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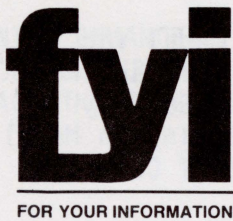
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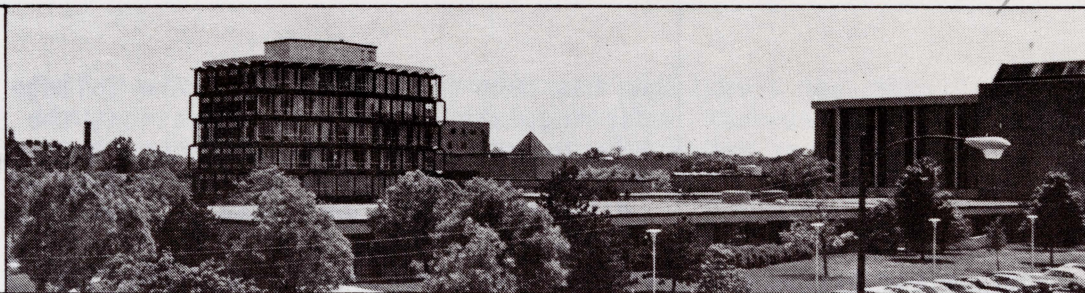
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KENNETH B. CLARK TO
RECEIVE HONORARY DEGREE

Dr. Kenneth B. Clark will be the recipient of an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Northeastern Illinois University. The degree will be conferred on Dr. Clark at the university's commencement ceremony on Sunday, June 10, at Medinah Temple.

The honorary degree is awarded each year to an individual who has achieved major distinction for academic, literary, business, professional, or public service endeavors. Dr. Clark will receive the university's 1984 honorary degree because of his achievements as an educator, psychologist, and writer. As an urban university, Northeastern is committed to the use of educational expertise and resources to help Chicago meet its needs and solve its problems. Clark's contributions to the refinement of educational systems for children and to the social issues affecting the cities exemplifies the goals of Northeastern.

In a landmark 1954 decision declaring segregation in the public schools unconstitutional, the U.S. Supreme Court cited Clark's report showing that school segregation marred the development of white and black students.

In 1960, Clark received a permanent appointment as a professor at City College in New York. In 1962, he became co-founder and chairman of Harlem Youth Opportunities Unlimited, a preventive program aimed at reducing the number of unemployed teenagers, school dropouts, and juvenile delinquents. As a result of this program, the federal government extended aid to Harlem's youth for a period of three years. Clark is also the research director of the Northside Center for Child Development in New York, which he founded with wife Dr. Mamie Phipps Clark.

He has served as president of the American Psychological Association, trustee for the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and the University of Chicago, a member of the New York State Board of Regents and the Committee on Foreign Affairs Personnel, president of the Metropolitan Applied Research Center, Inc., and chairman of the board and president of Clark, Phipps Clark, and Harris, Inc.

Clark has written and co-authored publications on such topics as Prejudice and Your Child, W.E.B. Du Bois: A Reader, Racism and American Education: A Dialogue and Agenda for Action, The Negro American, and A Relevant War Against Poverty: A Study of Community Action Programs and Observable Change.

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NEW MASTER'S PROGRAM IN
EDUCATING HANDICAPPED
ADOLESCENTS

He has been the recipient of the College Board medal for distinguished service to education, the Sidney Hillman Prize Book award, the Kurt Lewin Memorial Award of the Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues, and the Springarn Medal of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"Adolescence is a difficult time for all of us but many of the problems associated with it are compounded for the young person with some type of handicap," said Gertrude Meyers, associate professor of special education and one of the coordinators of the university's new master of arts degree program, "Educating Handicapped Adolescents." It is the first master's degree program in the state of Illinois to focus solely on the needs of handicapped adolescents.

"Adolescents require different methods of teaching the young children," explained Meyers. "Teachers of handicapped adolescents must be aware of the physical and emotional changes that occur during these years. Handicapped teenagers will desire independence and yet fear it, as do the non-handicapped, but handicapped young people will have more difficulty achieving independence since many have been dependent throughout their lives on parents and teachers.

"These young people need teachers who understand their special learning requirements and their need for guidance in developing social skills and independent living skills."

Meyers expects high school special education teachers and teachers of general subjects such as math, history, science, and vocational training to be interested in the new degree program. She explained that the mainstreaming of adolescents with mild to moderate handicaps poses a real challenge to the teacher of a particular subject who has no special education training. The new master's program is designed to help them to become sensitized to the needs of handicapped students and to work closely with their school's special education teachers.

Required courses for the program include "Educational Planning for the Handicapped Adolescent," "Educational and Vocational Assessment of the Handicapped Adolescent," "Practicum in Educating Handicapped Adolescents," "Vocational Theory and Occupational Information" and "Vocational/Career Planning for the Handicapped Adolescent."

"Those who complete this 36-credit hour master's program will improve their employability and should find their life as a teacher more fulfilling," Meyers added. Graduates will also be eligible for approval from the state of Illinois as Supervisors of Pre-Vocational Programs.

For additional information about this program, contact Gertrude Meyers at extension 8286, or Jeffrey Messerer, associate professor of special education, at extension 8283.

LEARNING ENHANCED
THROUGH LEAGUE OF
CHICAGO THEATRES

Northeastern Illinois University's StagePlayers has recently become a member of the League of Chicago Theatres. This organization includes such theatrical troupes as the North Light Repertory, the Organic and Steppenwolf Theatre Companies, Second City, and the Body Politic.

"Initially, we joined the league because it provided professional assistance for promoting and publicizing our theatrical productions," said Durward Redd, associate professor of speech and performing arts and faculty advisor to the StagePlayers. "Now we utilize league services to enhance the learning experience of students enrolled in the Department of Speech and Performing Arts."

For a small yearly fee, members of the League of Chicago Theatres receive instruction and services that would be costly and time consuming if sought on their own. For instance, Northeastern found they could store as well as borrow costumes, props, and sets from other theater troupes. Consequently, hard-to-find props and scenery for a production of Shakespeare's "Othello" may be obtained through league sources.

In conjunction with classroom instruction, students enrolled in speech and performing arts are encouraged to use the theatre as a learning laboratory. The league often provides students and their instructors with tickets for local productions free-of-charge or at a reduced rate.

League workshops and seminars aid students by preparing them for the practical aspects of marketing a theatre production. Some programs deal with attracting the press and selling the production to the consumer while others are geared to specific problems encountered by touring companies.

Information on Northeastern productions is included in theater programs distributed at many of the league's 90-member theatres. Working with the League of Chicago Theatres has made it possible for university theatrical events to be listed with Hot Tix, Bestix, and Curtain Call. This type of publicity has contributed to sold-out performances for most of Northeastern's theatrical productions.

As a result of the university's participation with the League of Chicago Theatres, more courses are being taught at the university by theatre professionals. Last fall, three-time Jefferson Award winner Robert Smith of Organic and Steppenwolf Theatre Companies taught a course in stage lighting and design. Future plans emphasize continued involvement by presenting courses that deal with the practical applications used in staging and performing theatrical events.

IN MEMORIAM

The Northeastern Illinois University community wishes to express its deepest sympathy to Elsie Siewerth, secretary in the Department of Elementary Education, on the death of her brother-in-law Leroy Siewerth. Mr. Siewerth died on Monday, March 12.

IN THE MEDIA

MARJORIE JENNINGS, coordinator of the motorcycle safety program, and DALE MC CORMACK, assistant coordinator, were guests on the "Bob and Betty Sanders Show" on WCFL (AM-1000), on Wednesday, March 28. They discussed the Motorcycle Safety Program at Northeastern.

CAROL RICHARDS LUTZ, part-time instructor in accounting, business law, and finance, discussed the registration of voters on Cablenet, Channel 21, on Friday, March 9, and Wednesday, March 14. The program, "Does One Vote Matter," was produced by the League of Women Voters.

GERALD NEMANIC, professor of English, has announced the programs scheduled for April for his show, "Writing/Chicago," broadcast on WBEZ-FM (91.5), on Saturday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Nemanic is co-producer and host of the show. Following are the programs scheduled for April: April 14 - Interview with Carl Smith, author of Chicago and the American Literary Imagination, 1880-1920 and professor of English at Northwestern University; and April 28 - Interview with J. FRED MAC DONALD, author of Don't Touch That Dial and Blacks and White TV and professor of history at Northeastern.

Chicago Sun-Times art critic Christopher Lyon critiqued the works of art that MARY STOPPERT, professor of art, exhibited at the Phyllis Kind Gallery during March. Lyon observed in an article on Sunday, March 11, that the carved pieces "lined the walls like puppets for a primitive drama. They suggested a world in which the heat of fire and metallic coldness, a figure and its shadow, were magically united. Through visual and tactile sensations, something beyond the world of sensations was evoked."

HONORS AND ACTIVITIES

BERT ABELL, coordinator of student teaching, will discuss "Utilizing Museums to Enhance Teacher Preparation and Classroom Instruction" at the Association of Teacher Educators conference at Northern Illinois University, on Friday, April 6. The theme of the conference is entitled "Exploring Excellence in Education."

MARTHA A. ALEXANDER, assistant to the vice-president for administrative affairs, has been selected as a participant in the Illinois Committee on Black Concerns in Higher Education (ICBCHE) fellowship program. The program, coordinated by Chicago State University's Division of Student Affairs, is a component of a July 1983 Higher Education Cooperation Act (HECA) grant. It provides opportunities for six minority faculty or administrators with interest in higher education administration to develop and sharpen their administrative skills.

CHARLES BARBER, associate professor of history, will give a lecture on "Orwell, Politics, and Language: Preparations for Nineteen Eighty-Four," at DePaul University's Spring Colloquium "Origins, Qualities, and Influences: Studies in Orwell's Nineteen Eighty-Four." The presentation will be held on Wednesday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m., at the Schmitt Academic Center, Room 254, 2323 N. Seminary.

C. JERIEL HOWARD, associate professor of English, has been awarded a contract by Harper and Row Publishers for the Baker series of composition texts. The Essayist, the first of the series, is now in production and scheduled for a November 1984 publication date.