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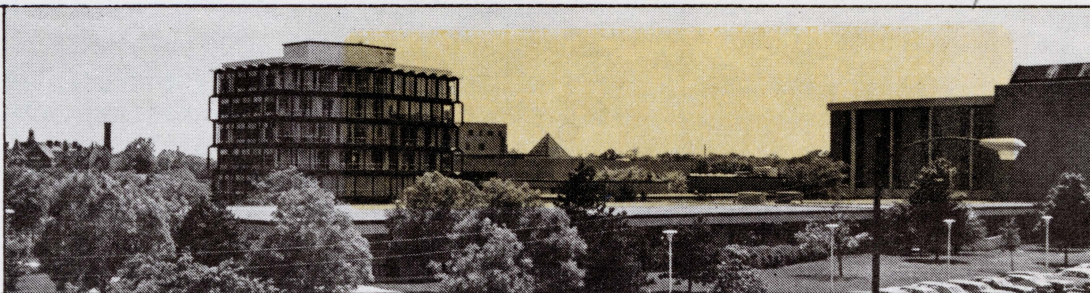
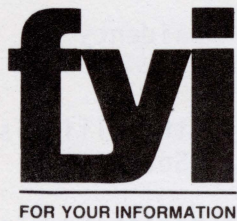
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BENEFIT MEMORIAL  
PRODUCTION OF  
"ANOTHER COMIN"

A benefit memorial production of "Another Comin," a play by Ronald Williams, late president of Northeastern Illinois University, will be held during April. The play is a satiric comedy about what might happen if the creator sent another Messiah down to earth, this time as a young black male. When the son arrives, he lands unceremoniously on a picket fence surrounding the White House. His adventures with congressmen's wives, common people, and fundamentalist exploiters supply the action of the play.

The play will be held on April 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, at 7:30 p.m. in Stage Center. General admission is \$6.00. Northeastern students will be asked to donate \$2.00. All the proceeds will go to the Ronald Williams Scholarship Fund.

"Another Comin" is directed by James W. Barushok, graduate advisor and professor of speech and performing arts, produced by the Department of Speech and StagePlayers, and performed by members of the university community.

If you are unable to attend the play, contributions in President Williams' memory may be sent to the Ronald Williams Scholarship Fund, c/o Office of the Provost. Mrs. Arlene Williams will be informed of all gifts made to this fund.

For additional information about the play, please contact the Stage Center Box Office at extension 3750.

LAURIE ANNJOB VOLLEN

Dr. Laurie Annjob Vollen has recently been appointed as a visiting lecturer in the Health Service office at Northeastern. She will act as a consultant to the Office of Health Service and assist with program planning with an emphasis on prevention and wellness.

Currently, she is the medical director of the Health and Wellness Program, employee health service physician, and a physician to the Weiss Walk-In facility at Edgewater Hospital in Chicago. Prior to this, she was an emergency room physician at St. Mary's Hospital in Quincy and Pontiac, Illinois.

Dr. Vollen received her bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Princeton University, her M.D. degree at the University



of Illinois Medical School, and completed her residency at Northwestern University Medical School.

She is a member of the Chicago Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society, and the American Medical Society.

For additional information, please contact the Health Service office at extension 3453 or 3454.

Firmly established as a wave of the future, the personal computer has entered just about every facet of life. This technology helps organize, record, search, and process information not only at the work place, but also in the home.

At Northeastern, computer technology is an important part of the day-to-day operation of the university. In recent years, the introduction of personal computers has multiplied in just about every phase of the university. For example, many students in academic disciplines other than information science find computer applications useful in their areas of specialization. Many faculty and staff members cultivate computer skills to facilitate research, instruction, curriculum, and office procedure.

Continuing emphasis on the need to develop these skills has prompted the Department of Academic Computing to create a computer laboratory in the university library. At its inception, the laboratory was funded by a \$5,000 grant from the Committee on Organized Research. These funds were used for the purchase of software programs. The department used their own funds to obtain computer equipment.

Primarily designed for anyone with library privileges, this setting serves to encourage faculty, staff, students, and alumni to check out training software and teach themselves the applications and skills necessary to operate a personal computer. In addition to the training software available, individuals may also utilize a variety of popular programs. The laboratory contains nine-IBM personal computers (PC), one PCXT (hard disk PC), one-Apple PC, and three terminals that are connected to academic computers. It also accommodates a station with a visual tech large screen monitor for the visually handicapped.

Although the laboratory is not a place for tutored instruction, training programs are offered on a regular basis at the university. Once an individual comprehends the basic elements of personal computing, he or she often reinforces this knowledge by utilizing the equipment in the laboratory.

Equipment is accessible for use between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and midnight. Some 30 staff aides, rotating their time between computer facilities on campus, are responsible for monitoring, maintaining, and securing computer equipment.

## COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY AT NORTHEASTERN



Their job entails answering questions, obtaining print-outs, diagnosing malfunctions, and guarding the equipment against vandalism and abuse. Staff aides are usually students majoring in information science. Much of the practical experience they obtain in the laboratory is often beneficial when they apply for permanent employment.

#### GOLDEN TO LECTURE ON CRUISE

Les Golden, adjunct professor of physics, will serve as an on-board lecturer for Royal Cruise Lines of San Francisco's Halley's Comet Cruises from February 26 to April 22. Golden will present lectures, slide shows, and evening stargazing talks -- all with a touch of humor.

A major factor in Golden's selection from among the scores of astronomers who applied for cruise line positions was his second career as a successful stand-up comedian and actor. He has performed at the Comedy Store and Improvisation in Los Angeles, the Holy City Zoo in San Francisco, the Sahara Hotel in Las Vegas, and Chicago's Comedy Cottage and Zanies.

Golden has a doctorate degree in astronomy from the University of California at Berkeley. He has conducted research at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena and served as the chief observer in the Radio Astronomy Laboratory at the University of California at Berkeley, and as a consultant to Aerospace Corporation in El Segundo, California.

A popular lecturer on topics of astronomy, Golden was the banquet speaker for the 1985 annual meeting of the Adler Planetarium of Chicago.

#### IN THE MEDIA

THOMAS BRACKEN, assistant professor of English, was quoted in an article entitled "StoryQuarterly Can Thank Environs for Longevity" in the Chicago Tribune on Thursday, January 30.

SHIRLEY CASTELNUOVO, professor of political science, spoke on the "Status of Human Rights in the Reagan Administration" on WBEZ-FM (91.5), on Tuesday, December 24.

J. FRED MAC DONALD, professor of history, was a guest on "Extension 720" with Milt Rosenberg on WGN-AM (720), on Thursday, February 13. He joined radio personality Don McNeill in a discussion of "Old Time Radio."

LIBBY MAGES, assistant professor of speech and performing arts, was featured in an article on "Producing Hit Shows for Fun and Profit" in the Lerner Newspapers, on Sunday, February 2.

BETTY PARKER SMITH, acting assistant provost, was a guest on "Newstalk" on WFLD-TV (Channel 32), on Wednesday, February 12. She discussed black writers' difficulty in getting published and the current popularity of Alice Walker's The Color Purple.



## HONORS AND ACTIVITIES

FRANK SOLANO, associate director of financial aid, was quoted in an article entitled "Programs Ease Student Burdens - Aid Plans Cut College Costs" in the Elmwood Park Times, on Monday, December 30. "I see families borrowing now far more than in the past, including making home equity loans to help their kids through college," said Solano. "I think the last resort should be to borrow. We try to set up some kind of package, whereby the student combines several types of aid depending on his or her eligibility."

Two Northeastern faculty members participated in the Twenty-Fifth Year Program of the African-American History Round Table at The DuSable Museum of African-American History in Chicago. JACOB CARRUTHERS, associate director and professor of inner city studies education, gave a speech on "Diversity in Leadership of the Haitian Revolution" on Sunday, January 19. GLORIA LATIMORE, professor of inner city studies education, presented a lecture on "Contemporary Issues" on Sunday, February 16. On Sunday, May 18, ELKIN SITHOLE, professor of inner city studies education, will give a presentation on "Nelson Mandela."

AHMED A. FAREED, dean of the College of Education, was honored by being included in the 1986/87 edition of Who's Who in the Midwest. The book lists individuals who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their own fields of endeavor and who have contributed significantly to the betterment of contemporary society.

ROOSEVELT GORDON, JR., coordinator of Project Success, organized the College Conference for Selected Seniors in the Secondary Schools for the Northern School District. The conference is jointly sponsored by the Chicago Board of Education, the Urban League, the Illinois State Scholarship Commission, and the Council for College Attendance. It will be held at Northeastern on Friday, February 28.

MAURICE GUYSENIR, professor of curriculum and instruction, will present a program on "The Ragtime Years" at the Northeast Regional Conference for the Social Studies on Saturday, March 8, in Boston. He will also give a presentation on "The Roaring Twenties" at a meeting of the Loyola Community Club on Thursday, March 13, in Chicago.

MIROSLAV SAMCHYSHYN, professor emeritus in foreign languages and literatures, is the author of a recently published book, One Thousand Years of Ukrainian Culture.

ALLEN N. SHUB, associate professor of management, presented a paper on "Personnel Investigation: Preparation for Discipline" at a meeting of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, in Matteson, during November. In addition, he recently conducted a symposium on "Computers in Industrial/Organizational Psychology" at a meeting of the Illinois Psychological Association, in Chicago.