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"Tuesday Talks" presents H. Durward Hoffer, professor, Management; Hoffer will speak on "Sameness, Difference and the Diversity of Diversity: an Inherent Core Dynamic of Organizations and Societies." Rescheduled from December, the talk is at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 3 in the Heritage Room.

The Regional North High Schools Science Fair of the Chicago Public Schools takes place at Northeastern on Tuesday, February 3. About 150 students from 22 schools compete for places at the citywide science fair to be held March 27-29 at the Museum of Science and Industry. The exhibits will be on public display in Alumni Hall from 4:30-7:00 p.m.

Time Management and Resumes will be the topics of lectures offered by the NEIU Business and Management Club in February. Mary O'Malley, co-advisor of the Business and Management Club, will hold a time-management workshop on Tuesday, February 3 at 1:40 p.m. in CC-217. On Thursday, February 26, O'Malley will speak on "Preparing Your Resume" at 1:40 p.m. in CLS-3109.

The Northeastern Board of Trustees will meet Thursday, February 5 at 4:00 p.m. in the Golden Eagles Room. The meeting is open to the public.

"A Celebration of African American History," co-produced with Mostly Music, Inc., will be held Friday, February 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. Featured are the Jimmy Ellis Ensemble, Willy Pickens, Willie Brown, Jr., and Sharon Hamilton. Admission \$10, seniors/students \$8.

Gandhi Nonviolence All-Day Workshop, sponsored by T.E.A.M. (Teachers of Experiential and Adventure Methodology) of the Northeastern College of Education; Thursday, February 12, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Commuter Center, Room 217. For more information contact Dan Creely at 773-794-2982.

Alice Walker

coming to Northeastern
Friday, February 27



Author Alice Walker, who received the Pulitzer Prize for her novel, *The Color Purple*, will talk Friday, February 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. Walker's other novels and volumes of short stories, essays and poetry have secured her world-wide reputation as a major American writer. She will also teach a master class on Friday, February 27 at 1:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.

Alice Walker Preview Events

In anticipation of Alice Walker's visit, the Women's Studies Program is holding a series of book discussions, video screenings and talks. The February events are as follows:

- **Wednesday Feb. 4, 3:00 p.m.** *Possessing the Secret of Joy* (1992). Walker's story of the psychic trauma of one woman's life after forced genital mutilation; hosted by Shelley Bannister. CC-214.
- **Tuesday Feb. 10, 4:15 p.m.** Video: "Warrior Marks: Female Genital Mutilation and the Sexual Blinding of Women" (1993). Walker's interest in ending this abomination took her to Africa to make this video documentary. Hosted by Women's Studies Faculty. CC-216.
- **Tuesday Feb. 17, 1:40 p.m.** *Anything We Love Can Be Saved: A Writer's Activism* (1997). A book of essays inspired by her ever-expanding political activism. Whether it's civil rights, women's issues, or the movement to protect the cultures and natural environments of indigenous people, Walker is an outspoken activist on issues of oppression and power. Hosted by Sharon Smith. CC-214.
- **Thursday Feb. 19, 1:40 p.m.** "Writing at the Meridian: Alice Walker's Literary Politics," a talk by Timothy Libretti about Walker in the context of literary history and the intersections of feminism and radical racial politics. CC-216.

UNIVERSITY DAY

Thursday, March 5

Community Building & Advocacy vs. Volunteerism?

The university community is urged to participate in this thought-provoking and stimulating day.



The 9th Annual T.E.A.M. Conference will meet on Friday and Saturday, February 13-14, in Northeastern's Physical Education Complex. The keynote speaker, native American educator Keewaydinoquay, will talk on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. in Alumni Hall. Workshops cover a wealth of topics: e.g., Rock Climbing for Educators, Experiential Self Reflective Model, Roots & Rainbows: Honoring Cultural Diversity. For more information contact the T.E.A.M. Information Line at 773-794-2767.

NEIU Student Leadership Conference workshops – on stress, creating a home page, women as leaders, and other topics – will be held on February 3, 5, and 10. For more information, contact Student Activities, E-221, ext. 3868.

Black History Month will be celebrated with several events at Northeastern during February and March, but the following event was the only one finalized at the time of publication.

Akua Njeri, president of the National People's Democratic Uhuru Movement, and widow of Fred Hampton, Black Panther leader, sponsored by the Black Caucus Club; Tuesday, February 17 at 1:40 p.m., Heritage Room.

Melissa Thodos & Dancers perform "The Art of Creating Dance; Choreographing with Props"; Thursday, February 19, 11:00 a.m., Auditorium; gen. adm. \$3.00. For information call 773-794-3042.

The second concert in the **Ruth Page Dance Series** features NEIU's Ensemble Español Spanish Dance Theater, the Jump Rhythm Jazz Project, Melissa Thodos & Dancers, and the Xsight! Performance Group; Friday, Saturday, February 20, 21, 8:00 p.m., Auditorium; gen. adm. \$15, seniors/students \$10.

Generativity Club Lecture Series presents author Frida Kerner Furman, Ph.D.; "Facing the Mirror: Older Women and Beauty Shop Culture," Monday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m., Golden Eagles Room.

A poetry reading sponsored by **Apocalypse Literary Arts Club**; Maureen Seaton, poet; Tuesday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m. Alumni Hall.

Most events are free to NEIU faculty, students and staff with valid I.D.

Attention interested faculty and students:
The Sixth Annual Student Research & Creative Activities Symposium will be held on Friday, April 17.
All submissions are due by Monday, March 9.
More information in the next *Insights*.

Faculty & Staff NEWS

On-line Technology Discussion Group.

The Faculty Advisory Committee on Instructional Technology (FACIT) would like to invite faculty and staff to participate in on-going discussions relating to computers for teaching, learning and research at Northeastern. Send an e-mail to listproc@neiu.edu with this message in the first line of the body: "subscribe FACIT-L Firstname Lastname" (use your own first and last names as indicated at Firstname Lastname). Read more at the FACIT web page: <http://www.neiu.edu~facit/>.

Michael Hamideh, Police Officer I, Public Safety, was chosen as Northeastern's Civil Service Employee of the Month for December 1997.

David P. Helfand, professor/counselor, Counseling Office, was interviewed for the December 28 Sunday *Tribune's* "Employment Outlook" special supplement and appeared on the WGN-TV Morning News on January 2 to discuss changing careers.

Len Iaquina, director, Development, presented a session on "Planning and Executing the First Campaign of an Institution" at the CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education) District 5 23rd Annual Conference on Sunday, December 14, at the Chicago Marriott Downtown.

Joy M. Scott, director, Student Support Services, wrote a review of the book, *The Agony of Education: Black Students at White Colleges and Universities* (1996) by Feagin, Vera and Imani, which has been published in the *Journal of Negro Education*, Vol. 65, No. 3.

Mohan K. Sood, dean, Graduate College, gave a presentation entitled "The Changing Role of Graduate Dean: Challenges and Opportunities" at the annual fall meeting of the Illinois Association of Graduate Schools (IAGS) on October 23-24 at Illinois State University in Bloomington. Sood served as IAGS secretary/treasurer in 1995 and president in 1996-97. At the fall meeting he passed the baton to Sandra Little of Illinois State University for the 1997-98 term.

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