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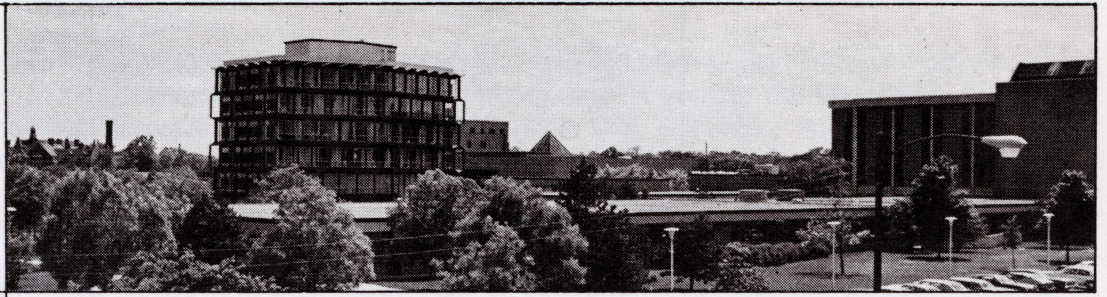
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION



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J. TERRENCE BRUNNER TO DISCUSS "WATCHDOGS FOR THE PEOPLE"

J. Terrence Brunner, executive director of the Better Government Association (BGA), will discuss "Watchdogs for the People" on Tuesday, April 8, at 11:00 a.m., in the commuter center, room 217. Following the program the speaker will accept questions from the audience.

A Chicago native, Brunner received his bachelor of arts degree in political science from the University of Wisconsin and his juris doctorate from Loyola University School of Law. He began his career as an assistant United States attorney for the Northern District of Illinois in 1965. He has also served as corporate attorney for Johnson's Wax in Racine, Wisconsin; corporation counsel and assistant district attorney for Marathon County in Wausau, Wisconsin; special attorney for the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section of the United States Department of Justice; and Strike Force Chief for the Department of Justice in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

In September 1971, Brunner was appointed executive director of the Better Government Association. The association is a non-partisan, not-for-profit citizens group that investigates governmental waste, inefficiency, and corruption in Illinois. Under Brunner's guidance, the BGA has grown in membership from 750 to 3,400 individuals and corporations throughout Illinois and across the country. The annual budget has increased from \$178,000 to approximately \$1,000,000.

During the last 15 years, Brunner has conducted several investigations that have achieved national recognition. The following are a few examples. Abortion Profiteers - With ABC's "20/20" and the Chicago Sun-Times, the BGA discovered that abortion clinics in Illinois and Indiana were providing incompetent medical care and were often performing abortion operations on women who were not pregnant; The Mirage - With CBS' "60 Minutes" and the Chicago Sun-Times, the BGA purchased and operated a Chicago tavern at which it documented a network of graft among city and state inspectors and vending machine distributors; Medicaid Fraud - With CBS' "60 Minutes" and the Chicago Tribune, the BGA disclosed how unscrupulous medical laboratories bilked the Illinois Medicaid program of more than \$1.5 million annually; and Nursing Homes - Working with the Chicago Tribune, the BGA revealed patient abuse, poor food, filthy conditions, and negligent employee supervision of many Chicago nursing homes.



Brunner is a member of the Chicago Forum, the Committee of Foreign Affairs of the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations, the Union League Club, the Community Advisory Board, and the Committee on Foreign and Domestic Affairs.

The next lecturer scheduled for this year's series will be John Callaway, host of "Chicago Tonight," WTTW-TV, on Thursday, May 15. He will speak on "The People's Right to Know."

#### IN MEMORIAM

Dr. George Grimes, professor of educational foundations and former director of student teaching, died on Saturday, March 15. Dr. Grimes joined the faculty of Northeastern in 1966, after serving as a teacher and administrator in elementary and high schools for the Chicago Board of Education. In 1969, he was appointed director of student teaching at Northeastern. He resigned his position as director in 1981 and accepted a teaching assignment in the Department of Educational Foundations.

During his tenure at the university, Dr. Grimes was an active participant in numerous councils and committees. He served as a member of the Council of Chairpersons, College of Education; faculty advisor, Title III; chairperson and member, Advisory Committee for Program Development; secretary, Department of Educational Foundations; and a member of the Committee on Organized Research. In addition, he was co-director of the Race Desegregation Training Institute, Chicago Public Schools, co-director of the State of Illinois Block Grant, "Science of Teaching in a Multicultural Society Emphasizing Improvement in Science and Mathematics," chairperson and member of the Student Teaching Directors Group, Chicago Consortium of Colleges and Universities, and a member of the Renaissance Program Task Force, Chicago Public Schools.

Dr. Grimes received his bachelor of science and master of arts degrees from DePaul University. He graduated from Nova University with a doctorate in education. He was recently honored by the Chicago Commission on Human Relations for his contributions in improving the quality of life for residents of Chicago and for his efforts to assist the commission. Dr. Grimes was a member of the Association for Teacher Educators, Association for Supervision and Curriculum, National Education Council on Human and Civil Rights, National Community Education Association, and an advisor to the Illinois State Board of Education.

Contributions may be made in his name to the Greater Chicago Food Depository.

REMINDER - 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 Thursday through Saturday, April 3 to 5, and Tuesday through Saturday, April 8 to 12, at 7:30 p.m., in the Stage Center. Admission is \$6.00; all proceeds from the ticket sales will go to the university's Ronald Williams Scholarship Fund.

"Another Comin" 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 of the fence surrounding the White House. His adventures with congressmen's wives, common people, and fundamentalist exploiters supply the action of the play.

The play 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 Development. 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.

#### PANEL DISCUSSION ON AIDS

A panel discussion focusing on "What You Should Know About AIDS" will be presented on Thursday, April 3, at 12:30 p.m., in the commuter center, room 217. Admission to the two-hour program is free.

The panel will consist of Gregory Shipman, M.D., medical director of the Howard Brown Clinic; Gerald Soucy, Ph.D., staff psychologist at the Howard Brown Clinic; and a representative of the State of Illinois Department of Health. Laurie Vollen, M.D., visiting lecturer and consultant to Northeastern's Health Service, will serve as moderator.

The panelists will discuss AIDS diagnosis and symptoms; the course of the disease; transmission; precautions; research; psychological implications for the patient, family, and friends; the public policies; and resources available. The panelists will take questions from the audience. Free literature on AIDS will be available.

For additional information, please contact the Health Service office at extension 3268.

#### SAVINGS BOND CAMPAIGN

The annual United States Savings Bond Campaign will be conducted during the month of April. This annual campaign offers faculty and staff information and the opportunity to sign up for the Payroll Savings Plan for United States Savings Bonds. If you are already enrolled, you can increase your rate of savings.

Series EE Bonds earn 85 percent of market rates, when held for at least five years, no matter how high those rates go. And you'll never earn less than the guaranteed minimum, 7.5 percent, even if market rates are less. The effective rate through April 30, 1986, is 8.36 percent and the average

yield since the beginning of the market-based interest program is 9.69 percent.

Series EE Bonds can be purchased through payroll allotments of as little as \$2.50 per pay period. Denominations start at \$50 and cost one-half of the face value. Bonds are guaranteed to double in value in 10 years or less. If lost, stolen, or destroyed, they can be easily replaced. The interest is not subject to state or local income tax, and federal income tax can be deferred.

If you have any questions, please contact Jim Howe of the Personnel Department at extension 3280.

## IN THE MEDIA

### UPCOMING IN THE MEDIA

GERALD NEMANIC, professor of English, has announced the programs scheduled for April 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 Friday afternoons at 1:00. Following are the programs scheduled for April:  
April 4 - Interview with Jan Carew, author of Grenada; April 11 - Interview with Chaim Potok, author of David's Harp; April 18 - Interview with Christopher Janus, author of Miss Fourth of July, Good-bye; and April 25 - Interview with Paul Little, author of over 500 paperback titles.

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SAMUEL BETANCES, professor of sociology, was a guest on "Daybreak" with Judi Moen, on WBBM-TV (Channel 2), Monday, March 24. He discussed Hispanic politics and the aldermanic races.

BARBARA SCOTT, visiting lecturer in sociology, BETTE TALLEN, coordinator of the Women's Studies Program, and MARYLENE WHITEHEAD, program associate in Project Success, were guests on "Studio A" on WBEZ-FM (91.5), Monday, March 24. They discussed the movie "The Color Purple" with host Ken Davis.

ANDERSON THOMPSON, associate professor of inner city studies education, wrote an article entitled "Grim Realities of History" for the Chicago Defender on Thursday, March 20.

## HONORS AND ACTIVITIES

DEBRA BRUCE, assistant professor of English, was awarded an Illinois Arts Council grant in poetry for \$2,000.

MARY LOUISE BURGER, professor of curriculum and instruction, gave a speech on "Coping with Stress: Dealing with Mid-Winter Dolldrums" for the St. Colette Women's Club in Rolling Meadows, on Thursday, February 13.

GLORIA J. LATIMORE, professor of inner city studies education, was the keynote speaker at the Black History Month Speakers Forum of the Hyde Park Career Academy on Friday, February 21. Her speech was entitled "Salute to Black Liberation Month."

ANGELINA PEDROSO, associate professor of foreign languages and literatures, received an award from the Cuban Bar Association of Illinois for her work in Cuban history and education. She was honored at an installation of officers dinner on Sunday, February 23.