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## NEIU PARTNERSHIP WINS ISBE AWARD

Northeastern and the Northside Learning Center (NLC), a Chicago public high school for cognitively disabled students, were chosen to receive a 1993 Exemplary Award from the Illinois State Board of Education in their Business-Education Partnership Recognition Program. Our partnership was selected from among the more than 100 nominations received and was recognized at the awards ceremony of the Second Annual Illinois State Council on Business-Education Partnerships Conference on February 1 in Chicago. The NEIU/NLC partnership programs were showcased at the conference on the following day.

The NEIU-Northside partnership training program for the special education students was started in 1983. **William Smith** and the NLC teaching staff have worked with **Rita Brusca**, Special Education, and other NEIU coordinators from the Special Education Department on a variety of projects through the years including field experiences, practice teaching, educational testing, and practicum experience for NEIU students. In addition to a variety of instructional trips and leisure activities at Northeastern, NLC students have benefitted from many vocational and community based endeavors. The

NEIU cafeteria, Special Ed department, and Library serve as work training sites on a daily basis for nine NLC students. NLC students also learn to use computers, rearrange and care for plants in university offices, and participate in a fitness program at the Physical Education Complex.

### COMMENCEMENT REMINDER FOR FACULTY

*Faculty members who plan to attend the 1993 Commencement on May 16, 1993, need to order their academic regalia through the University Events Office, ext. 4658, by Thursday, April 1.*

## UNIVERSITY TO HOST CHICAGO SCHOOL REFORM CONFERENCE FEB. 22

Local School Council (LSC) members from the Northwest Side, as well as parents, teachers, principals, and community leaders, will learn from the success of other LSCs at a School Change Conference on February 22 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in room 217 of the Commuter Center.

Co-sponsored by Northeastern, the North River Commission, the Publicity Club of Chicago, and Roosevelt High School, the meeting

will feature LSC programs that demonstrate successful change. These mini case histories show LSCs solving tough problems such as budgeting and reforming the curriculum. The February 22 session includes workshops, exercises and a survey. Between February 22 and a second meeting on March 22, attendees will complete the survey. Workshops in the second meeting will show LSC members how to move from survey results to a plan and successful action.

NEIU President **Gordon Lamb** will welcome members on February 22. **Ana Carlo Benson**, of Roosevelt High's LSC, **Wendy Jo Harmston**, education coordinator, the North River Commission, and **Jeanne Baxter**, NEIU Dept. of Educational Foundations, will help participants set goals and objectives. Videos will show the LSC success stories.

## BGU DISTINGUISHED PROF. TO TALK MARCH 16, 17

The Board of Governors Universities 1992 Distinguished Professor of the Year, **Dr. Bruce Guernsey**, Professor of English, Eastern Illinois University, will discuss "The Making of a Poem" Tuesday, March 16, 1:30 p.m., in the Golden Eagles Room, and "Poetry in the Classroom" Wednesday, March 17, 1:00 p.m. at the Introduction to Poetry and the Novel class, CLS 2031.

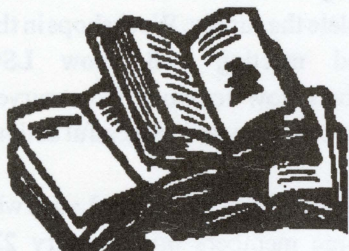




## Student Notes

### NEIU TO PRESENT FIRST ANNUAL STUDENT RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

On Friday, April 16, Northeastern will hold its first annual Student Research Symposium. NEIU undergraduate and graduate students engaged in research and other creative activities will have an opportunity to interact with each other and present their works before an audience of their peers. The experience will be useful for students who will make presenta-



tions in the future at state, regional and national conferences. The symposium will serve to enhance communication in the area of student research among the colleges. It will also create a research atmosphere at Northeastern that may help in promoting different sorts of academic interactions among students themselves as well as with their instructors.

The symposium steering committee is asking faculty members to encourage their undergraduate and graduate students who are engaged in research and creative activities to plan on presenting the results of their work at the symposium. The committee is also asking faculty members to encourage students who are not presently involved in research to attend the symposium.

Students wishing to make presentations at the symposium must ensure that their abstracts are received **no later than March 5**. For information regarding the registration information and abstract forms, contact your college representative in the steering committee.

The members of the Symposium Steering Committee are: **John Albazi**, College of Arts and Sciences (ext. 2626); **Kathleen Carlson**, College of Business and Management (ext. 5245); **Dragan Milovanovic**, Honors Program (ext. 6277); **Edward Odisho**, College of Education (ext. 2727); **Rosemary O'Grady**, Graduate College (ext. 2802).

### STUDENT WINS TOP CPA AWARD

**Yerachmiel Weinstein**, NEIU student-at-large, has won the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' Elijah Watt Sells Award for top performance on all four sections of the Uniform Certified Public Accountant Examination at one time. Weinstein, a returning adult student, earned a degree elsewhere and came to NEIU to prepare for the CPA examination, as a student-at-large. He has been accepted to the NEIU MBA program. His was the second highest score in the state, making him one of only 145 individuals out of approximately 65,000 test-takers nationwide to receive this honor.

### UNIVERSITY DAY PANEL EXAMINES ASPECTS OF DIVERSITY

One of the highlights in the forthcoming University Day schedule will be a panel discussion, "Celebrating Diversity: Challenge and Opportunity." Guest panelists include: **Leonard Dominguez**, Deputy Mayor for Education; **Scott Chesebro**, Executive Director, Urban Life Center; **Ruth Burgos-Sasscer**, Vice President for Faculty and Instruction, Truman College; **Gwendolyn Rucker**, Civil Rights Investigator, the U.S. Small Business Administration, Office of Civil Rights Compliance; and **Ana Carlo Benson**, Project Manager for Ameritech Services. The panel moderator will be **Warner Saunders**, WMAQ-TV news anchor.

### Northeastern Illinois University BOOK SALE

- Monday, March 29, through Friday, April 2, 8:00 a.m.-10:30 p.m. (6:00 p.m. Friday).
- Ronald Williams Library, First Floor near entrance.

*GRADUATING STUDENTS  
planning to participate in the  
1993 Commencement on Sun-  
day, May 16, must R.S.V.P. to  
the University Events Office at  
Ext. 4658 by Friday, May 7.*







**Congrats....**



**JOHN BONI**, College of Arts & Sciences, participated in two panels at the meeting of the Council of Colleges of Arts & Sciences (the national arts & sciences deans group) in Tampa: one on renewed emphasis on teaching and another on comprehensive institutions. Boni has also been appointed to the Village of Skokie Fine Arts Commission.

**STEVEN BROWN**, Educational Foundations, served as visiting Associate Director of the Institute of Educational Research at the University of Groningen, northeast of Amsterdam. Brown has conducted research studies in the Netherlands and the United States on student motivation and its effects on achievement test scores.

**RITA BRUSCA**, Special Education, and **WILLIAM PIZZI**, Psychology, conduct psychological and educational evaluations of children with Fragile X Syndrome at the Fragile X Clinic at Rush-Presbyterian St. Luke Medical Center. Fragile X Syndrome is a relatively common inherited condition which often results in mental retardation and learning problems. . . . Brusca received a grant from the U.S. Dept. of Education for a project to train 30 bilingual teacher aides as special educators.

The review by **IRENE CAMPOS CARR**, Women's Studies, of *The Hour of the Poor, The Hour of Women: Salvadoran Women Speak*, by **Renny Golden**, Criminal Justice, appeared in the December '92 issue of *The Women's Review of Books*.

**ALYCE CLAERBAUT**, Student Outreach and External Programs, presented a talk on public service and volunteerism at a meeting of the Peterson/Pulaski Business and Industrial Council.

**DAN CREELY**, Physical Education, was selected to receive the 1992 Chicago District Service Award of the Illinois Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance (IAHPERD).

An op-ed article by **ROGER GILMAN**, Philosophy, on religion in the public schools, was featured in the editorial section of the January 6 *Wednesday Journal*.

**ASAD HUSAIN**, Political Science, is the recipient of the Bihar Cultural Association's first Dr. Rajendra Prasad Highest Achievement Award at the Syro-Malabar Church in Bellwood.

#### *A Report on DARIC*

The Department of Curriculum & Instruction has formed an Academic/Research Interaction Committee (DARIC) to promote the exchange of research and academic experiences among its faculty. So far, DARIC has held three successful meetings during which **Janet Bercik**, **Beverly Otto**, **Elizabeth Landerholm** and **Edward Odisho** conducted presentations.

Work is already in progress to broaden the scope of this committee to include all College of Education departments and programs.

"Interagency Collaboration: Rationale, Barriers, and Implementation," an article by **BARBARA LOWENTHAL**, Special Education, was published in *Infant-Toddler Intervention*.

**J. FRED MACDONALD**, History, has received extensive publicity in New York City for his retrospective, "Changing the Picture: The Emergence of African Americans in Television," which runs Jan. 9-Mar. 28 at the American Museum of the Moving Image in Astoria (Queens). The retrospective's highlights include a leadoff seminar by MacDonald, guest curator, and later seminars with black notables (actors Diahann Carroll and Malcolm-Jamal Warner, writer-director Melvin Van Peebles, producer William Greaves), and numerous screenings of TV shows from the medium's 45-



year history, including many shows never seen on television. MacDonald was interviewed for lengthy articles which appeared in *New York Newsday* and *The New York Times* (Metropolitan New York edition). . . . While in New York, MacDonald, who is also NEIU's Distinguished Professor of the Year, appeared on the NBC-TV *Today Show* for his insights into the evolution in the media of baby boomers from World War II to the Clintons in the White House.

**DRAGAN MILOVANOVIC**, Criminal Justice, has been selected for the Distinguished Achievement Award for 1992-1993 of the Division on Critical Criminology of the American Society of Criminology. The awards committee noted that Milovanovic "has easily been the most important theorist in North America to attempt to bring cutting edge Continental thought to criminology.... *The Critical Criminologist*, which he founded with Bernard Headley, is the most important newsletter ever in criminology."



**STEVEN RIESS**, History, lectured on "Race, Ethnicity and Sport in American Society" at the Midwest Faculty Seminar, "The Cultural Work of American Sport," at the University of Chicago.

**MELVIN C. TERRELL**, Vice President, Student Affairs, is editor of *Diversity, Disunity and Campus Community*, (published by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators) a book of research articles by noted professionals in student and academic affairs in post-secondary education.

**MARTHA E. THOMPSON**, Sociology & Women's Studies, taught the course, "Women in Social Action," at Governor's State University during the winter trimester. □

*January  
Employee of  
the Month*  
**AGNES RODRIGUEZ**  
*Administrative Secretary  
History Department*

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*February  
Employee of  
the Month*  
**SALVADOR ALVERIO**  
*Building Service Worker*

### **EMPLOYEE COMMUTE OPTION NEWS...**

CTA monthly passes may be purchased at the Cashier's office, D-101A. March passes are available from about Feb. 20 to March 5. The cost is \$78, payable with cash or charge card (checks not accepted). . . . The March issue of **fyi** will briefly look at the re-

cently passed state act regarding employee commute options.

### **NEIU SPONSORS MIDWEST OAK SAVANNA MEETING**

Oak grasslands and woodlands with prairie affinities were a widespread component of the pre-settlement landscape and are among our rarest and most threatened natural systems today. **The Midwest Oak Savanna Conference, to be held Saturday, February 20, at Northeastern**, will be a participatory exchange among those concerned with fire dependent oak communities. The conference will include introductory and technical workshops, papers, and posters on a variety of topics. The organizing sponsors include The Nature Conservancy and Northeastern Illinois University. Registration information (conference fee is \$16) can be obtained by calling The Nature Conservancy at 312/346-8166.

### **SPECIAL ED TO HOST MID-WINTER ALUMNI DINNER**

A reminder that Northeastern's Dept. of Special Education will hold their **Midwinter Special Education Alumni Dinner Tuesday, March 2** (reception 5:30 p.m., dinner, 6:30) in **Alumni Hall**. Featured will be a panel discussion on "Current Trends in Special Education - Who's Who, What's What and Where's Where." Cost: \$22.50 per person. Registration (deadline February 22) information is available at 312/794-6656.

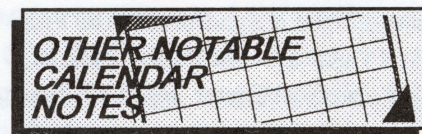
### **DANIEL STRING QUARTET COMING FEB. 25**

NEIU and Mostly Music, Inc., will present the **Daniel String Quartet as part of its 92-93 Chamber Music**

**Series on Thursday, February 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium.** The group will perform Schubert's String Quartet in E $\flat$  Major, Opus 125; Anton Webern's Quartet in One Movement, and Beethoven's String Quartet in A Minor, Opus 132. The internationally acclaimed Netherlands-based quartet was founded in 1974 by two Soviet emigré violinists, **Benzion Shamir** and **Misha Furman**, a Rumanian emigré violist, **Itamar Shimon**, and an Israeli-born cellist, **Zvi Maschkovski**.

### **ISRAELI DANCE COMPANY TO PERFORM AT NEIU**

The Dance Center of Columbia College and The Consulate General of Israel to the Midwest will present the first U.S. Festival of Israeli Dance in cooperation with Civic Stages Chicago and the NEIU Dance Program. The Festival kicks off with performances by one of Israel's most acclaimed contemporary dance companies, **Liat Dror and Nir Ben Gal, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 4-6, at 8:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.**



**Tue., Feb. 23:** NEIU Jazz Band, dir. **Andrew Glendening**, with guest artist, **Edmund Cord**, trumpet; 1:45 p.m., Auditorium. . . . **Tue., Mar. 16:** "Tuesday Talks" lecture series: **John Boni**, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, "Me and Shakespeare"; 2:00 p.m., CC-217. . . . **Apr. 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24:** University Theatre presents "The Father" by August Strindberg; 7:30 p.m. Stage Center. . . . **Tue., Apr. 20:** "Tuesday Talks": **Sue Walker**, History, "The Widow & the Men of Law in Medieval Europe"; 2:00 p.m., CC-217.