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newsletter



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CTC RECEIVES WORKPLACE LITERACY GRANT

Northeastern's College of Education/ Chicago Teachers' Center (CTC) has received a \$408,253 grant from the U.S. Department of Education as part of the National Workplace Literacy Program. The workplace literacy program will provide job-specific literacy courses,



mini-courses and GED classes over an 18-month period (May '92-October '93) for 425 workers

from the nine different manufacturing companies, represented by the Chicago and Central States Joint Board of the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union (ACTWU).

The program will offer courses to develop basic literacy skills in reading, writing, and mathematics, and mini-courses and workshops will teach problem-solving and communication skills to help workers deal with the changing technological demands of the workplace and better their positions. Adult instructors specially trained to develop curriculum plans and instructional strategies based on workplace literacy requirements will conduct the courses, which will be offered during the day, late afternoon, evenings and Saturdays at workplaces, union headquarters and two community agencies in the workers' communities.

A recent grant of \$500,000 from the Chicago Community Trust allows the CTC's professional development program to continue on a permanent basis. Started with an initial \$625,000 community trust grant in 1989, the program has established relations with 15 schools, and more than 200 teachers have participated in its workshops. The interaction with NEIU education facul-

ty has fostered a professional culture among urban teachers and reviews what teachers are taught during their career preparation.

"TUESDAY TALKS" RETURNS ON SEPTEMBER 15

Now in its fourth consecutive year, Northeastern's faculty/staff lecture series, "Tuesday Talks" starts full stride with a lecture by **Edward Stuart**, Economics & International/Intercultural Studies, on the prospects of the forthcoming intergration of European economies, "European Economic Integration after Maastricht." All talks in this monthly series begin at 2:00 p.m. in CC-217.

StudentNotes

In its first year, the STUDENT VOL-UNTEER CORPS (SVC) referred 355 individuals to 98 different sites for individual volunteer work as well as group projects. The Volunteer Referral Service (VRS) grant enabled SVC to provide a unique service in that not only students were recruited and referred but also faculty, staff, and members of the general community (90% of the referrals, however, were students). The major activities of the year included extensive outreach/awareness endeavors, a Volunteer Management Workshop for participating agencies, a Volunteer Fair, and participation in a panel presentation at a national conference. For more information, call ext. 6115 (312/794-6115). . . . SANDRA KUBILLUS, an undergraduate major in Earth Science won top honors for her paper "Temperature Relationships Between Wetlands and Ground Water," at an Association of Engineering Geologists meeting. Kubillus was also awar-

ded a scholarship by the National Association of Geology Teachers. Her faculty mentor, Dr. Laura Sanders, points to Kubillus as an example of NEIU's efforts to attract women to science careers. . . . FRED SHOTLOW, JR., a returning adult student majoring in Political Science, was selected to participate in the American Political Science Association's (APSA) Summer Institute for African-Americans in Atlanta, June 8-July 18. Dr. Valerie Simms, chair of the NEIU Political Science Department, says, "This is the first APSA winner we've had. We're very excited about it." . . . MIKE MARTINEZ, a Northeastern graduate student, was selected as a National Hispanic Scholarship Fund (NHSF) scholar. Martinez is a member of the student senate government and a graduate assistant with the Student Volunteer Corps. . . . Three Northeastern hispanic students have been selected for State Senator Miguel Del Valle's (NEIU '77) General Assembly Community Service Scholarships: JOSEPHINE PAGAN, a freshman whose career goal is law; MIGUEL RIVERA, a freshman whose career goal is psychology, and CHRISTINE GEOVANIS, a junior in the University Without Walls program whose career goal is political science.



OUR NEW LOOK WITH OLD GRASS IN THE PARKING LOT

The latest addition to NEIU's environmental commitment is a move to-

ward as many native species as possible in campus landscaping. The change from typical suburban-style grass and shrubs is a result of merging the master landscape plan with the master parking plan, which required the cooperation of several campus committees and departments. The first phases of the new look

include the recent revamp of the main parking areas, including replacement of the traditional clipped, golf-course green, grassy islands between lots, with concrete-encircled ovals of waving prairie grasses, colorful wild flowers (already there are some "volunteers") and other native species. Students taking courses related to the environment are using the parking lot as a lab for studying plant diversity and identification, an example of how NEIU is bringing together academic needs with administrative priorities.

SEPTEMBER EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: LOIS MULDOON

The Civil Service Employee of the Month for September is Lois A. Muldoon, Administrative Aide in the College of Education. "I have worked with Lois on committees and with the union," wrote one of her nominators. "Her position in the College of Education always came first....Her dedication is amazing. Lois is one of the people that inspires me to be optimistic about our university community."

BGU News

ROBERT J. RUIZ and WILMA J. SUTTON, both from Chicago, were reelected recently as chairman and vice chair, respectively, of the Board of Governors Universities system. Ruiz and Sutton, the first minority leadership team to head a board for an Illinois public university system, were elected to their second terms. . . DR. BRUCE GUERNSEY, a professor of English at Eastern Illinois University, was awarded the third BGU Distinguished Professor of the Year award. The NEIU candidate was J. Fred MacDonald, History.



WILLIAM T. BARNES, Biology, was selected by the American Society for Microbiology for its three-year Scientist-Educator Team Program, with funding from the National Science Foundation. Selected for his leadership in improving undergraduate microbiology

education, Barnes has been paired with a Loyola University scientist to research molecular biology of B cell differentiation.... ROBERT BETZ, Biology, was the keynote speaker at the annual statewide meeting of the Illinois Chapter of the Nature Conservancy. . . . LORN COLEMAN, Director of Placement, MARSHALL JENNINGS, Director of Financial Aid, and MARYLENE WHITEHEAD, Program Associate, Project Success, received certificates of merit for outstanding contributions as Youth Motivation Speakers by the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry. . . . AYANA KARANJA, Associate Director, Inner City Studies, and Women's Studies faculty, was selected as a member of the Jane Addams International Women's Leadership Award selection committee. . . . ELIZABETH LANDERHOLM, Curriculum & Instruction, and BARBARA LOWENTHAL, Special Education, spoke on "Collaborative Training in the Education of Early Childhood Special and Regular Teachers," at the National Conference for the Council of Exceptional Children.... JOHN J. MURPHY, Political Science, was selected to take part in C-SPAN's (the non-profit public affairs cable televsion network) Summer 1992 Seminar for Professors. . . . A paper by EDWARD ODISHO, Curriculum & Instruction, "Transliterating English in Arabic," was published in Zeitschrift für arabische Linguistik (Germany), 1992.... RON PANZER, Biology, was awarded the Cyrus Mark Conservation Award by the Illinois Chapter of the Nature Conservancy. . . . LAURA L. SANDERS, Earth Science, lectured on the basics of chemistry to some 60 environmental attorneys in the first session of a series on "Environmental Science for Lawyers," sponsored by the Chicago Bar Association.

UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS AT HOME

Volleyball: Thur., Sept. 17, 7:00 p.m. (Nicholls State); Fri.-Sat., Sept. 18-19, TBA (Eagle's Nest Invitational); Tue., Sept. 22, 7:00 (Valparaiso U.); Sun., Oct. 4, 3:00 (St. Louis U.); Tue., Oct. 20, 7:00 (Chicago State); Thur., Oct. 22, 7:00 (National Louis U.); Mon., Nov. 2, 7:00 (College of St. Francis).

Women's Tennis: Mon., Sept. 14, 3:00 p.m. (College of St. Francis); Fri., Sept.



18, 3:00 (Rosary College); Sat., Oct. 3, 1:00 (Illinois Benedictine College); Wed., Oct. 7, 3:00 (Chicago State).

1992-93 Men's and Women's Swimming

and Diving: Sat., Oct. 31, 1:00 p.m. (Eastern Illinois U.); Thur., Nov. 5, 5:00 (IIT); Sat., Nov. 14, 11:00 a.m. (Carthage College/Union College); Sat., Jan. 9, 1:30 (Lake Forest College); Fri., Feb. 5, 5:00 (Loyola U., men only).



Sat., Sept. 17, 19: Recital by soprano Jane Kenas, Music, accompanied by Robert Reeves, piano; Thur., 1:45 p.m.; Sat., 12 noon; A-131, Recital Hall. . . . Thur., Oct. 1: Sylvie Koval Memorial Concert, with chamber music performed by NEIU faculty: Allen Anderson, piano, Ronald Combs, baritone, Andrew Glendening, trombone, Phyllis Hurt, soprano, William Schutt, piano, Paul Urbanick, violin, Julie Zumsteg, cello; "Archduke Trio" by Beethoven, vocal works by Schubert and Brahms; 7:30 p.m., Auditorium. . . . Fri., Oct. 2: the first NEIU '92-93 Chamber Music Series concert: the North Coast Trio (Jerome Simas, clarinet, Katie Lansdale, violin, viola, Mark George, piano), Grand Prize winners of the 1992 Fischoff National Chamber Music Competition, perform Schumann, Mozart, Ives, Bartok; 7:30 p.m., Auditorium. . . . Wed.-Thur., Oct. 7-8: "Management Ethics," a two-day collaborative workshop; 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Inland Meeting and Exposition Center, Westmont, Ill., sponsored by WSRAC (West Suburban Regional Academic Consortium), of which NEIU is a member institution; reg. inf. 708-801-0862. . . . Fri., Sat., Oct. 9, 10: Ensemble Español Spanish Dance Theater, 8:00 p.m., Auditorium; g-\$15, NEIU/ID-Free. . . . Tue., Oct. 13: NEIU Jazz Band, Andrew Glendening, dir.; 7:30 p.m., Auditorium.