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The President Returns to the Classroom

As a rule, college presidents aren't classroom teachers. Dr. Jerome Sachs is an exception, because he has taught at least one course a year ever since coming to Northeastern as Academic Dean in 1961. Last trimester it was "Mathematical Concepts," as it is most times, but once it was a graduate course, "The History of Mathematics".

"I think most college presidents would like to teach," says Dr. Sachs, "but they just don't do it. I find teaching relaxing; it gives me the contact with students I think I need."

Before coming to Northeastern, Dr. Sachs had taught in most of the universities in Chicago--Northwestern, University of Chicago, Illinois Tech, and DePaul. Asked if today's students were much different from those he taught then, he replied, "There have been no basic changes. I do think students are much more knowledgeable now; they have much more basic background information."

Dr. Sachs said he hoped his students soon forgot that the President was their teach-

er. "When I found out the President was teaching the course, I thought it was going to be a real challenge," says Edwin Claudio, one of the students. "It turned out to be one of the best math courses I've had in a long, long time. No one dropped the course: no one was bored."

Asked if there was anything he didn't like about his teaching experience, President Sachs said, "I didn't like the text. . . but then I don't like my own anymore, either."

SYMPOSIUM PLANNED

Although the details have not been finalized, the University of Illinois, Chicago State, and Northeastern are joining forces to offer their Chicago based alumni an informative day on the "how to" of the open classroom. The symposium is planned for May 13 at the LaSalle Hotel and will feature speakers who will try to tell why to do it, show how to do it, and tell how to deal with parental and administrative problems which may arise. You will be receiving a more complete brochure and reservation forms shortly.

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The Alumni Newsletter is published quarterly by Office of the Alumni Services for Alumni and other interested individuals in the University community. All news items should be addressed to Judy Bree, Coordinator, Office of Alumni Services, Northeastern Illinois University, 5500 North St. Louis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60625.

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NOTICE TO ALUMNI

Many times the UNI Alumni Association is given the opportunity to offer you, its members, reduced rates on books, magazines, insurance, and the like. The Alumni Association benefits by sharing in the profits of purchases made by its members. Although many other such organizations have engaged in such solicitation, this one has not, and we require your permission before releasing your name to any outside concern.

If you would be receptive to occasional mailings from reputable companies, please send the following form to the Alumni Office or phone us at 583-4050, ext. 524. Under no circumstances will your name be released without your permission.

I am open to receiving special offers of products and services through the Northeastern Illinois University Alumni Association.

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ALUMNI EXPRESS...

Q.

Northeastern has changed its name so many times that I'm really confused. Can you provide a little of the school's history?

A.

We'll try. Follow closely . . .
In 1949, a branch of Chicago Teachers College (now Chicago State University) was opened at Shers High School to accommodate those students living north of Madison Street. This was subsequently closed in 1957 when three other northern branches were opened--Foreman, Crane, and Sabin.

In 1961, a permanent branch of Chicago Teachers College was opened at St. Louis and Bryn Mawr Avenues, the site of Northeastern today, and the Sabin, Crane, and Foreman branches were dissolved. The new Chicago Teachers College-North became Illinois Teachers College North when the institution came under the control of the Board of Governors in 1965. Then in 1967 the institution became known as Northeastern Illinois State College, which it remained until 1971 when the school finally became Northeastern Illinois University.

The name-change "vexation" is not unique to Northeastern. Many public institutions have undergone similar changes as their enrollments increased and the scopes of their programs expanded.

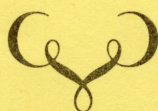
This column is provided for alumni and friends with questions concerning any aspect of Northeastern Illinois University. Inquiries should be addressed to the Alumni Office.

NORTHEASTERN ACQUIRES VIRGIN PRAIRIE

Northeastern Illinois University and the Illinois Nature Conservancy recently received a gift of approximately 50 acres of virgin grassland. The land was donated by Louis, David, and Myer Gensburg, all former Chicago real estate dealers, and constitutes half of a 100 acre tract of virgin prairie located within the city limits of Markham twenty miles south of the Loop. Northeastern and the Nature Conservancy are trying to raise money to purchase the remaining 50 acres and have applied for a grant of \$200,000 from the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.

Other than the five-acre Peacock Prairie in Glenview, the Gensburg-Markham Prairie (as it has come to be known) constitutes the only remaining example of the lacustrine plain on which Chicago was built. Dr. Robert Betz of the Northeastern faculty, who was instrumental in the acquisition of the land for the University, has identified more than 155 varieties of plant life and several species of animal life on the prairie which are otherwise nearly extinct in the Chicago area.

Northeastern Illinois University is committed to preserving this tract of land in its natural state for this and future generations. As such, the Markham Prairie is foreseen as an area for study by students of all levels, by garden clubs and conservation groups, and by research scientists in the comparison of the qualities of soil and wildlife in its natural state to that which has been treated with fertilizers and chemical sprays. This tract of land has already provided the seeds of many species of prairie plants used to re-establish the prairie at the Morton Arboretum. The Markham area will be opened to the public at specified times for general appreciation of its natural beauty.



Outstanding Educators Award to Dr. Pedrosa

Dr. Angelina Pedrosa, assistant professor of Spanish at Northeastern Illinois University, Bryn Mawr at St. Louis Ave., has been selected one of the Outstanding Educators of America for 1971. Dr. Pedrosa, a native of Cuba, was an attorney before coming to the United States.

Dr. Pedrosa accepted the award "in the name of my students and colleagues, who have helped me in my development as a teacher."

The outstanding educator award is given "in recognition of contributions to the advancement of higher education and service to the community."

Dr. Pedrosa's biography and the record of her accomplishments is recorded in the 1971 edition of "Outstanding Educators of America."

SPEAKER'S BUREAU FORMED

The public information office of Northeastern Illinois University, Bryn Mawr at St. Louis Ave., announces the formation of a speakers' bureau through which school, civic, religious, and other organizations can obtain the services of Northeastern faculty members as speakers.

Among the topics covered by the available speakers are student protests, the new sexual morality, world federalism, international relations, American popular culture, and child development and psychology.

Interested persons should call Gerald Cannon at 583-4050, extension 518.

REMINDER

A short time ago you received a letter from the Northeastern Illinois University Foundation asking for your help in supporting innovative programs for which there is no state funding. The Board of Directors of the Alumni Association fully endorses this appeal to its members, and we urge you to give as generously as you can. If you haven't

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already made a contribution, why not do so today?

Bob Brunkworth

ALUMNA PUBLISHES ARTICLE

Mrs. Anita Krasnow, who received a Master's degree from Northeastern in 1969, has had an article published in the Winter issue of Academic Therapy. The article is entitled "An Adlerian Approach to the Problem of School Maladjustment" and tells of Mrs. Krasnow's experiences helping a young boy understand the reasons for his antisocial behavior and make adjustments toward constructive social integration.

ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCED

Under provisions of the Constitution of the Northeastern Illinois University Alumni Association, the entire alumni body is invited to meet in the Spring of each year to elect its representatives to the Board of Directors, vote on constitutional amendments, and make suggestions for programming for the coming year. This

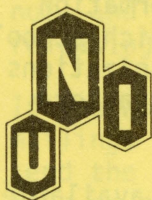
year's meeting will be held May 4, 1972 at 7:30 PM, Faculty Dining Room. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend.

Meanwhile, the Nominating Committee requests your assistance in finding people interested in filling the upcoming vacancies on the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association. The only qualification for nominees is that they be graduates of Northeastern. If you are interested in serving on the Board, or if you know of anyone else who is, please fill in the form below and send it to the Alumni Office.

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