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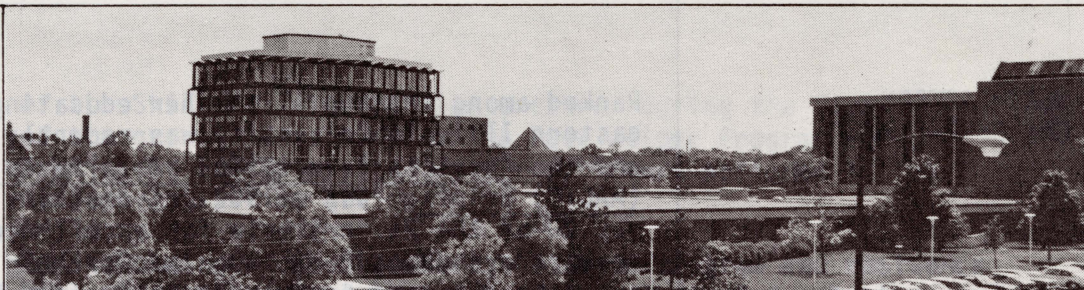
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION



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IN MEMORIAM

Levi Lathen, associate professor in the Department of Special Education for almost ten years, died on Thursday, December 29. Dr. Lathen joined the faculty of Northeastern in 1974, after a distinguished career as a classroom teacher, a principal of children and adolescent services in a state hospital, a psycho-educational diagnostician in a public school district, a coordinator of a county program for children with specific learning disabilities, a special education director, and as an assistant superintendent of public instruction for the state of Illinois.

At the university level, he taught at Elgin Community College, National College of Education, Sangamon State University, and Marquette University in the area of special education. He was also the first teacher of exceptional education in the Elgin School System and founder and organizer of the North Shore Special Education Consortium. Recently, he was named director of the Special Education Supervisors Program, a grant funded by the U.S. Department of Education. Students participating in this course of study develop the skills to communicate information about their programs to the appropriate audiences, learn how to solicit support for their programs, and how to effectively manage and evaluate them.

During his career, he had published several articles and contributed chapters to books on topics of special education. His most recent publication was Check That System, a book on administration and supervision of special education that was published in April 1983.

"Dr. Lathen contributed greatly to the field of special education in general and dedicated his full energy to the Special Education Supervisors Program," said Dr. Janet Lerner, chairperson of the Department of Special Education. "Through his efforts, this federal program will not only benefit the university but handicapped children as well. His death is a great loss for the university community and for his colleagues nationwide in special education."

Dr. Lathen is survived by his wife, Olean, and six children, Gail, Deborah, Florence, Levi, Lorraine, and Elaine. Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to a scholarship fund for the continuing education of his children, Elaine, Lorraine, and Lévi Kevin. Please send contributions to the Dr. Levi Lathen Memorial Fund, c/o Marine Bank West, P.O. Box 68, Germantown, Wisconsin 53022.

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**NORTHEASTERN:  
ONE OF THE BEST**

Ranked among the top 11 teacher educating institutions, Northeastern Illinois University was recently cited in USA TODAY and the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) Briefs. Out of 902 universities studied, Northeastern met 20 of the 24 "criteria for excellence" established by researchers James A. Johnson of Northern Illinois University and John Yates of Southlands College of Education in London, England.

Institutions were ranked by the number of criteria they met. The study included a six-page questionnaire sent to all teacher preparing institutions in the country. Yates and Johnson emphasized such points as: accreditation by the six regional accreditation associations, accreditation by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education; the person in charge of the student teaching program must devote at least 50 percent of his or her time to administration of the program; student teaching for elementary, secondary, and special education must be done full-time and off campus.

Copies of the study may be obtained free of charge from: Dr. James Johnson, 146 Gable Hall, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois 60115.

**KIPP APPOINTED DIRECTOR**

Mark Kipp has recently been appointed director of the commuter center. He will oversee the primary functions of major and daily maintenance of the commuter center and "E" buildings. He will also supervise the University Events Office, the Child Care Center, the vending program for the entire university, and will serve as a liaison with the two outside vendors that service the university - food service and the bookstore.

Prior to his appointment, he worked at Northeastern as a commuter center facilities manager, assistant director of the commuter center, and acting director of the commuter center since December 1981.

Kipp graduated from Northeastern Illinois University with bachelor of science and master of arts degrees.

His office is located on the second floor of the commuter center, extension 332.

**MC KENZIE NAMED  
COORDINATOR**

Andre McKenzie, assistant director of student activities, has recently been named as coordinator of the Personal Growth Skill-Building Modules Program for Northeastern's Title III Project.

With the assistance of the Skill-Building Modules Advisory Committee, he will coordinate an evaluation of modules developed last year, guide the development of five new module projects, update and refine module-information brochures for incoming students, and coordinate efforts to institutionalize the module program for 1984-85. McKenzie has co-designed two



of the Skill-Building Modules prepared during the first year of the grant, has served on the Peer Helper Program Advisory Committee, and is a site trainer for peers assigned to the Student Activities Office.

Before coming to Northeastern, he was a program and residence hall advisor for programming and student development at Northern Illinois University.

He was awarded his bachelor of science and master of science degrees from Illinois State University. He is a member of the American College Personnel Association and the Association for Non-White Concerns in Personnel and Guidance. He has also been listed in the Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges.

McKenzie's office is located in room E-219, extension 323.

#### FIESTA WEEK

The Fiesta Planning Commission, a Northeastern student club, will be presenting a week of university talent at the end of February and everyone is invited to attend. The "Fiesta of UNI Talent" will be held from February 27 through March 3, with events taking place throughout the day.

Fiesta will present 34 auditorium shows beginning at 12:00 p.m. and ending at 9:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Some of the clubs scheduled to perform during the week are Northeastern's Dance Ensemble, StagePlayers, Interpreter's Theatre, Opera Workshop, Concert Band, and the Union for Puerto Rican Students. Displays, bake sales, public dancing, and strolling minstrels will also be featured in the Village Square.

A limited number of free Fiesta Superpasses are available on a first-come, first-serve basis to faculty and staff. For additional information or to reserve a Fiesta Superpass, contact James Rogers at extension 508.

#### STAGEPLAYERS

It's said you're known by the company you keep, and if so, Northeastern's StagePlayers are developing an excellent reputation. The university's theatrical organization is now a member of the League of Chicago Theatres which includes such outstanding theatrical troupes as the North Light Repertory, the Organic and Steppenwolf Theatre Companies, Second City, and the Body Politic. Information on Northeastern productions is included in theater programs distributed at many of the league's 84 member-theaters.

Upcoming productions at Northeastern include: "Othello," March 22-24, 27-31; and "Oklahoma," June 8-9, 11-16, 18-23. Information and reservations can be made by calling the theater box office at 583-4061 or 583-4050, extension 535.

#### COMMUNITY HEARING SCHEDULED

Alderman Pat O'Connor (40th Ward) has scheduled a community hearing to discuss the possibility of having an elected school board for the city of Chicago. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 18, at 7:30 p.m. in Alumni Hall.



## HONORS AND ACTIVITIES

BERNARD BROMMEL, professor of speech and performing arts, gave a lecture on "Family Systems Therapy" to British government family case workers in Wokingham, England, on Monday, December 19.

MAURICE GUYSENIR, professor of secondary education, led a group of 42 students from Good Counsel High School on a tour of Hull House and the Hispanic and Italian communities of Chicago on Wednesday, November 16.

BENJAMIN LEASE, professor of English, presented a paper on "The Passion of Emily Dickinson" to the Midwest Modern Language Association on Saturday, November 5, in Minneapolis.

ELY LIEBOW, associate professor of English, was the guest speaker at the National Association of Dermatologists on Saturday, December 3. His speech was entitled "Dr. Joseph Bell of Edinburgh."

CARLOS TORRE, associate professor of human services, presented a paper on "Cognition, Language, and Hispanics" to a group of students, faculty, and administrators. He also spoke to students from the People's Republic of China on "Hispanics in the United States." Both lectures were given at Yale University on October 7 and 8.

HANSA D. UPADHYAY, professor of earth science, presented a paper on "An Archean Analog from Newfoundland and its Bearing on the Origin of Ancient Greenstone Belts" at the Geological Society of America Meeting on Thursday, November 3, in Indianapolis.

## IN THE MEDIA

CAROL B. GARTNER, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and coordinator of Title III, and CHARLES SHABICA, professor of earth science, were guests on "Point/Counterpoint" on WLS (AM-890), on Sunday, January 8. Gartner discussed her new book, Rachel Carson. Shabica focused on research projects examining the erosion and geologic history of Lake Michigan that are being conducted by Northeastern students aboard the research vessel Rachel Carson.

RENNY GOLDEN, assistant professor of criminal justice, was profiled in a feature article in the Northtown News, on Wednesday, January 4, on her effort to fight for human rights in Central America. Golden also spoke on United States intervention policy in Central America at the Second Unitarian Church on Saturday, December 10.

"Uptown Christian Soldiers," a documentary film produced by JOHN E. REID, JR., visiting lecturer in speech and performing arts, was shown on "Image Union" on WTTW-TV (Channel 11), on Saturday, January 7, and Sunday, January 8. The film focused on a group of people who live in a communal setting in Uptown and devote their time and energies to feeding the poor and hungry.

RONALD WILLIAMS, president of the university, was a guest on the "Bob and Betty Sanders Show" on WCFL (AM-1000), on Tuesday, January 17. He discussed Northeastern's participation in the Chicago public schools' "Adopt-a-School" program. The university adopted Hanson Park School and the Northside Learning Center, both service children with mental and physical handicaps. Hanson Park also serves gifted children. The purpose of the program is to enhance the educational opportunities available to students at a Chicago school.