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Honors for 1997 Employee of the Year Go to Judy Cascone

A high point of the NEIU Civil Service Awards Ceremony every year is the announcement of the Employee of the Year. When President Salme Steinberg named Judy Cascone, Benefits Manager, Personnel Department, as the Employee of the Year for 1997, a shout of approval went up from the audience at this year's ceremony on May 19.

All seemed to agree with the President: Judy "is recognized throughout the university for her extremely conscientious and helpful manner, her desire to help wherever and however possible, as well as for her wealth of knowledge and high degree of professionalism." She "possesses that rare combination of intelligence, good nature and a hard work ethic that is a pleasure to acknowledge."

In addition to the vocal appreciation of the university community, Judy received a plaque and a check for \$300.

NEIU Annual Report Wins Prestigious Award

NEIU's already award-winning Annual Report now wears another feather in its cap. Winner of Apex awards in previous years, our 1996-97 annual report was awarded a Golden Trumpet Award (for non-profit annual reports) from the Publicity Club of Chicago at its 39th Annual Golden Trumpet Awards Banquet. One of the nation's largest organizations of public relations professionals, the Publicity Club of Chicago sponsors its highly regarded annual awards competition to recognize achievements by public relations professionals in the Midwest. □

A Construction Filled Summer

Summer finds the Northeastern campus busy with construction projects **in addition** to the Fine Arts Center. We are so accustomed to the construction of the Fine Arts building that we may forget that it will be ready for classes in January 1999. The **other** projects happen to be more under foot and consist of renovations in and around the Commuter Center and the installation of new water mains.

The South Corridor Gets Hammered

The South Corridor--the hallway that extends west from the Village Square, past the bookstore, the Auditorium and the Fine Arts construction, to the vestibule doors that lead to the parking lots--will continue to be closed for construction for the summer. The reason is the replacement of the fire alarm system in the South Corridor ceilings, which involves the removal of asbestos-containing material. All entries to this area are sealed off to protect university personnel from the asbestos abatement procedures.

In addition to the new fire safety devices, the hallway lighting system and floor tile will be replaced. By the end of summer the South Corridor will be re-opened. Then, the same construction activity will be repeated in the North Corridor.

Doors to Parking Open Soon

Commuters entering the university from the south parking lots (F, G, etc.) have been unable to use the vestibule doors next to the Fine Arts Center construction site. **These doors will be open again by mid-June.** Pedestrian traffic, however, will be routed north through the E-Building hallway to the North Corridor.

ridor, on the other side of the Auditorium and bookstore.

Big Changes for Commuter Center

Though the university community will once again walk in the South Corridor, a favorite destination, the Commuter Center, will be off-limits. . . for a **year**, due -- you guessed it -- to construction. Now in its final phase, Phase III (Phases I and II saw renovation of all restrooms, exterior improvements, creation of a new student reading lounge, and upgrading the Village Square area) will complete the
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CALENDAR NOTES

At its **Wellness Awareness Month** table the NEIU Health Service will have a nurse present to answer questions (or even make a referral to a doctor or clinic) and a video and brochures on wellness, illness, nutrition, fitness, etc. Thursday, June 11, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; in front of Health Service office, B-117.

Stage Center Theatre performs the first of three plays in its summer season: *Crimes of the Heart*, June 11-13, 18-20, and 25-27; 7:30 p.m., Stage Center Theatre. For ticket information: 773/794-6652; NEIU faculty, staff, and students free with valid I.D.

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Commuter Center project. Improvements include new ceilings, finishes and lighting, a new visually open stairway, a remodeled cafeteria, conversion of the Heritage Room into a multi-purpose room, and new lounge seating. The Golden Eagles Room and Alumni Hall (the latter will serve also as a temporary dining facility) are not part of this project.

New Water Mains

Construction of a new water main began in May under the old B Drive and parking lot D, continued south through lots E and F, and in June will continue through lot G and join the existing water main at the southwest corner of the Library.

The phasing of this project is intended to minimize disruption. In particular, the extent of open trenching will be minimized: each day the contractor will dig trench, install new pipe, and then cover the excavation. Thus, traffic flow and available parking will change daily.

Also involved in this project is the construction of three new underground water meter vaults, which will affect traffic on St. Louis and Bryn Mawr Avenues.

Getting to Looking Good

The bottom line is that the core of the campus is undergoing major construction activity this year. The work has been scheduled, however, to minimize overall inconvenience to the campus community. Please proceed with caution around all construction areas. Be careful but also be patient **and** optimistic. The place is getting to look better and better.

Next year the construction projects include the Auditorium renovation, landscaping outside the Commuter Center, and converting the old B Drive into an attractive University Commons. At least this work will be less under foot. □

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Coffeehouse, sponsored by the NPB (Northeastern Programming Board), presents Love Notes (guitar, flute) Wednesday, June 17 in the B-Wing Courtyard, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Coffeehouse presents the steel drum trio, Steel Express, Tuesday, June 30, same time, same place.

A Summer Health and Sun Sense table outside the Health Service office in the B-Wing (B-117) will offer literature and show a video on sun safety, sun stroke, skin damage, and cancer; nurse available to answer questions; Thursday, July 9, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Stage Center Theatre presents *The Nerd* by Larry Shue; July 9-11, 16-18, 23-25; 7:30 p.m., Stage Center Theatre.

As part of its annual American Spanish Dance Festival (July 6-19), **Ensemble Español** Spanish Dance Theater performs Friday and Saturday, July 17, 18 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, July 19, at 3:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. A special "Feria de Amor" Fiesta Benefit Night will follow the July 18 performance, featuring Latin dancing, refreshments, and more. Inf. 773/583-4050, ext. 3015. □

The new Cash Station location: in the Village Square area near the exit opposite Student Support Services.

Faculty & Staff NEWS

NEIU's **Debra Bruce-Kinnebrew**, English, gave poetry readings recently at Eastern Illinois University, the Derriere Guard Festival of Art, Architecture, Music, and Poetry at the Graham Foundation in Chicago; the Poetry Center of Chicago, and Knox College. Bruce was the final judge for the annual Guy Davenport Poetry Award at Knox College, and her latest book of poetry, *What Wind Will Do*, was a finalist for the 1998 Midland Society of Authors Poetry Award.

Charles F. Falk, dean, College of Business and Management, presented a paper, "Re-Engineering Management Education: New Models for the Millennium," at a four-day international conference, "Towards the Global University: Strategies for the Third Millennium," in Tours, France, April 7-10.

Renny Golden, Criminal Justice, was the subject of a lengthy retrospective article in the May 24 issue of *The Chicago Tribune*.

Patrick B. Miller, History, was recently awarded a J. William Fulbright Scholarship. Miller will lecture in Germany during the 1998-99 academic year.

Beth Schurgin-Cutler, Library Operations Assistant/Reference, Library, has been selected as the NEIU Employee of the Month for May 1998. □

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