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UMA PATEL NAMED EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER

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NORTHEASTERN TAKES AREA-WIDE LEAD IN DRUG PREVENTION WITH FIPSE GRANT The Civil Service Employee of the Month for October is Uma Patel, Secretary IV, Political Science Department. Patel was praised by her nominators not only for the exceptional quality and promptness of her work but for her "unfailing" courtesy and helpfulness to students and faculty alike. She anticipates tasks and performs them, is "motivated to excel," and is "willing to assume whatever responsibilities are necessary to achieve departmental faculty, student, and administrative needs." Her strong commitment to the university shows in her attitude; she has also recently completed work toward her degree here.

Northeastern Illinois University has been awarded a grant from the Department of Education's Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE), to further the efforts and projects of our Partners in Prevention (PIP) program. Our university will now take a leading role in establishing the Chicagoland Consortium for Drug Prevention in Commuter Institutions. This organization will consist of thirteen colleges and universities with a combined enrollment of 119,700.

As well as becoming a focal point for the combined efforts of the consortium, PIP will be improving upon and creating new approaches and strategies to best meet the needs of our diverse student body. Our drug abuse prevention program was rated by the FIPSE monitor as one of the best in the country and by receiving this grant Northeastern can continue its commitment and initiative as a forerunner in original techniques and programs. The focus will be placed on issues such as assessment, faculty and staff development, prevention programming for students, policies, and students as prevention agents. In a sense, Northeastern is writing the book on prevention programs for commuter campuses, and the new grant, which makes Northeastern its fiscal agent and "flagship" institution, recognizes that fact

Five state universities, four community colleges, and four private colleges will participate in the grant activity. The other institutions are: Chicago State and Governor State universities, the University of Illinois-Chicago, Indiana University Northwest (Gary); Depaul and Loyola universities; St. Augustine College, Mundelein College; Harper, Morton, Prairie State and Oakton Community Colleges.

UNIVERSITY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS HURRICANE RELIEF The University of The Virgin Islands, a U.S. Virgin Islands public, historically black university of 2800 students has suffered severe damage from Hurricane Hugo. The St. Croix campus has been almost totally demolished, jeopardizing the graduation of many future leaders of nations in the Caribbean islands. As the hurricane destruction on the Virgin Islands is so thorough, it is unlikely that the government will give high priority to repairing their only university. Dr. Charles Shabica, chair of the Earth Science department, and contact person for Northeastern's UVI relief fund, maintains regular communication with the president of UVI. Relief checks to hasten the repair and reopening of UVI may be made payable to "The University of The Virgin Islands Relief Fund" and delivered to the Earth Science office (for more information: ext. 2533.)

MEXICAN DEMOCRATIC LEADER, CARDENAS, TO LECTURE

Mexican presidential candidate, Cuauhtemoc Cardenas, will speak on "The Mexican Political Situation and its Impact on the United States," Thursday, Oct. 26, at 12:30 p.m. in Alumni Hall. A former governor of the State of Michoacan (1980-86), Cardenas has become a major democratic political leader and was the presidential candidate of the National Democratic Front in the 1988 election. His appearance here is co-sponsored by Chimexla, International/Intercultural Program, Pi Sigma Alpha, and the Political Science Club.

PRESIDENT LAMB'S OPEN HOURS FOR OCTOBER

CONFERENCE ON LATINOS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

LECTURE SERIES ON HOMELESSNESS IN HONOR OF VERA LINDA MILAM

CHICAGO ACADEMIC ALLIANCE PANEL ON FRENCH REVOLUTION

8TH ANNUAL ALPHA CHI INDUCTION

PRIZE-WINNING PLAY AT STAGE CENTER

OTHER NOTABLE CALENDAR NOTES

The scheduled times for the informal monthly meetings with President Lamb in his office are, for students: Thursday, Oct. 26, 2:00 p.m.; faculty and A & P: Friday, Oct. 27, 11:00 a.m.; civil service: Friday, Oct. 27, 2:00 p.m.

The Second Annual Conference on Latinos in Higher Education, hosted by State Senator Miguel Del Valle, will be held on Saturday, Nov. 11, at 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., in the Commuter Center. Among the speakers will be Senator Philip Rock, president of the state senate, and Senator Earlean Collins, assistant majority leader and chair of the senate black caucus. Students will be admitted free with I.D. For more information, contact Miriam Rivera, ext. 3635, Admissions Office.

Northeastern's Department of Sociology, along with the Anti-Poverty Action Group, will present a free lecture program on issues related to the homeless Tuesday, October 31, beginning at 9:40 a.m. Charles Hoch, co-author of New Homeless and Old: Community and the Skid Row Hotel, will be the keynote speaker. Hoch is associate professor in the School of Urban Planning and Policy at the University of Illinois at Chicago. The daytime series of lectures will begin with "Who Counts As Homeless" at 9:40 a.m. in Room 144 of the Science Building. The second lecture will be "Homeless Women: A New Problem" at 11:05 a.m. in Room 2094 of the Classroom Building. The final lecture will be "No Room for the Homeless" at 1:00 p.m. in Room 2105 of the Classroom Building. The lecture series is being held in honor of Vera Linda Milam, former chairperson of the sociology department. For more information, contact Martha Thompson, ext. 2722.

The first Chicago Academic Alliance faculty meeting of the 1989-90 academic year takes place on Friday evening, Nov. 3, at the Como Inn, 546 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. To close out an important bicentennial year, the evening's theme is "The French Revolution in American Classrooms." The evening's featured speakers will be History Professor Charles Barber, who will speak on the significance of the French Revolution in America, and Charles J. Balesi of the Sayre Language Academy, who will address the teaching of the French Revolution.

The university community is invited to attend the 8th annual Alpha Chi induction ceremonies and reception on Tuesday, November 7, at 7:30 p.m. in Alumni Hall. Between 75 and 80 high-achieving juniors and seniors will be inducted into the national honors organization. Dr. Barbara Hursh, provost, will give the induction address.

The University Theatre will present the premiere production of "Such Is Life," Wednesdays through Saturdays, Nov. 8-11, 15-18, at 7:30 p.m. at Stage Center. "Such Is Life," written by Chicago director/actor Dan La Morte and directed by James Barushok, professor, speech and performing arts, is the winner of the university's second Ronald Williams Playwrighting Competition. It is a domestic comedy-drama about a Cicero, Illinois, family's struggle against destructive social forces.