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SOCHEN NAMED 1993 NEIU DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR

Dr. June Sochen, NEIU professor of history, has been named university Distinguished Professor for the academic year 1993-94.

As Distinguished Professor, Sochen will receive a variety of benefits and honors throughout the year. Sochen is among five professors, one from each of the Board of Governors Universities (BGU), named Distinguished Professor at his or her institution. The award is given for achievement in teaching, research and service.

Sochen's most recent book, *Mae West: She Who Laughs, Lasts*, was published last year by Harlan Davidson, Inc., as part of the American Biographical History Series.

Sochen received the Delta Kappa Gamma Society's Educator's Award for her book, *Cafeteria America: New Identities in Contemporary Life*. Some of her other books include, *Movers and Shakers: American Women Thinkers and Activists, 1900-1970*; *Herstory: A Woman's View of American History*; *The Unbridgeable Gap: Blacks and Their Quest for the American Dream*; and *Consecrate Every Day: The Public Lives of Jewish Women, 1880-1980*. She edited and wrote the introduction for *Women's Comic Visions*, which celebrates contempo-

rary women's humor and women comedienne's.

Sochen has been on the NEIU faculty since 1964. She earned her Ph.D. and master's degrees in history from Northwestern University and her bachelor of arts from the University of Chicago.

UPDATE ON CAMPUS BUILDING PROJECTS

Based on an interview with **Joseph Kish**, Assistant Vice President, Facilities Management, **fyi** presents the following review of current projects to upgrade campus facilities.

Closing the B Drive. The biggest change planned for the campus in the coming year calls for the elimination of the B Drive, the one-way road that bisects the campus and links St. Louis Avenue with the main parking lots. Originally a fire lane for emergency vehicles only, it turned into a major entrance over the years. In fact, traffic studies done by the university in 1990 indicate that this road is heavily used by vehicles accessing the campus from St. Louis Avenue. This popularity of the B Drive has led to two major problems: an overloading of university traffic on a residential street (St. Louis), which the residents rightfully resent; and conflict between our main pedestrian path (students changing classes) and incoming vehicles.

Rebuilding Lot K. Parking lot K, between the Science Building and the Library, will be rebuilt next summer, adding more handicapped spaces, a planting island, and an entrance just southeast of the library to the parking lots south of the library and the access road. It is this link to the heart of the campus -- the library, the Science building, the B wing, the Commuter Center around the K-lot hub -- that will enable closing the B Drive.

Handicapped Access. The handicapped spaces currently on the B Drive will be replaced by new spaces in the K lot. Automated handicapped doors are being installed on the A and B wings and on the Science Building west entrance.

New Maintenance Building. A new maintenance building to accommodate grounds keeping and related equipment will be built this fall just south of the old garage, where this equipment is currently being kept.

New Soccer Field. There will be an NEIU soccer team next year, and the leveling and sodding of the field will be done this fall. To be located south of the Physical Education Complex, the field will have a diagonal orientation between the tennis courts and the baseball outfield.

Science Building Renovation. The tuckpointing/roof replacement project at the Science Building should be finished by mid-November, (cont. page 2)

The BGU Chancellor's Column

This is the first installment of a regular feature written by the BGU chancellor, Thomas D. Layzell, for the FYI newsletter and the Northeastern community. Northeastern, Chicago State, Governors State, Western Illinois and Eastern Illinois universities operate under the direction of the Board of Governors Universities.

IMMUNIZATION EXEMPTION SOUGHT

Students whose average age is between 27 and 37 years old understandably have a more difficult time locating any documentation that proves they've been immunized. However, under current state law, that's what students at Northeastern, Chicago State and Governors State are required to do in order to register for classes. An effort to obtain an exemption from that requirement was undertaken this past spring by my office and the three universities.

Governors State President **Paula Wolff** recommended that we pursue this action. Presidents **Lamb** and **Dolores Cross** joined us in a request for a legislative amendment. Sponsored by Representative **Frank Giglio** and Senator **Aldo DeAngelis** and supported by Senator **Art Berman** and Representatives **Maureen Murphy** and **John Ostenburg**, it was ultimately successful in the General Assembly as part of House Bill 392.

Governor **Edgar** has amendatorily vetoed the legislation which means some language changes were made that must be approved or overridden by the General Assembly this fall in order for the exemption to become law. The changes, however, do not affect the section of the bill that refers to universities.

The current immunization requirement produces significant frustrations and complications for our students. Last fall, nearly 5,600 applicants eligible to enroll at NEIU, GSU and CSU had immunization "holds" placed on their registrations.

Our position is, students who do not live together in dormitories on campus should not be subject to this requirement. The community colleges are currently exempted from it. I assure you we will be working hard between now and the veto session in mid-October to secure support for the Governor's action.

FYI BULLETIN BOARD

- **Brant A. Lindhorst**, NEIU honors senior math major, accepted an offer to participate in the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Science and Engineering Research Semester Program this fall. Lindhorst is one of only four students selected from Illinois and 183 from the nation. These students will be working with DOE scientists in "cutting edge" research.
- NEIU alumnae **Alyce Claerbaut** ('76, Reading) and **Sandra Barnett Davis** ('87, Vocal Pedagogy) are the featured soprano soloists who comprise the "A Recital in Black" group and will be performing at the Manchester Craftsmen's Guild in Pittsburgh, Pa. September 24. Started at Northeastern, the group specializes in the music of Black composers. Claerbaut is also Coordinator of Student Outreach and External Affairs at Northeastern.
- Alumna **Angela Pattatucci** ('87, Biology) is a member of the team of geneticists at the National Cancer Institute whose recently publicized research purports the existence of a gene for homosexuality in males.
- The Civil Service Employees of the Month for August and September are, respectively, **Dona Wisniewski**, Staff Secretary, Counselor Education Department, and **Guadalupe Smith**, Secretary IV, Trans., Commuter Center.

(cont. from page 1) according to the contract. The contractor has experienced some problems, but "good progress has been made recently and we're keeping our fingers crossed," Kish said.

Electrical Generator Plant. "We're looking at making our own electricity," Kish said. "It's about a \$2.5 million investment that will save us over \$500,000 a year. So, after five years it will be a cash saver." Proposal requests to build a cogeneration facility will go out soon and a contract may be awarded in early 1994.

Other improvements include: a **storm sewer system** and **retention pond** will be finished next summer to prevent water from backing up in campus buildings. . . . **Plowed snow** will be removed entirely off of the parking lots this winter and onto the old tennis courts. . . . Additional benefits of the K-lot work next summer will be new steps for the **library entrance** and **better drainage** for the walks between the B Wing and the Science Building.



JOE ACCARDI, Library, presented a pre-conference program entitled "Your Modem: Window to the World - Understanding Telecommunications and Networks" at the Illinois Library Association Conference in Springfield.

SABA AYMAN-NOLLEY, Psychology, presented a paper, "Gender Affects Children's Drawings of a Leader," at the American Psychological Society's meeting in Chicago.

SHELLEY BANNISTER, Criminal Justice/Women's Studies, received a mini-grant award from the American Bar Association and The Eleanor Women's Foundation of Chicago for her proposal, "Battered Women and the Law: A Mock Trial" in the amount of \$1,175.

JANET BERCIK, Curriculum and Instruction, presented a paper, "Encouraging Middle Grade Teachers to Utilize Literature Units in Social Studies As a Way to Increase Interest and Metacognitive Strategies," to the Small Interest Group of the Organization of Teacher Educators in Reading at a meeting of the International Reading Association.

IRENE CAMPOS CARR, Women's Studies, was elected Treasurer of the National Association for Chicano Studies (NACS) and Midwest Regional Representative for the National Coordinating Committee of NACS.

RUTH BRECKINRIDGE-CHURCH, Psychology, co-authored "Transitions in Learning: Using the Hand to Read the Mind," which was recently published in *The Psychological Review*, Vol. 100, No. 4.

ROSEMARY EGAN, Special Education, presented a seminar on the "Potential Educational Needs of Children Prenatally Exposed to Cocaine" to the Young Lawyers Section of the Chicago Bar Association.

MAUREEN W. ERBER, Psychology, presented the following papers: "The Role of Different Dimensions of Trust in Perceptions of Procedural Justice" to the Midwestern Psychological Association in Chicago; and "Situational Determinants of Procedural Justice: An Investigation of Trust" to the American Psychological Society in Chicago.

DIANE HASLETT, Social Work, was a guest on Chicagoland TV's "Front and Center," a call-in talk show, discussing her research on abstinence and sex education for teens. Haslett also spoke at the Mid-States Conference of the American Camping Association on "Creative Activities for 8-12 Year Olds," and at the Children's Home & Aid Society of Illinois on "Principles of Group Work with Elementary School Children."

An article, "Adding Variety to Parent Involvement Activities," by **ELIZABETH LANDERHOLM**, Curriculum and Instruction, and **BARBARA LOWENTHAL**, Special Education, was accepted for publication by *Early Child Development & Care Journal*, London.

JEFF MESSERER, Special Education, a docent at the Lincoln Park Zoo since 1986, was the subject of a

lengthy article in the June 30 *Chicago Tribune* about him and his "super hobby" at the zoo.

EDWARD ODISHO, Curriculum and Instruction, was a consultant in preparing the revised *The URANTIA Book Guide to Pronunciation of Names and Words*. The pronunciation is transcribed in the International Phonetic Alphabet.

DOROTHE RIGBY, Psychology/Women's Studies, gave a lecture, "Couples Therapy," at Lakeshore Hospital sponsored by the Evalyn Hooker Institute of the University of Chicago.

SUSAN STALL, Sociology, spoke on women and community, based on her research on women in public housing in Chicago, as part of a colloquia on The Idea of Community at the University of Toledo.

PETE STONEBRAKER, Management and Marketing, served as a panelist at the Symposium on Globalization of Operations Management at Georgetown University, with 40 other invited attendees.

SHU-SHIN WANG, Political Science, presented a paper, "The Origin, Result and Impact of the Koo-Wong Talks Between Taiwan and Mainland China on April 27-29, 1993 in Singapore," at an annual meeting of the Chinese Academic Association. Wang was also a session chairman and presented a paper ("The Economic Relations Between Taiwan and Mainland China, 1987-1993") at an international conference on China in Chicago.



EAP BRIEFS

from the Employee Assistance Program

For Supervisors - Staying on Top of Change

Change is hard to accept if you did not initiate it, do not understand it or do not approve of it. **But**, your ability to cope will probably be strengthened by modifying your attitude, accepting the change and working with the system.

The consolidation of departments, the selection of new supervisors and the need for fewer employees brings about feelings of fear and distrust. Feelings of job security can plummet.

The Role of the Supervisor

Learn as much as you can about why the changes are being made and how other supervisors are handling it. Determine what role you will play in the change. Will technical training be required? Will you be involved in developing a plan to implement the change? By understanding goals and objectives and your role, you will be in a much better position to assist in implementing the plan for change. **Your employees may fear the unknown. You need to be available to them to keep them informed.** They may be feeling insecure and cautious. Help them to see how the change will have a positive impact. When you meet with resistance approach each problem directly. Don't give false assurances; rather, answer all questions honestly.

Tips on Managing Change

- * Be a Good Listener
- * Be a Good Communicator
- * Be Honest and Direct
- * Separate What You "Can Do" from "Beyond Your Control"
- * Expect Rebuff

Where to Go for Help

Use your Employee Assistance Program for counseling, formal referrals or management consultations. **For information or assistance call (708) 590-5973 or 1-800-233-4960.**

VOLUNTEER FOR "MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY"

The Student Volunteer Corps, the Office of Alumni Affairs, and University Relations will sponsor "Make a Difference Day" on Saturday, October 23. University and community readers of FYI are invited to join in volunteer activities at Habitat for Humanity and the Albany Park Community Center. Choose one or both sites; a minimum two-hour commitment is requested.

Habitat for Humanity is an international organization that provides housing at affordable prices for low-income families. Habitat builds new relationships and a sense of community as well as housing. This project includes an orientation and dry-walling/construction activities from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at 7405 N. Ashland.

Albany Park Community Center provides educational and social services to the community. Between 12 noon and 2:00 p.m. the center will have a Read-A-Thon/Book Giveaway and they need individuals to read in English to adults 16 years of age and older.

If you wish to participate in "Make a Difference Day," fill out and send the following coupon to:

Alyce Claerbaut, Coordinator of Student Outreach and External Affairs, Northeastern Illinois University, 5500 N. St. Louis Avenue, Chicago, IL 60625.



Yes, I would like to volunteer at:

Habitat for Humanity Time _____

Albany Park Comm. Center Time _____

Name _____

Address _____

City, ZIP _____

Telephone _____

NOTABLE CALENDAR NOTES

Tue., Sept. 21: "Tuesday Talks" faculty/staff lecture series: **Dr. P. Craig Smith**, History, "The Former Soviet Union: Who Will Pick Up the Pieces?" 2:00 p.m., Heritage Room. . . . **Fri., Oct. 8:** NEIU Chamber Music Series - Amernet String Quartet, grand prize winner, 1993 Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition; quartets by Beethoven, Berg, Ravel; 7:30 p.m., Auditorium. . . . **Tue., Wed., Thur., Oct. 12-14:** Ensemble Español Spanish Dance Theater, "Tales of Spain," 12:30 p.m., Auditorium. . . . **Fri., Sat., Oct. 15, 16:** Ensemble Español Dance Theater, 8:00 p.m., Auditorium. . . . **Mon., Oct. 18:** Senior Recital - **Sasha Gerritson**, 7:30 p.m., Auditorium. . . . **Tue., Oct. 19:** NEIU Jazz Band, 7:30 p.m., Auditorium. . . . **Wed., Oct. 20:** Mostly Music Children's Program - The Chicago Winds, 12 noon, Auditorium. . . . **Wed., Oct. 27:** Mostly Music Children's Program - Jenny Armstrong Halloween Program; 12 noon, Auditorium. . . . **Fri., Sat., Nov. 5, 6:** Ruth Page Dance Series, 8:00 p.m., Auditorium (g-\$10; NEIU/ID-free; for information, call 794-3042).