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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH FOR MAY: MICHAEL MIKRUT

Employee-of-the-Month nomination forms are available in Personnel.

"OASIS" ACADEMIC SOFTWARE DATABASE NOW AVAILABLE

NEW STOP SIGNS ON BRYN MAWR

"VANTAGE POINT" TOPICS IN MAY

PRESIDENT LAMB'S OPEN HOURS FOR MAY

NEW SMOKING POLICY IN EFFECT

Michael Mikrut has been selected as Employee of the Month for May by the Civil Service Employee Excellence Award Selection Committee. Mike has been employed at the university for six years as a multi-media technician assigned to evening events in the Auditorium. Working with a variety of university and off-campus performers and presenters, Mike has been praised for his professionalism and creativity in making presentations work technically, in finding solutions to problems in rehearsals, and in consistently striving for excellence. His nominators wrote about his enthusiasm, imagination, composure under stress, knowledge of the Auditorium. All agreed that working with Mike is a rewarding and productive experience. He was presented with the \$100 Employee of the Month monetary award by **President Lamb** and is eligible for the Employee-of-the-Year award. His picture is posted on the Civil Service Bulletin Board.

The Online Academic Software Information System (OASIS) is a database containing information on microcomputer software products suitable for higher education instruction, research or as tutorials. This project is funded through the Illinois Educational Consortium and administered by the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities' Educational Computing Network (ECN). The information which resides in the database is free; access is also free through ECN terminals located in the computing labs for faculty and staff in Rooms 3108 and S-246 (keys must be obtained from the computing service at 4067-A) and for students in Rooms 2109, S-208, and on the 4th floor of the Library.

The City of Chicago yielded to the persistent appeals of the university community and has installed new stop signs on Bryn Mawr, just east of the cemetery at the access road to university parking. Heavy traffic on Bryn Mawr will now be stopping there for drivers leaving the campus. The Campus Planning Committee, should be applauded for their efforts, particularly community member, **James Bellucci**, president, Hollywood-North Park Improvement Assoc., who kept talking with Alderman Anthony Laurino and the City of Chicago.

David Unumb, chairperson of speech and performing arts, and host of Northeastern's radio program, "Vantage Point," will have as his May topics and guests: "How to Choose a Summer Camp for Your Child," with **Gordon Kaplan**, associate director, American Camping Assoc.-Illinois Division, on May 7; "Chicago Public School Reform - Issues and Answers," with **Dr. Jerry Olson**, director of Northeastern's Chicago Teachers' Center, on May 14; "Addictions in the Workforce," with **Marijean Suelzle**, Ph.D., president, F.D.A., Inc., on May 21; and "Jobs for Older Adults," with **Shirley Sachs**, director of Technical Assistance, Operation Able, on May 28. The show is aired Sundays at 6:30 a.m. on WTMX-FM.

The scheduled times for the informal monthly meetings with **President Lamb** in his office are, for **students**: Wednesday, May 10, 2:30 p.m.; **civil service**: Monday, May 15, 2:30 p.m.; **faculty and A & P**: Tuesday, May 23, 2:00 p.m.

Northeastern Illinois University and the other BOG universities have adopted a formal policy on smoking to guarantee clean indoor air. This policy was implemented on May 1, 1989, to protect the rights of non-smokers against passive smoke. Under the new policy, smoking is now permitted only in the "smoking permitted" area in food facilities, hallways, corridors, private offices where

LAMB AND LINDMAN TO PARTICIPATE IN SPACE DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE MAY 26-29

RECENT GRANTS OF NOTE

funding for fundamental changes in 19 public schools

CHEP SPONSORS FUN RUN/WALK

20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FOR FOLLOW-THROUGH PROGRAM

MORE NOTES FROM THE CALENDAR

smoking is permitted by occupant, and other specifically designated areas. In other areas such as classrooms, gymnasiums, elevators, and rest rooms, smoking is prohibited. It is the responsibility of all faculty, staff, and students to adhere to and enforce this policy. Any questions or problems should be addressed to the appropriate supervisor.

The 8th annual international Space Development Conference will be held on Friday through Monday, May 26-29, at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare Hotel, and **President Gordon H. Lamb** and **Professor Margaret Lindman**, chairperson, Curriculum and instruction, are scheduled to participate. Lamb will provide welcoming addresses on Friday evening and Sunday morning. Lindman will coordinate the conference's teachers programming and work in several sessions.

A three-year grant of \$625,000 will fund the University/School Collaboration for Professional Development Project, submitted by **Jerry B. Olson**, director, Chicago Teachers' Center. The money comes from the Chicago Community Trust through their new grant program initiative, "Elementary and Secondary Education in Chicago." The project includes a process and design to make fundamental systematic and structural changes over three years in 19 Chicago public schools (four high schools and 15 elementary schools). Through the creation of new roles and mechanisms, teachers, administrators, and university professor will work together to provide improved instruction for children from low-income and minority backgrounds. . . . The Chicago Academic Alliance, directed by **Jacob Carruthers**, Center for Inner City Studies, and **Mary Ellen McGoey**, foreign languages and literature, is a collaborative project among Chicago State University (the applicant institution), the University of Chicago, Northeastern, and the Chicago public schools. Funded by the Illinois Board of Higher Education with a budget of \$84,615, its main objective is to strengthen teaching and learning by emphasizing content and scholarship on the common ground of interest in particular disciplines.

The Human Performance Laboratory's Community Health Enhancement Program will be sponsoring a free Fun Run/Walk to celebrate national Employee Fitness Day, May 19. Runners and walkers will meet at the Physical Education Complex between 12:00 and 12:15 and be able to participate in a 1-, 2- or 3-mile run/walk. An outdoor scenic route is planned and refreshments will be available at the end of each distance. For more information and to RSVP, call 2887.

A balloon launch will kick-off a week-long celebration of the 20th anniversary of Northeastern's Chicago Teachers' Center's (CTC) Cultural Linguistic Approach-/Follow Through Project. Directed by CTC staff member **Naomi Millender**, the Follow-Through Project is a culture-based instructional program for K-3 students. It is designed to maintain the gains children made in Head-start and other preschool programs. The celebration will take place at the Fuller Elementary School, 4212 S. St. Lawrence Avenue, and will include class-room demonstrations, workshops, and an International Day with each class reflecting the culture of a different country. There will also be an awards banquet to honor former participants in the program. For more information, call 548-7610.

Mon., May 15: Panel discussion on "The Media As Political Analysts," with **Carolyn Grisko**, **Stanley Newman**, **Clarence Page**, and moderator **Valerie Simms**; 7:30 p.m., CC-217. . . . **Wed., May 17:** Student Honors Breakfast, 8:00-9:30 a.m., Alumni Hall. . . . **Thur., May 18:** Student Awards Convocation, 7:30 p.m., Auditorium. . . . **Sun., May 21:** 1989 Commencement Convocation, 1:00 and 3:30 p.m., Physical Education Complex. . . . **Mon., May 22:** National Issues Forum, "Breaking the Habit of Deficit Spending"; 7:30 p.m., CLS 1001. . . . **Wed., Fri., May 24, 26:** Alexander, Michaels/Future Movement (dance program), 8:00 p.m. Auditorium. . . . **Thur., May 25:** "The Chicago Project," **Venetia Stifler**, Concert Dance, Inc., Noon, Auditorium. . . .