last chance meet at North Central College tonight at 6 p.m. in Naperville. There are no team scores, but each athlete tries to meet the national qualifying times.

Another last chance meet will be held at North Central on May 15 at 6 p.m.

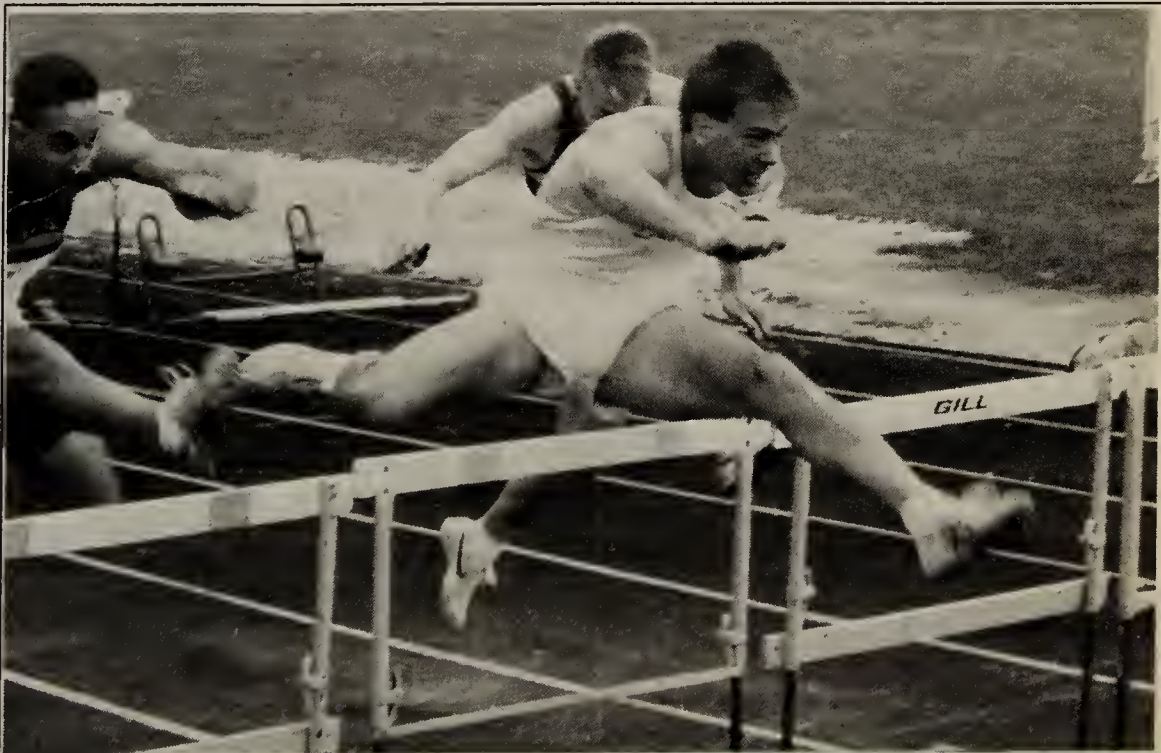


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Jason Ax leaves his opponents behind in the 110 meter hurdles. Ax won the event with a time of 15.57 seconds.