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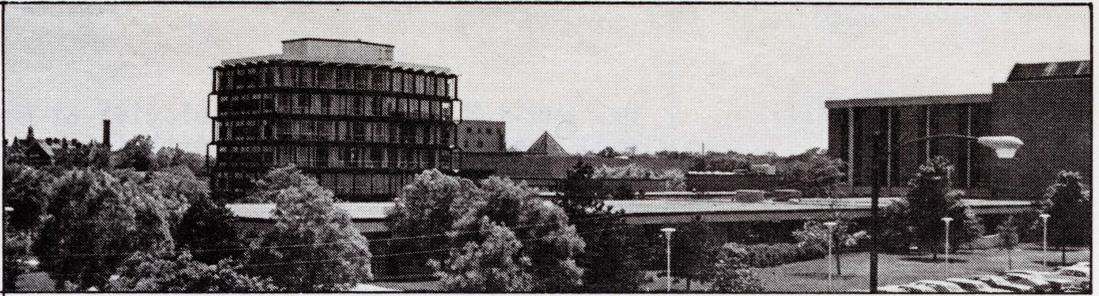
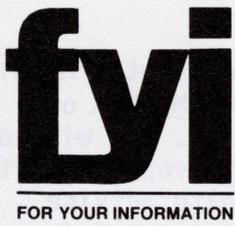
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KRAMER TO SPEAK ON "THE 1992 WORLD'S FAIR: CHICAGO'S FUTURE HERITAGE"



John Kramer, general manager of the Chicago World's Fair 1992 Authority, will discuss "The 1992 World's Fair: Chicago's Future Heritage" on Tuesday, May 14, at 7:30 p.m., in Room CC-217. The lecture is sponsored by Inland Real Estate Corporation and presented by Northeastern Illinois University and the City Club of Chicago in their "Distinguished Lectureship Series: Chicago's Heritage of Achievement."

A native of Los Angeles, Kramer became general manager of the 1992 World's Fair after serving as secretary of transportation for the state of Illinois and chairman of the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) of Northeastern Illinois. In addition, Governor James Thompson appointed him chairman of the Financial and Legislative Task Force to develop a plan to finance the World's Fair, expand McCormick Place, and improve statewide tourism. Kramer's efforts resulted in the enactment of legislation that provided initial funding for all three endeavors.

As chairman of the RTA, he headed the nation's second largest mass transit system with more than 700 million passengers a year and a total annual budget of more than \$1 billion.

As secretary of transportation, he was responsible for the state's policies and programs dealing with highways, public transportation, traffic safety, aeronautics, rail services, and water resources. During his tenure, Kramer was involved in the drafting and passage of several major federal and state transportation legislation. Some of these included the 1983 state law that dramatically increased funding for highway construction and repair and the Federal Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982, which provided nearly \$4.6 billion for highway and mass transit capital improvements in Illinois.

Kramer served as national chairman of the Conference of State Departments of Transportation for five years and was selected to head a mission to assist the government of Saudi Arabia in transportation planning and management. He was also a member of the transition teams for the United States Department of Transportation for Presidents Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan.

A Phi Beta Kappa political science graduate from Stanford University, Kramer also attended the Freie University von West Berlin and Oxford University in England as a candidate for an advanced degree in international relations.

## LECTURE ON ARTHRITIS

Dr. Lewis M. Cohen, rheumatologist at Martha Washington Hospital, will present a lecture on "Arthritis: Causes and Myths" on Thursday, May 16, from 12:30-1:50 p.m., in CC-218. He will discuss the disease, its causes and treatments, and separate myth from fact. The program is sponsored by the Health Service office and is open to faculty and staff. For further information, please contact Health Service at extension 354.

## IN THE MEDIA

### UPCOMING IN THE MEDIA

GERALD NEMANIC, professor of English, has announced the programs scheduled in May for his show, "Writing/Chicago," a program devoted to the writers and literary life of Chicago. The show is broadcast on WBEZ-FM (91.5) on Monday mornings at 11:00 a.m. Following are the programs scheduled for May: May 6 - Interview with James Merrill, author of "The Changing Light at Sandover," an epic poem; May 13 - Interview with J. Fred MacDonald, author of Television and the Red Menace: The Video Road to Vietnam; May 20 - Chicago in Story: Life in the Big City; and May 27 - Interview with Herman Kogan, well-known Chicago writer and editor.

J. FRED MAC DONALD, professor of history, will discuss his new book, Television and the Red Menace, on "Inside Out" on WMAQ-TV (Channel 5), Sunday, May 5, at 9:00 a.m. SAMUEL BETANCES, professor of sociology, is host of the show.

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CHARLES SHABICA, professor of earth science, will conduct a comprehensive study of Highland Park's lakefront, noted the Highland Park News, Thursday, March 28. The study will examine the critical erosion problem, recreational uses of the lakefront, and an expanded water plant's impact on the lakefront.

JUNE SOCHEN, professor of history, was guest columnist for the "Personal View" column in the Chicago Sun-Times, Saturday, April 13. Sochen's article was entitled "Fiscal Health Isn't Measured by Trade Alone."

## HONORS AND ACTIVITIES

While on sabbatical leave, BARBARA BEHRENDT, assistant professor of student services, conducted a workshop on Conflict Management and Negotiation Skills for the State of Hawaii, Family Court. In addition to providing psychotherapy and direct mediation services at the University of Hawaii, she conducted seminars and workshops on Conflict Management: Mediation. She is presently completing data analysis for her research on student approaches to campus-based conflicts.

"Firmament," a work of art by DENNIS MITCHELL, was chosen by the State of Illinois Center Fine Arts Review Committee as part of the center's permanent collection. Mitchell, associate professor of art, was one of six artists selected for this collection.

SANTOS RIVERA, counselor-coordinator of Proyecto Pa'Lante, was a member of the editorial planning committee for the annual conference of the Midwest Latino Council on Higher Education, held on April 19-20 at the Illinois Institute of Technology. Senator Paul Simon and Board of Governors member Robert Ruiz were among the participants who discussed the conference theme, "Beyond 1984: Training and Higher Education for Latinos."