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## Message from the Desk of Salme H. Steinberg

**Campus construction projects are underway. They are funded by capital appropriations independent of our operating budget**

and managed by the State of Illinois Capital Development Board (CDB). I invited Mark Wilcockson, vice-president of finance and administration, to summarize the status of these projects.

Building C, constructed in 1961, is undergoing a major renovation. The asbestos has been completely removed from the building and the interior demolition is complete. The intent was to immediately proceed with the construction phase. However, CDB has frozen all construction bidding and the building is sitting empty and idle, with all utilities systems disconnected. We are working with the Governor's Office of Management and Budget and our legislative delegation to allow the bidding for the construction phase of the project to proceed.

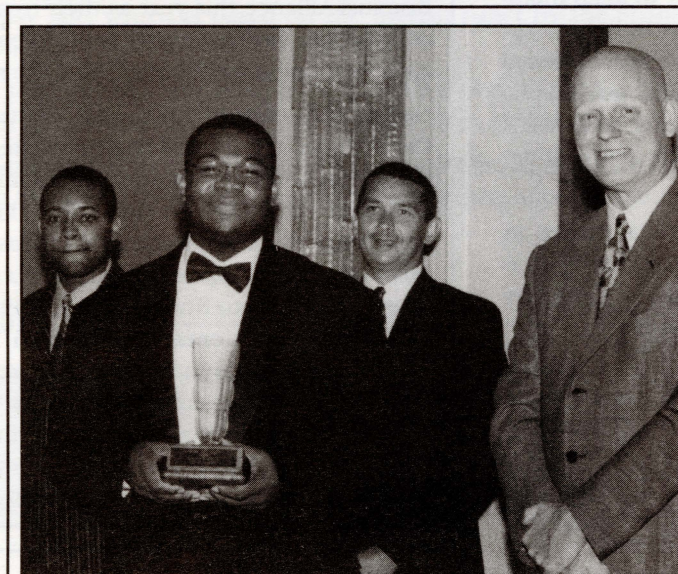
Another project currently on hold is the Science Building Entrance Modification/Elevator addition. Design work is complete and bids were opened. The low bidders agreed to do the work for significantly less than the architect's estimate, and the contracts were being finalized when the state's directive to freeze construction contracts was issued. This project provides for repair of the entry concrete walks, adding an energy efficient vestibule and adding a passenger elevator to the main entry of the building. Currently, the only elevator in the building is the original 1972 freight elevator, which is failing, located at the rear of the building, and not readily accessible for students and staff with accessibility issues. This project, to cause the least amount of disruption, was originally planned for the summer.

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## Nordstrom Names Scholarship After NEIU Student

Sir Martin Vincent Williams, student, justice studies, recently had a scholarship named in his honor by Robert Middlemas, executive vice president, Nordstrom. The new scholarship, made possible by the 11-10-02 Foundation in Chicago, has been awarded to a recipient in downstate Illinois.

Middlemas established the "11-10-02 Foundation Nordstrom Sir Martin Vincent Williams Scholarship" as a reward for his hard work and dedication to academics and to Nordstrom. Williams worked part-time at the Michigan Avenue Nordstrom in the shoe department for over two years to help finance his education.



*NEIU student Sir Williams at the "Shaking Up Chicago.com" annual gala of the 11-10-02 Foundation. Also pictured are NEIU student Mike Magee, Mark Wilcockson, vice president for finance and administration, and Nordstrom Executive Vice President Robert Middlemas.*

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## New Director of Northeastern's Public Safety Department



Donald Challis is NEIU's new director of public safety. Challis, who has 15 years of experience working in university public safety and security, comes to Northeastern from St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa. While there, he served as the director of public safety and as an adjunct faculty member in the criminal justice program, teaching classes in public and private security, and campus law enforcement. He also served on the executive board of the state branch of the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement.

Challis views working on campus as one of educational value. "I believe that public safety should be an extension of the overall teaching mission of the institution." He sees public safety as an opportunity for students to learn how to keep themselves safe, as well as how to behave appropriately even while in confrontational situations. One of Challis' goals is to implement a program that will teach both prevention and physical self-defense skills.

Challis earned his master's degree in criminal justice from St. Ambrose University and his bachelor of arts in history from the University of Iowa.

In his spare time, Challis enjoys history, reading and spending time with his family. Challis is a fan of baseball and while he plans to settle in the far southwest suburbs, he will remain a Cubs fan.

He can be reached at ext. 4100.

## A May 2003 Graduate Profile: Returning Adult Student Made Outstanding Contribution through Academic and Student Leadership



In 1997, Ellen M. Larrimore, came to Northeastern to continue the education she began at Memphis State University in 1967. Larrimore became one of the first students to declare a major in women's studies when the program was approved in 2001. Larrimore calls the program "a great-stepping stone to any sort of career" and points out that businesses are looking for people who are aware of the roles that race, gender and class play in our lives; something the women's studies program focuses on. "I would encourage all women and men to consider majoring in women's studies because I can't say enough about how life-changing the program has been for me," said Larrimore.

Laurie Fuller, coordinator, women's studies, said of Larrimore: "She is an excellent student, both in the classroom and in her commitment to the university through student clubs. She is always a great addition to any class because of her ability to interpret the material and engage other students in discussion. She draws on a lot of personal life experiences, making her women's studies major more comprehensible to both herself and others."

Larrimore's dream job would be to become a college professor, a goal she said she would have pursued had she finished her degree 30 years ago. She was able to live out her dream by co-teaching an introductory class in women's studies with Fuller. Larrimore said it was a great experience because they worked as a team. "I was a co-teacher rather than a teaching assistant," said Larrimore. Fuller commented that Larrimore was "a great teacher who was really interested in the students. She helped them explore their own experiences and understandings of the material."

Larrimore is also involved in many campus activities. As past president of the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance, she was one of the students who helped start the organization on campus. She has also worked with the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Alliance this year as their treasurer. "The club work I've done and the connections I've made have really been an invaluable part of my education. The more you put into your education, the more you get out of it."

Larrimore is currently planning to attend graduate school. She is interested in the political science and English master's programs at NEIU as well as the urban policy and planning master's program at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Larrimore said, "Even though I don't know exactly where I'm going from here, the classes I've completed at Northeastern and the way my thinking has developed are really going to help me find a career that will be satisfying." Larrimore ultimately plans to find a job working with a community development group or a non-governmental organization.

Larrimore is an honor student who was inducted into the Alpha Chi Honor Society last year, and named outstanding student in the women's studies program. She has recently completed her honor's thesis on contemporary philosophy and will graduate summa cum laude this month.

# American Spanish Dance Festival

27th Anniversary Celebration  
Gala Concerts—Spain in America



**Ensemble Español Spanish Dance Theater, in residence at NEIU, Dame Libby Komaiko, founder and artistic director, presents the American Spanish Dance Festival, planned in collaboration with the International Latino Cultural Center of Chicago and Latino Art Beat.**

## FESTIVAL CONCERTS

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Manuel De Falla's *El Amor Brujo*, choreography by Ana Gonzalez and Juan Mata, founding members of the National Ballet of Spain, highlights this year's festival. The performances include the full company of 40 dancers, singers and musicians with international guest artists from Spain and the Americas. The ensemble's world premiere production focuses on the Chicago-Spain connection beginning in modern urban Chicago and traveling back to Spain's treasured gypsy tale, which is based on the Iberian ballet by the Spanish dramatist, novelist/poet Gregorio Martinez Sierra.

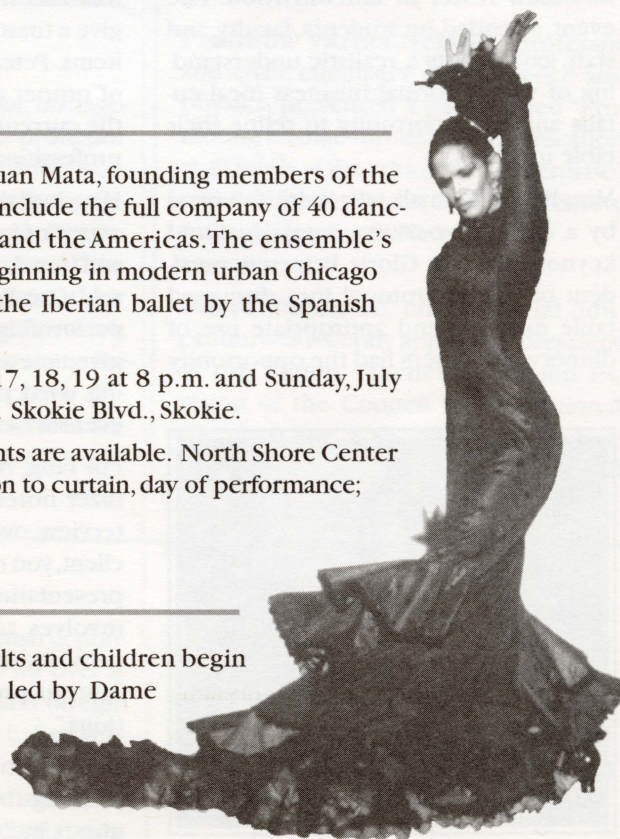
Four gala concerts will be performed Thursday through Saturday, July 17, 18, 19 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, July 20 at 3 p.m. at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie.

Concert tickets are \$17, \$19, \$27, and \$32. Group rates and senior discounts are available. North Shore Center for the Performing Arts box office hours are M-F, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., 12 noon to curtain, day of performance; call 847-673-6300.

## FESTIVAL WORKSHOPS AND CLASSES

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Six days of workshops and master classes in Spanish dance and music for adults and children begin July 11 as part of the anniversary festival celebration. The classes are led by Dame Komaiko and international artists and faculty in the classical, regional/folkloric and Flamenco styles. For information, call ext. 5930.



# Business and Management Club

## Hosts 11th Annual Business Etiquette Dinner



Gloria Petersen (left) teaches students to mix and mingle with ease.

Northeastern's business and management club hosted the 2003 Business Etiquette Seminar and Dinner in April at the Radisson Hotel in Lincolnwood. The event, attended by students, faculty and staff, gave guests a realistic understanding of what a formal business meal entails and an opportunity to refine their table manners.

Mingling and small talk were followed by a formal five-course meal. Host and keynote speaker Gloria Petersen, president of Global Protocol Inc., discussed table manners and appropriate use of dinnerware. Diners had the opportunity

to ask questions during each course of the meal. During the event they learned how to avoid common dining faux pas, mix and mingle at cocktail receptions, give a toast, and order appropriate menu items. Peterson also addressed the issue of proper apparel for the interview and the current shift from business casual to professional attire.

"During the seminar, I learned to be aware of how interviewers perceive me and how I can make the best impression," said Carolyn Bonner, NEIU speech and performing arts student. "It's definitely given me an added confidence in knowing what proper behavior at a business event is."

Pui Tang, NEIU student and event organizer noted: "When you are in a job interview over dinner or at dinner with a client, you need to be able to make a good presentation. A significant part of that involves table manners. The dinner provided knowledge and information on how to present oneself in those situations."

The event has grown in popularity, expanding from 57 guests in 1998, to 223 guests in 2003. ■



Pui Tang, student and event organizer

## Employee of the Month

### March



Jo Mortland, staff clerk, Ronald Williams Library, has been selected as the March Employee of the Month. Mortland is primarily responsible for promoting interest in the library within the campus population.

Sara Lifson, reference librarian, library, said, "Jo works with great enthusiasm and has been the 'artistic director' for many projects during the past two years. She is contributing not only to the library, but to the university as a whole."

"Jo is consistently exceptional," said Bonnie Chauncey, education librarian, library. "In addition to her regular responsibilities, Jo also creates art displays which enrich the library and highlight the work of student and local student artists. Her contribution to the library is both significant and unique."

Jill Althage, reference department coordinator, library, noted: "Jo is a joy to work with. She has orchestrated many activities involving library faculty, staff and students. Due to her creative eye and spirit of team building, we had a very successful 25-year building celebration. Jo has been instrumental in assisting with annual library book sales. This year she organized it, and we netted the best profit in years."

Mortland earned her bachelor's degree in psychology with a minor in biology from NEIU in 1992. She started working in the library as the secretary for media services and prior to that worked as a student aide in the biology department.

# Faculty and Staff News

**Nativa Caftori**, professor, computer science and women's studies, received a Fulbright Scholarship to participate in the Fulbright Program for Africa. She will be one of approximately 105 Americans who will travel to 27 African countries during the 2003-2004 academic year to teach or conduct research. Caftori will travel to the National University of Benin in Porto-Novo, Benin, located in western Africa between Togo and Nigeria.

**Paul Dolan**, professor, physics, attended the "Quality Expo" held at the Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont in April. During the conference, he had the opportunity to recruit physics students to come to NEIU.

**Nan Giblin**, dean, College of Education, along with several other deans from colleges of education in Illinois, delivered a presentation titled "Politics and the Deanship" at this year's annual conference of the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Educators held in New Orleans.

**Ana Gil-Garcia**, associate professor, educational leadership and development, was selected as a Fulbright Senior Specialist for five years. Specialists are approved to be matched with incoming program requests from overseas academic institutions. The Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, the Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Department of State, and the Council for International Exchange of Scholars handle the selection process.

The media lab class taught by **Cyndi Moran**, assistant professor, speech and performing arts, produced a television segment for the program "Artbeat Chicago," on WTTW-TV (Channel 11) that aired in April. The segment focused on the local band D-Settlement, headed by poet/sculptor/songwriter Marvin Tate, who recently gave a presentation to NEIU students about surviving as an artist. The class researched the band, conducted pre-interviews, directed the WTTW production crew on location shoots, transcribed the interviews, wrote the script, and edited the final piece.

**Edward Odisho**, professor, teacher education, appeared twice on WLS-AM's (890AM) public affairs radio program "Beyond the Beltway" in April where he discussed the international efforts to rebuild Iraq. The program was also videotaped and aired on WYCC-TV (Channel 20). Odisho also appeared on "Chicago Tonight" on WTTW-TV (Channel 11) to discuss events in Iraq the day his hometown, Kirkuk, fell.

**Peter Stonebraker**, professor, management, and **Sergey Polbitsyn**, professor and former associate dean of the economics faculty of Urals State Pedagogical University in Ekaterinburg, Russia, have won the annual International Case Study Award conducted by the Center for International Business Education and Research of Indiana University for their case "From Russia with Love - To America in Trust." The case describes the travails of two operations managers, one

American and one Russian, as they implement the "Joint Agreement" between their two companies. It will be published as a part of the extensive collection of the European Case Clearing House, jointly managed by Babson College in Wellesley, Massachusetts, and the Cranfield Institute of Technology in England.

**Donald Terras**, instructor, anthropology, compiled and edited the book "Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and Sherlock Holmes, Essays and Art on The Doctor and The Detective." **Ely Liebow**, professor emeritus, English, contributed an essay to the volume titled "A Doctor's Unjaundiced Look at the Victorian Medical Scene or Eschewing the Syringe For the Pen." The book was published to commemorate the establishment of the Kittle Collection of Doyleana (artifacts from the life of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle) at the Newberry Library in April.

**Pratibha Varma-Nelson**, professor and chair, chemistry, earth science and physics, presented a paper titled "Promoting change through communication at all levels of the educational enterprise" at the 225th American Chemical Society national meeting in New Orleans.

**David Yasutake**, chair, special education, was recently appointed president of the Illinois Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children for a second consecutive term. ■

## Message from the President

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One major project on campus that is proceeding is the auditorium renovation project. We have been without the use of our auditorium for nearly three years and completion is now scheduled for

spring of 2004. After initial construction began, the project was halted for over a year when significant structural design issues were discovered. CDB halted the project until the redesign was completed and the University committed and reallocated University capital renewal funds

to complete the project. The principal construction should be completed early this fall with several additional months allocated to finishing and equipping the facility. ■

# Summer Doings in Chicago

Insights recommends the following venues and special events for off-campus fun, culture and recreation in the summer months.

## ■ A LANDMARK BUILDING - A POTPOURRI OF CULTURE

The Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington, offers a multitude of programs including lectures, musical programs, art exhibits, neighborhood tours, etc. One of the highlights is a combined tour of Chinatown and Greek Town on May 31. Call 312-744-1424.

## ■ FROM BACH TO BASIE AND ALL THAT JAZZ- THE RAVINIA FESTIVAL

The festival runs June through August at Ravinia in Highland Park, featuring the Chicago Symphony Orchestra with world famous conductors and soloists. Additionally, artists from the jazz, pop, and folk music world are scheduled to perform. Call 847-266-5100.

## ■ BEAUTIFUL PARK - BEAUTIFUL MUSIC

The Grant Park Music Festival offers eight weeks of free concerts featuring the classics to pop starting June 11. Two of the highlights are Independence Eve with the Air Force Singing Sergeants and the Venetian Night Concert. Call 312-744-3370.

## ■ SUMMER AT THE SYMPHONY CENTER

This summer schedule brings a variety of artists to the home of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. On June 20, legendary artist Ray Charles will appear with a big band program of jazz, rhythm and blues. Other highlights in the series include Spike Lee hosting a lecture about music for his films, and the Bradford Marsalis Quartet. Call 800-223-7114.

## ■ NEIU IS DANCING UP A STORM

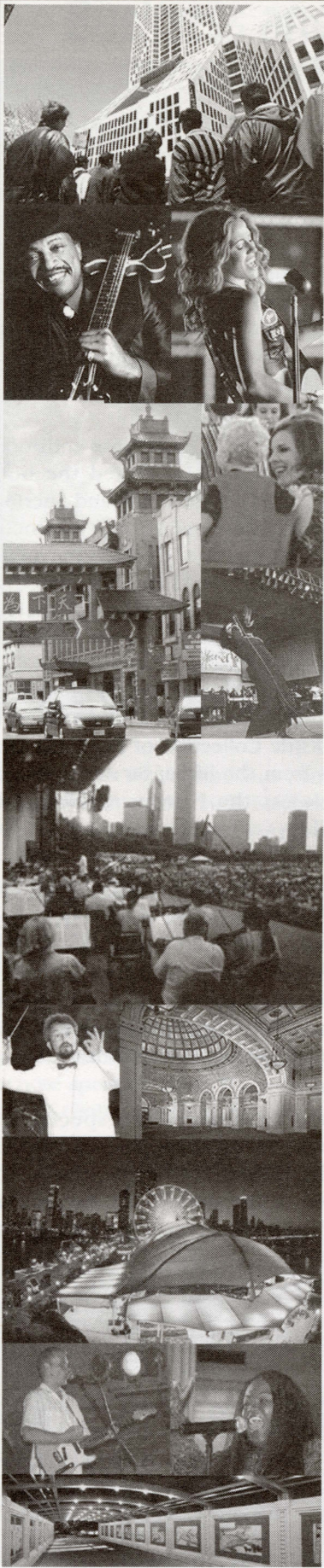
The Ruth Page Dance Company appears at the Ravinia Festival on July 27 and August 9. Call ext. 5941. Ensemble Español Spanish Dance Theater performs on July 17, 18, 19, and 20 at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie. Call 847-673-6300.

### Some additional special events to pursue

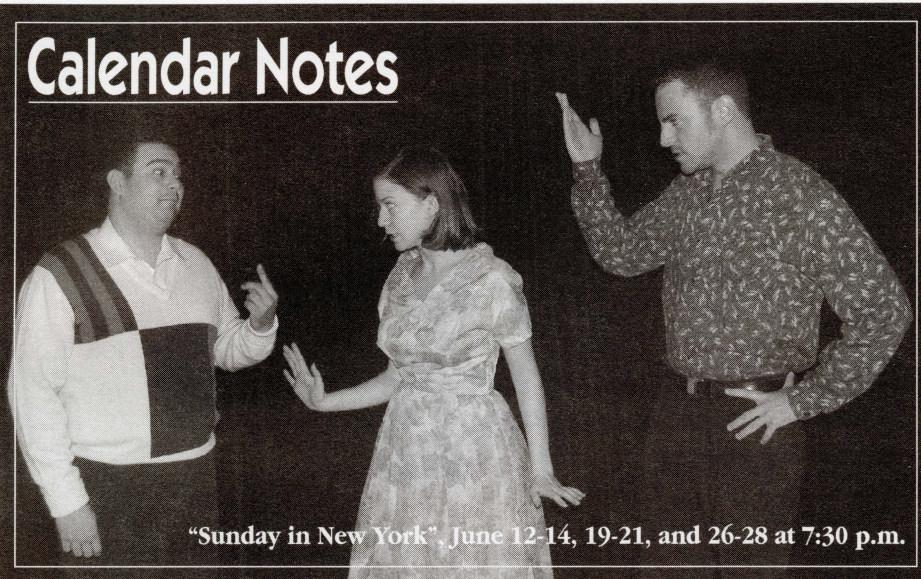
20th Annual Chicago Blues Festival	May 29-June 1
19th Annual Chicago Gospel Music Festival	June 6-8
23rd Annual Taste of Chicago	June 27-July 6
13th Annual Chicago Country Music Festival	June 28-29
Independence Eve Fireworks Spectacular	July 3
4th Annual Chicago Outdoor Film Festival	July 15-August 26
15th Annual Viva! Chicago Latin Music Festival	August 23-24, 2003
25th Annual Chicago Jazz Festival	August 28-31

For all of the above, call the Mayor's Office of Special Events Hotline at 312-744-3370.

For additional information about events in Chicago, visit the City of Chicago Web site at: [www.cityofchicago.org/SpecialEvents/Festivals.html](http://www.cityofchicago.org/SpecialEvents/Festivals.html)



# Calendar Notes



"Sunday in New York", June 12-14, 19-21, and 26-28 at 7:30 p.m.

All events are free unless otherwise noted.

## MAY

**Annual Juried Art Show by NEIU Art Majors.** The 2003 juried student art show showcasing the work of over 30 artists in a variety of media, is on exhibit in the Fine Art Center Gallery through May 30. The work was produced by NEIU undergraduate art majors during the past school year. Chicago art critic and writer, James Yood, juries this year's exhibition. He has selected works for the show that represent three-dimensional and two-dimensional work in the fine and applied arts. Gallery hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Tuesday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., and 4:30 - 6 p.m., and Thursday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. For information, call ext. 4944.

## JUNE

**Stage Center Theatre.** NEIU's Stage Center Theatre presents "Sunday in New York" by Norman Krasna, directed by Anna Antaraman, professor, speech and performing arts, Thursdays through Saturdays, June 12-14, 19-21, and 26-28 at 7:30 p.m. NEIU faculty, students and staff, free with I.D. General admission is \$10, seniors/students, \$8, children, \$6. Call ext. 4274.

## Nordstrom Names Scholarship

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The 11-10-02 Foundation oversees the BrunchBunch.com Mentoring Program and the ShakingUpChicago.com Grant & Scholarship Program. Williams has been involved with the foundation since high school and has received several awards and scholarships. His association with the foundation has allowed him to network with Chicago business professionals and establish relationships that will prove invaluable when pursuing a career.

Greg Forbes Siegman, 11-10-02 Foundation founder, stated: "Sir has become an enduring example of the qualities that cannot always be measured on paper, but are nevertheless the ones the foundation hopes to spotlight. We have invested in Sir's future because we believe in him, because we believe in the quality of the people at NEIU who are educating him, and because we believe he is the kind of student who will put that education to great use in life."

"Being involved with the 11-10-02 Foundation has been an integral part of my success at Northeastern," said Williams. "The foundation supplied me with a partial scholarship to enable me to attend the university, and in turn NEIU awarded me a matching scholarship. Now that I don't have to worry so much about how I am going to fund my education, I am able to focus more on other things such as being active on campus and giving back to my community."

At Northeastern Williams received the Daniel L. Goodwin Student Government Award, honoring an outstanding Student Government Association (SGA) senator who demonstrates significant leadership and service. Goodwin, the first president of the NEIU SGA and current chairman of the NEIU Board of Trustees, established the award.

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### Insurance Benefit Update

Open Enrollment in May

NEIU employees have the opportunity to change insurance benefits during the open enrollment month, May 1 to May 30. Adjustments can be made to health, dental and life insurance during this period.

Individuals enrolled in the Humana HMO or POS plans must make a change in health insurance by May 30. Call either Paula Kish at ext. 5203 or Mary Griesinger at ext. 5202 in the office of human resources.



# TEE OFF AT 31st ANNUAL CHARLES KANE MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

The 31st Annual Chuck Kane Golf Outing, raising scholarship funds for NEIU students, will be held Monday, August 4, at the White Pines Golf Course, 500 West Jefferson in Bensenville.

The outing has raised scholarship funds for Northeastern students since 1972. Professor Charles Kane was NEIU's first athletic director and golf coach. This year scholarships will benefit students in the Colleges of Education, Business and Management, Arts and Sciences, and the Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Athletics (HPERA) department.

The event is sponsored by the HPERA department, Kane Committee and the NEIU Foundation.


Tee off is at 10:30 a.m., social begins at 4:30 p.m. and dinner at 5:15 p.m. Fees are \$100 for the golf/dinner package; \$75 for golf only; \$45 for dinner only.

## NEIU KANE PUTTING CONTEST

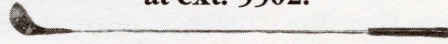


*Kane golf committee: Collette Borland, John Beckwith, Randy Simmons, Jean Pottillo, Mark Kipp, Chad Good, Betty Fields, and Joan Leafman.*

The Kane golf committee will host NEIU's first putting contest on Wednesday, June 11, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the "F" courtyard. Admission is free. Prizes will be awarded to the top three putters. Previous golf experience is not necessary and golf putters will be provided.



For more information about  
the golf outing  
call  
Joan Leafman  
at ext. 5502.



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