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New NEIU Grants: a synopsis

Interactive Sciences, Math & Technology Professional Development Program for the Urban Classroom. A \$214,784 grant from the Illinois State Board of Education, for 9/1/94 - 8/31/95; Noreen Moran, Chicago Teachers' Center, director. This three-year staff development program will provide for systemic improvements in the teaching of science, mathematics, and technology through the involvement of 114 teachers, eight principals and 240 parents at the eight project schools. Teachers will participate in long-term staff development activities, including workshops on 1) school-based team planning, 2) training in how to use e-mail and internet, 3) employing hands-on, interactive methods in the teaching of the life, physical and environmental sciences and their integration with mathematics and computer technology, and 4) classroom assessment and evaluation.

Climate Reconstruction in the Galapagos Islands, 6000yr B.P. to Present. A \$65,680 grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, for 4/1/95 - 3/31/96, with Melanie Riedinger, Biology, as director. This study will analyze sediment cores retrieved from a hypersaline closed-basin lake in the Galapagos Islands. The sediment cores date to 6000 yr B.P. and will be analyzed to establish a proxy record of paleoprecipitation for the eastern equatorial Pacific, by documenting salinity changes occurring within this basin over time.

Cooperative Work Study Program. From the Illinois Board of Higher Education, a grant of \$41,200, during 4/1/95 - 6/30/96, with Lorn Coleman, Placement Office, as director. This project will provide opportunities for qualified students to gain career-related experience before graduation. Objectives include 1) establish

internships for current junior and senior level students, 2) target specific academic majors for internship development, 3) initiate outreach to medium and small employers to establish permanent partnerships and joint ventures, and 4) encourage students to seek permanent employment in Illinois.

Innovations in Accounting Methods. A grant of \$15,000 from the Illinois CPA Society Foundation, for the term of 6/1/95 - 5/30/96, with C. T. Chen as director. This grant will provide for the restructuring of the Principles of Accounting I and II and Management Information Systems courses so that 1) courses are learner-centered with students as active participants and 2) content information is user-oriented. The new pedagogical approach will also incorporate the processes of stimulating critical thinking, team building, communication and interpersonal skills, and promoting skills in lifelong learning and leadership.

The Effects of Fire on Insect Diversity Within Small, Isolated Prairie Reserves. A grant in the amount of \$110,000 from The Nature Conservancy, for the period of 9/1/95 - 8/31/98, with Ron Panzer, College of Arts and Sciences, as director. This study will examine the role of fire as a determinant of insect species richness and community structure within isolated prairie remnants. Extending over three years, the study will focus on population response to fire, population recovery following fire and the predictions of a fire attrition model.

(Source: Office of Sponsored Programs.)

Campus Building Projects to Be Finished this Summer

Several memos from Joe Kish of Facilities Management during the spring semester suggest the scope of the construction projects that are shaping the campus, bit by bit, into an attractive whole. A few of these projects will be completed this summer:

- The southernmost parking lot (H) is being extended south to the Art Studios building. This work should be finished by early August.

- The south end of the Library has been provided with an outdoor concrete gathering area with benches and new plants and trees. Kish points out that, "Working with faculty, we have identified and re-introduced many native prairie plants." The work has been completed except for some landscaping that will be done soon.

- Additional tennis courts are being built next to the courts just south of the Physical Education Complex. Construction will be completed in early August.

- Construction has already been completed on a new detention basin just east of the Maintenance Building. (The old detention basin and the remaining old tennis courts have been removed.) Landscaping, including planting of shrubbery around the site will be completed in the fall. (The university received a grant from the city of Chicago of 14,000 plants -- varieties of grasses, bushes, flowers, and seedling trees -- and locations are being found for them around campus.)

- The Science Building is undergoing an interior facelift. The building's air distribution ducts are being cleaned and the interior painted. The classrooms, labs and hallways have already been painted. The offices are now being painted and will be ready by the start of the fall semester.

Foster, St. Louis Blocked Until...

East-bound Foster Avenue, it has been learned, will remain blocked off between Cicero and Pulaski until November 1, 1995. Also, the Deep Tunnel project will keep St. Louis Avenue closed for another 21 months.



Student Notes

Minority Grads in 12-Month State Training Program

Eleven Northeastern minority graduates were among the applicants selected for the approximately 40 middle management internships at the Illinois Department of Mental Health and Development Disabilities (IDMHDD). Offered through the State of Illinois Public Administration Internship Program and in partnership with the BGU, the program provides 12 months training; interns who successfully complete the program qualify for a permanent management position in a department facility. These interns are performing and learning in three functional areas: human resource development, quality management, and risk management. The following NEIU minority graduates are listed with the IDMHDD facility to which they are assigned:

Lloyd Clark, Howe Development Center, Tinley Park.

Jacqueline Berkman, Sylvia Alcozer, Kiley Development Center, Waukegan.

Juan Serrano, Ludeman Developmental Center, Park Forest.

Elsa Yee, Toiya Butler, Madden Mental Health Center/Hines.

Rosalynn Holmes, Metro Mental Health Center.

Adrian Willis, Anthony Thomas, Tinley Park Mental Health Center, Tinley Park.

Nathaniel Gilham, Cheryl Baker, Shapiro Development Center, Kankakee.

NEIU Earth Science Students Win Prizes

Judith Kinch, a junior Earth Science major, was selected in a national search for 12 students to participate in a Hydrology REU (Research Experience for Undergraduates) through Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. The project, funded by the National Science Foundation, includes a \$2,000 stipend, plus travel and lodging, and will send Judi and her colleagues to Maine and Hidalgo, Mexico, to investigate arsenic contamination of ground water.

David Graham, an Earth Science graduate student, received a research grant from the Geological Society of America. The grant funds (\$1,292) will be used by Graham to support his research involving the development of a new landfill liner design for the prevention of the leakage of cadmium (a carcinogen) from the Illinoian landfills.

Rick Myrick, a high school teacher who received his M.S. in Earth Science this year at the NEIU May Commencement, has been chosen for a University of Chicago Summer Seminar for Chicago Area Teachers of Science. Twenty people were chosen from a pool of 46 applicants. The program will have high school teachers meet daily for four weeks to develop and test hands-on instructional materials for teaching earth science. Funding from the National Science Foundation includes a stipend of \$1200.

Mario Orozco, an Earth Science graduate student, has had an article, a product of his research, published recently. The article, "Ingenieria de Aguas Servidas," describing public water supply projects in Chicago and in Barranquilla, Colombia, appeared in the national journal of the Sociedad de Ingenieros del Atlantico, which is published in Colombia. □

"Wings and Space" Institute Celebrating 10th Anniversary

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and Northeastern's College of Education are offering the 10th annual "Wings and Space Institute '95." The eight-day institute (July 10-13, 17-20) provides educators with the most recent information about space to share with their students.

The workshop features videotapes and computer programs from NASA, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and the Civil Air Patrol, for use in the classroom. Information on rocketry, living in space, lunar geology and satellites will be covered. Upon completing the course, students receive three graduate continuing edu-

cation credits in "Problems in Elementary Science Instruction" or "New Directions in Teaching Secondary Science."

NEIU's Margaret Lindman, Curriculum and Instruction, is institute director. Dr. Harry Herzer, a NASA aerospace education specialist, and Dr. Lindman conduct the institute.

New Aviation Education Center at CTC

The FAA (Federal Aviation Agency), in cooperation with Northeastern, has opened an Aviation Education Resource Center (AERC) at the Chicago Teachers' Center (CTC), 770 N. Halsted, in room 427. The AERC will provide a library and distribution point for the resources to enhance aviation education and information pro-

grams for northern Illinois. Resources at the center will include career information, computer software, classroom instruction materials at the elementary and secondary levels, tapes, and a wide variety of free publications. The initiator of the center, Margaret Lindman, is chairperson for the NEIU/FAA Curriculum Committee.

Mazon Creek Gets Gem Club Funds

Mazon Creek Project curator Christopher Ledvina recently received the following letter from the Joliet Gem Club: "Our rock and gem club, the Joliet Gem Club, is folding due to lack of membership and decided to donate the balance of our funds to the Mazon Creek Project. Your project is one of the few areas where the average

person can get hands-on experience with rock and fossil collection in Illinois and we felt it is deserving of these funds. I hope that you will use these funds to continue to promote the scientific research as well as the amateur collecting at the Braidwood Mazon Creek site. Enclosed is a check for \$1,062."

June, July Employees of the Month

The Civil Service Employee of the Month for June is **Marilyn C. Mueller**, Staff Secretary for the Department of Speech and Performing Arts.

Selected as the July Civil Service Employee of the Month was **Candi McDowell**, Telephone Operator I in the NEIU College of Education's Chicago Teachers' Center. □

Congrats

JOE ACCARDI, Library, was a panelist on the subject, "On-Line Technology: Today and the Future," for the 1995 Spring Educational Conference of the Chicago Society of Association Executives on June 1 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. . . . **Accardi** and **BRAD BAKER**, Library, presented a seminar, "Selecting a Second Generation Library System," for the University of Wisconsin, School of Library & Information Science in Madison on May 12, 1995.

SABA AYMAN-NOLLEY, Psychology and International/Intercultural Studies, presented the following papers at the Society for Research in Child Development: "A Microgenetic Analysis of Peer Interaction," "Development and Socialization of Children's Schema of Leaders and Leadership," and "A Bidirectional Explanation of Learning" (with colleague Ruth Breckenridge-Church).

Baker Named Academic Librarian of the Year

Brad Baker, University Librarian, has been selected to receive the Illinois Library Association's (ILA) Illinois Association of College and Research Libraries (IACRL) Illinois Academic Librarian of the Year Award. The award honors an Illinois librarian who is making an outstanding statewide contribution to academic research and library development. The presentation was made at the ILA's annual conference held in Peoria in May.

Among examples cited in the nomination letter on Baker's behalf were his efforts toward the development of statewide library services for resource sharing and the advancement of technology-related library services.

Baker has also been elected a delegate-at-large to the executive committee of the OCLC Users Council for the 1995-96 year. OCLC is a nonprofit computer library service and research organization whose computer network and services link more than 20,000 libraries in 61 countries and territories.

JANET T. BERCIK, Curriculum and Instruction, was presented with the Miles Christi Award Friday, May 19, 1995 at the Concordia Theological Seminary graduation ceremony in Fort Wayne, Indiana. This special award is voted on by Concordia faculty with the concurrence of the Board of Regents. It is given once a year to honor those who have done outstanding work within their church and community.

DEBRA BRUCE-KINNEBREW, English, has her poem, "Prognosis," published in *The Formalist*, Vol. 6, issue 1, 1995.

ELLEN CANNON, Political Science and Women's Studies, gave the keynote address at a full-day conference, "State of the CPAProfession--1995 and Beyond," sponsored by the Illinois CPA Society on May 19, 1995. Cannon's topic was, "Transformation of the Workforce for the 21st Century."

PAUL DOLAN, Physics, presented a lecture entitled, "The Black Boxes: A Possible Teaching Tool," at a joint meeting of the Physics Club and the Society of Physics Students on June 7, 1995. . . . (In correction of an item in the May-June 'Congrats': the reported April 18 lecture demo on the neuromuscular stimulator by Dolan was actually presented on April 27 by student Elizabeth King.)

CAROL GAETJENS, Psychology, presented a paper, "Teaching Gerontology from the 'Insiders' Viewpoint," at the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education meetings held in Fort Worth, Texas February 25, 1995. . . . Gaetjens also participated in a seminar, "Normal Aging and Library Usage: Flexibility Required!" on March 28, 1995.

EDMUND B. HUNT, Special Education, presented research results on "Under-achieving Gifted Primary Students and Their Teachers" at the Wallace National Research Symposium at the University of Iowa, May 18-20, 1995. The paper represented a summary of research findings by graduate students completing their research projects for a Master of Arts in Gifted Education.

GORDON H. LAMB, NEIU president, was awarded a special citation in recognition of his achievements in fostering music arts in Chicago at the Mostly Music annual benefit June 10, 1995, at the Tav-

Howenstine Gets DAR Conservation Award

William Howenstine, Geography and Environmental Studies, received the prestigious Daughters of the American Revolution Conservation Award at an April 1995 Kishwaukee Trail Chapter meeting in Woodstock.

Howenstine was a trustee of the McHenry County Conservation District in its infancy, 1971-74; served a second term, 1974-79, and continues to serve on its site development committee. He helped found the Land Foundation of McHenry County and became its first president in 1992.

Dr. Cynthia Skrukud, McHenry County Defenders executive director said many students now engaged in conservation and environmental work were inspired by Dr. Howenstine's teaching example. "He has demonstrated that conservation efforts are not only for undeveloped areas but are also to be undertaken in such places as a Chicago university setting. At Northeastern Illinois, he spearheaded efforts to protect and develop the Swamp White Oak Savanna on campus."

ern Club's Sky Pavilion in Chicago.

CHRISTOPHER LEDVINA, Earth Science, was awarded a Friend of History Certificate of Excellence by the Illinois State Historical Society at its 95th annual meeting in Springfield April 22, 1995, for his role in the establishment of a national museum of coal mining to be located in West Frankfort.

LAURA SANDERS, Earth Science, taught a three-day training course in April 1995 on basic groundwater chemistry for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) in Springfield. The course trained 30 IEPA workers to use water chemistry data to detect and trace ground water pollution.

PATRICIA SCHUTT, Special Education, was the featured speaker at the Graduation Exercises of the Northside Learning Center, June 9, 1995.

WALTER SOMMERS, Student Activities, was elected president of the Association of Campus Activities Administrators for the 1995-96 academic year in April.

Athletics News

Be Aware of NCAA Rules

Who Is a "Prospective Student-Athlete"?

A prospective student-athlete is a person who has begun classes for the ninth grade. However, it is possible for a younger student to be a prospect; so it is prudent to treat **all** athletes as prospects.

Some 'Dos and Don'ts under the rules

The NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) considers any university employee who has been involved in **any way** with the athletic program to be an 'athletic representative'. (see Feb. '95 **fyi**, page 4) As an athletic representative, you (NEIU faculty, staff, alumnus) are not precluded from continuing friendships with families who have prospective or enrolled student-athletes. You simply cannot encourage a prospect's participation in the athletic program or provide benefits to the student-athlete that you were not providing before he or she became a prospect or enrolled student-athlete.

Do feel free to attend high school and community college athletic events. You simply cannot have any contact with the prospective student-athletes or relatives. If conversation is initiated with you, respond in a civil manner but **do not** discuss the NEIU athletic program with them. If they raise questions about the program, remind them that the NCAA prohibits you from discussing the program with them. Ask them to direct their questions to the athletic department.

For more information, call the Department of Athletics Compliance Office at 794-6292. □

Counseling Office Offers Career Planning, Personal Growth Workshops

David Helfand, Counseling Office, will conduct three different free workshops in July and August on career and personal growth issues for NEIU students, staff and faculty.

The first, "Networking Strategies," is a one

session workshop on steps and strategies leading toward "getting hired." It is offered on Wednesday, July 19, 1:30-2:30 p.m. and on Monday, July 24, 6:00-6:50 p.m. All workshops will be held in CC-219.

"Overcoming Challenges to Career Change" is the second workshop. It addresses such problems as fear of change, perfectionism, time and money, and a tight job market in three Wednesday sessions, July 26, August 2 and 9, at 1:30-2:30 p.m.

The third workshop, "Assess Your Entrepreneurial Potential," helps to determine one's potential for running a business in a 50-item self-assessment exercise. It will take two sessions on Monday, July 31 and August 7, either at 1:30-2:30 or 6:00-6:50 p.m.

Registration for the workshops is in the Counseling Office, B-115. Enrollment in all sections is limited to the first 12 registrants. Participants are expected to attend all sessions they enroll in. Anyone who is interested but unable to attend may contact David Helfand for a possible individual appointment.

These and three more workshops--"Identifying Career Options," "Increasing Your Self-Esteem," and "Job Market of the '90s and Beyond" -- will be offered again in the fall. For more information, contact David Helfand, ext. 3148. □

Other Notable Calendar Notes

American Spanish Dance Festival Gala Performances July 21-23

Fri., Sat., July 21, 22, 8:00 p.m.; Sun., July 23, 3:00 p.m., Auditorium. Gala performances by international guest artists, including Paco Alonso, Timo Lozano, Edo, and Vida Peral, with Dame Libby Komaiko and NEIU's Ensemble Español. For more information, call 583-4050, ext. 3015.

NEIU Summer Theater in July Features "Lady Audley's Secret"

Thur., Sat., July 27-29; Thur.-Sat., Aug. 3-5; Thur., Sat., Aug. 10-12; Stage Center

**All events are free to
NEIU students, faculty
and staff with valid I.D.**

Theater. A classic -- and popular -- 19th century melodrama by C. H. Hazelwood, "Lady Audley's Secret" is a tragedy in two acts. The play is based on the sensational novel by Mary Elizabeth Braddon, first published in 1862. The drama offers all the melodramatic stereotypes: a villainess for audiences to hiss at, double identities, secret lives, murder, chaos, and madness. Lady Audley has married into the nobility with a man her grandfather's age, moving from Governess to Lady (and one presumes, widow?) in one leap. But she has a past, and to maintain her station practices villainy on those who know of it. Professor Richard Hesler, Speech and Performing Arts, directs. For more information, call the box office, 794-6652.

Opera Workshop: Opera Scenes Recital, August 9

Wed., Aug. 9, 7:30 p.m., Auditorium. A recital of scenes from operas, directed by Professor Ronald Combs, Music, will be performed on Wednesday, August 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. NEIU accompanist Jane Kenas will play on the piano. There will be one scene from each of the following operas: "La Perichole" by Offenbach; "Madame Butterfly" by Puccini; "The Secret Marriage" by Cimarosa, and "Der Freischütz" by Weber. It is an all-student production with minimal sets and costumes. It is the final exam for the graduate and undergraduate students in the Opera Workshop class.

Photo IDs Required

All NEIU students are required to have a photo identification card issued by the university by September 1, 1995. Photo IDs are issued in CC-207; for hours, call ext. 4615. Present proof of registration and photo ID, like valid drivers license.

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