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FEBRUARY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: GLORIA HELFAND

*(Civil service
employee of the
month nominating
forms are available
in Personnel.)*

LERNER, MESSERER AT TECHNOLOGY FOR RURAL SCHOOLS CONFERENCE IN SPRINGFIELD

BOG APPROVES FUNDING FOR FISCAL 1990

BOG VIDEOTAPES FOCUS ON FUTURE CHALLENGES IN HIGHER EDUCATION

MUSIC EDUCATION AT NORTHEASTERN AMONG TOPICS ON "VANTAGE POINT" IN MARCH

Congratulations to **Gloria Helfand**, administrative secretary in the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies for almost eight years, for being named February's Employee of the Month. Ms. Helfand received her \$100 award from President **Lamb** and her picture is posted in the Civil Service bulletin board. An alumna with a B.A. in Art, Helfand exhibited her computer graphics last April in the Ronald Williams Library. The comments supporting her nomination praise Helfand for the consistently high quality of her work; her effective administration of departmental affairs; for thoroughly mastering, on her own time, computer programs for word processing and office data management; and for her prompt handling of even the most demanding faculty requests. Called the department's "heart and soul," Helfand was praised for her patient and caring training of department majors, work-study students and aides in computer, office management, and interpersonal skills.

"Technology-- Strategies for Rural and Small Schools," a conference co-sponsored by the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities, will be held for primary and secondary faculty and staff in the state in Springfield on Tuesday, February 28. **Janet Lerner**, professor, and **Jeff Messerer**, associate professor, special education, will give one of the eight presentations by BOG faculty and staff, entitled "Using Word Processing for Students with Special Needs."

At its February 23 meeting at Governors State University, the Board of Governors approved the system's funding request for fiscal year 1990. The appropriation bill will be introduced in early March at \$224,639,300, exclusive of retirement contributions. This budget (15.3 percent above '89 funding) includes no tuition increase and a 10 percent salary increase for faculty and staff. Among the other priorities addressed by this budget is \$480,000 to begin Northeastern's Project PRIME.

The Board of Governors has produced a series of six 30-minute videotapes, called "The Student of the Year 2000," which are available to faculty for use in class. The series, based on presentations at BOG meetings last year, focuses on how universities can prepare for the educational challenges of the future. A BOG university president hosted each program, which included outside experts who addressed key topics and a panel from the BOG universities. The program topics are: (1) "Faculty"; (2) "Impact and Implications of New Technology in Instructional Delivery"; (3) "Are Colleges Succeeding?" (4) "Student Recruitment"; (5) "How Will We Meet the Needs of Students in the Year 2000?" (6) "General Education." If you are interested in using one or more of these tapes, please contact **Marti Sladek**, university relations, ext. 3291.

On Northeastern's "Vantage Point," heard on WTMX-FM (102), formerly called WCLR, every Sunday at 6:30 a.m., host **David Unumb's** March topics and guests are: "Music Education for School-age Children," with **Vicki Vorrieter**, instructor of Suzuki violin with Northeastern's Musical Arts Project, and **Mike McClary**, assistant professor, music, on **March 5**; "Chicago: Race, Class, and the Response to Urban Decline," with **Kathleen McCourt** and **Phil Nyden**, both associate professors of sociology and anthropology at Loyola University, on **March 12**; "Saving Our Parks," with **Jacqueline McKay**, vice president, Friends of the Parks, on

**NOMINEES FOR ALUMNI
AWARDS DUE BY
MARCH 6**

**AN INVITATION TO
FACULTY FOR NEW
PICTURES**

**WELLNESS EXPO ON
MARCH 22-23**

**UNIVERSITY CO-HOSTS
PRAIRIE CONFERENCE
ON APRIL 1**

**OTHER ENVIRONMENT-
RELATED EVENTS**

**LAMB TO CONDUCT
MOZART OPERA . . .**

**. . . AND OTHER
SPECIAL EVENTS**

**MORE NOTES FROM
THE CALENDAR**

March 19; and "Adult Daycare - A Viable Alternative," with **Laura Milligan**, director, Ecumenical Adult Day Care of Naperville, on **March 26**.

Each year the Northeastern Illinois University Alumni Association presents awards to the university's alumni who have excelled in their careers, benefitted their communities, or made outstanding contributions to Northeastern. If you or anyone in your department know of an alum who may qualify, please contact **Dan Lloyd**, director, Alumni Affairs, ext. 3069.

Many faculty members and administrators do not have current photos on file in University Relations. In order to update our files, we are scheduling individual portrait sittings from March 1-15 between noon and 5:00 p.m. To set up an appointment for a new photo, please call **Elaine Spector** or **Mimi Acciari** in University Relations at ext. 3361. The session should take approximately 20 minutes. If you are unable to have a photo taken within the designated two-week period, please call and we will arrange a time for a sitting.

A "Wellness Expo," sponsored by Health Services and Partners in Prevention, will be held here Wednesday and Thursday, March 22-23. Information, videos, and free testing will be available from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Golden Eagles Room and Alumni Hall. Blood pressure, vision (including basic glaucoma testing), feet, cholesterol (\$2 fee), and body fat percentage will be tested free. A Chicago Bear will be among the lecturers. For more information, contact Health Service at ext. 3453.

The Ninth Northern Illinois Prairie Workshop will draw to our campus 700-1000 professional and amateur naturalists for more than forty lectures and workshop sessions on Saturday, April 1. Among the many speakers will be our own **Ron Panzer** and **Robert Betz**. Panzer will lecture on the rare animals of the prairies and savannahs, and Betz will give the closing address. For a registration brochure, call 869-5966. The registration deadline is March 15.

Author of *The Closing Circle* and *The Politics of Energy* and prominent environmental scientist, **Barry Commoner** will lecture on "Problems Facing the Environment: The Greenhouse Effect," on Thursday, April 6, 7:30 p.m., in Alumni Hall. The lecture is part of the Distinguished Lectureship Series. Commoner will also teach a Master Class on environmental issues on Friday, April 7, 9:00 a.m. in S-101. . . . On Saturday, April 8, the Alumni Association will present a **Greenhouse Seminar** on the second floor of the Commuter Center. The seminar will begin at 9:00 a.m. and feature movies, information booths, and speakers. Call ext. 3069 to advance register and guarantee a seat.

Dr. **Gordon H. Lamb**, professor of music, as well as university president, will conduct the Northeastern Chamber Orchestra in the Opera Workshop's production of Mozart's opera, "The Marriage of Figaro," directed by Dr. **Ronald T. Combs**. Performances will be on March 1, 2, and 4, 7:30 p.m., in the Auditorium. . . .

The John Sharp String Quartet, featuring John Sharp, principal cellist, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and **Liba Shacht**, violinist, will perform Handel, Schubert, and Kodaly on Friday, March 17, 7:30 p.m., in the Auditorium. . . . Mystery and children's book author **M.S. Craig** will discuss "The Writer's Life - Creativity and Commercialism", as a Distinguished Lectureship Series presentation on Thursday, March 30, 12:30 p.m., in Alumni Hall.

Wed., Mar. 15: Graduate Recital: **Morton Pliskin**, baritone; **Beatriz Levi**, piano; **Haesook Kim**, flute; **David Brandhandler**, violin, 8:00 p.m., Auditorium. . . . Student Recital: **Paul Kober**, saxophone, 8:00 p.m. Auditorium. . . . **Thur., Mar. 23:** Midday Musicales, Faculty Artist Series; 12:45 p.m., Auditorium. . . . **Tue., Mar. 28:** Music Talent Scholars Recital, 12:45 p.m., A-131. . . . **Wed., Mar. 29:** Northeastern Wind Ensemble, 8:00 p.m., Auditorium. . . . **Fri., Mar. 31:** Ensemble Espanol, Benefit Concert, 8:00 p.m., Auditorium (inf: ext. 3009). . . .