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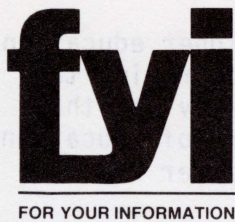
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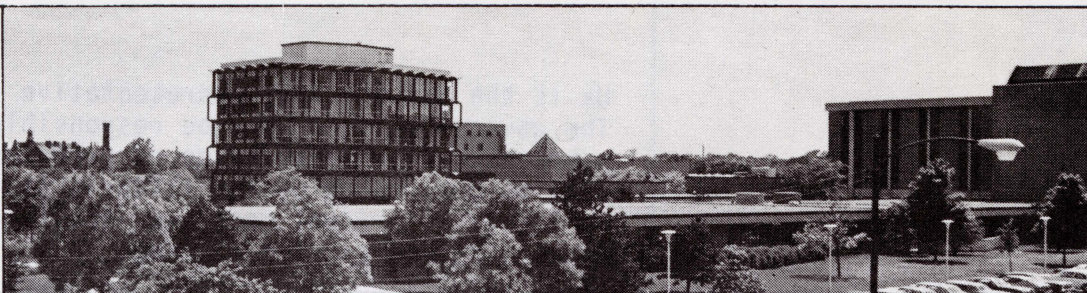
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INSURANCE CHANGES

Nearly 5,500 employees at the five universities in the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities (BOG) system, who are currently covered by the state's health insurance program, will benefit from major changes in their coverage this July.

On July 1, 1986, The Equitable will take over administration of the State Employees' Group Health Plan, according to Joel A. Schunk, assistant vice-chancellor for non-academic employee relations for the BOG. The Equitable will pay claims on behalf of the state for all hospital and medical services covered under the basic health plan provided on or after July 1. The change to a new company is part of a shift to funding the health program on a "self-insured" basis used by most large employers. The state currently contracts with Blue Cross-Blue Shield for its health coverage.

"As a result of the transition, there will be improvements in the basic health insurance coverage," Schunk said. "We understand that the insurance deductibles will be equalized at \$100. There are also other changes planned which will be beneficial, such as elimination of the mandatory outpatient surgical list and mandatory second surgical opinion program, additional hospital benefits for employees who use the Preferred Provider Organization, and hospice coverage for the terminally ill."

The new program will not affect those in the state's Health Maintenance Organizations (HMO). Schunk said that the HMO's will still be available to employees and there is a possibility of additional HMO's in the future.

"The most exciting part of the insurance changes will occur in October when the state will provide, for the first time, a dental program for state employees and their qualified dependents," Schunk said. Plans call for the program to be phased-in over a three-year period, with some coverage available October 1, 1986.

Further information from Northeastern's Insurance Office will be sent to employees in the near future.

Ahmed A. Fareed, dean of the College of Education, has been appointed a member of the governing board of the newly established Educational Service Center of Chicago by Dr. Manfred Byrd, Jr., general superintendent of Chicago schools.

FAREED NAMED BOARD
MEMBER OF EDUCATIONAL
SERVICE CENTER

He is the board's only representative from higher education. The governing board will be responsible for approving the submission of a broad range of programs and services that will be prescribed by the Illinois State Board of Education. At one of its recent meetings, the service center board elected Fareed as vice-chairman.

The Chicago center is part of a statewide network of 18 Educational Service Centers that were mandated by the Illinois legislature and formed by the Illinois State Board of Education. The Chicago center will assume direction and supervision for several programs and services, including the Gifted Area Service Center; Computer Consortium; Staff Development; Learner Outcomes/Student Assessment; Illinois Administrator's Academy; and Mathematics, Science, and Reading Improvement. Each of the 18 centers will also develop a plan for the inclusion of additional programs and services.

HONORS AND ACTIVITIES

Several Northeastern faculty members recently participated in the Tenth Annual Conference of the National Association of Developmental Education. The conference focused on the integration of special programs within the traditional college curriculum. Participants included SAMUEL BETANCES, professor of sociology; THERESA BOOKER, professor of reading; HARRY HILD, associate professor of speech and performing arts; SANDRA HUNT, assistant professor of English; SUZANNE LEIBMAN, faculty assistant in the English Language Program; and AUDREY REYNOLDS, professor of linguistics.

HELEN ENGLER, assistant professor of music, recently gave a speech on "Performing With Stage Fright" at a meeting of the Northwest Suburban Music Teachers Association.

MITCHELL KANTER, assistant professor of health, physical education, recreation, and athletics, recently presented a paper on exercise, free radical generation, and their effects on the toxicity of chemotherapeutic drugs at The Barnes Hospital Preventive Medicine Seminar, in St. Louis, Missouri.

EDWARD A. ROBINSON, professor of curriculum and instruction, was a guest speaker for Northeastern's Library Program Committee's observation of Black History Month. His presentation included slides and commentary on Chicago Black Theater History.

IN THE MEDIA

MARJORIE JENNINGS, coordinator of the Motorcycle Safety Program, and DALE MC CORMACK, assistant coordinator, were guests on the "Warner Saunders Show" on WMAQ-TV (Channel 5), on Sunday, May 4. They discussed the purchase of motorcycles and the importance of motorcycle riding classes.

STANLEY NEWMAN, professor of anthropology, was featured in an article entitled, "Culture Shock: Professor Sees Parallel Between Immigrants Here and in Israel," in the Lerner Newspapers, on Tuesday, April 29.