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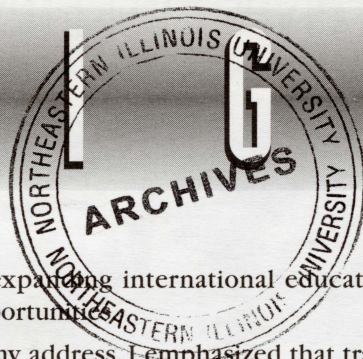
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## Message from the Desk of Salme H. Steinberg

**R**ecently, I had the opportunity to address an international roundtable of presidents and rectors from HACU, or the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, on global education. This meeting brought together universities in the United States, Latin America, and Spain for the purpose

of expanding international education opportunities.

In my address, I emphasized that traditional models of study abroad do not work well for students who are economically at risk or who have challenging family situations. This is also true for those who are the first in their families to attend college or who come from under-represented groups. These students may be enrolled in minority-serving institutions; they may be bilingual. It is our responsibility to seek alternative models for international study because we know the great benefits that international study brings to all students. And we need to make more widely known the fact that bilingual students possess the skills to develop knowledge of a third language quickly. We will expand these opportunities to our students; it is our commitment at Northeastern Illinois University.

The Memorandum of Understanding

signed between HACU and the U.S. Department of Education is an important development. In September 2000, then-Secretary of Education Richard Riley signed the Memorandum with Dr. Antonio Flores on behalf of HACU to ensure educational excellence opportunities for the Hispanic American community. Dr. Flores invited me to serve as one of five university presidents nationally who, along with five senior staff at the U.S. Department of Education, will monitor the implementation of the Memorandum. My appointment is for a two-year term. We had our first meeting in Washington early in December; however, there was no transition team in place for the new administration at that time. Even so, we tackled questions of procedure, partnership, and strategy. I am convinced one outcome will be that international study opportunities will continue to grow for our students. ■



**B**eginning March 27, three Chicago educators will explore the Amazon River while classrooms at home follow on-line. The NEIU Chicago Teachers' Center's On-Line Expeditions Amazon 2001 project connects students from Chicago Public Schools via the Internet to a live, field-based expedition. As the students participate on-line by investigating real world environmental, social and cultural issues, three Chicago

area educators on the M.S. Explorer will travel more than 2000 miles across the South American continent.

The team traveling to the Amazon includes Wendy Stack, of NEIU's Chicago Teachers' Center and director of the Chicago Gear-Up Alliance; Kathleen Rodger, a seventh grade social studies, language arts, and science Chicago Public School teacher at James Otis Elementary; and Mary Grady, a physical

education and health teacher at New Trier High School.

A kick-off presentation was held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 21, at James Otis Elementary School. Charlie Scarlett, president of Explorer Shipping Company, explained the process of the expedition and presented the team with backpacks. CLTV attended the kick off and a story ran at 6:45 p.m. that evening.

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# NEIU Freshman Receives First Presidential Scholarship

NEIU student Georgia Logothetis has been awarded the first Presidential Scholarship to Northeastern. She is currently in her first year pursuing a bachelor's degree in English.

The Presidential Scholarship is NEIU's most prestigious award, available to entering full-time freshmen, and covers the costs of tuition, fees and books for a maximum of four years, provided the student achieves a grade point average of at least 3.25 each year.

Logothetis maintained an impressive academic record throughout her high school years at Good Counsel High School in Chicago. During her senior year she took three advanced placement classes: Literature/Composition, Calculus, and



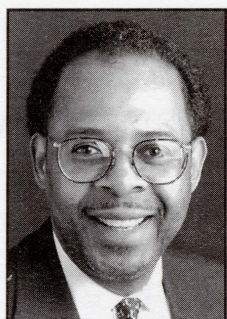
*The first recipient of a Northeastern Presidential Scholarship, Georgia Logothetis, is congratulated by President Salme H. Steinberg.*

Biology. She was elected to participate in academic groups, such as the National Honor Society, the Hispanic Honor Society, and the Science Honor Society. In addition, she taught Greek dance, worked as a peer tutor, and played viola and violin in the school orchestra.

"I'm honored to have been selected out of so many applicants," she said. "The scholarship provides an incentive to continue at a four-year institution like Northeastern."

In her personal essay, required of all scholarship applicants, she mentioned her desire to work in broadcast journalism or law. She also expressed an interest in running for political office. ■

## Vice President, Melvin Terrell, Presides at NASAP Annual Conference



*NEIU  
Vice President of  
Student Affairs,  
Melvin C. Terrell.*

**Melvin C. Terrell**, Vice President for Student Affairs, presided over the 47th Annual National Association of Student Affairs Professionals (NASAP) Conference, held February 7 - 11, at West Virginia State College in Charleston, West Virginia. The conference, titled "Explore the Diversity of Excellence in Higher Education," addressed a variety of issues related to African-American student leadership development, counseling,

mentoring, support services, health issues, retention, and career advancement.

Founded in 1954, NASAP is a group primarily of African-American professionals in higher education who specialize in student affairs administration. Its mission is to serve as a source of professional development resources and research, develop networking opportunities among members of this profession, encourage others to enter student affairs, and serve the needs specific to minority students.

Regarding his term as president of NASAP, Terrell commented, "It has been a very rewarding experience to serve in this leadership capacity for NASAP. I firmly believe that the organization is well positioned to address critical issues impacting African-American students,

educators, and administrators on our college campus." Terrell has been a member of NASAP for seven years and is the editor of the NASAP Journal. "I will continue to work on behalf of this organization, publishing, editing, and providing expertise and networking opportunities on behalf of the membership, and I value the opportunity to do so."

Terrell was the first minority individual to receive the National Association of Students Personnel Administrators' (NASPA) Region IV-East Scott Goodnight Award for Outstanding Service as a dean. He has been listed in Who's Who in Black America since 1988. He served as a consultant, and has written on a wide-range of issues such as minority student development, leadership education, cultural diversity, campus climate and student affairs administration. ■



# NEIU One of the "Best 201 Colleges"

NEIU has been named one of The Best 201 Colleges for the Real World in 2000 by author Michael Violtt in his book by that title. The inclusion in this list of colleges announces to prospective students, alumni, current students and colleagues alike that NEIU successfully serves the needs of today's students.

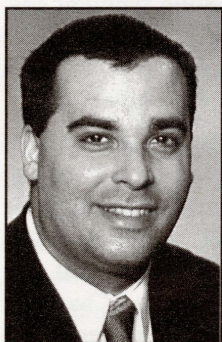
According to Violtt, criteria for selecting colleges are changing. "While some of the past criteria are important today, they miss the critical issues like total college cost and career development opportunities."

The colleges and universities were evaluated in five summary areas:

1. Opportunity for general student body to get into and pay for a college
2. The relative success of previous classes in graduating in a timely fashion
3. The commitment made by the institution to develop career opportunities
4. The overall college experience
5. Recent market response to the college or university

The Best 201 Colleges for the Real World is available from Octameron Associates, [www.ThinkTuition.com](http://www.ThinkTuition.com).

## Young Alumnus Named Member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum



**Michael S. Krzak**, 1992 NEIU alumnus and associate at Clifford Law Offices in Chicago, has been accepted as a member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum.

The Million Dollar Advocates Forum is a national organization based in California and is recognized as one of the most prestigious groups of trial lawyers in the United States. Membership is limited to attorneys who have won million and multi-million dollar verdicts, awards and settlements.

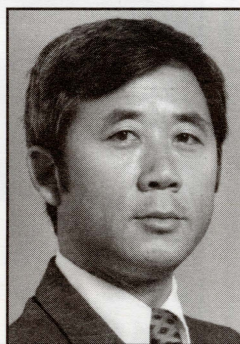
Krzak was recognized for his achievements involving a \$2.6 million verdict, setting a new legal record in the state for a woman who suffered post-traumatic stress disorder in witnessing the death of her best friend in an auto accident. He also was a key person in obtaining a \$1.8 million settlement for a construction worker who fractured his hip and vertebrae after falling off an unguarded bridge. In addition, he was part of the Clifford Law Office team that worked on the Rachel Barton trial, a violinist injured in a train accident that resulted in a \$29.6 million verdict.

Krzak works on all types of legal cases. Currently, he is handling the highly publicized case of a mother who lost her daughter in a tragic New Year's Eve shooting as well as the case of two unrelated train accidents where two motorists were killed at two different locations on the same day in Downers Grove, Ill.

Krzak graduated from NEIU with a Bachelors of Arts in envi-

ronmental studies and continued on to DePaul where he graduated with a law degree in 1997. Krzak started at Clifford Law Offices as a clerk and began as an associate attorney immediately upon the completion of his law studies. ■

## NEIU's Joo Koo Receives Prestigious Award



**Joo O. Koo**, NEIU Mathematics Professor, has been awarded the prestigious 2000 Thomas L. Saaty Prize for Applied Advances in the Mathematical and Management Sciences for his book, *Modern Mathematical, Management and Statistical Sciences, The Index to the 20th Century, Prologue to the 21st*. "In this volume, I classified about 300 articles of mathematical and management sciences to various indices by authors, titles, key-

words etc," Koo Said.

The award, established in 1981, has been awarded annually for contributions of exceptional merit appearing in the *American Journal of Mathematical and Management Sciences*. Koo received a monetary award and an engraved certificate to represent his contributions in the field of mathematical and management sciences.

Koo earned a B.S. in Mathematics from Seoul National University, M.P.H. from Yonsei University, and a M.S. and Ph.D. in Statistics from Ohio State University. He was a Fogarty Fellow of the National Institute of Health between 1978 and 1981. ■



# Professional Development Showcase: Springboard to Change

**O**n Thursday, February 15, a professional development showcase, "Springboard to Change," was held in the Student Union to allow NEIU faculty and staff and area educators to meet and consider changes that higher education might undergo in the future.

The day-long event was co-sponsored by the NEIU Office of Academic Affairs, the Professional Development Committee of the College of Education, the U.S. Department of Education, and the University Professionals of Illinois, Local 4100.

The day started in Alumni Hall with welcoming addresses by NEIU President Salme H. Steinberg and Provost Estela López who said, "The purpose of this day is to explore the many changes that the university and higher education will face in the near and not so near future." A presentation on "New Learning Structures at NEIU: Cohorts, Clusters and Learning Communities," and the keynote address, "The Changing Face of Higher Education," by Warren K. Chapman, Program Officer, Joyce

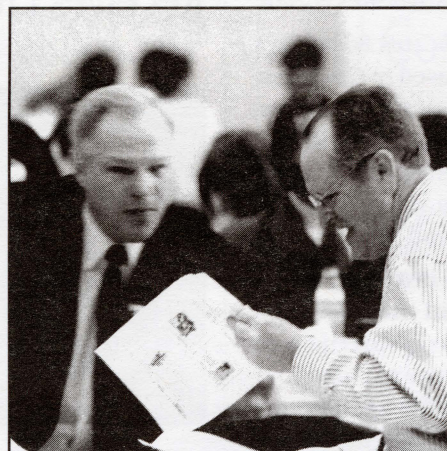


*Students of the NEIU General Education Cohort with faculty member Nanette Potee on right*

tion to not only replace retiring teachers but fill new demand." Private for-profit organizations are getting into teacher education in a big way. And distance learning keeps getting bigger.

Foundation, followed.

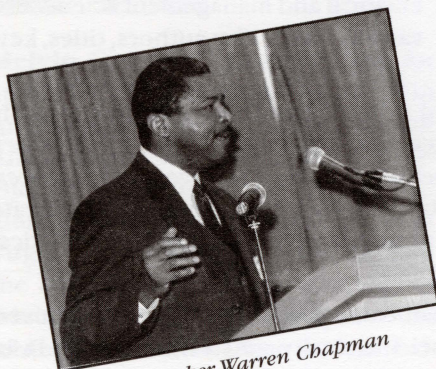
The rest of the day was filled with breakout sessions for dialogue and discussion on such topics as diversity, technology, team teaching, assessment, and professional development. Round table discussions followed which led to questions for the panel discussion to consider that ended the day's business.



*Faculty participants*

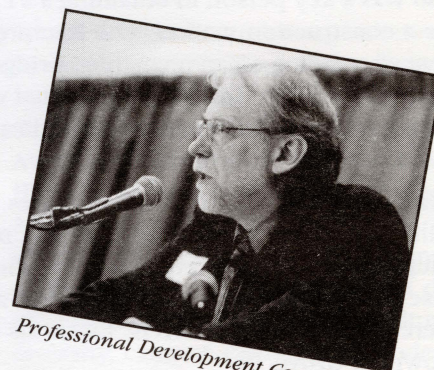
"A major shift is underway, Chapman continued, "to web-based learning. The amount of information available on the internet outstrips anything we have ever seen." Taking courses, even earning degrees on the web is getting closer. "Home schooling is the fastest growing segment anywhere in education," he added. There are even movements in several states for charter colleges and universities.

Yet, to maintain current standards of quality in the teaching profession, he noted, we will have to deal with these trends. There will be alternative routes sought for teacher certification that may need to be resisted. In closing, Chapman said, "a very interesting time lies ahead of us"; great challenges as well as opportunities await us, and "you will have to help shape this new face of higher education," he told the educators.



*Keynote Speaker Warren Chapman*

The keynote address by Warren Chapman, who is a NEIU alumnus as well as an education specialist, explored the changing face of higher education and provided the breakout sessions with much food for thought. Chapman said "There will be considerable pressure put on teacher education by the burgeoning growth of minorities plus immigra-



*Professional Development Coordinator Harold Hild*



# Faculty & Staff News



*Rachel Adeodu*



*Karen Ijams*



*Kathleen Kardaras*



*Jo Ann Karr*



*Selina Mushfi*

**Rachel Adeodu**, Assistant Professor, and **Selina Mushfi**, Assistant Professor, Teacher Education, made a presentation on "Toddler's and Preschooler's Word Acquisition in Linguistically Alternating Settings" at the Early Childhood Fall Conference of the Golden Corridor Association for the Education of Young Children at Oakton College in Des Plaines in October 2000.

**Rita Brusca-Vega**, Professor, Special Education, and **Edward Odisho**, Professor, Teacher Education, have contributed in the production of a newsletter for the members of the Research and Evaluation Special Interest Group of the National Association for Bilingual Education. The Winter 2001 issue contains an article by Odisho, "Student Research Symposium: A Forum for Academic Excellence at NEIU," the abstract of a student's paper presented at one of the symposia, and another article by three NEIU graduate students. Brusca-Vega is the Newsletter Editor.

**Ellen Cannon**, Professor, Political Science and Women's Studies, was a guest speaker, along with Rahm Emmanuel, former senior advisor to President Clinton for policy and strategy, at a political forum, "America Loves Israel: U.S. Policy and how it will be shaped in the Bush Administration," presented by Anshe Sholom Congregation on Sunday, January 7. Ron Grossman of the Chicago Tribune moderated.

**Karen Ijams**, Assistant Professor, Speech & Performing Arts, recently had an article published in a refereed journal: "Perceptions of dream-disclosure: An exploratory study," Communication

Studies, 51, 135-48. The article explores the influence of dreaming upon waking social processes.

**Kathleen Kardaras**, Acting Coordinator, University Honors Program, presented a free program for parents of gifted children, "Challenges Gifted Parents Face, or How to Talk about Your Child without Alienating Your Friends," at St. Paul School in Mount Prospect. Kardaras discussed the cultural forces and attitudes that affect gifted families and how to cope with them.

**Jo Ann Karr**, Associate Professor, and **Elizabeth Landerholm**, Professor, Teacher Education, gave a presentation on "Drama Adventures in Family Literacy" at the Urban Education Partnership Conference in Schaumburg on February 6.

**Elizabeth Landerholm**, Professor, Teacher Education, and **Barbara Lowenthal**, Professor, Special Education, jointly presented on the topic, "Child Maltreatment and Intervention," at the Chicago Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference in Chicago on January 26.

**Eugene McArdle**, Professor Emeritus, Biology, was highlighted in a January 12 Chicago Tribune article, "Adopt-a' pitches take hit." Tribune staff writer David Ibata examines criticism of the "adopt-a" movement since recent spin-offs like the Sierra Club's Adopt-a-Sewer-Pipe program of which McArdle is a member. "McArdle, a Wayne resident and retired professor of zoology at Northeastern Illinois University, is a volunteer chemist for the water-monitoring project. Besides testing others' samples, McArdle adopted

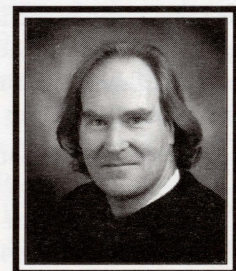
his own sewer outlet a year ago on the Fox River in St. Charles."

**Selina Mushfi**, Assistant Professor, Teacher Education, gave a presentation entitled "Teaching and Learning Strategies that promote access, equity and excellence: Lessons from personal instructional experiences" at the Transitional Year Program 30th Anniversary Conference on Access and Equity in University Education, October 28, 2000, at the University of Toronto.

**Kyu Young Park**, Coordinator, Asian Programs, was awarded the Presidential Award for her work in developing educational programs in the Korean-American community and Korean reunification in the Midwestern region of the United States. This prestigious award was given on January 26 by the Korean Consul General Young Jae Cho, representing President Kim Dae-Jung, at the annual award ceremony of the Korean Reunification Committee.

## Employee of the Month

November 2000



**Desmond Sullivan**

*Plant Operating Engineer  
Facilities Management*



## Ninth Annual ILACHE Conference

"Changing Demographics:  
How Can Latinos Attain Parity  
in Higher Education?"

Northeastern will host the ninth annual ILACHE (Illinois Latino Council on Higher Education) Conference titled "Changing Demographics: How Can Latinos Attain Parity in Higher Education?" on Friday, March 23.

The conference is a day-long event with many concurrent workshops such as "Census 2000: How will it Impact the Latino Community?" "Latina Professionals: Strategies for Negotiating Your Career," "How to Fund your Graduate Education" and "Affirmative Action: Where Are We Now?" Speakers include State Senator Miguel del Valle (D-2 Chicago), a NEIU alumnus, who will speak on "The Status of Latinos in Illinois Higher Education" and Samuel Betances, who will deliver the keynote address at 12:30 p.m.

Betances, NEIU Professor Emeritus, is a motivational speaker and leader in the field of diversity training. He has years of experience as a teacher, author, and consultant with private and public organizations.

Registration and a continental breakfast will take place at 8:00 a.m., followed by a plenary - IBHE report on under-represented groups at 9:15 a.m. In addition to workshops and lectures beginning at 10:00 a.m., a networking reception will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

To register and for information on conference fees, call Miriam Rivera, Director of NEIU's Office of Admissions and Records at (773) 442-4046 or visit the ILACHE web site at [www.ilache.com](http://www.ilache.com). ■

Think Spring, Think Symposium!



Ideas conceived and nurtured in the darkness of winter can find form and expression in . . . the Ninth Annual Student Research and Creative Activities Symposium, Friday, April 20!

This annual event features the investigative and creative work of undergraduate and graduate students. In a full day conference-style presentation held in the Student Union, students share their theses, capstone studies, and creative projects with faculty, administration, and the student body. Students become the teachers and faculty become the audience in this community for life-long learners.

Initiated in 1993, the Student Research and Creative Activities Symposium has grown to almost 100 student contributors, who work with faculty mentors to present their research or products of creative endeavor. It introduces students to the kind of intellectual activity that prevails in graduate programs, and it provides an occasion to contribute to the shared body of knowledge represented by an ethnically, linguistically, and culturally diverse learning community. ■

## Spring 2001 Open House

Prospective undergraduate students and their parents are invited to attend Northeastern's Spring 2001 Open House. Students will be able to obtain admissions information, tour the campus, meet informally with faculty and staff, attend a student panel and financial workshop, and hear about grant and scholarship opportunities. Open House will be held on Thursday, March 29, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in Alumni Hall in the Student Union. ■

## NEIU Business Etiquette Dinner in April

*The Ninth Annual Business Etiquette Seminar and Dinner*

Sponsored by the NEIU Business and Management Club

**Saturday, April 14,**

Radisson Hotel Lincolnwood

NEIU students, faculty, staff, and alumni are invited to attend.

**Guest speakers:**

**Gloria Petersen**, founder and president, Global Protocol, Inc.

**Peter Linden**, NEIU alumnus and assistant professor,  
Business Hospitality Management Program, Chicago State University

The cost for each dinner, \$32; \$16 for NEIU students

Advance registration and business attire is required. The deadline for registration is Monday, April 9. Forms are available in the Management office in CLS-0044A. For more information, contact the College of Business and Management, ext. 6100.



# Calendar Notes

## March

**The Chicago Seminar on Sport and Culture**, co-sponsored by NEIU and the Newberry Library, offers another presentation on the theme, "Intercollegiate Sport in America": "Folk Football: Gender and Ritual in British Pastimes" by Catriona M. Parratt, Department of Sport, Health, Leisure and Physical Studies, University of Iowa. Friday, March 23, 3:30 p.m., Newberry Library, 60 W. Walton.

**Generativity Club Lecture.** Gerontology research is presented by Professor Masami Takahashi and Beverley Nash, a recent graduate of NEIU's Gerontology program. Monday, March 26, 7:00 p.m., Student Union, Room 214.

**Poet Gary Soto** reads from his work on Monday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center Recital Hall; Soto will also give a lecture, "The Effects of Knut Hamsun on a Fresno Boy: A Writer's Decision," at 2:00 p.m. on the same day in SU 215. For more information, see the article on page 3.

**Jazz Combos** perform under the direction of NEIU's Mayo Tiana on Tuesday, March 27, 7:30 p.m., Recital Hall.

**Music Talent Scholarship Recitals.** The Music Department presents the following Music Talent Scholarship Recitals: Recital I Tuesday, March 27, 1:40 p.m. and Recitals II and III Thursday, March 29, at 1:40 and 7:30 p.m. in Recital Hall.

## April

NEIU's **Sixth Annual Asian American Heritage Program**, "Transnationalism: Creating a Global Identity," will be pre-

sented on Monday-Friday, April 2-6, in the Student Union. Sponsored by the university's Office of Academic Development, the five-day program offers presentations and discussions with NEIU faculty and guest speakers.

One of the program's features is its **Asian Film Festival**. Films will be presented Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 4:30-6:30 p.m. in SU-003.

**The 10th Annual "Dress for Success" Fashion Show** sponsored by the Business and Management Club takes place on Thursday, April 5, 1:40 p.m.-2:50 p.m. in Alumni Hall.

**Stage Center Theatre's Main Stage** presents "I Hate Hamlet" by Paul Rudnick, directed by Tony Muscarello. In this comedy an actor playing Hamlet enters into a rivalry with John Barrymore's ghost. Thursday-Saturday, April 5-7, 12-14, 19-20, 7:30 p.m. at Stage Center Theatre. General admission \$10, NEIU students free. For ticket information, call 773/442-4636.

**Klang**, a cutting-edge group performing innovative 20th century classical music. Friday, April 6, 8:00 p.m., Fine Arts Center Recital Hall. Admission \$10, \$8 seniors/students, free to NEIU students, faculty, staff.

**Generativity Club Lecture.** Dr. Allan Factor, University of Illinois at Chicago, on "Aging: MRDD Issues." Tuesday, April 17, 7:00 p.m., SU 214.

**An Evening of Classical Guitar**, a presentation of the NEIU Jewel Box Series in partnership with Mostly Music, Inc., featuring faculty artist Brian Torosian in a special solo concert. Friday, April 20, 8:00 p.m., Fine Arts Center Recital Hall. Individual tickets \$25, \$12.50 for current NEIU students.

tion, the Explorer Shipping Company, a subsidiary of A & K Travel, the Field Foundation and the Chicago Gear-Up Alliance, are supporting the Amazon 2001 Expedition. The Chicago Teachers' Center develops programs to improve urban education in Chicago schools through collaborative partnerships. ■

## Women's History Month Events

**Women, Sex, and Race in Caribbean Slavery.** Michael Tuck, Assistant Professor, History; Friday, March 16, 11:00 a.m., CLS 2071.

**Stress Management Workshop** with Dan McNeil. Cathy Stanley, Assistant Professor, Social Work and Women's Studies; Tuesday, March 27, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., SU 215.

The **About Face Youth Theatre** presents *First Breath*, a glimpse at life through the eyes of proud gay, lesbian and bisexual teens. Tuesday, 12:15 p.m., SU 003. Sponsored by the Sociology Club and the Gay, Bisexual, Lesbian Alliance.

**Tapping into Women's History.** Terry Stirling, Assistant Professor, Educational Leadership and Development; Tuesday, March 27, 4:15 p.m., SCI 240, Wednesday, March 28, 7:15 p.m., CLS 4006.

**International Social Work: A Perspective.** Cathy Stanley, Assistant Professor, Social Work and Women's Studies; Tuesday, March 27, 4:30 p.m., FA 255.

**Ethnography and Feminist Field Research.** Sydney Hart, Visiting Lecturer, Sociology; Tuesday, March 27, 9:25 a.m., CLS 2029.

**Inequalities of Gender and Age.** Sydney Hart, Visiting Lecturer, Sociology; Tuesday, March 27, 10:50 a.m., CLS 2094.

**Video**, "Dream Worlds II: Desire, Sex & Power in Music Videos." Sydney Hart, Visiting Lecturer, Sociology; Thursday, March 29, 10:50 a.m., CLS 2094.

**Guest Speaker, Dr. Kristen Lukas**, Curator of Primates, Lincoln Park Zoo Gorilla Research. James MacDonald, Assistant Professor, Anthropology; Thursday, March 29, 7:15 p.m., CLS 3046.

**Spring 2001 Women's Studies Symposium** presents "2001: NEIU Women's Odysseys-Voices and Visions" on Friday, March 30, 10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Ronald Williams Library, Lower Level Classroom. Open to the university community.

**Panel**, "Call to Serve and Lead." Moderator, Daniel Fitzgerald, Casa Central; Cathy Stanley, Social Work and Women's Studies; Friday, March 30, 11:00 a.m., Ronald Williams Library, 3rd floor Classroom. ■

### Teachers Go to the Amazon

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To follow the journey, read daily journals, and view photos from the expedition, log onto: [www.neiu.edu/~ctc/onlineexpeditions](http://www.neiu.edu/~ctc/onlineexpeditions).

NEIU's Chicago Teacher's Center, the Abercrombie and Kent Global Founda-



## University Day

*The Great Campus Speak Out Part 2!*

COMMUNICATION: MAKING CONNECTIONS



Coverage in words and pictures of University Day 2001 will be featured in the April issue of Insights.

## Thefts from Vehicles Reported

Over recent weeks, several thefts from vehicles parked along Bryn Mawr between Central Park and Pulaski have been reported. The method of entry has been by smashing a window. Among the items stolen have been cellular telephones, laptop computers, backpacks.

Such crimes of opportunity can be prevented by taking simple precautions. Never leave any valuables visible inside your vehicle; either leave them in the trunk or take them with you. If you notice anyone loitering near parked vehicles on the street or in the parking lots, call Public Safety at extension 4411 or the police at 911. Remember that Public Safety provides escorts upon request from the university to vehicles parked in the lots or on adjacent streets.

## Mexican-American Poet Gary Soto Appears at NEIU March 26

Award-winning poet Gary Soto will be on campus to read from his work at 7:30 p.m., Monday, March 26, in the university's Fine Arts Center Recital Hall. A reception and book signing will follow.

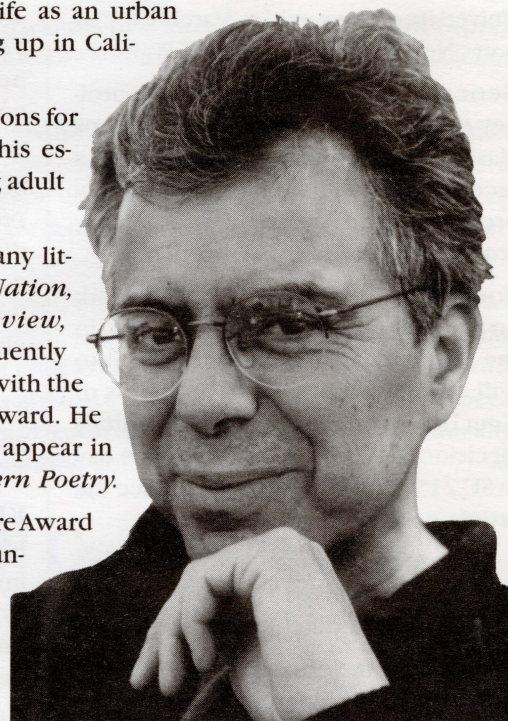
In addition, he will present a talk about his career as a writer at 2:00 p.m. the same day in the Student Union room 215. Both events are free. NEIU's Apocalypse Literary Coalition sponsors the appearances.

Soto, a native of California, writes about the lives of Mexican Americans, about nature and about personal dreams. A vivid and realistic author, he writes with pathos about his life as an urban Mexican-American boy growing up in California in the 1960s.

The author of ten poetry collections for adults, Soto is also known for his essays, children's books, and young adult novels.

His poems have appeared in many literary magazines, including *The Nation*, *Ploughshares*, *The Iowa Review*, *Ontario Review*, and most frequently *Poetry*, which has honored him with the Bess Hokin Prize and Levinson Award. He is one of the youngest poets to appear in *The Norton Anthology of Modern Poetry*.

In 1999 he received the Literature Award from the Hispanic Heritage Foundation and the author-illustrator Civil Rights Award from the National Education Association.



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