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CALENDAR NOTES

Puerto Rican History . . .

The Union for Puerto Rican Students presents a lecture, "A History of Puerto Rico -- The Last 150 Years," by Ramon Lopez; Thursday, December 3, 1:40 p.m., Golden Eagle Room.

. . . And Panel Discussion

The Union for Puerto Rican Students is sponsoring a panel discussion on "The Impact of 100 Years of U.S. Colonialism in Puerto Rico" on Friday, December 4, at 6:00 p.m. in the Golden Eagle Room.

NEIU Jazz Ensemble

The award-winning NEIU Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Mayo Tiana, performs Thursday, December 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium.

Holiday for the Holidays

The romantic comedy, "Holiday," is being presented by NEIU's Stage Center Theatre during the holidays. Written in the 1920s by Philip Barry, the American playwright best known for his sophisticated comedies of life and manners among the social elite, "Holiday" portrays the challenges of a young man, engaged to a girl of great wealth and social standing, and the conflicts with her father. The NEIU production is directed by Michael Buino.

The play runs Thursdays-Saturdays, December 3-5, 10-12 and 17-19, 7:30 p.m. at Stage Center. Admission \$8, senior citizens/students \$6. For ticket information, call the box office at (773) 794-6652.

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

Children's Choir to Sing

The Children's Choir, sponsored by Northeastern Illinois and the Hollywood/North Park Neighborhood Association, and directed by NEIU's Constance Speake, performs on Friday, December 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium.

South American Music

Coffeehouse, sponsored by the Northeastern Programming Board, presents the South American musical group, Ecuador Inkas; Monday, December 7, 3:00-7:00 p.m., Village Square North.

Ensemble Español

NEIU's Ensemble Español Spanish Dance Theater presents "Flamenco Passion," an evening of Spanish dance, music and song to celebrate the holiday season; Friday, Saturday, December 11, 12, 8:00 p.m., Auditorium. Admission \$21, senior citizens/students \$19, children under 12 \$16. For information call Ensemble Español at (773) 583-4050, ext. 3015.

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College of Ed Students to Participate in Technology Partnership

Beginning this fall, Northeastern Illinois' College of Education students will have an opportunity to become involved in a project which represents the cutting edge of technology use in the classroom. This involvement comes as a result of the college's participation with Maine Township School District 207 and ten schools and organizations involved in a one-year local Technology Literacy Challenge Grant awarded by the Illinois State Board of Education.

The grant is tied to the Illinois State Learning Standards and will entail the use of interdisciplinary units of instruction in Eng-
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Faculty & Staff NEWS

Katrina Bell, Speech and Performing Arts, presented the following papers at the 84th Annual Meeting of the National Communica-

tion Association in New York City on November 20-24: "Language, Performance, and Allusion: A Critical-Cultural Examination of Humor in African American Stand-up Comedy" (one of top four competitive papers in program), "Just Laughing about the Way Things Used to Be: Nostalgia and Revision in the Humor of African American Stand-up Comedy," and "Both/and Logic as Textual Device in an Analysis of Humor in African American Film Parody."

Mei-whei Chen, Counselor Education, had her article, "Therapeutic Document in Group Counseling: An Active Change Agent," published in the flagship journal of the American Counseling Association, *The Journal of Counseling and Development*, vol. 76, No. 4, Fall 1998, pp. 404-11.

The following **NEIU Earth Science** faculty and students presented their research at the annual meeting of the Geological Society of America in Toronto on October 26-29: from the faculty, **Karen Bartels**, "Effects of vibration on nucleation and crystal growth in basalt"; **Patricia Buis**, "Fluorapatite dissolution by fungi: evaluating potential bioremediation agents," and **Laura Sanders**, "Teaching hydrogeology to undergraduate and graduate students." The graduate students presenters: **Kimberly Berends**, "Water budget analysis of the Middle Fox River basin, Illinois," and **Rita Keefe** (co-author, **Dr. Charles Shabica**), "Engineering of a 1.8 mile section of Great Lakes shoreline: Fort Sheridan, IL."

C. Jeriel Howard, English, was asked to write an article on C.S. Lewis for *The Anglican*, a journal published by the General Theological Seminary in New York.
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Recent NEIU Grants

● "Pet Rocks": Constructivist Laboratory Investigations in Mineralogy, Petrology & Geochemistry

Funded by the National Science Foundation, this laboratory improvement grant will enable the purchase of new Earth Science rock-preparation equipment. The project director is Karen Bartels.

● Bilingual Early Childhood Program

With funding from the U.S. Department of Education, bilingual/bicultural teacher assistants will gain early childhood certification with bilingual approval over five years under this grant. Beverly Otto and Joaquin Villegas are the project directors.

● Preparing Future Teachers to Integrate Substance Abuse Prevention into the Curriculum

Funded by the Illinois Board of Higher Education, this project will prepare future Chicago area teachers to incorporate substance abuse prevention into curriculum. Project director is Ron Glick. □

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MLK Celebration Plans

The NEIU's 1999 Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration, "A Tribute to a King," will take place Thursday, January 14. Events and speakers will be announced later.

Fareed Haque to Perform

Guest artist Fareed Haque performs a classical guitar concert Tuesday, January 22 at 3:00 and 8:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. Admission \$5, free to NEIU students, faculty and staff. □

James Madison Fellowships

Faculty members are invited to nominate qualified students to be James Madison Memorial Foundation Fellows. The James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation, a federally-endowed program designed to strengthen instruction about the Constitution in the nation's schools, will award fellowships in 1999 for master's degree level graduate study of the framing and history of the U.S. Constitution. Fellowships carry a stipend of up to \$24,000, and will be awarded to at least one legal resident of each state.

For details about this program contact Dr. Joseph C. Morton, ext. 2844, or e-mail: j-morton1@neiu.edu. Nominations deadline: February 19, 1999. □

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lish, reading, math and social studies for at-risk freshmen at all three high schools in District 207. The purpose of the grant is three-fold: 1) to improve student learning through the Freshman Academy; 2) to improve the teaching environment at all three schools by integrating technology and engaged learning methodology; 3) to support student learning through establishment of an electronic network linking students to parents, teachers and NEIU College of Education students.

Specifically, students at Northeastern Illinois will spend 20 hours required by their general secondary methods classes at one of the Maine Township schools. This may be followed by an 80-hour clinical experience at the same school. During that time students will act as tutors and men-

tors for the freshmen. As part of these efforts, the district will be training NEIU students to use *Passkey*, the latest computer methodology for helping tutor students. To aid mentoring efforts, an e-mail account will enable additional high school students to communicate with Northeastern Illinois students on a regular basis.

According to Janet Bercik, coordinator of the college's Office of Clinical Experience and Student Teaching, participating in this project represents an unprecedented opportunity for Northeastern Illinois students. "In addition to exposure to the forefront of technology, our students will have a hands-on experience in working with young adults. They will learn how well they are able to take their content area knowledge and translate it into the workplace." □

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Howard's article, "C.S. Lewis: His Spiritual Journey," appeared in the October issue of *The Anglican*.

Wilma J. Sutton, Office of the President, received the Eleanor Roosevelt Humanitarian Award at the Alumni Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony at Roosevelt University on Saturday, October 24.

Melvin C. Terrell, vice president, Student Affairs/Public Affairs, co-edited *Enhancing Student Learning: Setting the Context*, to be published by the American College Personnel Association and University Press. Terrell co-authored a chapter of the book, and also an article, "Benefits of Affirmative Action in Student Affairs," in *Responding to the New Affirmative Action Climate* (Fall, 1998, no. 83, Jossey-Bass). □

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