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NEIU, EPA SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

On March 3, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between representatives of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Northeastern Illinois University. The MOU formalizes ties and sets in motion joint efforts toward several goals, such as: meeting the growing need for qualified professionals for environmental research and development programs, increasing the numbers of students, particularly minorities, electing to pursue scientific and engineering majors, and to establish and maintain an on-campus environmental program. NEIU/EPA planning so far includes such projects as:

Faculty Research Participation. Visits of NEIU faculty, staff and students to EPA facilities for consultations, meetings, workshops, short courses and research participation.

Joint Research Projects. NEIU would participate in research sponsored by EPA, which would provide technical assistance or research opportunities.

Student Internship and Employment. There are many programs at EPA operated facilities that are designed for student research participation and training.

NEIU/EPA Staff/Faculty Appointments. NEIU will provide adjunct faculty appointments for EPA staff members who are significantly involved in this program.

Guest Teachers. The EPA will provide resource persons to teach courses in computer science, biology, zoology, physical sciences, chemistry, engineering, environmental science, public finance and other courses.

Loan of Equipment. The EPA will provide excess or surplus research, scientific equipment and office furniture to Northeastern for current or planned program needs.

The NEIU representatives on the joint committee administering this program are the director of Placement; chair of Economics and Geography and Environmental Studies; two faculty members with academic interests in environmental issues, and the assistant dean of student affairs.

COMMENCEMENT REMINDER FOR FACULTY

Faculty members who plan to attend the 1994 Commencement on May 15 need to order their academic regalia through the University Events office, ext. 4658, by Friday, April 1.

7th ANNUAL RECOGNITION DINNER SET FOR MAY 7

The Board of Directors of the NEIU Foundation will host its Seventh An-

nual Recognition Dinner on Saturday, May 7, at the Fairmont Hotel. This year's honoree is **Dennis J. Drescher**, Senior Vice President and Resident Manager, Smith Barney Shearson.

This event combines dinner, a brief award ceremony and silent and live auctions. **Faculty and staff can purchase tickets again at the reduced rate of \$75 each.** (cont. page 2)

RUSSIANS COMING TO BUILD PARTNERSHIPS

The second joint conference of the partnership agreement between NEIU and the Urals State Pedagogical University (USPU) will take place in Chicago April 19-21. Some 16 Russian faculty will make presentations in the three areas of educational leadership, instructional design and special education. In May 1993 NEIU faculty made presentations in those same areas at USPU in Ekaterinburg, in the partnership's first joint conference.

This accounts for only a part of the Russian presence in April, however. The Russian Ministry of Education will hold a conference here April 11-13 at the Radisson Hotel on forming successful university to university partnerships. The Minister of Education, Evgenji Tkachenko, the head of the Department of International Cooperation, Elena Lenskaya, additional ministry staff and interpreters, (cont. p.2)

The BGU Chancellor's Column

The articles appearing in this column are prepared for the FYI newsletter by BGU Chancellor Thomas D. Layzell. Northeastern, Chicago State, Governors State, Western Illinois and Eastern Illinois universities operate under the direction of the Board of Governors Universities.

NEIU BUDGET PICTURE FOR 1994-95

The Governor's support of a 3.4 percent increase in Northeastern's operating budget for next year is welcome news following several lean years in a row for higher education. If approved by the General Assembly, NEIU would realize over \$1.5 million new dollars next year earmarked for program and support increases and salary increases.

(Dinner, cont. from p. 1) The silent auction will be held during the reception (open bar). The live auction, which is new this year, will start after the dinner and awards ceremony. The dinner chairman is John T. Schriver, attorney with McDermott, Will & Emery. The auction chairman is Jonathan Stein, NEIU Foundation Board member and vice president of the Inland Group, Inc. **Goods and services for the auction are needed; faculty may offer such items as appliances, apparel, art work, tickets, certificates, sporting goods, vacation homes, condos to the auction.** Call Lisa Quinn, ext. 6137, for information.

Drescher, who has been involved with Northeastern's Project Success, is president of the Smith Barney Shearson foundation which funds two scholarships for NEIU students.

As in the past, proceeds from the dinner will be used to fund scholarships for minority students and research or scholarly projects for faculty. For

more information, call **Marta Bailey** at ext. 6290.

FACULTY, STUDENTS INVITED TO ATTEND STUDENT RESEARCH PROGRAMS

The NEIU Second Annual Student Research & Creative Activities Symposium and the Board of Governors Fifth Annual Student Research Conference for the Biological and Physical Sciences will be held on campus April 8 and April 15-16, respectively.

The NEIU symposium will have 31 abstracts, representing a broad range of academic disciplines, for presentation in five tracks on Friday morning, April 8, on the second floor rooms of the Commuter Center. Admission is free, registration is at 8:30 a.m., and presentations will be made from 9:30 to 12 noon. John Al-Bazi, Chemistry, and Salme Steinberg, Provost, will introduce the program.

This is the first time in memory that a Governor has recommended fully funding the Illinois Board of Higher Education's budget recommendations. Governor Edgar told educators at the March IBHE meeting that his support is in recognition of the effort by the public universities over the past two years to set priorities and redirect scarce funds to instruction.

Salary increases averaging 3.5 percent for faculty and staff have been recommended in the FY95 budget, the largest pool of funds provided by the state for salaries since 1989. For the past three years, salary money from the state has totaled 0.8 percent, compelling the universities to repeatedly reallocate to provide much-needed and deserved pay hikes.

None of the budget numbers are final until the General Assembly acts on them this spring. As you know, there is pressure for increased funding at the human service agencies this year and there is a Medicaid crisis that must be dealt with as well. But we will focus on making our case to lawmakers to preserve the budget level the Governor has recommended.

Students from all five BGU universities will be presenting the results of their research efforts at the BGU Student Research Conference April 15-16. There is a registration fee of \$20 for students and \$30 for faculty.

A Graduation Reminder...

Graduating students planning to participate in the 1994 Commencement on Sunday, May 15, must R.S.V.P. to the University Events office at Ext. 4658 by Friday, May 6.

(Russians, cont. from p.1) and eight additional rectors will attend, as well as university presidents and vice presidents from across the U.S., who are interested in establishing successful partnerships. The Russian Ministry of Education has indicated that it is using the NEIU/USPU partnership as the model for future partnership development with U.S. universities.

The costs for the ministry (cont. p.3)



MICHAEL CARL, dean, College of Education, told the forum, "Chicago Schools: Searching for the Future," held January 29 at the Chicago Teachers' Center and sponsored by the college, "Every school is a community. We need to help that particular place do what it wants to do....Overhauling the system from top to bottom at one time, that's never going to work."

DAN CREELY, Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Athletics, was a featured presenter at the national 4-H conference in Chicago on December 6. . . . Creely presented a teambuilding/leadership workshop at the Illinois State P.E. Executive Council at Starved Rock on January 28.

ELIZABETH LANDERHOLM, Curriculum & Instruction, and **BARBARA LOWENTHAL**, Special Education, presented a paper on family assessment, assessment of learning styles and assessment of behavioral problems at the International Division, Early Childhood Conference, San Diego, December 11.

STEVEN RIESS, History, appeared on Milt Rosenberg's WGN radio show, "Extension 720," on February 15 to discuss the 1994 Winter Olympics. . . . Riess was a talking head in "The Chicago Stadium: Remember the Roar, 1929-1994," a new videotape. . . . He was also cited in *Who's Who in the Midwest* (24th ed.)

PETE STONEBRAKER, Management and Marketing, coauthored, with G. Keong Leong, Ohio State Univer-

sity, *Operations Strategy: Focusing Competitive Excellence*, published by Allyn & Bacon. This textbook is targeted toward the capstone undergraduate course in operations management or toward the second operations management graduate course.

DEPT. HOSTS PHYSICS GROUP MEETING

On Thursday evening, February 10, Northeastern's physics department hosted a meeting of the ISPP (Illinois State Physics Project), the local Alliance of High School and College Physics Teachers. Associate Professor Paul Dolan served as host for the meeting, which opened with "Changing Labs for Challenged Students," a discussion on the needs of handicapped students in science labs, led by Physics Coordinator, Professor Robert Stehman. One of the presentations at the meeting was an Illuminating Experience using gas spectrum tubes and a Van de Graaff generator by Professors Dolan, Stehman and Mitchel Sweig; assisting in the demonstration were students Penny Pixler and Denisa Melichian.

There were over 50 students, teachers and student teachers attending the meeting from more than 20 Chicago area schools, including several Northeastern students and alumni and Professor Charles Nissim-Sabat, former department chair.

The ISPP meets monthly September through June. Schedule and information is available in the Physics FILE (S-233) or from ISPP Coordinator Paul Dolan at ext. 2539.

(Russians, cont. from p.2) of education conference and the partnership workshops are funded by grants

from the Soros Foundation and the United States Information Agency.

There will be more than 30 Russians involved in these partnership activities centered around the Northeastern campus during the month of April.

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS MONTH ACTIVITIES

Sunday, Apr. 10, 8-10:00 a.m.

BIRD WALK - at North Park Village Nature Center; Wayne Svoboda, Chemistry; ornithology instructor.

Wednesday, Apr. 13, 7:30 p.m. LECTURE - Robert Gottlieb, "Environmentalism Reconsidered"; author of *Forcing the Spring*. Auditorium.

Thursday, Apr. 14, 1:30 p.m. ALUMNUS ENVIRONMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - Kurt Thomsen, M.S., Earth Science. Golden Eagles.

Sunday, Apr. 17, 8:30-10:30 a.m. BIRD WALK - Meet at bird house, Lincoln Park Zoo; leader, Doug Anderson, Chicago Audubon Society; spon. Geography/Environmental Studies (G&ES).

Monday, Apr. 25, 7-9:00 p.m. ENVIRONMENTAL CAREERS SYMPOSIUM - CC. 217; workshop, spon. G&ES.

Saturday, Apr. 30, 9:30-11:30 a.m. NATURE WALK - "Restoring an Oak Savanna," at NEIU's Oak Savanna (St. Louis Ave.); leader, William Howenstine, G&ES. □

AN EVENING TO RECOGNIZE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

On Thursday, April 14, NEIU students who have distinguished themselves during this academic year will be honored at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. There are 279 students eligible for awards and scholarships. The keynote speaker will be Earth Science Professor Charles Shabica.

EAP BRIEFS

from the Employee Assistance Program

Why Can't Johnny Sit Still?

Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) is a condition that affects a large number of children and their families. This disorder is found most frequently in boys and is typically diagnosed at the outset of school. Having a child affected by ADHD can be frustrating and until proper diagnosis, very confusing. Being able to identify characteristics of ADHD and appropriate resources will help in reducing feelings of frustration.

Children affected by ADHD are inattentive and restless and may display hyperactivity. Consequently, behavioral problems quickly surface at school. **Disruptive behavior including excessive talking, interrupting and non-compliance often results in a great deal of criticism and negative attention. As a result, these children may develop emotional, social, academic and family problems.**

The treatment of ADHD consists of individual counseling with a strong family component and a pharmacological intervention.

If you suspect your child has ADHD, you should have him or her screened and evaluated by a professional. Additionally, there are support groups for parents of ADHD children. Your Employee Assistance Program (EAP) can discuss your options and appropriate resources to address this concern. To schedule an assessment, call (708) 590-5973 or (800) 233-4960.

Student's Campaign for Braille Literacy Wins Award

NEIU student Erika A. Musser has been awarded an "Illinois Reaches Out" award for her efforts in Congress and elsewhere to improve braille literacy by increasing the number of professionals qualified to teach braille. Musser, whose daughter, Heidi, also a student at NEIU, is blind, has dedicated 27 years of her life to helping the blind and visually impaired. She won the support of Senator Paul Simon and the result was federal funding to train rehabilitation professionals.

Set up to recognize Illinois citizens who have volunteered their time and talents to better their communities, Illinois Reaches Out is a joint program of First Lady Brenda Edgar and the state chambers of commerce. The Lincolnwood Chamber of Commerce nominated Musser.

NEIU MUSIC ARTS FESTIVAL

A six-concert NEIU Music Arts Festival will play in the Auditorium April 11-22. Admission is free to NEIU faculty, staff and students. General admission is \$3 for all concerts except the afternoon one. **Mon., Apr. 11, 12:30 p.m.:** The United States Air Force "Band of Flight" Brass Quintet, performing music from the Baroque to contemporary quintet literature. . . .

Mon., Apr. 11, 7:30 p.m.: "From Amen to Zawinul," a concert of pop

and jazz music, performed by the Univ. Choir.



rus, the NEIU Children's Chorus, and the UNified Jazz ensemble. . . . **Tue., Apr. 12, 7:30 p.m.:** The Neon Jazz Orchestra, Jonathan Martin, director, featuring internationally acclaimed jazz trumpeter, Bobby Shew. . . . **Fri., Apr. 15, 7:30 p.m.:** The Manhattan String Quartet, performing music of Charles Ives, Mendelssohn and Shostakovich (NEIU Chamber Music Series); \$8 gen adm, \$5 seniors/ students. . . . **Mon., Apr. 18, 7:30 p.m.:** Soprano Sasha Gerritson with pianist Jane Kenas, performing music of Handel, Delibes, Rachmaninoff, Berlioz and Combs. . . . **Fri., Apr. 22, 8:00 p.m.:** "Concepts in Motion," original contemporary dances by NEIU students and faculty choreographers.

NOTABLE CALENDAR NOTES

Fri., Sat., Apr. 8, 9: NEIU Ruth Page Dance Series featuring Concert Dance, Inc., Gus Giordano Jazz Dance Chicago, Muntu Dance Theatre of Chicago, Wats on Dance, and Garner & Phillips; 8:00 p.m., Auditorium. . . . **Tue., Apr. 19:** "Tuesday Talks" faculty lecture: Dr. Roger Gilman, "Environmental Ethics," 2:00 p.m., Heritage Room. . . . **Thur., Fri., Apr. 21, 22:** The Children's Theatre Workshop presents "The Emperor's New Clothes," 7:30 p.m., Stage Center. . . . **Wed., Apr. 27:** NEIU Concert Band, dir. Jonathan Martin; highlighting the traditional band to the contemporary wind ensemble repertoire, the band features a wide range of styles and genres; 7:30 p.m., Auditorium. . . . **Thur., Apr. 28:** NEIU Orchestra, dir. Philip Simmons, featuring solo competition winners Sasha Gerritson, soprano, and Kathy Rowe, flute; 7:30 p.m., Auditorium.