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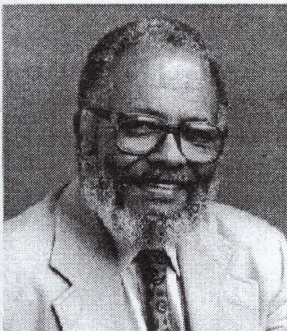
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Carruthers Named Acting Director of CICS

NEIU Acting Provost Therese Schuepfer has announced the appointment of Jacob H. Carruthers as Acting Director of the Center for Inner City Studies (CICS). Carruthers joined NEIU in 1968 and currently holds the rank of Professor of Inner City Studies. He has been Associate Director since 1993 and has been chair of the University Educational Policy Council and of the Department of Inner City Studies Education.

A specialist in political philosophy, Carruthers' professional affiliations include the American Political Science Association, the Rocky Mountain Social Science Association, the Midwest Political Science Association, and the Kemetec Institute, among others.



Jacob H. Carruthers

He has published numerous articles and books, has appeared on many panels, and has served often as a consultant.

Carruthers received his Ph.D. degree in political science from the University of Colorado, his M.A. in government from Texas Southern University, and his B.A. in political science from Samuel Houston College.

CICS, established by the university as an outgrowth of its concern for and commitment to Chicago's inner-city communities, operates under the auspices of NEIU's College of Education. The center offers an African-centered perspective on higher educa-

tion. Future plans at the center, Carruthers has told the **fyi**, include the celebration of the 30th anniversary of CICS, the date of which will be announced later. □

21st Century Community Learning Project Update

Earlier this year the College of Education began exploring ways to build and implement a model for education that would reunite and redefine the function of the community in the learning process. The idea for the model was to be based on work done by John Abbott, a British educator who believes that education in the 21st century must reunite learning throughout the fabric of the community. Abbott founded Education 2000, an organization dedicated to educating people for change. As part of his work with that organization he has been helping develop community-based models of education in the U.S.

The college formed a committee to spearhead work on developing and defining its own model, which came to be known as the 21st Century Community Learning Project (CLP). In an effort to engage university-wide support for CLP, Abbott was invited to speak at Northeastern last spring. He then revisited the campus to lend his expertise in working out the details of Northeastern's project. (cont. page 4)

21st INTERNATIONAL DAY FESTIVAL 1996

Thursday, November 7
11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Alumni Hall

*bringing together NEIU ethnic clubs and groups: through food and entertainment appreciation and understanding.
Sponsored by the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures.*

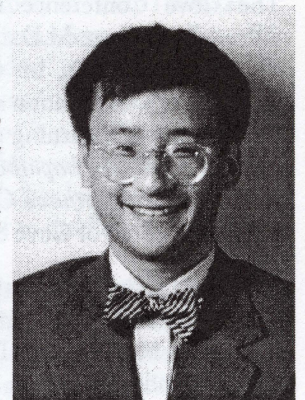
'Equity in Action' Week...

was Monday, October 21 - Friday, October 25, when the Northeastern university community exercised one of its signature rights -- "to practice the art of inquiry and the sharing of informed opinion," as President Salme Steinberg described it, through its week-long effort of examining affirmative action issues by faculty, students, staff and invited guests.

The series of programs on "Equity in Action: Affirmative Action Issues" was the product of Murrell J. Duster, NEIU Dean of Academic Development, and her staff. They structured the series of programs as panels in which moderators, presenters and discussants opened affirmative action issues to inquiry and discussion.

After opening remarks by Dean Duster and President Steinberg, the keynote address on Monday was given by Congressman Luis Gutierrez. The panels that followed looked at equity in terms of the media, the workforce, higher education, women, sports, sexual orientation, and economics.

The featured speaker was Frank Wu, a professor of law at Howard University in Washington, D.C., who spoke Tuesday evening on "Experiencing Differences." Wu teaches in the Clinical Law Center Elder Law program at Howard University and also in traditional courses including civil procedure and immigration. He participated also in a panel and a Round Table Discussion.



Frank Wu

8th Annual Cove Conference to Meet at NEIU

The 8th annual Cove Conference on the Educational and Psychological Needs of Students with Learning Disabilities will be held at Northeastern Friday, December 6. Jointly sponsored by the Cove Foundation, Cove School, and NEIU's Division of Professional Support, the conference is presented for educators, mental health professionals, and parents of the learning disabled, some 450 of whom attended last year's conference.

Northeastern's Charles Pistorio, Associate Professor, Counselor Education, is conference coordinator. He is also director of the Cove Foundation.

Featured conference speaker is Robert B. Brooks, Ph.D., Director of the Department of Psychology at McLean Hospital and a Harvard Medical School faculty member. The title of Dr. Brooks' talk will be "Fostering Self-Esteem and Resilience in Children with Learning Disabilities: The Search for Islands of Competence." He is the author of the book, *The Self-Esteem Teacher* and co-author of the book, *A Pediatric Approach to Learning Disorders*.

The following NEIU faculty from the Department of Special Education will be workshop leaders: Rita Brusca-Vega, Rosemary Egan, Jeff Messerer, and David Yasutake.

For more information, call 847-562-2109 and ask for Dr. Pistorio or Marty Ness.

The Cove Conference is dedicated to Alfred A. Strauss, M.D., and Laura Lehtinen Rogan, Ph.D., for their pioneering work in the identification and treatment of individuals with learning disabilities, their seminal book, *Psychopathology and Education of the Brain-Injured Child* (1947), and the co-founding of Cove School.

The Cove School, the nation's first school for students with learning disabilities, is located in Northbrook, Illinois. Its K-12 student body represents a wide range of socio-ethnic backgrounds from the greater Chicago metropolitan area. The Cove Foundation is a not-for-profit organization engaged in research and the development of educational materials and programs for individuals with learning disabilities and other at-risk students. □

1996 Mazon Creek Open House - December 14

The 1996 Mazon Creek Annual Open House will be held Saturday, December 14, in the Dept. of Earth Science in the Science Building from 1:00-6:00 p.m. Bring family, friends, kids, for informative talks, exhibits, specimen identification, products. See the December **fj** for more info on the Open House. □

NEIU Science Fair Central Initiative Gets Underway

On Saturday, September 21, 1996, the Departments of Chemistry, Earth Science, and Physics hosted the Teacher's session of the first Science Fair Central, a departmental outreach initiative to make Northeastern Illinois University a clearinghouse and information center for teachers, students and parents needing assistance with science fair projects.

Dean John Boni greeted the 69 middle and high school teachers present. The first presentation of the day was made by Chemistry Department chair Paul Poskozim regarding "Rules and Regulations". The second presentation, on "Ideas, Sources, Resources & Motivation," was made by Physics Coordinator Paul Dolan. Also assisting with the day's activities were Physics faculty Randal Reinertson and Mitchel Sweig, Chemistry faculty Wayne Svoboda, Marina Koether, John Al-Bazi and Michael McCann, and Earth Science lab manager Monica Dailey.

The second and third sessions, which included student and parent involvement, were held on October 5 and 19. The response to this initiative has been so enthusiastic that hopes for it becoming an annual event seem well founded. A report on the October Science Fair Central meetings will appear in the December **fj**. □

NPB Voter Drive Results

More than 500 students, faculty and staff responded to the opportunity to register or re-register to vote during the Northeastern Programming Board (NPB)-sponsored Voter Registration Drive held in the Commuter Center's Village Square area, September 23-October 3, as part of its "Election '96" series of events. □

Grad Student's Article to Be Published in Academic Journal

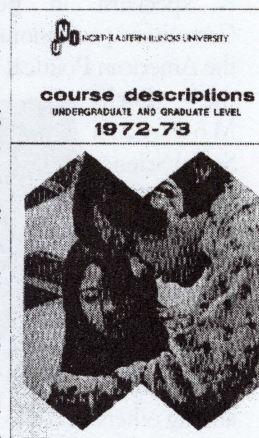
Peter Chang, Assistant Professor, Department of Music and the Dance Program, is pleased to report that a paper written by one his graduate students, Elizabeth Quaintance, has been accepted for publication in the December issue of the academic journal, *Twentieth Century Music*.

The paper, "Vocal Style in Schoenberg's *George Lieder*," was the result of a term project for Dr. Chang's course, "MUS 422, Independent Study in Music: A Research into the Interpretations of Schoenberg's Songs (1908-15)," Spring 1996.

Quaintance is the first NEIU music student to publish in a national journal. □

"Looking Back As We Look Forward"

An exhibit, "Looking Back As We Look Forward," is on display at the library documenting the history of Northeastern and commemorating the recent inauguration of Dr. Salme Steinberg as fifth president. The "artifacts" include clippings, catalogs, student newspapers, books, pictures from a newspaper's ground breaking photo from March 31, 1960 to the Steinberg inauguration. The exhibit has been open since October 21 and will close November 8, 1996. □



EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH:

October

Antonio Ross

Building Service Worker
Commuter Center

November

Corrine Kilpeck-Bernal

Library Technical Assistant III

Congrats

GEORGE BAGEL, Assistant Director of Placement, discussed the job search problems of those professionals who are either late in their career or have been with one company for their entire career, and how to effectively interview, as a panelist at the 3rd annual Career Management Conference for the alumni of the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business, at the Gleacher Center, on September 21, 1996.

TOMASZ BIELECKI, Assistant Professor, Mathematics, spent five weeks at the University of South Australia working with **Jerzy Filar** and **Vladimir Gaitsgory** on "Singular Perturbation Problems Arising in Stochastic Manufacturing Systems," and "Multiplicative Dynamic Processes Arising in Optimal Portfolio Selection." Bielecki also presented a paper, "Risk-sensitive Portfolio Selection in Partially Known Markets," in one of the special sessions at the 40th Annual Mathematical Society Conference 1996 in Adelaide during the week of July 8.

BERNARD J. BROMMEL, Professor, Speech and Performing Arts, returned to the University of Northern Iowa on September 11, 1996, for a few days as a guest professor. He lectured on various aspects of communication theory to undergraduate classes and spoke to graduate students about trends in higher education in the communication field. On Saturday, September 14, he received the Distinguished Alumni Award. Brommel graduated from that university 45 years ago and has taught for the past 25 years at Northeastern.

KEVIN COULSON, Assistant Professor, Marketing, chaired a session on Business Ethics at the American Marketing Association's Summer Educator's Conference in San Diego, August 6-9, 1996. He also chaired a panel session on "The World Wide Web in College Education" at the Marketing Management Association's fall 1996 Educator's Conference in St. Louis September 26. Dean Charles

Falk and James Hazeltine of the College of Business and Management were also members of the panel. Coulsen has also been selected by the Department of Management and Marketing to act as faculty advisor to the Marketing Club, and he was elected Vice Chair of the Faculty Council on Student Affairs on October 1.

LIDIA FILUS, Professor, Mathematics, has an article, "A Combinatorial Description of Some Methods of Computation of Fixed Points," published in *The Journal of Combinatorial Mathematics and Combinatorial Computing*, JCMCC 21 (1996), pp. 25-31.

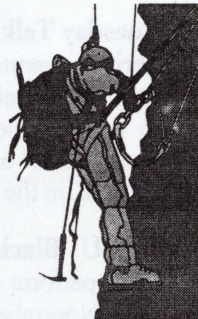
DAVID HELFAND, Professor, Student Services, presented two workshops ("Identify Your Career Options through Assessment Approaches That Work") at Harper College's Career Conference, "Navigating Your Future: Tools for Career Success," September 28, 1996.

GERALDINE HEMMER, Associate Professor, Mathematics, attended the summer PFF (Preparing Future Faculty) National Conference in Colorado, June 29-July 12, and moderated a panel on "Embedding PFF in the Academic Disciplines -- Mathematics." Hemmer agreed to continue to serve on the PFF Steering Committee.

PAUL O'HARA, Assistant Professor, Mathematics, has an article, "Wave-particle Duality in General Relativity," published in *Nuovo Cimento*, vol. 111B, N, 7, 1996, pp. 799-810. O'Hara also pre-

We know you are all tied up in your work, hobbies and other projects, but drop everything! Sit down and write us a note about it and your awards and research and so on and send it to:

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sented a paper, "Anomalies in the Structure of Spin - 3/2 Baryons," at the 12th International Conference on High Energy Spin Physics, September 9-13, of the National Institute for Nuclear Physics and High Energy Physics, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

SANTOS RIVERA, Assistant Dean of Students, was part of a three-member strategic planning team, in August 1996, that developed a culturally specific curriculum in board and organizational development for the Native American Alternative School, inner-city Minneapolis. Team members included the executive director of Peta Wakan Tipi (Lakota Sacred Fire Lodge), St. Paul, Minn., and the president of Third Sector Strategies, Inc., which specializes in organizational and financial development for nonprofits. . . . In September, Rivera was a visiting lecturer for the Executive MBA program of the Lake Forest Graduate School of Management. His session was on "Organizational and Individual Diversity for Managing Differences."

LINDA RUECKERT, Assistant Professor, Psychology, co-authored two articles to appear in *Neuropsychologia*, 1996, vol. 34: "Sustained attention deficits in patients with right frontal lesions," p. 953; "Further evidence that the callosum is involved in sustaining attention," p. 927.

MIKE TAPPIN, Assistant Manager-Photographer, Photo/Design-Graphics Services, has some 25 images of his photographic work published in the *Chicago Reader* on display in "Our Town: 25 Years of City Life As Seen in the Pages of the Chicago Reader," an exhibit at the Chicago Cultural Center, 77 E. Randolph. Co-sponsored by the Chicago Dept. of Cultural Affairs, the exhibit runs October 18-November 3. Tappin has been a regular freelance contributor to the *Reader* since 1972.

A recently released book by **DONALD A. J. TERRAS**, Lecturer, Anthropology, *Grosse Pointe Lighthouse: Landmark to Maritime History and Culture*, (Windy City Press) has received the Superior Achievement Award in Publications from the Illinois Association of Museums for 1996. The award "recognizes achievement that is a model for the profession." An independent network of museums, (cont. page 4)

("Congrats," cont. from page 3) the IAM includes most of the major museums in the state as well as many small historical, cultural and scientific organizations.

SANTIAGO VACA, Assistant Professor, Art, has works of his on exhibit in "Day of the Dead, an exhibit of art and artifacts," October 21-November 5, at the Suburban Fine Arts Center, 1913 Sheridan Rd., Highland Park. . . . Vaca also had several large monoprints in an exhibition called "Monster Prints," a mono-printing exhibit in August/September 1996 at the Contemporary Artists Center in North Adams, Massachusetts.

("Community," cont. from page 1) In order to build on the support fueled by Abbott's visit, the CLP committee is currently looking at options for sponsoring a one-day conference that would showcase various community learning projects. They are also finalizing a collection of readings on community learning to be shared with faculty and staff university-wide. In addition, a commitment has been made to support 39th Ward Alderman Margaret Laurino's Haugan Middle School Project, pending approval and funding by the Chicago Board of Education. The project represents one example of a community-based endeavor. Northeastern's role would be to serve in an advisory capacity with respect to curriculum issues as they relate to delivering quality education and building a community of lifelong learners. □

Notable Calendar Notes

Jeannine Frystak, "Unfamiliar Recollections," NEIU Art Gallery. Promising NEIU art student Frystak exhibiting drawings, paintings and sculpture, October 21-November 8.

Bertolt Brecht's "The Caucasian Chalk Circle" Opens NEIU's Stage Center Theatre '96-'97 Season Thursday, October 31 and runs Friday, Saturday, November 1, 2 and Wednesday-Saturday, Novem-

ber 6-9 at 7:30 p.m. The drama tells the story of a young woman who flees a city during a revolution, acquiring a baby abandoned by the Governor's wife and raising it, only to have the biological mother return to claim the child in order to gain an inheritance. For information: 773-794-6652.

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

The Waller and Maxwell Guitar Duo

The NEIU '96-'97 Chamber Music Series (a partnership between Northeastern and Mostly Music, Inc.) presents The Waller and Maxwell Guitar Duo Friday, November 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium, featuring Anne Waller and Mark Maxwell with guest artists Elaine Skorodin, violin, and Steve Hauser, cello. Music of Spain in honor of composer Manuel de Falla; works by Albeniz, de Falla, de Fossa, Granados and Rodrigo. Information, 773-794-3042.

The Colfax Consort (Diane and Robert Stehman)

will give a benefit concert on Sunday, November 3, 4:00 p.m., at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1004 Greenwood in Evanston. Sponsored by the Evanston Ecumenical Action Council, the concert will contain music in a variety of styles ranging from Medieval dances to music of 20th century African-American composer Scott Joplin.

There will be a free-will offering with proceeds from the concert being split evenly between the Nehemiah Fund and EEAC's on-going ministries of racial reconciliation. The Nehemiah Fund was established to facilitate community response to the burning of Afro-American churches in the South.

The 'Tuesday Talks' Faculty/Staff Lecture Series

presents President Salme H. Steinberg. Dr. Steinberg will talk on "Bridge Building Between Nations: Germany and the U.S." on Tuesday, November 5, at 2:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room.

The NEIU Black Heritage Gospel Choir

will perform on International Day, Thursday, November 7, 10:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in Alumni Hall.

The Earth Science Department will present Dr. Heather Macdonald, Asso-

ciate Professor of Geology at the College of William and Mary in two lectures on Thursday, November 7. Macdonald will speak on "Moving Away from Lectures: Strategies to Promote Active Learning in Large Lecture-based Courses" at 1:40 p.m. in Room SCI-112. At 4:15 p.m. Macdonald will talk on "Learning Together: Designing Effective Small-Group Activities in Science Classes" in Room 129 of the Science Building.

Islamic Awareness Week, Nov. 11-15:

Mon., Nov. 11: Bake Sale Booth, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Village Square.

Tue., Nov. 12: Information Booth, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Village Square.

Wed., Nov. 13: Movie, "Women in Islam," 1:00-4:00 p.m.; CC-218; Lecture, "Introduction to Islam," Sr. Mary Ali and Sisters Halaqah' by Sr. Umma Bushrah; 7:00-9:30 p.m., CC-217.

Thur., Nov. 14: Lecture, "Islam: Mercy to Mankind," by Br. Fisal Hammouda & Brothers Halaqah'; 1:40-3:30 p.m., Heritage Room.

Fri., Nov. 15: Salat-ul-Jummah' by Br. Biabani; Recitation of Quran by Br. Fariz Ahmed; 1:30-3:00 p.m., CC-217.

Tue., Nov. 12: New Music Concert, featuring original compositions by NEIU students and faculty; 7:30 p.m., Auditorium.

Thur., Nov. 14: Student Dance Works in Progress; previews of new dances by faculty and student choreographers; 1:40 p.m., Auditorium.

Wed., Fri., Sat., Nov. 20, 22, 23: A holiday presentation of three one-act operas by the **NEIU Opera Workshop**, directed by Ron Combs and student director Sasha Gerritson with choreography by **Venetia Stifler**; the three fully staged productions with orchestra will be conducted by Michael Melton. The operas: Martinu's *What Men Live By* based on a story by Leo Tolstoy; a *Childhood Miracle* by Ned Rorem, and *Little Red Riding Hood* by Seymour Barab; 7:30 p.m., Auditorium; Gen. Ad. \$5, Seniors/students \$3; For information: 312/794-3042.

Tue., Nov. 26: Internationally acclaimed jazz trumpeter Randy Brecker will perform with the **NEIU Jazz Ensemble**; 7:30 p.m., Auditorium; admission is free.

The use of tobacco products is prohibited in all indoor university facilities, owned or leased, and in university owned vehicles.