

TURN THE PAGE

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Tell Her About It

As a matter of fact, tell EVERYONE about it! Our final Eating With the Experts program of the semester will be in L106 on Monday, April 12, from 12:30-1:15 p.m. Keith Young, our favorite Northeast State storyteller (we're not calling him a liar!), will join us for Springtime Stories and Songs. Keith is always a hit and never fails to be fun.

Thanks to all who have made our second year such a resounding success. We will take the Summer off, but will resume with more exciting and informative programs in the Fall.

Sweet Yesterday

I would like to dedicate this issue of *Turn The Page* to the memory of Steve Arnold. I know that many of you here at Northeast State knew Steve far better than I did — some of you may have even known him even prior to your experiences at Northeast State. Some of you no doubt knew him not only as a colleague or instructor, but also as a friend. And I know that his absence cannot be easy for any of you. I really didn't know Steve very well at all, and I'll admit that it isn't easy for me, either.

On my very first day of work at Northeast State, Duncan Parsons took me on a tour of the campus. The second person that he introduced me to outside of the Library was Steve Arnold. Just before the introduction, Duncan asked him about hunting and Steve answered with a joke of some sort and that incredible laugh that was unmistakably Steve Arnold's. When he introduced me to Steve and said that Steve taught Psychology, I thought to myself, "Wow, that's not what I expected!"

That impression never faded. Steve Arnold was never quite what I would have expected, but that was a good thing. What I will always remember about every encounter I ever had with Steve is his unforgettable voice and his absolutely contagious smile! I always said that I wanted to take one of his classes just to hear him talk and see him smile. His laugh never failed to brighten my day. In our interactions, he was always patient, never rude, and always flashed that smile. He just seemed to take things in stride and found a reason to smile or joke.

Although we will never fully understand why Steve left us the way he did, I don't think that any of us can dispute that Steve Arnold made a difference in our lives. He was a man who smiled and therefore made us smile; a man who laughed and therefore helped us to help others to laugh. I never got around to taking a class with Steve, but I think I still learned some things from him. I'll bet that most of you did, too. So long as we hold those lessons dear, Steve will continue to smile and laugh with us, even though we miss him.

— Chrissie Anderson Peters



There Is A Place

There is a place, if we go, high enough in the oldest mountains by a stream with a high cliff on one side where the morning light seems to flow down on the stream below. This is a place and a stream so high in the mountains that we will have to suffer pain to get there. Along this stream, if we are quiet enough, we will see deer and turkey at its edges. In the stream itself, brook and rainbow trout will rise in rippled rings at the heads of pools. The soil is rich here, full forever with the rich fecundity of the earth, the soil always giving back endlessly to the living. Everything grows well in this soil: the pine tress, the maples, the always blooming rhododendron. Maybe for us, this place and stream exists in thoughts formed by loss, or for others maybe in some transcendent world full of light. But for once we will all agree that this is a place free at last from fear, worry, and darkness. This place has peace and forever the morning light. We know this is where Steve is. He was one of us.

— William Wilson, Humanities Division





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Plant the Seed Again

Spring is just around the corner! Why not cultivate a new habit and dig into some of these new titles, now available at the Basler Library?

Fiction: *Ironfire* (Ball); *Miss America Kissed Caleb* (Clark); *Evil Genius* (Collins); *Fat Kid Rules the World* (Going); *Hear the Wind Blow* (Hahn); *Singular Mark Twain* (Kaplan); *Manana Manana* (Kerr); *Blessed Are the Cheesemakers* (Lynch); *Down There By the Train* (Sterns); and *Old Cricket* (Wheeler).

Non-Fiction: *Desiderata: Words for Life* (Ehrmann); *Theatergoer's Guide to Shakespeare's Themes* (Fallon); *Secret Life of Cowboys* (Groneberg); *Robin Hood: A Mythic Biography* (Knight); *Daniel Boone: An American Life* (Lofaro); *Rainforest* (Oldfield); *Ivory Tower and Harry Potter: Perspectives on a Phenomenon* (Whited); and *Women of Country Music* (Wolfe & Akenson).

Refuge



Refuge in Hell by Daniel B. Silver [RA989.G34 B477 2003]

Twilight descended upon the Nazis on April 24, 1945 as Liberation forces quieted the remaining remnants of Hitler's army, ending his quest for world dominance. On this day, in the almost-complete destruction of Berlin, a miraculous discovery was made: A small, Jewish hospital, housing several hundred Jews, had survived the onslaught of the Final Solution and managed to be the sole remaining Jewish institution in Germany.

In his fascinating study, *Refuge in Hell: How Berlin's Jewish Hospital Outlasted the Nazis*, Silver relies on firsthand accounts and personal interviews with survivors to uncover the little-known history of the Judisches Krankenhaus Berlin (Jewish Hospital of Berlin).

Silver takes the reader on a journey that attests to the strength of the human spirit in moments of absolute despair and uncertainty. His heroes are unwilling participants brought together by extraordinary circumstances. It would be an injustice to imagine the hospital as a way station where people gathered to hide. It was, rather, a fully functioning organization that carried out its call to service while under the most brutal and extreme conditions imaginable.

The ultimate survival of the hospital centered on the institution's Jewish director, Herr Dr. Walter Lustig, and his personal relationship with the infamous Nazi leader, Adolf Eichmann. Lustig's legacy, however, is questionable at best as he wielded tremendous power in the daily struggle between life and death. He controlled the reins of deportation through a myriad of rules and regulations. The smallest infraction would mean certain death. Further, the Nazis policies regarding inter-marriage and segregation also helped to explain the staggering culmination of more than 800 people, the majority of which were full Jews, who were rescued in this unlikely sanctuary at war's end

This account of daily life in the hospital is rich with vivid testimony from Jewish survivors who experienced the uncertainty and horror of Hitler's madness and survived, right under his nose, to become teachers to us all. Above all, *Refuge in Hell* brings to life an almost-forgotten footnote of Holocaust history. It serves as a three dimensional archive that staggers the imagination and illumines lost voices from another time.

— Travis A. Christian, Adjunct Faculty

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