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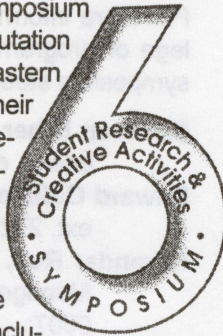
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Get Ready, Get Set

The 1998 Sixth Annual NEIU Student Research and Creative Activities Symposium will take place Friday, April 17.

In its brief history, the symposium has already earned a reputation as the place for Northeastern students to show off their research projects and creative activities to an audience of their peers and with the guidance and encouragement of faculty. All undergraduate and graduate students (including last year's graduates) are invited to submit proposals in the form of abstracts.



Original research work will take the form of an oral presentation. The creative activities may take the form of exhibits or consist of presenting poems, short stories, plays, dances or musical compositions. (Continued on page 2)

BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS

Akua Njeri, widow of Black Panther leader Fred Hampton and president of the National People's Democratic Uhuru Movement, speaks on "Black Unity," sponsored by the Black Caucus Club; Tue., Feb. 17, 1:40 p.m., Heritage Room.

Black History Month Celebration Dance with DJ, sponsored by the Black Heritage Club; 8:00 p.m., Fri., Feb. 20, Alumni Hall.

Black Heritage Gospel Choir Annual Concert, 11:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m., Thur., Feb. 26, Auditorium.

Volleyball/Basketball Tournament, sponsored by the Black Heritage Club, 2-4:00 p.m., Fri., Feb. 27, Physical Education Complex, Small Gym. □

The 1998 University Day Committee is planning a stimulating range of activities designed to examine the options necessary for community building and advocacy. Be part of the process...attend
University Day
Thursday, March 5, 1998

Five NEIU Women Receive Awards from Women's Studies Program

In October 1997 the Women's Studies Program asked the university community for nominations for its biennial recognition awards honoring significant contributions and achievements of Northeastern's female faculty, staff and students. The awards committee selected Jillian Freund, Cristina Munoz, Lisa Diderikson, Shelley Bannister, and Martha Thompson. The awards were presented by Provost Estela López at a reception on December 5.

Jillian Freund, a student at NEIU, has worked as a volunteer librarian in the women's Cook County jail and will travel with an NEIU group in November to Fort Benning in Georgia in an attempt to close the School of the Americas.

Cristina Munoz, a student at NEIU, has also worked as a volunteer librarian for women inmates at Cook County jail and is currently, singlehandedly, organizing a group of NEIU students to assist at a new junior college in Guerrero, Mexico.

Lisa Dideriksen, a '96 NEIU graduate with honors, is a cashier supervisor at

Alice Walker to Speak at Northeastern February 27

Alice Walker, prizewinning author, editor, film producer and university lecturer, will talk about a writer's activism at Northeastern on Friday, February 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. Her novel, *The Color Purple*, won a Pulitzer Prize. Her latest book, *Anything We Love Can Be Saved: A Writer's Activism*, is a collection of essays. A Q. & A. session and reception will follow Walker's presentation. See the "Calendar of Events," on page 2 of this issue for Alice Walker preview events. □



Northeastern. She is a volunteer at Life Span (anti-domestic violence agency) and helped with the rebuilding of African American churches in spring 1996 for Chicago Unites Against Racism and the Burning of African American Churches.

Shelley Bannister, associate professor, Criminal Justice and Women's Studies, has provided consistent leadership in the Women's Studies Program. She is a dedicated teacher, offering Women's Studies courses on a regular basis and integrating women's studies issues into her criminal justice courses. Additionally, her research and political work has focused on women's studies issues.

Martha Thompson, professor, Sociology and Women's Studies, led the Women's Studies Program during the transition between coordinators, infusing new life and energy into the program and its staff. Students talk about her profound effect on them, opening their minds, encouraging them to learn from each other as well as from their texts, and challenging them to dig deeply into their thoughts. □

Teacher Ed Grads Prepare for Job Seeking Process

As part of a program to prepare teacher education graduates for the job market, the College of Education's Clinical Experience and Student Teaching (CEST) Office and NEIU's Placement Office are jointly sponsoring a Teacher Credentials Seminar, Saturday, February 21, 8:30 a.m.-12 noon at the university.

The seminar approaches job seeking from three distinct arenas: members of NEIU's faculty and staff will be on hand to familiarize students with state certification and entitlement regulations and forms. A representative from the university's Placement Office will cover placement procedures and materials necessary for job consideration. A panel of teachers and administrators from Chicago and suburban schools will discuss how to get an interview, how to get a job, and what schools are looking for in new teacher hires.

Now in its eighth year, the seminar is offered twice a year prior to the teacher job fair, which is held on campus each spring. An offshoot of the seminar has been development of a two-session workshop on resume writing for teachers, offered by the Placement Office. According to both Lorn Coleman, director of

Placement, and Dr. Janet Bercik, director of CEST, both the resume workshops and the seminar have been well received by College of Education students. Stated Bercik, "We believe that preparing our graduates for the job seeking process is an integral part of their educational experience at Northeastern." □

NEIU Women Faculty Mentoring Group

Women faculty mentoring new women faculty is the purpose of a new group that has been meeting since November 1997. It has evolved into a "group mentoring situation" in addition to one-on-one mentoring, said Laurie Fuller, coordinator of the Women's Studies Program.

One purpose of the group, Fuller noted, is to meet new people and have more women faculty members to call upon. New faculty benefit from talking with the people who have been here and done it and can give advice, she added.

All women faculty are invited to the next meeting on Tuesday, February 24, during the Activity Hour, at 1:40 p.m. Bring your own lunch and spend some time with other women faculty.

For more information, call Fuller at ext. 3308 or e-mail to Ls-Fuller@neiu.edu. □

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The symposium steering committee wants faculty members to encourage students to plan on presenting the results of their work at this symposium.

What interested students need to do is: 1) **identify a theme** in the social sciences, humanities, natural and applied sciences, which they think merits research elaboration or an activity (a musical composition, poem, painting, dance or any other artistic work that is worthy of creative performance); 2) **select and consult with a faculty sponsor**; 3) finalize a **one-page abstract**, and 4) submit the abstract **by Monday, March 9**.

For more information contact your college or program representative on the symposium steering committee:

Maureen Erber, College of Arts & Sciences, ext. 2592, SCI-313C;

Edward Odisho, College of Education, ext. 2727, CLS-3002;

Narendar Rao, College of Business & Management, ext. 2879, CLS-0007;

Ricki Shine, Honors Program, ext. 6277, CBL-520;

Constance Speake, for the Graduate College, ext. 2940, CBL-626;

John Al-Bazi, symposium coordinator, can be reached at ext. 2626. □

Calendar NOTES

Alice Walker book discussion: *Anything We Love Can Be Saved: A Writer's Activism* (1997), a book of essays inspired by Walker's ever-expanding political activism. Tue., Feb.

17 at 1:40 p.m. in CC-214.

Alice Walker talk, "Writing at the Meridian: Alice Walker's Literary Politics" by Timothy Libretti, English. Thur., Feb 19 at 1:40 p.m. in CC-216.

Melissa Thodos & Dancers perform "The Art of Creating Dance; Choreographing with Props." Thur., Feb. 19, 11:00 a.m. in the Auditorium. Information: 773-794-3042.

Ruth Page Dance Series concert features NEIU's Ensemble Español, the Jump Rhythm Jazz Project, Melissa Thodos & Dancers, the Xsight! Performance Group. Fri., Sat., Feb. 20-21, 8:00 p.m., Auditorium. Information: 773-794-3042.

Generativity Club Lecture, author Frida Furman, Ph.D. "Facing the Mirror: Older Women and Beauty Shop Culture." Mon., Feb. 23 at 7:00 p.m., Golden Eagles Room.

APICS and Marketing clubs lecture: Charles Falk, dean of the College of Business and Management, will talk about "Work-

place Stress," Tue., Feb. 24 at 1:40 p.m. in CLS 3109.

Apocalypse Literary Arts Club poetry reading; Maureen Seaton, poet; Tue., Feb. 24 at 7:00 p.m. in Alumni Hall. □

Faculty & Staff NEWS

Susan Coyle, administrative aide, Computer Science, was selected as Northeastern's Civil Service Employee of the Month for January 1998.

An article by **Mei-wei Chen**, assistant professor, Counselor Education, "Deconstructing Dispositional Bias in Clinical Inference: Two Interventions," was published in the American Counseling Association's flagship *Journal of Counseling and Development*, Winter 1997, pp.74-81.

Damion Jones, sports information director, will be on air with local sportscaster Les Grobstein when the Golden Eagles play Oral Roberts February 21 on WJGG, AM 1530, at 3:00 p.m.

Lisa Quinn, director of Alumni Affairs, with fellow alums and former NEIU basketball teammates Pam Smith and Catherine Fowler, won the Women's Division Championship of Mayor Daley's Holiday Hoops 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament. The tournament was hosted December 27-28 at McCormick Place. □