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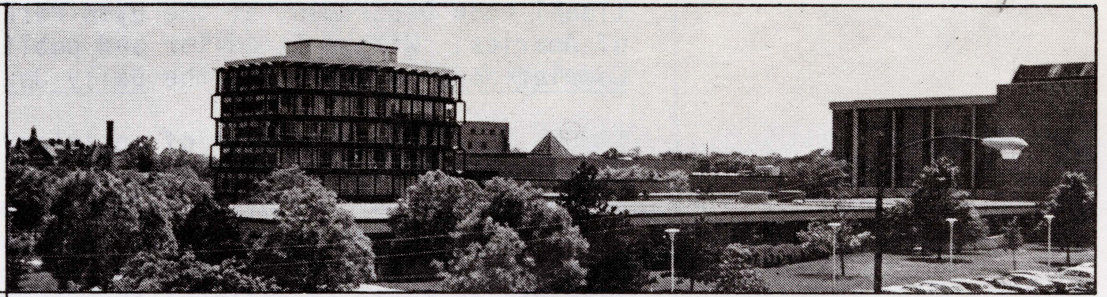
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WORKING WITH HANDICAPPED CHILDREN FROM BIRTH-3 - FOCUS OF NEW MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM

"In 1940, a doctor would usually recommend that parents put their Down's Syndrome child in an institution," observed Rosemary Egan, associate professor of special education. "By 1960, doctors were saying that perhaps these children don't have to be institutionalized, that perhaps they can live at home. Studies have shown that children kept in a home environment averaged as much as 20 I.Q. points higher than those who were institutionalized.

"Today, many doctors advise parents of Down's Syndrome children to keep the child at home and to get professional help right away. With such work on the parts of professionals and parents, a one-year old with this handicap can achieve motor skills comparable to those of normal children their age."

Egan is project director of a new program selected for federal funding that will offer a master's degree in working with handicapped children from birth to age three and their parents. It will also present a three-course sequence to train nurses, psychologists, and occupational, physical, and speech and language therapists who work regularly with such children.

"Educators are growing increasingly aware of the importance of early intervention," Egan noted. "The earlier educators can have some input into the lives of handicapped children, the better these children's chances for fully meeting their own potential.

"The infant mortality rate is continuing to decrease as babies that would have died not long ago are now being kept alive. Many of these infants will have some degree of handicap and there is a growing need for people trained to work with these children.

"Northeastern will be the first university in the Chicago area to offer a master's degree in this specialized field." For additional information on this program, please contact Rosemary Egan at extension 8280.

The Illinois Senate approved Governor James Thompson's reappointment of three executives to second terms as trustees for the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities. James L. Althoff, Wilma J. Sutton, and D. Ray Wilson were reappointed to six-year terms to the board.

Althoff is chairman of the board, president and chief executive officer of Althoff Industries in McHenry. Sutton is vice-president of Savings of America, a division of Home Savings of America, Federal Association and loan officer in the Conven-

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tional Loan Department at the Hyde Park office of Savings of America. Wilson is editor and publisher of the Daily Courier-News in Elgin and the Daily Journal in Wheaton.

SAMUEL BETANCES, professor of sociology, was a guest on the "Morning Show" with Joe Collins on WMRO-AM (1280) in Aurora, on Monday, May 6. He discussed his comedy routine "Growing Up Minority in the United States." Betances teaches Social Functions of Humor in Society at Northeastern and gives lectures on humor at colleges throughout the United States.

ROBERT BETZ, professor of biology, was quoted in a Newsweek magazine article on Monday, June 3, on the biennial burning of grassland prairies. The fires race across the grasslands in what Betz calls "hours of excitement punctuated by moments of stark terror." His comments on prairie burning were also reported in the North/Northwest Suburban Sun-Times on Friday, April 12.

Ensemble Espanol, Northeastern's in-residence Spanish dance company, directed by DAME LIBBY KOMAIKO FLEMING, was featured in a "P.M. Magazine" segment with hosts David Saint and Susan Boller on Tuesday, June 11, on WFLD-TV (Channel 32). The show focused on today's campus lifestyles and returning adult students.

MITCHELL KANTOR, assistant professor of health, physical education, recreation, and athletics, was quoted in an article on "Do Men Lose Weight More Easily Than Women?" in the Lerner Newspapers on Wednesday, May 8. "Men lose weight faster and easier than women," Kantor said, "because men are bigger and their metabolic rates are greater than women's, so any activity they do tends to burn off more calories. Furthermore, women carry more fat and less muscle than men."

HONORS AND ACTIVITIES

DAVID HELFAND, associate professor of student services, recently attended a four-day Life/Work Planning Workshop in Atlanta, Georgia, offered by Richard Bolles, author of What Color is Your Parachute?

JOAN MACALA, coordinator of field and continuing education, wrote an article on "Toward Excellence in Education - An Experiential Education Perspective" for the March/April issue of Experiential Education, a publication of the National Society for Internships and Experiential Education.

ANGELINA PEDROSO, associate professor of foreign languages and literatures, was the main speaker at the Illinois Municipal Human Relations Association conference, in Chicago on Saturday, May 18.

MOHAN SOOD, professor of earth science, was recently selected to serve on the Editorial Advisory Board of The Solomon Press, a division of Publishers Creative Services, Inc.

HANSA D. UPADHYAY, professor of earth science, presented a paper on "Mineral Zonation in the Berg-MacDougall Skarn Deposit, Kuskulana District, South-Central Alaska" at the Geological Society of America meeting, in DeKalb on Friday, April 26. The paper was co-authored by Sam Sapper, a graduate of Northeastern.