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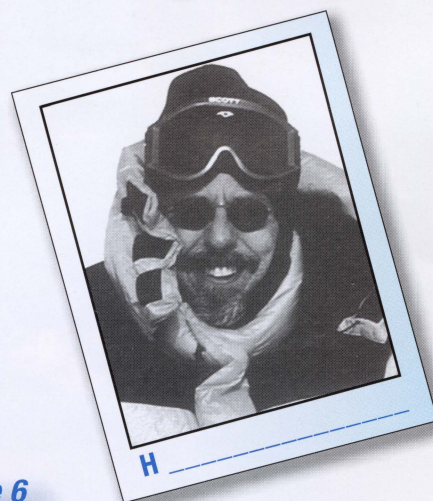
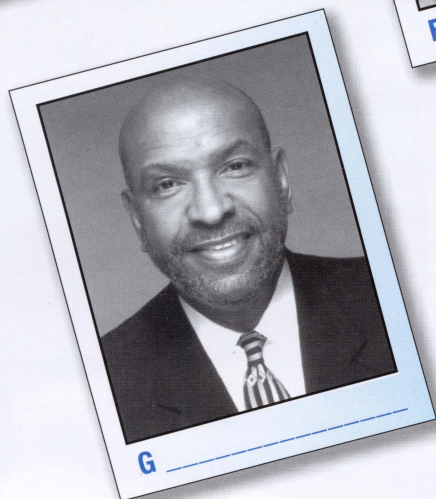
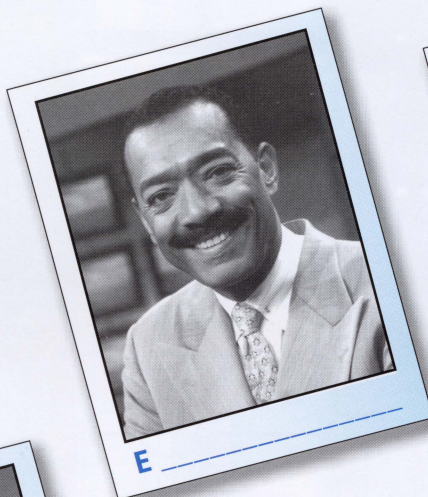
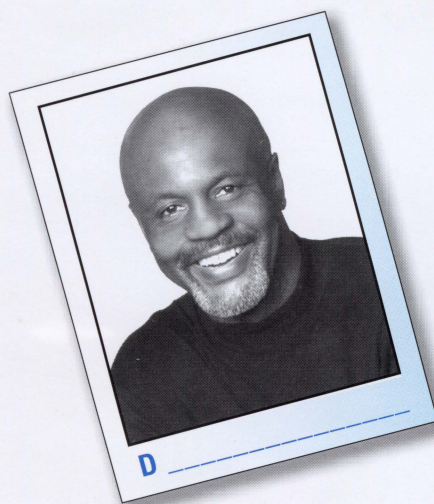
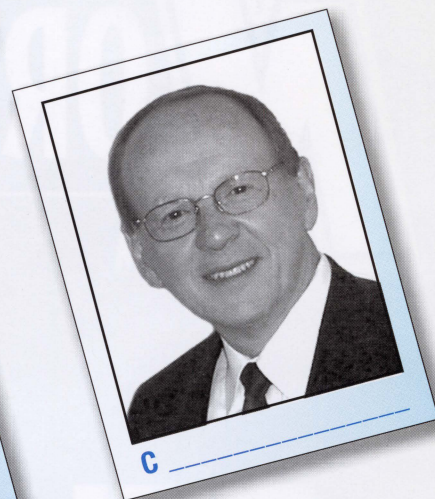
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Can you identify these alumni?



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Nighttime view of elevator and stair tower at northeast corner of NEIU's new parking garage.
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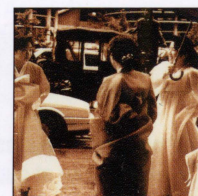
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IMAGES OF CHICAGO CAPTURING THE AMERICAN DREAM

BY **ELAINE SPECTER**, Editorial Writer

Life in Chicago for both Korean and Japanese Americans is chronicled through two separate photographic history books in the "Images of America" series.

"Japanese Americans in Chicago" by Dr. Alice Murata, professor of counselor education, tells both

the story of the Japanese Americans who were forced into camps during World War II and their life after the war. The book, with over 200 historical photographs, features both personal and public images, showing a life of hardship and joy with many tragedies and numerous successes.

Dr. Kyu Young Park, coordinator of Asian programs and director of the Korean Institute at NEIU, is the

author of "Korean Americans in Chicago," a personal account and a true photographic journey telling the history of Korean immigration, settlement and growth in the Chicago area.

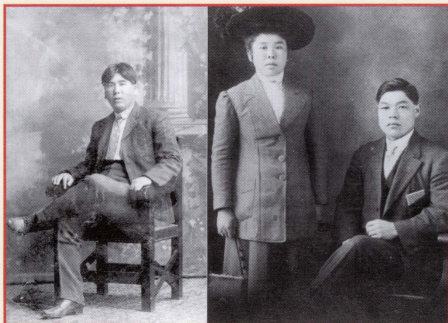
The "Images of America" series highlights diverse ethnic and religious groups celebrating significant achievements and growth in American communities.

"JAPANESE AMERICANS IN CHICAGO"

BY **ALICE MURATA, Ph.D.**

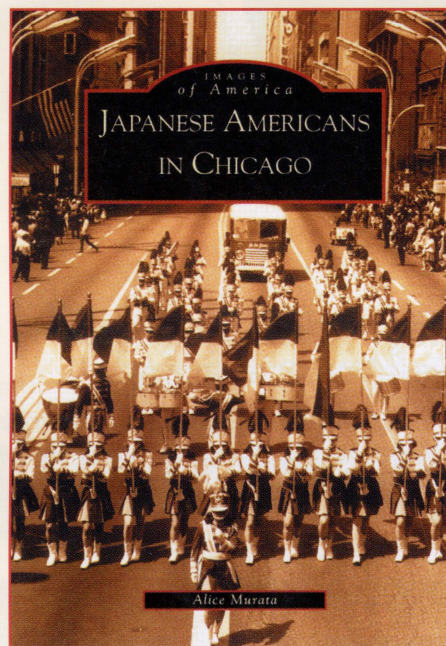
The story of Japanese Americans is not well known because of our tendency to remain quiet and move easily with people. It is more than 150 years since Commodore Matthew Perry opened the doors of Japan and the very best time to be Japanese American.

I am grateful to my family for their sacrifices and hard work so that I can have a better life. Both sets of grandparents toiled endlessly in California as truck farmers. Unlike immigrants from Europe they were not allowed citizenship. It was against the law for them to own land or to rent the same property for more than three years, so they arduously prepared new land to cultivate again and again. My parents took years of savings to begin a chicken farm in 1941 and their baby chicks had just begun to produce eggs when the family was forced into Poston Camp in Arizona. Unable to return to the West Coast, my father was happy to find employment in Chicago. Here we began again in a conducive environment where diverse ethnic groups coexisted.



Alice Murata's paternal grandfather, Kiyotaro Murata, maternal grandmother, Masaye (Oda) and grandfather Shintaro Takamiy.

Most research has been done on the camp experiences, but my interest is in re-settlement, documenting how Japanese Americans made Chicago their home.



The Nisei Drum and Bugle Corp, part of Nisei Post #1183, parade down State Street. Japanese Americans served in every war since 1862 and during World War II served in special segregated units. It may be little known that they were the first to reach Dachau to free Jewish Holocaust victims while their own parents were held in America's concentration camps.

For the Columbian Exposition in 1893, the Japanese government donated the Ho-o-den or Phoenix Pavilion built in the image of the 1053 Byodin Monastery at Uji. This was the first time



beautiful Japanese architecture was constructed in America without the use of nails. Located on Wooded Island, it was renamed Osaka Garden to honor our sister city relationship. An annual festival is held usually in September. The Ho-o-den Central Hall Carvings can be viewed at the University of Illinois in Chicago, department of architecture.

While most architects looked to Europe for inspiration, Frank Lloyd Wright was impressed by the Ho-o-den and looked to Japan. His first prairie style house, built for the Willetts in Highland Park, was a wooden frame structure replicating the interlocked cross axes of the Ho-o-den. The Coonley Playhouse of 1912 was considered to be a purely Ho-o-den. This year a Centennial Festival marking Wright's first visit to Japan is being celebrated with special events.



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Invitational Games at Lane Tech High School in 1949 included out of town teams from Salt Lake City, Hawaii and Berkeley. More than 2,000 attended and a tournament queen was chosen. Groups were created during and after World War II as a way to provide support for Japanese Americans. In spite of residing in areas where neighborhood bars, gambling houses, pool halls, strip joints, and prostitution flourished, Issei parents maintained high aspirations for their offspring and encouraged participation in school and sports activities. They were proud that the first doctoral degree from the University of Chicago was awarded to a Japanese student, Eiji Asada.

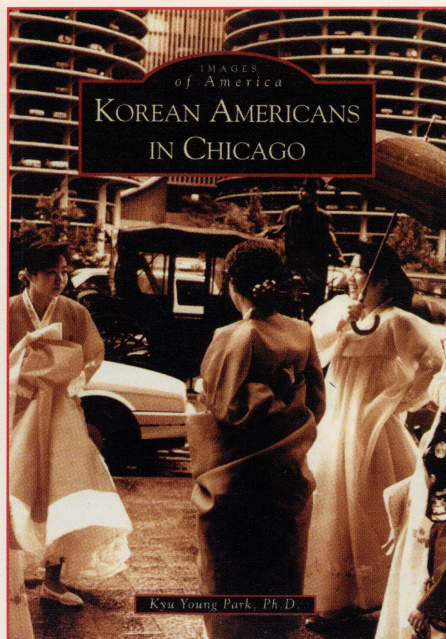
The Chicago Historical Society was kind to include Japanese American sports materials as part of the neighborhood sports section of their Chicago Sports: "You Shoulda Been There" exhibit in 2003-04. Because the number of exhibited items was small, the Chicago Japanese American Historical Society developed a more extensive exhibit, "Japanese American Team Spirit" chronicling the activities of the Chicago Nisei Athletic Association.

"KOREAN AMERICANS IN CHICAGO"

BY KYU YOUNG PARK, Ph.D.

On January 13, 2003, a celebration occurred marking 100 years of Korean American immigration in the United States and 40 years of immigrant life for approximately 150,000 Americans of Korean descent presently living in the Chicago metropolitan area. "Korean Americans in Chicago" provides a pictorial history of the cultural contributions that Korean Americans have made to American society in general and to the Chicago area in particular. It is divided into seven parts: community; politics; business; education; religion; media, arts and entertainment; and sports. It is the author's hope that it will reveal to all Americans the importance of Korean American contributions to the growth of Chicago and that young people will be exposed to the history of their forefathers and the achievements that were made.

On June 6, 1982, Koreans celebrated the 100th anniversary of the formal treaty of commerce with the United States. In Chicago, Korean Americans sponsored the Korean Parade downtown in commemoration of the event. Some members of the Korean American community are seen in "Hanbok," traditional dress, on Wacker Drive waiting for the start of the parade.



January 13, 1903 is a landmark date for all Korean Americans. On this day, 102 bold pioneers who sought a new life of hope and determination left behind family, friends and motherland to embrace the unknown. The ship, The Gaelic, brought 102 Korean immigrants to Hawaii and began the first wave of Korean immigration to the U.S.



(Courtesy of Rev. Peter Young Kil Kim)

After arriving in Hawaii, they were hired to work as laborers in sugar cane fields. Each workday was filled with 10 hours of hard labor, for which they were paid only 75 cents. These pioneers had a tremendous impact on the Korean independence movement, and helped to improve Korean-U.S. relations.



Earlier immigrants greet new arrivals in 1904 with Korean and U.S. national flags. (Courtesy of Rev. Peter Young Kil Kim)



(Photograph by Young Sik Cho)

Northeastern Illinois University President Salme Harju Steinberg received the Grand Asian Award from the Asian American Coalition of Chicago during Lunar New Year Celebration 2002 at the Hyatt Hotel in March. The Grand Asian Award is given to a non-Asian who has promoted the welfare of Asian Americans and has contributed significantly to the betterment of the Asian community. Each Asian community of the coalition can nominate one candidate for this category.



The first Korean bank in Chicago, Foster Bank, was founded in 1989 by Kun Chae Bae, president of KM Ventures, Inc. He believed he could help his fellow Korean Americans prosper.

The Korean American community developed important relationships with Chicago's mayors, especially Harold Washington and Richard M. Daley, who both did a great deal to help the community.



Korean American leaders are pictured with Mayor Richard Daley during his re-election campaign in 1991. (Courtesy of Chong Sik Kim)

"A TIME TO GIVE"

Foundation Receives Largest Donation in NEIU History

By **SUSAN APPEL BASS**, Staff Writer



The Northeastern Illinois University Foundation recently received a gift of more than \$500,000, the largest single gift in NEIU history. The contribution comes as a result of the sale of Professor Emeritus Dr. Bernard Brommel's penthouse condominium located on the North Side of Chicago.

Restored by Dr. Brommel "board by board and room by room," the penthouse has northerly vistas of Lake Michigan as far as Evanston and an inland view that includes Wrigley Field. In 1997, Dr. Brommel deeded the penthouse to the University Foundation with the stipulation that he could reside there during his lifetime. His decision to move to a smaller residence allowed the University an opportunity to sell the condo.

Proceeds from the sale will be used to support 10 new annual scholarships named in honor of a select group of Dr. Brommel's former students and associates. Two of the 10 scholarships are for students majoring in communication, media and theatre, and two are for students majoring in music. The other six scholarships are given to three students in honors program, one in political science, one in history, and one in the board of governors or university without walls program. All of the scholarships will be awarded to outstanding undergraduates at the junior level for completion of their senior year.

These 10 scholarships are not the first created by Dr. Brommel. He previously established an endowed scholarship to support NEIU graduates who are pursuing doctoral level study.

Additionally, he and President Steinberg began an organization called The Northeastern Illinois University 1867 Founders Society. (The date 1867 marks the beginning of the University in Blue Island, Illinois, with the first classes held in a leaky railroad freight car.) Its purpose is to increase the future endowment of NEIU by encouraging faculty, alumni and friends to remember Northeastern in their wills.

Reflecting on his commitment to students and his many involvements with the University, President Steinberg said, "Dr. Brommel is a person truly committed to helping others with imagination and perseverance. He not only takes action when he sees a need, but he encourages others to follow his lead. He is a remarkably generous man."

Dr. Brommel has said that he hopes his contributions will be instrumental in "creating a community of giving" at Northeastern. His motivation comes from a career spanning more than five decades of dedication to teaching, learning and academic excellence. Moreover, he fits the profile of many Northeastern students.

"I loved the students at Northeastern. Most of them like me — first generation students struggling to make ends meet.... I empathized with them, knowing how hard it is to have to work, pay bills and find time to get to the library."

Dr. Brommel himself is one of nine children raised on a farm in Iowa that had no electricity, running water or a bathroom. Most of the boys in the community never completed high school because they went to work on the farm.

But it was Dr. Brommel's seventh grade English teacher, Grace Laird, who inspired him to continue his education. She encouraged him to read widely, loaned him books from her own library and gave him her personal copy of Webster's Dictionary. Then, thanks to a \$300 scholarship from Sears, Roebuck & Co., he was able to attend college.

When his father left him at the bus stop to go to Ames, Iowa, his clothes were packed in two cardboard boxes and he had less than \$50 in his pocket. "I found a room for \$7 a week in the basement of an old house... I had to get a job fast or not eat. Thus began a life of working a couple of part-time jobs and going to school full-time."

In 1950, Dr. Brommel earned a bachelor's degree from what is now the University of Northern Iowa, and then taught at high schools and a community college in Iowa while pursuing advanced degrees. In 1955, he earned a master's degree in education with an emphasis in speech education and theater from the University of Iowa and in 1963 he earned a doctorate in speech communication from Indiana University. After a few years at the University of North Dakota as professor and chairman of speech and theater, Dr. Brommel came to Northeastern in 1971 to teach speech.

In speaking about his commitment to the University, Dr. Brommel has said, "Northeastern has been good to me and has given me great opportunities.... For me there was a time to learn, a time to earn and now there is a time to return." ■

e-mentoring

Alumni Provide Spark for New Mentoring Initiative

By **SUSAN APPEL BASS**, Staff Writer

Northeastern's department of special education has developed an innovative mentoring initiative that could prove to be a model for special education teacher training programs across the country. And alumni are fueling the efforts.

Teacher mentoring is not a new concept. In fact, statistics have indicated that a mentoring program can increase the teacher retention rate by nearly 50 percent (Creating a Teacher, 1999). Consequently, many school districts and teacher training programs have some type of mentoring initiative in place. The model developed by NEIU's special education department combines a number of elements and provides a unique approach to the practice of mentoring.

One of these elements is employing experienced alumni to mentor new alumni. Nan Giblin, former dean of the College of Education, came up with the idea. "These days, mentoring has become an integral part of most teacher training programs," said Giblin. "But there are few, if any, mentoring initiatives that are using their experienced alumni to mentor their own new graduates. We have so many talented alumni, it just made sense to draw upon their talents."

The special education model, known as the Exceptional Mentoring Project (EMP), uses the computer as a means for teachers to communicate back and forth. It is called e-mentoring. (E is short for electronic.) In and of itself, e-mentor-ing is not a new practice. Colleges of education and school districts already make use of this technology because it allows teachers to take advantage of mentoring at any time of day or night. What makes EMP unique is that it has an e-mentoring Web site specifically designed for special education teachers.

According to Alice Giacobbe, assistant professor, special education, and one of

the coordinators of the initiative, "Special education teachers have a particular set of issues and problems that regular classroom teachers may not necessarily encounter. We have developed an electronic site to address those issues. Ultimately we hope that other teacher training programs for special educators will make use of what we learn from our efforts."

To help set up the site, Northeastern partnered with the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign (UIUC) which had developed an electronic mentoring initiative for math teachers. UIUC provided technical expertise and initial training in use of the software package that was selected to support the project. The software allows new and experienced teachers to discuss classroom experiences, ask questions, share resources, and reflect on their practice in a password-protected environment that provides anonymity.

To optimize use of the Web site, Giacobbe and Sandra Beyda Lorie, associate professor, special

education, who is also coordinating the project, created categories for discussion based on best mentoring practices for special education teachers. The site includes a topic of the week section, a teacher's lounge area where both mentors and novices can post inspirational stories and/or any updates on conferences and research, and a "seeking wisdom" section where teachers post questions or problems. There is also an "urgent" conference area for teachers who may need an immediate response to a problem.

The site was launched in the spring of 2004. Fourteen undergraduates who were doing their student teaching and five experienced special educators with master's degrees from NEIU were selected to participate. The first group of novices is now out in the field teaching and is continuing to make use of the site. In September, 2004, three undergraduates, 17 graduates and three mentors were added to the project.

Giacobbe and Beyda Lorie are collecting both quantitative and qualitative data for research purposes. They are keeping statistics on how often and in what way the site is being used. They are also making an analysis of the comments about the site's effectiveness. This will help them to improve and build upon what they have already developed.

Giacobbe recently attended a national conference for special educators where she presented the particulars of EMP. She has reported that early analysis of the data reveals that the site is extremely helpful in giving support to student teachers. Mentors have also found the site helpful, particularly in renewing and revitalizing their enthusiasm for teaching special education.

For more information or to inquire about participation in EMP, e-mail Alice Giacobbe at A-Giacobbe@neiu.edu or Sandra Beyda Lorie at S-Beyda@neiu.edu. ■



Sandra Beyda Lorie (left) and Alice Giacobbe, coordinators of the new e-mentoring initiative for special education teachers, review discussions on the mentoring Web site. The initiative was originally funded in part by a Federal Title II Higher Education Teacher Quality Enhancement Partnership Grant.

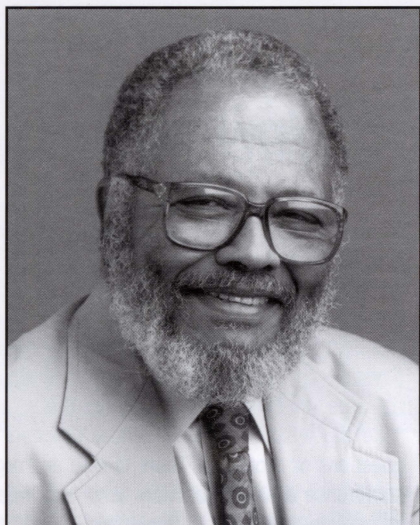
New Master's Program in Rehabilitation Counseling

A new master's program in rehabilitation counseling, department of counselor education, is enrolling students for courses that will begin in the fall of 2005.

Rehabilitation counselors work with and for people with disabilities to facilitate their maximum functioning in their environment of choice with a specific focus on employment and independent living. They work within public

and private organizations in such areas as government agencies, community-based organizations, schools, insurance companies, hospitals, and centers for independent living.

The new rehabilitation counseling master's program consists of 48 graduate semester hours of study including internship field-based experiences.



Center for Inner City Studies Renamed

Northeastern's Center for Inner City Studies (CICS) will now be known as the Northeastern Illinois University Jacob H. Carruthers Center for Inner City Studies. The Board of Trustees approved the recommendation to rename CICS in honor of the late Dr. Jacob H. Carruthers at its November 2004 meeting. The Center is located at 700 East Oakwood Boulevard in Chicago. It was established in 1966 as a commitment to Chicago's inner city communities.

Dr. Carruthers joined the staff of the department of inner city studies education at the Center for Inner City Studies as an assistant professor in September 1968. He served as chair of the department of inner city studies education for 10 years. He spearheaded the CICS realignment of the curriculum with an African worldview.

He wrote several important books including "Intellectual Warfare" (1999), "African or American: A Question of Intellectual Allegiance" (1994), "Mdw Ntr: Divine Speech" (1995), "Essays in Ancient Egyptian Studies" (1984), "The Irritated Genie" (1985), and "Science and Oppression" (1972).

The Illinois General Assembly passed a resolution at the time of his death memorializing Professor Carruthers' accomplishments and contribution.

Comcast Donates Camera Package

Comcast Corporation, the nation's largest cable TV company, has donated a Sony camera package worth \$5,000 to the University. The gift was given in recognition of student-based participation in the "Chicago World War II Veterans Oral History Anthology." Sponsored by the Office of Congressman Rahm Emanuel, 5th District, Illinois, the project documented veterans' stories, memories and

experiences in a community-wide collaborative effort. The video and documentation is being sent to the Library of Congress American Folklife Center where it will become a permanent piece of the library's Veterans Oral History Project. The equipment donated by Comcast will allow students to work on similar projects in the future.

NEIU Honors Supporters with Wall of Recognition

A new donor recognition wall honors individuals for their contributions to NEIU as "Distinguished donors whose outstanding generosity demonstrates a commitment to the tradition of yesterday and the vision of tomorrow."

The wall has five categories for various levels of lifetime giving – visionaries, benefactors, leaders, patrons, and friends. Donors acknowledged on the wall have given a total of at least \$5,000.

Dr. Bernard Brommel, professor emeritus, communication, media and theatre, and Daniel L. Goodwin, chair of the NEIU Board of Trustees, occupy the highest category, visionaries.

Donors who annually give \$150 or more are honored in a separate frame, which is updated quarterly to include new donors.

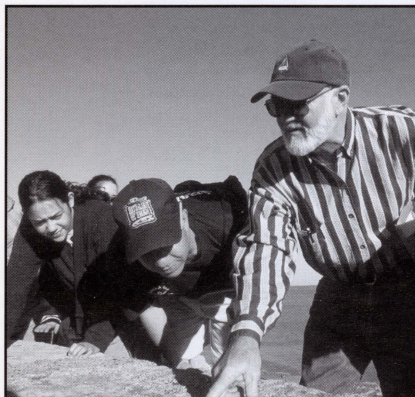
NEIU Receives Illinois Clean Energy Grant

Northeastern is the recipient of a grant from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation that will support a lighting upgrade of its Physical Education Complex and Jacob H. Carruthers Center for Inner City Studies.

The Carruthers Center for Inner City Studies was built in 1904 and upgraded in 1974. The

Physical Education Complex was built in 1986. Both buildings contain original light fixtures that have been found to be less energy-efficient and environmentally sound than newer appliances. The upgrade planned for the buildings will reduce electrical consumption and the amount of pollution in Illinois, and will improve the quality of light for faculty, staff and students of the University.

Working to Save the Shoreline



Students have teamed up with Charles Shabica, professor, earth science, to reduce levels of pollution in the Great Lakes. The students will work with Charles Shabica & Associates, Inc., installing a perched wetland filter system at the north end of Foss Beach Park in North Chicago.

Approximately 300 metric tons of clay, soil and organic debris are washed into Lake Michigan annually from this area. This pollution is detrimental to aquatic life and the general health of the nearshore ecosystem.

Shoreline restoration at Foss Beach Park will provide a safe recreational area for residents and visitors to North Chicago. This project will also serve to beautify the beach area of the park while at the same time greatly reducing non-point source pollution into Lake Michigan.

Northeastern is the Most Ethnically Diverse University in the Midwest

Northeastern has again been ranked the most ethnically diverse university in the Midwest by *U.S. News and World Report's* yearly edition of best colleges. Northeastern has held the number one spot since the magazine started ranking this category in 1997.

The data for the rankings were drawn from each institution's 2002-2003 enrollment numbers. According to *U.S. News & World Report*, the groups forming the basis for the diversity ranking calculations were Native Americans, Asian-Americans, African-Americans who are non-Hispanic, whites who are non-Hispanic, and Hispanics.

A Musical Exchange with Kongju College



Elyse Mach (front row, right of center), professor, music, traveled to South Korea to teach a 10-day Summer Piano Institute at Kongju Communication Arts College. She was invited by Kongju College's president to present lectures, give master classes, teach piano, and give ensemble lessons to 24 of the college's piano students.

Since the summer of 2001, piano students from Kongju have come to Northeastern to participate in the Summer Music Institute that was designed and coordinated for them by Mach.

Answers from the NEIU SCRAPBOOK

A Mary Ann Bergerson Ahern, general assignment reporter, WMAQ-TV, Channel 5, Chicago
M.A.E. '79 Reading

Ahern has been at WMAQ-TV since 1989. She currently covers Chicagoland daily news stories. She has also been on special assignment in Rome and in Cuba, where she was one of the first American journalists to report from Havana.

B Joan Wester Anderson, author, freelance writer and public speaker
B.A. '94 Board of Governors

Anderson is a *New York Times* best-selling author who has published more than 10 books on the appearance of heavenly messengers and a biography of actress Loretta Young. She has been a guest on "Good Morning America," "Oprah" and "20/20."

C Daniel L. Goodwin, chairman and CEO of Inland Group, Inc.
B.A. '66 Psychology

Goodwin heads one of the largest independent real estate investment companies in the U.S. He is chairman of the NEIU Board of Trustees and has established endowed scholarships for NEIU students.

D Joel Hall, co-founder and artistic director, Joel Hall Dancers
B.A. '72 Sociology

Hall is an internationally acclaimed dancer and choreographer whose company has performed in Chicago, New York and in Europe. He has created more than 60 ballets and is noted in two major books on contemporary dance.

E Robert Jordan, anchor and reporter, WGN-TV, Channel 9, Chicago
M.A. '94 Speech

Jordan joined the WGN-TV news staff in 1973. He currently works as a producer, writer and reporter for the weekday and weekend news. He has produced several documentaries including "The Atlanta Child Murders," "The Barnevelde Tornado" and "The Price of Dignity."

F Libby Komaiko, founder and artistic director, Ensemble Español Spanish Dance Theater in residence at NEIU
B.A. '78 Nontraditional Degree Program

Komaiko is an internationally acclaimed dancer and choreographer who has performed with many renowned Spanish flamenco dancers. For nearly three decades, she has toured with her own dance company throughout Spain and the U.S. and has served as a professor of dance at NEIU.

G Warner Saunders, anchor, WMAQ-TV, Channel 5, Chicago
M.A. '70 Inner City Studies

Saunders is co-anchor of WMAQ-TV's newscasts at 6 and 10 p.m. He has been inducted into the Chicago Journalism Hall of Fame and the Chicago Academy of Television Arts and Sciences' Silver Circle, and has received 18 Chicago Emmy Awards in news and programming.

H Paul Sipiera, professor, geology and astronomy, Harper College in Palatine
B.A. '71 History and M.A. '75 Earth Science

Sipiera has led several Antarctic expeditions that have found more than 50 meteorites. He has received the USA Antarctic Service Medal and the Nininger Meteorite Research Award. He has co-authored more than 150 publications.

CLASS NOTES

1968

Richard A. Swanson, Ph.D. (M.A.T. Mathematics) retired after 38 years as a high school teacher, district supervisor and university professor in Oswego, N.Y.

1969

Lynda (Kaplan) Cuesta (B.A. Secondary Education: Spanish) retired from Belding Elementary School after 34 years teaching English as a second language and bilingual education with the Chicago Public Schools. She was acknowledged in "Who's Who Among America's Teachers."

1970

Susan S. Wallen (B.A. Early Childhood Education, M.A. '84 Reading) retired from Beye School after 33 consecutive years of teaching elementary school in Oak Park.

1971

Robert L. Brown, Ph.D. (B.A. Secondary Education: Speech, M.A. '90 Educational Administration: Administration) earned a doctorate in educational leadership from Loyola University Chicago. He is director of education at Westwood College in Woodridge.

Steven J. Friedman (B.A. Psychology) was promoted to area director of school improvement for the Broward County Public Schools in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Cathy S. Kush (B.A. Elementary Education: Linguistics, M.A. '82 Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers) won a Te@ch Award from Best Buy and the Best Buy Children's Foundation for Robert Healy School in Chicago, where she is a computer lab teacher.

Agnes (Kalicinski) Smith (B.A. Early Childhood Education, M.A.E. '79 Reading) is director of the Transitional Program of Instruction at East Prairie School in Skokie.

1972

George T. Greco (B.A. Elementary Education: Social Science) earned an associate's degree in applied science in facility management from the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn. He is manager of the Quality Control - Transit Division at Aldridge Electric, Inc. in Libertyville.

John L. Green (B.A. English) retired as a contracting officer for the Department of Veterans Affairs at the Edward Hines, Jr. Veterans Administration Hospital in Hines, Ill., after 31 years of service.

Barbara (Davis) Lowenthal, Ed.D. (M.A. Special Education: Teaching Children with Learning Disabilities) is co-author of "Preschool Children With Special Needs: Children At Risk and Children with Disabilities." She is professor emeritus of special education at NEIU.

Judith R. Rolfs, Ph.D. (B.A. Psychology) is a psychotherapist, speaker and writer. She is the author/co-author of seven books on marriage and family including "Adventures of Thomas Smurlee."

1973

Nancy Ellis, Ed.D. (M.A. Inner City Studies) is director of academic affairs for the bachelor's program in multi-disciplinary studies at Cambridge College in Cambridge, Mass. She retired as a principal of Guggenheim Elementary School in Chicago.

Paul D. Froehlich (B.A. Political Science, M.A. '75 History) is an Illinois State Representative for the 56th District in the Illinois House of Representatives in Springfield.

Rebecca (James) Josvai (B.S. Biology) is a medical technologist for Norton Healthcare at Norton Hospital in Louisville, Ky. She is president of the Kentucky Basket Association.

Timothy P. Roberts (B.A. English) is vice-president and news director of Sports Newsatellite, a division of the Phoenix Communications Group in South Hackensack, N.J. He covered his third Olympics for NBC News in Athens.

1974

Wayne C. Fox (B.A. Sociology) is president of Social Security Disabilities Advocates of the Southwest in Tempe, Ariz.

William D. Gilmore (B.A. Secondary Education: Social Science) is an archaeologist and cultural resources management consultant in Madison, Wis. He assists Native American communities and reservations with cultural resources.

1975

Leonor (Cortez) Cockrum (B.A. Secondary Education: Linguistics) earned a master's degree in business administration from the University of Illinois at Chicago. She is marketing director at Allstate Insurance Company in Northbrook.

Dorene Porter-Wiese, Ed.D. (B.A. University Without Walls) is president of the Native American Educational Services College in Chicago.

Sharon S. Rakowski (M.A.T. English: Literature) presented on "Essentials of Management" at a conference sponsored by the Property Loss Research Bureau in Chicago. She is director of human resources at YMCA of the USA, Chicago.

Ernestina (Avila) Titone (B.A. Special Education: Mental Retardation) earned a master's degree in educational leadership from Antioch University McGregor in Yellow Springs, Ohio. She is a teacher and educational administrator for the Clark County Juvenile Courts in Springfield, Ohio.

Raymond C. Vlach (B.A. Art) is an art teacher at Frederick Stock School, a special education center for preschool children and an art teacher at Ebinger Elementary School in Chicago.

1977

Beatrice (Michaels) Shapiro (B.A. Board of Governors, M.A. '82 Reading) is the author of "Breaking Ground: Careers of 20 Chicago Jewish Women."

1978

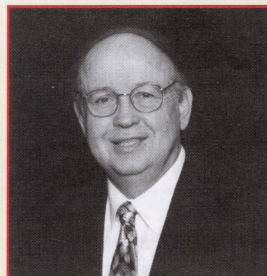
Lorelei J. Goldman (M.A. Special Education: Educating Children with Behavior Disorders) presented a workshop at the British Psychodrama Association International Conference in Oxford, England. She

2004 Polish-American Alumni Celebration at NEIU

Over 300 alumni, students and friends of the University attended the 2004 Polish-American Alumni Celebration. Two NEIU alumni were recipients of the 2004 Polish-American Community Service Award.



Marlene (Wilczynski) Gill (B.A. '97 Board of Governors, M.A. '01 Human Resource Development) was one of the first organizers and promoters of the NEIU Polish Heritage Celebrations. She has been a member of the Polish Medical Society; the Legion of Young Polish Women; the International Polka Association; the Council of Educators in Polonia; the Rebekah Association; and the Heritage Club of Polish Americans.



Kenneth P. Gill (B.A. '66 Elementary Education: History) recently returned from New York City where he served as assistant director of the United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth, Inc. project sponsored by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs in Winston - Salem, N.C. He has been a volunteer on this project for 10 years. Gill is a retired teacher and librarian for the Chicago Public Schools where he worked for 35 years. He is a member of several Polish organizations including president of the international Polka Association; co-host of IPA Radio Show, WPNA 1490; member of the Heritage Club of Polish Americans; the Council of Educators in Polonia; and the Northern Association of Odd Fellows in Illinois.

is training director at the Psychodrama Training Institute of Chicago in Evanston.

1979

Mary Ann Bergerson Ahern (M.A.E. Reading) is a general assignment reporter for WMAQ, NBC5, Chicago.

1981

Carol (Rappeport) Fink-Raskin (M.A. History) retired as an English and journalism teacher at William Howard Taft High School in Chicago after 28 years.

Pamela A. Hayward, Ph.D. (B.A. Speech) was granted tenure by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. She is associate professor of communication in the department of languages, literature and communication at Augusta State University, Ga.

1983

Lisa A. Schreier (B.A. Business and Management) is the author of "Surviving A Timeshare Presentation... Confessions From The Sales Table." She is the founder of Timeshare Insights, a timeshare consulting firm in Clermont, Fla.



Nicolette (De Leonardis) Meier (B.A. '90 Speech) was acknowledged by President George W. Bush at a Homeland Security event in Glenview. She and her three children completed community emergency response training with Maine Township and were among the first to volunteer in Utica, Illinois, following a devastating tornado.

1984

Rajan Abraham (B.S. Accounting) is a pastor at Christian Life Center in Paradise Compound in Kodaikanal, Tamil Nadu, India.

1985

Jose De Jesus Garcia (B.A. Psychology) is a teacher at Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Chicago.

Thomas F. Gull (B.S. Marketing) is the author of "The Complete Parish: A Recipe for Success." He is the business manager at Ascension Catholic Church in Oak Park.

1986

Kari Sommers (B.A. Kaskaskia) is director of marketing at Columbia College, Chicago.

1989

Christopher Metke (B.A. Economics) is co-owner of Monogram Specialties & D 1 Sports in Mundelein.

1990

Brian Gustafson (B.S. Finance) is a corporate accounting manager at the Twin City Die Castings Company in Minneapolis, Minn.

1991

James N. Curcuro (B.A. Political Science, M.A. '01 Special Education:

Teaching Children with Learning Disabilities) is a special education teacher at Maine East High School in Park Ridge.

Ralph Egan (B.A. Political Science) earned a master's degree in political studies from the University of Illinois at Springfield. He is a sergeant for the Chicago Police Department.

Jaunita Thompson (M.A. Educational Administration: Administration) is principal at Rice Education Center in Evanston.

1992

Michael S. Krzak (B.A. Environmental Studies) was promoted to partner at Clifford Law Offices, Chicago.

1993

Michael Eskay, Ph.D. (B.A. Criminal Justice) is assistant professor of education at Illinois College in Jacksonville.

Elba (Gomez) Maisonet (B.A. Elementary Education, Bilingual-Bicultural Education, M.A. '99 Administration and Supervision-General Administration Certificate) is principal at Schubert Elementary School in Chicago.

Kevin R. McCormack (B.A. Board of Governors) is senior accountant at Compass Group in the Foodbuy, LLC Division in Alpharetta, Ga.

Lester Yesnick (B.A. Secondary Education: English Education) is an English teacher at Desert Pines

High School in Las Vegas, Nev. He is also a tennis coach, girls junior varsity basketball coach, and peer mediation advisor at the high school.

1995

Barbara Jill Stellman (B.A. Board of Governors) earned a master's degree in distributed systems from DePaul University, Chicago. She is a programmer and analyst in Edmston, N.Y.

1996

Patricia Diaz (B.A. Psychology) is a research coordinator at Evanston Northwestern Healthcare in Evanston. She is on the Board of Directors for the Partnership to Educate & Advance Kids, a scholarship program helping at-risk youth to attend private high schools in Chicago.

1997

Janet L. Jones-Lee (B.A. Human Resource Development) is an industrial and organizational psychologist at Walgreen Co. headquarters in Deerfield.

Mary (Stump) Parthe (B.S. Finance) is a wealth management advisor and certified financial planner at Merrill Lynch in Northbrook.

Jordan J. Wolf (B.A. Social Work) was selected as Social Worker of the Year for Hillsborough County, Fla. He is a social worker at Tampa General Hospital in Tampa, Fla.

2001

Jesse M. Bresnahan (B.A. Board of Governors) is director of marketing at the National Registry of Environmental Professionals in Glenview.

2002

Beth A. Wunderlich (B.A. English) is an eighth grade language arts teacher at Unity Junior High School in Cicero.

2003

Michelle S. Becerra (B.S. Finance) is a client associate at Merrill Lynch in Northbrook.

2004 NEIU Faculty Excellence Awards Presented to Alumni

Dame Libby (Fleming) Komaiko
(B.A. '78 University Without Walls)

Katherine S. McKnight, Ph.D.
(M.Ed. '93 Teaching Language Arts)

2004

Josefina (Olivera) Melendez (M.A. Educational Leadership: School Leadership) is the recipient of the 2004 Principal's Achievement Award presented by Roosevelt High School in Chicago where she is the bilingual program specialist.

Jessica A. Rangel (M.A. Linguistics) is a presidential management fellow assigned to the Department of the Army equal employment opportunity and civil rights office in Arlington, Va. She is a second lieutenant and intelligence analyst in the Army Reserve in Fort Belvoir, Va.

Carol (Terrell) Martin (B.A. Board of Governors, Criminal Justice) is a staff secretary in the counselor education department, vice president of local 1989 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, and a Civil Service Council member at NEIU.

IN MEMORIAM

Alumni:

Laura A. Adamski
B.A. '74 English, History

Mabel (Kamer) Lizzo
B.A. '76 Early Childhood Education

Faculty and Staff:

Joyce L. Barnett
B.A. '72 Secondary Education: Social Science, Administrative Secretary in the Art Department

Margaret (Peggy) Condon
Professor Emeritus, Psychology

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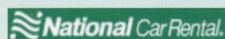
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