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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 10, 1998

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"DON'T DRINK THE WATER" BY WOODY ALLEN
FINAL PRODUCTION OF STAGE CENTER THEATRE'S SUMMER SEASON
RUNS IN JULY AND AUGUST AT NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

"Don't Drink the Water," a cascade of comedy and a year's hit on the Broadway stage, is the final play to be presented by Northeastern Illinois University's (NEIU) Stage Center Theatre's Summer Stock Company.

Written by filmmaker, writer and comedian Woody Allen, the play takes place inside an American embassy behind the Iron Curtain in the 60s. Filled with hilarious mishaps, the story centers on an American tourist, a caterer by trade, and his family, who are suspected of spying. A love story ensues while the family plots their escape. "Allen's imagination is daffy, his sense of the ridiculous is keen and gags snap, crackle and pop." ...says the New York Daily News. The NEIU production is directed by Rodney Higginbotham.

The show runs Thursdays through Saturdays, July 30 -31, August 1, 6 - 8 and 13 - 15, at 7:30 p.m. at NEIU's Stage Center Theater, 5500 North St. Louis Avenue, Chicago (near Bryn Mawr and Central Park). Free parking is available in Lot "D" at the northwest corner of the campus. Look for the large blue and white sign that reads "Northeastern Illinois University."

Admission is \$8.00; senior citizens and students, \$6.00; and children ages 6 - 12, \$4.00. For ticket information, call the Stage Center Box Office at (773) 794-6652.

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CAST LIST - "DON'T DRINK THE WATER"

EDGEWATER

Chester Munro (Kilroy/Kasner)

EVANSTON

Karen Ijams (Susan)

IRVING PARK

Rodney Higginbotham (Director)

Renata Kozlowski (Marion)

LAKEVIEW

Michael Buino (Chef)

Floyd May (Drobney)

MONTCLARE

Vicky Bielat (Countess)

NORTH CENTER

Adam Rivera (Burns)

NORWOOD PARK

Ed Flynn (Ambassador/Sulton)

PALATINE

Tim Philbin (Walter)

PORTAGE PARK

Tina Haglund Spitz (Krojack)

UPTOWN

David Buckman (Axel)

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July 15, 1998

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DANCE CLASSES FOR CHILDREN, TEENAGERS AND ADULTS

OFFERED AT NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

REGISTER NOW FOR THE FALL SESSIONS

Dance classes for children, teenagers and adults, ages three and up, are being offered by Northeastern Illinois University's (NEIU) Department of Music and the Dance Program.

Classes for children include Creative Movement, Pre-Ballet, Ballet I and II, and Jazz Dance/Hip-Hop. Classes for teens and adults include Ballet I and II, Jazz Dance/Hip-Hop, and Stretch and Strengthening/Pointe.

Classes meet on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. The 14-week fall session begins September 10 and runs through December 19. The cost for each course is \$98.00. Discounts are given for students taking multiple courses. Students may register by mail beginning August 1, or they may register at NEIU beginning August 31.

All classes will be held in the A-wing dance studio, room A-113 at NEIU, located at 5500 North St. Louis Avenue (near Bryn Mawr and Central Park), Chicago.

For additional information or to receive a schedule of classes and a registration form, contact Rachel Burton at (773) 794-6138.

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SPECIAL TO CALENDAR LISTINGS
July 29, 1998

Contact: Elaine Specter
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OPERA SCENE RECITAL TUESDAY, AUGUST 11 AT 7:30 P.M.

PRESENTED BY NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY OPERA WORKSHOP

Opera scenes from Verdi's *Rigoletto* and *Falstaff*; Sullivan's *The Gondoliers*; Mozart's *Così fan tutte*; and Donizetti's *The Elixir of Love*, will be presented by Northeastern Illinois University's (NEIU) Opera Workshop on Tuesday, August 11, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

The performance takes place in NEIU's Auditorium, 5500 North St. Louis Avenue (Bryn Mawr and Central Park). Free parking is available in parking lot "D" at the northwest corner of the campus. Look for the large blue and white sign that reads "Northeastern Illinois University."

The program is sponsored by NEIU's Department of Music and the Dance Program. The Opera Workshop is directed by Ronald Combs with pianist, Jane Kenas.

For more information, call (773) 794-3042.

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Media Contact: Susan Namest
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CARDINAL GEORGE TO SPEAK AT NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

PART OF PRESIDENTIAL SEMINAR SERIES - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 AT 11 AM

As part of the university's Presidential Seminar series, Archbishop Francis Cardinal George will speak at Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) on Wednesday, September 23 at 11:00 a.m. in the university's Auditorium. The Cardinal will meet with Northeastern Illinois President, Salme H. Steinberg, and receive a tour of the campus during his visit.

A native of Chicago's northwest side, Cardinal George was ordained a priest of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. The Pope appointed him Archbishop of Chicago following the death of Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, and elevated him to the College of Cardinals in February of 1998.

Cardinal George dedicates much of his time to the cause of unity among Chicago's culturally diverse population. Named the most diverse university in the Midwest by *U.S. News & World Report*, Northeastern Illinois is a model of cultural diversity with more than forty separate ethnic groups represented among its student population alone.

The 11:00 a.m. talk is free and open to the public. Parking in any designated university lot will be free for attendees. **For directions or other information call: (773) 794-2910.**

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July 30, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**THE RUTH PAGE DANCE SERIES AND THE NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC AND THE DANCE PROGRAM
SPONSOR AFRICAN DANCE RESIDENCY BY DANNY DIALLO HINDS OF
SUNDANCE PRODUCTION.**

In cooperation with the Northeastern Illinois University Department of Music and the Dance Program, The Ruth Page Dance Series, now in its eighth season, is sponsoring an African Dance ← residency by Danny Diallo Hinds, Artistic Director of Sundance Production, Multiple Performing Arts Company. Mr Hinds will be teaching intermediate level African Dance classes that are open both to Northeastern students and to the general community. The African Dance course begins Tuesday, September 1, 1998 and runs for 15 weeks. Classes meet every Tuesday and Thursday (except Thanksgiving, November 26) in room A113 from 12:15pm until 1:30pm.

The course can be taken for college credit or on a non-credit basis. The cost of the course on a non-credit basis is \$75.00. Students must register for the entire session; individual classes are not available. As part of this residency, Mr. Hinds may also be setting traditional African/Carribbean dances to be performed in concert at NEIU. Students enrolled in the African Dance course will be allowed to audition for Mr. Hinds performance workshop. For information on registration or additional events of the Ruth Page Dance Series 1998-99 season, contact Series Coordinator

Rachel Burton at 773/794-6138.



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July 1998

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(Seated) Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) President Salme H. Steinberg signs NEIU's Civil Service Contract in a ceremony that took place recently at the university. (Standing L-R) Fern Szulc, Administrative Aide, NEIU College of Education, Cleve McDaniel, NEIU Vice President for Administrative Affairs, Diane Johnson, Library Technical Assistant III, NEIU Library, Gloria B. Carter, NEIU Director of Personnel, Ivo Collier, Collection Specialist III, NEIU Student Loans Office, Juanita Browne, Library Technical Assistant I, NEIU Library, and AFSCME Council 31 Staff Representative Betsy Hastings.

Szulc, Johnson, Collier and Browne are NEIU civil service employees and negotiating members of AFSCME, Local 1989.

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(Shown) Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) students who received honors at Proyecto Pa'Lante's Seventeenth Annual Honors Award Ceremony held recently at the university.

Proyecto Pa'Lante was established in 1972 at NEIU as an educational outreach program for the Latino community, providing personal and academic support services designed to increase scholastic achievement and persistence towards graduation.

Northeastern Illinois University, located at 5500 North St. Louis Avenue in Chicago, is a comprehensive state-supported commuter institution serving more than 10,000 students, with a 25 percent Hispanic student population.



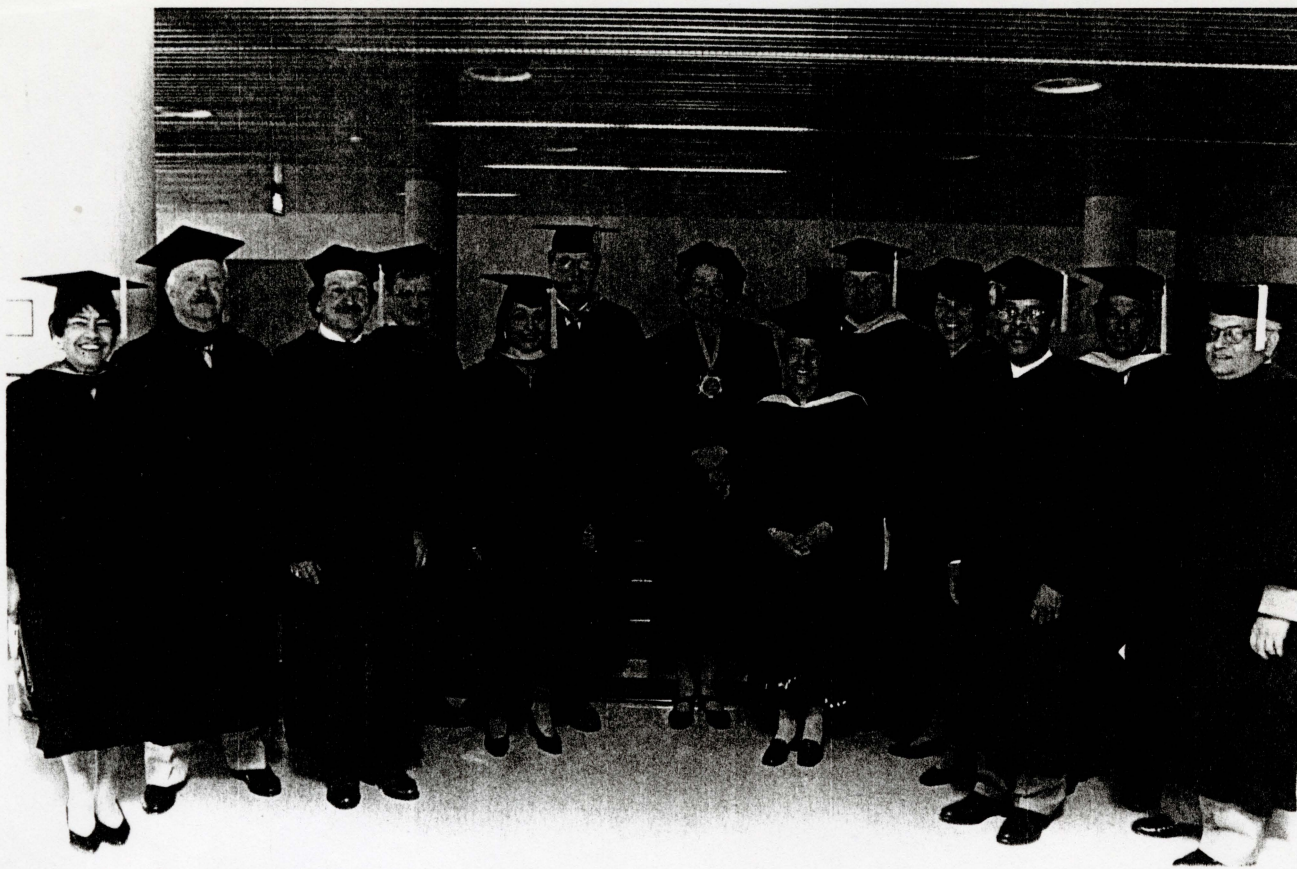
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July, 1998

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Participants in the recent Commencement ceremonies at Northeastern Illinois University are (left to right): Angelina Pedroso, Associate Professor, Foreign Languages and Literatures; David F. Unumb, Acting Dean, College of Arts and Sciences; Charles Pastors, Chair, Department of Political Science; Cleve McDaniel, Vice President for Administrative Affairs; Murrell H. Duster, Dean, Academic Development; Michael E. Carl, Dean, College of Education; Salme H. Steinberg, President; Luz Maria B. Solis, Member of the Board of Trustees; Charles F. Falk, Dean, College of Business and Management; Estela R. López, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Melvin C. Terrell, Vice President for Student Affairs; R. Kipp Hassell, Dean of Students; and Mohan K. Sood, Dean of the Graduate College. More than 1100 graduates received bachelor's and master's degrees.

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López is a Resident of Lake View

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Participants in the summer Commencement at Northeastern Illinois University are (left to right): Angelina Pedroso, Associate Professor, Foreign Languages and Literatures; Gregory H. Singleton, Professor of History; Charles Pastors, Chair, Department of Political Science; Cleve McDaniel, Vice President for Administrative Affairs; Murrell H. Duster, Dean, Academic Development; Michael E. Carl, Dean, College of Education; Salme H. Steinberg, President; Luz Maria B. Solis, Member of the Board of Trustees; Charles F. Falk, Dean, College of Business and Management; Estéla R. López, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Melvin C. Terrell, Vice President for Student Affairs; R. Kipp Kassell, Dean of Students; and Mohan K. Sood, Dean of the Graduate College.

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Pastors is a Resident of Oak Park

IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 4, 1998

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**1998 ILLINOIS READING COUNCIL HALL OF FAME AWARD PRESENTED TO
NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR MARGARET A. RICHEK**

Margaret A. Richek, Ph.D., professor of reading and coordinator of Northeastern Illinois University's (NEIU) Reading Center for the past several years, was recently awarded the 1998 Illinois Reading Council Hall of Fame Award. This prestigious award was presented to Richek for her outstanding work in the field of reading education and her service to the Illinois Reading Council in editing the *Illinois Reading Council Journal*.

Prior to Richek's efforts, the journal was a small-sized plain publication. As editor, she has enlarged it and introduced a new cover featuring the artwork of Illinois elementary school students. The journal contains stories, often culturally relevant, written by children. One issue, for example, contained a story written in Spanish with an English translation beside it.

Richek was largely responsible for the development of the NEIU Reading Center which serves children with reading disabilities. Staffed by graduate students enrolled in the reading masters' degree program, the Center provides tutoring and activities for children, as well as instruction for parents to help them work with their children at home.

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August 4, 1998

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**DANNY DIALLO HINDS IN AFRICAN DANCE RESIDENCY AT
NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY- COURSE BEGINS SEPTEMBER 1**

In cooperation with Northeastern Illinois University's (NEIU) Department of Music and the Dance Program, The Ruth Page Dance Series, now in its eighth season, is sponsoring an African Dance residency by Danny Diallo Hinds, artistic director of Sundance Production, Multiple Performing Arts Company. Sundance Production is a Chicago-based company specializing in Afro-Caribbean dance and music. In addition to performing in the Ruth Page Dance Series for the past two seasons, Sundance has also performed in the Dance Africa and Dance Chicago festivals.

The intermediate level African Dance course taught by Hinds begins Tuesday, September 1 and runs for 15 weeks. Class meets every Tuesday and Thursday (except November 26) in the university's A-Wing, room A-113, 5500 North St. Louis Avenue, from 12:15 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. The course can be taken for college credit or on a non-credit basis. Students must register for the entire session; individual classes are not available.

As part of this residency, Hinds may also be setting traditional African/Caribbean dances to be performed in concert at NEIU. Students enrolled in the African Dance course will be allowed to audition for his performance workshop.

For information on costs and registration, call Rachel Burton at 773-794-6138.

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August 11, 1998

Contact: Elaine Specter
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**RECENTLY RELEASED "SPORTS AND THE AMERICAN JEW"
IS EDITED BY NEIU PROFESSOR OF HISTORY STEVEN A. RIESS**

"Sports and the American Jew," edited by Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) Professor of History, and noted author on the history of sports in America, Steven A. Riess, Ph.D., has recently been released.

With a comprehensive overview introduction written by Riess, the book examines the contributions of Jewish men and women to American sports in a collection of essays written by some of today's leading sports historians. The book debunks the conventional stereotype that Jews and sports are somehow anathema, and demonstrates that sports have long been a significant institution in Jewish American life.

Among the chapter titles are "Our Crowd at Play: The Elite Jewish Country Club in the 1920's," "Hank Greenberg: The Jewish American Sports Hero," "Jewish American Women, Jewish Organizations and Sports 1880-1940," and "Tough Jews: The Jewish American Boxing Experience, 1890-1950."

Some of the celebrated athletes discussed in the book are Hank Greenberg, Marty Glickman, Barney Ross, Benny Leonard, Red Holzman, Ted "Kid" Lewis, Maxie Rosenbloom, Abe Attell and Lillian Copelan. The publisher is Syracuse University Press, Syracuse, New York.

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An authority in his field, Riess is the former editor of the *Journal of Sport History*.

Among his many books are: *Touching Base: Professional Baseball and American Culture in the Progressive Era*; *Sport in Industrial America 1850-1920*; and *City Games: The Evolution of American Urban Society and the Rise of Sports*. Riess has been a frequent guest on radio and TV shows, and lectured extensively on the subject. He has written countless articles on sports history and is the recipient of numerous awards. Riess received both his M.A. and Ph.D. in history from the University of Chicago.

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August 20, 1998

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“MAMBO KINGS” AUTHOR APPEARS AT NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

OSCAR HIJUELOS TO TALK FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 AT 7:30 PM

Oscar Hijuelos, winner of the Pulitzer Prize for his novel, *The Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love*, will talk about “Fiction and Reality” at Northeastern Illinois University on Friday, September 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the university’s Auditorium. A Q&A session and reception follows.

Hijuelos was born to Cuban immigrants in 1951 on the Upper West Side of New York City, a neighborhood which continues to influence and shape his writing. His first novel, *Our House in the Last World*, received the Rome Prize of the American Academy of Arts and Letters, and garnered him both a National Endowment for the Arts and an Ingram-Merrill fellowship.

The fellowships allowed him to concentrate on writing his second novel, *The Mambo Kings*, which received the 1990 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and became a national and international bestseller.

Of his third novel, *The Fourteen Sisters of Emilio Montez O’Brien*, also a national bestseller, the Chicago Tribune wrote: “Nobody writes about sensuality, nostalgia, and matters of the heart more exuberantly than Oscar Hijuelos.” His latest novel, *Mr. Ives’ Christmas*, tells the story of a successful and deeply religious man whose life is shattered by the murder of his teenage son.

The 7:30 p.m. talk is free and open to the public. Parking is free in any designated university lot. **For directions or other information call: (773) 794-2910.**

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 27, 1998

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**JAZZ BRUNCH TO BENEFIT NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS
GERALDINE DE HAAS, KAHIL EL'ZABAR AND DARLENE Y. BLACKBURN HONOREES
TRUMPETER ORBERT DAVIS AND ALTO SAXOPHONIST ANDY GOODRICH TO PERFORM
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 FROM 11:30 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.**

A gala jazz brunch will be held on Sunday, September 20, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to raise funds for student scholarships and faculty research at Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU). Jazz artists Orbert Davis, Andy Goodrich and the NEIU Jazz Ensemble will perform, and music luminaries Geraldine de Haas and Kahil El'Zabar are among the honorees. Also honored is dancer, choreographer and music educator, Darlene Y. Blackburn, an NEIU alumna. The event marks the eleventh year of the NEIU Foundation's Recognition Fundraiser. Art, travel and entertainment packages will be included in a silent auction. The brunch will be held in Cathedral Hall of the University Club of Chicago, Monroe Street and Michigan Avenue in Chicago.

The NEIU Jazz Ensemble, which has a newly released second CD, has performed throughout the Chicago area and has been featured at jazz festivals across the Midwest including the Notre Dame Jazz Festival and the North Shore Jazz Festival. They have played in concert with jazz notables Bobby Shew, Paul McKee and Randy Brecker. Members have played in the Buddy Rich Band, and the Dorsey and Basie "ghost" bands, and perform with artists who come to Chicago such as Aretha Franklin, Tony Bennett and Natalie Cole. Their newly released CD is titled *Midlife Crisis*.

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Each year the Foundation honors community leaders for distinguished service. Geraldine de Haas will be honored for her contributions in championing Chicago jazz. She is the founder of Jazz Unites, an organization established in 1981 to promulgate jazz through arts and educational programs. Geraldine de Haas and Jazz Unites are in the process of establishing Chicago's newly planned jazz museum, which will combine the distinctive qualities of a museum and a significant educational resource dedicated to the preservation and advancement of jazz.

Internationally renowned percussionist, composer, educator, author and poet, Kahil El'Zabar, will be honored for his commitment to education in the arts. He is a former professor of interdisciplinary arts at the University of Illinois/Chicago, and currently teaches at the University of Nebraska and the Art Institute of Chicago. He serves on numerous arts committees and is considered an eminent member of the arts education community.

Honored for her meritorious service to education and dance is NEIU alumna, Darlene Y. Blackburn, dancer, choreographer, and music educator. She is a faculty member at Calumet Career Prep Academy and works with students in enrichment workshops in the visual arts, music, dance and language arts. She was recently the recipient of the Illinois Arts Council Master Apprenticeship Award for an outstanding multi-arts project based at Calumet and the DuSable Museum of African-American History.

Proceeds from the benefit support scholarships through NEIU's Foundation. Single tickets for "Jazz in the Afternoon" are \$150.00; tables of ten are \$1,500, \$2,500, and \$3,500.

For more information and reservations, contact Stephan Donovan of the NEIU Development Office at 773/794-6569.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 1, 1998

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**FIRST AMERICAN TO RECEIVE CHINESE CULTURE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP IS
NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY HISTORY PROFESSOR ANDREW EISENBERG**

Northeastern Illinois University Professor Andrew Eisenberg is the first American to receive a Chinese Culture Research Fellowship from the China Scholarship Council of the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China. Eisenberg is researching Wu Zetain, China's only female emperor, and the politics surrounding the imperial succession during the early Tang period (618-755 A.D.).

The China Culture Research Fellowship, established in 1993, invites history and social science scholars to conduct research in China, creating a broader international understanding of Chinese culture. To date, the China Scholarship Council has awarded thirty-two international scholarships.

Eisenberg began his academic career with his appointment as an Assistant Professor of History at Northeastern Illinois University in 1991. He earned a master's degree in East Asian Studies from Stanford University, and his doctorate in Classical Chinese History from the University of Washington, at Seattle. He will be doing research in China during the fall semester, starting this September.

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Eisenberg is a Resident of Skokie

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 3, 1998

Contact: Elaine Specter
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**NATIONAL AWARD FOR ALUMNI PROGRAMMING GOES TO
OFFICE OF ALUMNI AFFAIRS AT NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**

The Commission on Alumni Relations, a panel of professionals assembled by CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education), has selected Northeastern Illinois University's (NEIU) Alumni Association to receive a Seal of Excellence for their new model alumni program, "Black Alumni Chapter Development."

The African-American alumnus' connection to NEIU has been nurtured by several key programs. Among them are: Project Success, which provides students with counseling, academic advising and tutorial support; the Center for Inner City Studies, a satellite campus location, which for the past thirty years has offered a curriculum toward both bachelor's and master's degrees in Inner-City Studies Education; two core student organizations, the Black Heritage Club and the Black Heritage Gospel Choir, providing cultural and social opportunities for students; and the African-American Male Mentoring Group, a partnership with three Chicago area schools.

Further development of the Black Alumni Chapter will include support for student mentoring, recruitment, internships, career placements and fund raising for scholarships.

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September 15, 1998

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**GOLDEN TRUMPET AWARD GOES TO NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
FOR 1996-97 ANNUAL REPORT
CONFERRED BY PUBLICITY CLUB OF CHICAGO**

Northeastern Illinois University's (NEIU) 1996-97 Annual Report was awarded the prestigious Golden Trumpet Award (for non-profit annual reports) from the Publicity Club of Chicago at the organization's 39th Annual Golden Trumpet Awards Banquet held recently. Winner of Apex (awards for publication excellence) in previous years, the report is published by NEIU's Department of Community Affairs and Publications, Sheila Rotman, editor.

The theme of the report, "Charting our Course to the 21st Century," focuses on the university's mission, with highlighted chapters on *Meeting New Challenges; Fulfilling a Vision by Building for the Future; Establishing Links to Business and Community; Creating a Cultural Foundation Through the Arts; Investing in the Leaders of Tomorrow; and Contributing to an Interactive Education.*

One of the nation's largest organizations of public relations professionals, the Publicity Club of Chicago sponsors its annual awards' competitions to recognize achievements by public relations professionals in the Midwest.

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MEDIA ALERT/PHOTO OPP
September 22, 1998

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**FRANCIS CARDINAL GEORGE TO SPEAK AT
NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
AS PART OF THE "PRESIDENTIAL SEMINAR SERIES"**

- WHO:** Francis Cardinal George, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago
- WHAT:** Cardinal to give a free talk on "The Interface of Higher Education with the Larger Culture" to students, faculty, staff members and the public
- WHEN:** Wednesday, September 23
11:00 a.m.
- WHERE:** Auditorium
Northeastern Illinois University
5500 North St. Louis Avenue in Chicago
(Between Foster and Bryn Mawr, and two blocks west of Kimball Avenue)
- PARKING:** Free in any designated university lot.
- PUBLIC INFO:** Call: (773)794-2910

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 24, 1998

Contact: Elaine Specter
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**CELEBRATION OF HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH WITH ENSEMBLE ESPAÑOL
AND GUEST DANCE COMPANIES OCTOBER 16 AND 17
AT NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**

Ensemble Español Spanish Dance Theater, in residence at Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU), Dame Libby Komaiko, artistic director, celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month with "Ritmos Unidos" (United Rhythms), highlighting dance and music of Spain, Mexico, Columbia and Bolivia, on Friday and Saturday, October 16 and 17, at 8:00 p.m. in NEIU's Auditorium.

In addition to Ensemble Español's full company of dancers and musicians, the concerts feature guest companies Tierra Colombiana, Edgar Serna, artistic director; Mexican Folkloric Dance Company of Chicago, José Luis Ovalle, artistic director; and Renacer Boliviano Folkloric Dance Troupe, Patricia Andreuzzi, artistic director. Ensemble Español performances include "Patio Andaluz"; "Faraloes" (Malaguenas/Verdiales); "Solea por Buleria"; "Hechizo de Cadiz" (Alegrias); "Con La Pasion" (Tangos); "Alma de Sevilla"; and "Jerez por Fiesta."

General admission is \$21.00; senior citizens and students, \$19.00; and children under 12, \$16.00. NEIU is located at 5500 North St. Louis Avenue (near Bryn Mawr and Central Park), in Chicago. Free parking is available in parking lot "D" at the northwest corner of the campus. (Look for the large blue and white sign that reads "Northeastern Illinois University.")

For charge-by-phone tickets, call (773) 794-2538. For group rates and more information, call the Ensemble Español office at (773) 583-4050, ext. 3015.

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September 24, 1998

Contact: Elaine Specter
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FLAMENCO DANCE WORKSHOPS

OFFERED BY ENSEMBLE ESPAÑOL SPANISH DANCE THEATER

AT NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Flamenco dance workshops for adults and 6th through 12th grade students are being offered by Ensemble Español Dance Theater, in residence at Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU). Artistic director Dame Libby Komaiko, and 1st dancers Irma Suarez Ruiz, Jorge Perez, and Maria Cecilia will instruct the classes in Sevillanas/ Bulerias/ Tangos/ Rumbas (Level I) and Alegrias/Tangos/Soleares/ Bulerias (Level II)

Classes are offered every Tuesday; Level I classes from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m., and Level II, from 8:30 to 9:45 p.m., starting September 22 through December 1 (no classes on October 13). The cost per class is \$10.00. The student rate (6th through 12th grade) is \$8.00.

Ensemble Español will also offer Flamenco dance for children, grades 1 through 8 every Friday, starting September 25 through December 4, from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m. (no class on October 16). The cost is \$8.00 per class.

All classes are held at NEIU, 5500 North St. Louis Avenue (near Bryn Mawr and Central Park), A-Wing Building, Dance Studio (A-113).

For more information on the dance workshops, call (773) 583-4050, ext. 3015.

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**“MAMBO KINGS” AUTHOR, OSCAR HIJUELOS, SPEAKS AT
NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**

WHO: Oscar Hijuelos, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love*, which was adapted for the feature film “The Mambo Kings” starring

Antonio Banderas. His other novels include *Our House in the Last World*, *The Fourteen Sisters of Emilio Montez O’Brien*, and *Mr. Ives’ Christmas*.

WHAT: Hijuelos gives a free talk on “Fiction and Reality” to university students, faculty staff, and the general public. Reception to follow.

WHEN: Friday, September 25
7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Auditorium
Northeastern Illinois University
5500 North St. Louis Avenue in Chicago
(Between Foster and Bryn Mawr, and two blocks west of Kimball Avenue)

PARKING: Free in any designated university lot.

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**CHICAGO TRIBUNE WRITER ACHY OBEJAS IS KEYNOTE SPEAKER
AT "EQUITY IN ACTION: AFFIRMATIVE ACTION ISSUES" PROGRAM
HOSTED BY NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY - OCTOBER 19 & 20**

The fourth annual "Equity in Action Program," hosted by Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU), will focus on affirmative action issues with the theme "Continuing the Call for Enlightened Leadership: A Choice or Echo." The program will be held Monday and Tuesday, October 19 and 20.

Keynote speaker, Achy Obejas, staff writer for the Chicago Tribune, will speak on the role of the press and media in affirmative action issues on Monday, October 19, at 10:00 a.m. in the university's Golden Eagles Room. Obejas, author of two novels and a collection of short stories, was nominated for the American Library Association Notable Books of 1996 list, and is the recipient of the Studs Terkel Community Journalism Award for a work focusing on Chicago neighborhoods. The award was given by the Community Media Workshop.

Among the discussions planned for two-day-long event are *Diversity in the Workforce*; *Student Reactions to Affirmative Action in the Workplace*; *Transportation Issues for College Students with Disabilities*; *Violence Against Women: One reason for Affirmative Action for Women*; and *Affirmative Action Issues: Representations of Lesbians and Gays in the Press*.

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Panelists and speakers include NEIU faculty and staff in addition to guests from the business and academic community. All programs are free and open to the public.

NEIU's Center for Inner City Studies at 700 East Oakwood will host two sessions on the *Impact of the Million Man March* on Monday, October 19, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All other programs will take place at NEIU's main campus at 5500 North St. Louis Avenue in Chicago.

For more information, call the Office of Academic Development at 773/794-6258.

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**CASSANDRA J. CASIS APPOINTED ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
AT NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**

Salme H. Steinberg, Ph.D., President of Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU), announces the appointment of Cassandra J. Casis to the position of Assistant to the President effective August 10, 1998. Casis will assist the President with university administration including legislative affairs, special events, and campus and community activities.

Most recently, Casis served as a Legislative Liaison in the Office of Legislation for the Illinois Department of Human Services. Prior to that, she was a Fellow in the James H. Dunn, Jr. Memorial Fellowship Program for the Office of the Governor of the State of Illinois (97-98). Casis served an internship in the Illinois Department of Transportation through the Graduate Public Service Internship Program at the University of Illinois at Springfield (95-97).

She received her Bachelor of Arts in Rhetoric from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (1995) and a Master of Arts in Communication from the University of Illinois at Springfield.

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