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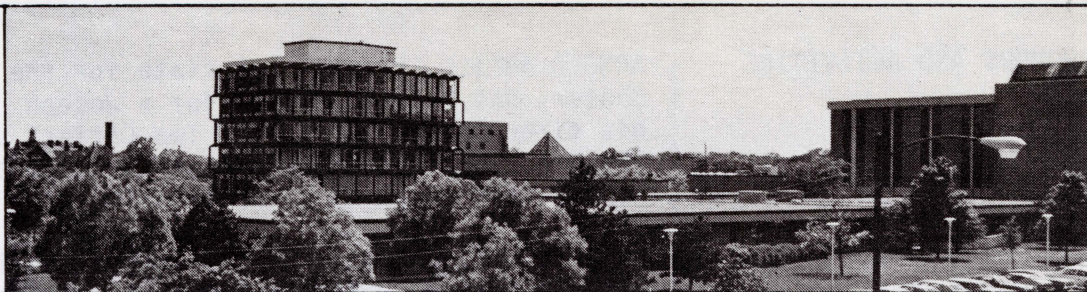
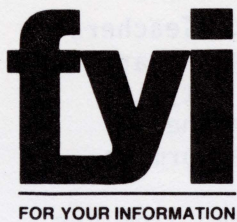
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COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

Northeastern Illinois University will award approximately 1700 undergraduate and graduate degrees at commencement ceremonies on Sunday, May 19, at 3:00 p.m., at Medinah Temple, 600 North Wabash Avenue, in Chicago. Studs Terkel, internationally known as an interviewer and author and the 1985 recipient of the Pulitzer Prize for non-fiction, will receive the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree and deliver the commencement address. Terkel received the Pulitzer Prize for his most recent work, The Good War: An Oral History of World War II, recollections of individuals involved in and affected by World War II.

OVER \$10,000 CONTRIBUTED TO UNICEF

Northeastern Illinois University faculty, staff, and students contributed \$10,124.94 to UNICEF to buy food, medicine, and clothing for the famine victims in Africa. The highlight of the fund-raising campaign was a Faculty and Staff Variety Show on Monday, April 1. Over 400 people were present for performances by singers, dancers, comics, and musicians. Battista Galassi, associate professor and chairperson of foreign languages and literatures and coordinator of the benefit show, and Angelina Pedroso, associate professor of foreign languages and literatures and chairperson of the fund-raising committee, expressed their appreciation and gratitude to the university community for helping them reach the goal of \$10,000.

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"We trusted the kids to learn and they didn't let us down," said Arnold Aprill, project associate for the Chicago Teachers' Center and coordinator of a recently completed year-long Illinois State Board of Education-funded project focusing on the teaching of reading, writing, and thinking. The Chicago Teachers' Center worked with staff and students at four Chicago schools: Hans Christian Anderson School, John Murphy School, Laura Ward School, and St. Pascal School. "In so many cases, the audience for a child's work consists of just one person, the teacher," Aprill noted. "We encouraged teachers to broaden the students' audience to include classmates and friends." For instance, a second grade class at St. Pascal interviewed each other and wrote each other's biography. A fifth grade class at Ward School observed Black History Month by writing the biography of a class aide who is a gospel singer for Operation Push. It is innovative approaches such as these that will be celebrated at "Where the Wild Thoughts Are," a day-long education resource fair at the Chicago Teachers' Center on Saturday, May 18. The event is an opportunity for parents, teachers, and students to meet and attend multi-age workshops in science, art, dance, theater, and writing and see displays of classroom projects such as those mentioned above.

HONORS AND ACTIVITIES

ARNOLD APRILL, project associate for the Chicago Teachers' Center, has been nominated for a Joseph Jefferson Award for his direction of "A Tale of Two Cities" at the City Lit Theatre. The Joseph Jefferson Awards are the highest honors paid annually to Chicago theaters and performers.

DEBRA BRUCE, assistant professor of English, read from her book of poetry, Pure Daughter, at the Skokie Public Library on Tuesday, April 9. Two of her recent poems will appear in the May/June issue of The American Poetry Review.

FRED FLENER, professor of secondary education, gave a speech on "Kids Like Shapes, So Why Not Teach More Geometry!" at the annual meeting of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, on April 17-20, in San Antonio, Texas.

NANCY GREEN, associate professor of educational foundations, presented a paper on "Gender Tracking and Student Choice: Case Study of a Girls' Vocational High School, 1911-1978" at the American Educational Research Association Conference, on Wednesday, April 3, in Chicago.

DAVID HELFAND, associate professor of student services, gave a presentation on "Humanistic Approaches to Career Planning - A Wholistic Model" at a recent National Conference on Humanistic Education at West Georgia College.

JAMES I. MAC DONALD, assistant professor of anthropology, has recently been elected chairman of the Board of the Resource Center, a community-based organization which recycles aluminum, glass, and paper. In addition, he is on the Board of the Uptown Recycling Station.

IN THE MEDIA

SOPHIE BLACK, associate university librarian, was highlighted in an article on "Grim Pilgrimage: Librarian Hopes to Lead Trip to Nazi Concentration Camps," in the Lerner Newspapers on Wednesday, May 1.

The International/Intercultural Studies Program was featured in the School Guide of the Lerner Newspapers on Tuesday, April 30. "This program enhances a student's major so he or she becomes more aware of the diversity of the world and the individuals that inhabit it," said EDRIS FREDERICK, professor of political science and coordinator of the program. "Having a solid understanding of people of other nations and cultures can also give students a real advantage in the workplace."

GEORGE LESMES, coordinator of the Human Performance Laboratory, discussed "How to Find a Qualified Exercise Teacher," in the Fitness and Recreation section of the Lerner Newspapers on Tuesday, April 23. "When choosing a fitness instructor, pick someone who knows about risk factors for sedentary people, anatomy, physiology, exercise physiology, nutrition, and behavior modification," Lesmes noted.

J. FRED MAC DONALD, professor of history, was a guest on "The Late, Late Show" with host Richard Steele, on WGCI-AM (1390), Friday, April 19, and "Extension 720 with Milt Rosenberg" on WGN-AM (720), Tuesday, April 23. He discussed his new book, Television and the Red Menace: The Video Road to Vietnam.