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NEIU President to Key-note at Asian-American Conference February 8

NEIU President Salme H. Steinberg will be the Evening Keynote Speaker at the 14th Annual Asian Conference and Celebration Program, hosted by the Asian American Coalition of Chicago, Saturday, February 8, at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare.



Salme Steinberg

The theme of the conference is "Asian Americans 2002: Education, Economy & Ethnicity for the 21st Century." Dr. Nguyen-Trung Hieu, chair of this year's coalition

celebration notes that "representatives of three major universities, including two presidents, will present their views on the keynote theme."

Dr. Steinberg's talk, entitled "Ethnicity in the 21st Century," will be preceded by remarks by Governor Jim Edgar and Senator Carol Moseley-Braun and followed by remarks by Mayor Richard M. Daley and Secretary of State George Ryan. □

Steinberg to Speak at ACE/N.I.P. Conference

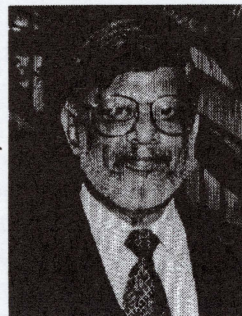
President Salme Steinberg will be a speaker at the annual spring conference of the Illinois Chapter of the American Council on Education National Identification Program for the Advancement of Women in Higher Education Administration, February 27-28, at the Chicago Hilton and Towers. The con-

ference's theme is "Defining the Academy: Women Influencing Change." Dr. Steinberg will speak on Thursday, February 27. Her talk is entitled, "Risk and Courage in Academic Leadership: A Strategy for Women." □

Arun Gandhi to Speak at Northeastern February 13

Arun Gandhi, grandson of the great spiritual leader, Mohandas K. "Mahatma" Gandhi, will present a talk, "Nonviolence or Nonexistence: Options for the 21st Century," in Alumni Hall at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 13. Sponsored by the NEIU Office of the President, the talk and the reception following are free.

An accomplished author, Arun Gandhi has published several books, including *A Patch of White*, on racism in South Africa; *Morari Papers*, on the rise and fall of the Janata Party in India, and *Voices of Poverty*, a co-written work addressing poverty and its management in rural India by non-



Arun Gandhi

governmental agencies. Recently he envisioned and edited *World Without Violence: Can Gandhi's Vision Become Reality?* a collection of essays and poetry by noted scientists, artists, political and social leaders on the issues of nonviolence.

On Saturday, February 15, Gandhi will present the keynote speech at the 8th annual T.E.A.M. (Teachers of Experiential and Adventure Methodology) Conference presented by Northeastern's College of Education. □

Distance Education Update

Four years ago Northeastern Illinois University participated in a \$1.3 million grant from the Illinois Board of Higher Education awarded to the North Suburban Higher Education Consortium (NSHEC) to establish a telecommunications-based instructional delivery system. The grant was awarded on a competitive basis and was one of ten similar grants awarded throughout Illinois totaling \$15 million as part of funds allocated through the Higher Education Cooperation Act (HECA) of 1993. The grant was intended to allow institutions to develop quality courses and programs and telecast them via interactive, two-way video to students throughout the region. Northeastern Illinois University began transmitting courses in Fall 1994 and has increased course offerings every semester.

Distance education has been defined as "teaching and learning situations in which the instructor and learner are geographically separated and rely on electronic devices and print materials for instructional delivery." Technology at NEIU is multi-faceted. Classes in CLS 2031 link with our partners in the NSHEC consortium who act as "receiving" sites for Northeastern classes. Many students who work (cont. page 4)

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NEW ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Estela R. López,



began her appointment as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs on January 2, 1997. López has been serving in Washington, D.C. as Senior Associate of the American

Association for Higher Education (AAHE) and as Senior Fellow at the American Council on Education (ACE). At AAHE she has worked on projects examining faculty roles and technology in education. Through ACE she has been involved in the Kellogg Project on Institutional Transformation, the International Initiatives Program, and in creating an international network of women presidents through their Office of Women. From 1990 to 1995, López was Vice President for Academic Affairs and Planning at the Inter American University of Puerto Rico, having served as the Associate Vice President since 1986. López has taught Spanish Literature at the university level and is the author of monographs in her academic field as well as in higher education practice. She received her Ph.D. and M.A. in Spanish Literature from Columbia University and a B.A. from Queens College of the City University of New York (CUNY).

College of Ed Develops Theme for Students' Professional Experience

The College of Education has developed a theme of *Reflective Professionals Building Learning Communities* to depict the professional experience of its students. The theme expresses the college's philosophy that today's effective professional must be able to shape an environment that encourages students to become lifelong learners both in and outside the classroom. It is a reflection of the college's efforts toward quality management of its programs and curriculum.

Specifically the theme focuses on students acquiring a knowledge base organized around the components of learners, schools, communities and professional self. A set of learner outcomes has been developed to

Joyce Hieshima,



an Associate Professor of Reading, was appointed as Acting Associate Provost, effective January 2, 1997. Hieshima has administrative and teaching experience at the elementary, community college and university levels. She earned her Ph.D. from Northwestern University in Educational Processes and Language and Literacy Development. She also has M.A. degrees in Linguistics and Reading from Northeastern.

Steve Brown,



who was named Special Assistant to the President on October 15, 1996, has been assigned to head the Public Affairs units of Community Affairs and Publications, Photo-Design-Graphics Services,

Sponsored Programs, and University Relations. A Professor of Educational Administration, Brown also serves as Coordinator of the current North Central Association self-study for the university. Previously, he

gauge knowledge acquisition. Faculty are now re-examining and re-structuring each program's curriculum to assure alignment with the college's philosophy. □

Student to Do Research at Los Alamos

Northeastern Earth Science major Chris Wetteland has been selected to participate in the U.S. Department of Energy's Science and Engineering Research Semester. This spring, instead of taking classes, Wetteland will get a chance to put his knowledge of earth science into action at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico. He will be part of a research team investigating some of the problems associated with the disposal of radioactive wastes.

was an Associate Professor at Northern Arizona University. He received his Ph.D. in Educational Administration and Supervision from Iowa State University.

Len Iaquina,



Director of Development, has been assigned to head another Public Affairs unit, Alumni Affairs, also. He previously held similar positions at Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne, and Brooklyn College (CUNY). Iaquina has an M.S.J. from Columbia University and a B.S.J. from Northwestern University.

Sheila L. Rotman,



Director of Community Affairs and Publications, is responsible for managing NEIU's community affairs, freedom of information, publications, photo-design-graphics, and special events. Rotman is a

board member and vice president for the Peterson/Pulaski Business & Industrial Council and the North River Commission. She has M.A. and B.A. degrees in English from Northeastern.

Susan E. Namest,



Director, University Relations, is responsible for media and public relations for NEIU; acting as public relations consultant to the president and senior staff, and serving as liaison on various internal and external commit-

tees. Before coming to NEIU, Namest has served as public relations director for WFMT, Inc., and the Community Arts Foundation/The Body Politic Theatre. She has a B.A. in English from the University of Illinois/Chicago. □

Congrats

ROBERT BETZ, Professor Emeritus, Biology, was a recipient of the George B. Fell Award for 1996 from the Natural Areas Association (NAA) in recognition of outstanding individual accomplishments in natural areas identification, protection, and management. Betz received the award at a recent NAA Conference.

PAUL DOLAN, Associate Professor, Physics, was the colloquium speaker for the Department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Maine on October 11, 1996, where he presented the talk, "Low Temperature Physics: 'Big' Science or 'Little' Science?" On November 16, Dolan presented a report on the first annual Science Fair Central held at Northeastern last fall to a meeting of the Chicago Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers at Argonne National Lab. The report was co-authored by NEIU's Paul Poskozim and Randal Reinertson.

LEN IAQUINTA, Director of Development, and **SUSAN NAMEST**, Director of University Relations, were moderators for CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education) sessions at its 22nd annual conference, December 15-17, 1996. Iaquinta's session was on "The Role of the Headhunter in Advancement." Namest's session was entitled "Are You Worth It?" on showing accountability.

JOSEPH KISH, Assistant Vice President for Facilities Management, was recently elected President-Elect of the Midwest Association of Higher Education Facilities Officers (MAPPA). The five-year commitment involves two years as president-elect, then president, at the regional level, and three years as a regional representative to the national organization.

MARINA KOETHER, Assistant Professor, Chemistry, was a featured speaker at the 1996 Science for Environmental Professionals and Attorneys Conference, "Utilizing Science to Solve Environment Issues," held in Chicago on November 21, 1996. Koether's presentation: "Applying Chemistry -- Tricks the Environmental Professional Needs to Know."

JAMES MACDONALD, Assistant Professor, Anthropology, was awakened at 5:00 in the morning on Monday, December 9, to be interviewed by CBS Radio National News on the significance of the passing of anthropologist Mary Leakey who had just died. The interview was aired that morning on the CBS Radio Network. MacDonald was interviewed also by WBBM News Radio later in the morning. Mary Leakey has made major contributions to the study of human origins.

ELYSE MACH, Professor, Music, presented a paper at the American Liszt Society International Festival at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, October 24-27, 1996. The festival theme was "Franz Liszt: A Spiritual Odyssey." Mach's lecture is called "In Memory of my Father"; featured as part of the lecture was a performance of the piano piece, "Zum Andenken," ("In Memory") which Liszt composed shortly after his father's death. "Liszt was 16 years old at the time. 'Zum Andenken' was an unpublished manuscript thought to be lost," says Mach, "but with research efforts I discovered and located the manuscript at the Deutsche Staatsbibliothek in Berlin. The first publication of this work was in a volume of Liszt pieces I selected and edited: *Franz Liszt - Rare and Familiar - 28 Pieces for Piano*, Associated Music Publishers, New York."

REBECCA MOSKOWITZ, retired Program Advisor, Psychology, won first prize in the dramatic monologue category and honorable mention in the "Scenes from a Childhood" category in the Chicago and 1996 Poetry Contest held by Poets & Patrons, Inc.

EDWARD ODISHO, Professor, Curriculum & Instruction, has his paper, "A Comparative Study of Petnames (Nicknames) in English and Assyrian" forthcoming in Spring 1997 within a *Festschrift* in honor of Professor Georg Krotkoff of Johns Hopkins University entitled *Humanism, Culture and Language in the Near East*. The *Festschrift* is a publication of Eisenbrauns, Indiana.

SHEILA ROTMAN, Director, Community Affairs and Publications, was appointed to serve on the Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for a three-year term starting in January 1997.

PETE STONEBRAKER, Associate Professor, Management, has had his article, "Restructuring the Bill of Material for Productivity: A Strategic Evaluation of Product Configuration," published recently in the *International Journal of Production Economics*.

DONALD J. TERRAS, Lecturer, Anthropology, appeared on CLTV and CNN during segments aired November 21, 22, 1996, regarding restoration of the Grosse Point Lighthouse Museum and Historic Site in Evanston. Terras is director of the site which recently received \$225,000 in funding to support enhancement of the facility. His work at Grosse Point was the subject of an article in the November 6 *Chicago Sun-Times* and was featured on WMAQ radio's Illinois Byways program on November 12.

ZHONGGANG ZENG, Assistant Professor, Mathematics, presented his paper, "Homotopy Continuation Method for Some Structural Sparse Non-Hermitian Eigenvalue Problems," at the Second SIAM (Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics) Conference on Sparse Matrices, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, on October 9, 1996. □

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and/or live many miles from this campus can now take courses within minutes of their home or workplace. This accessibility along with the ability to still have "face-to-face" interaction with students and faculty has made this delivery system effective for many.

New faculty teach courses via this system every semester. Faculty have been trained to use the system for not only course delivery but workshops, tutoring sessions between campuses and meetings with colleagues. This delivery system not only links classrooms around the suburbs but links with our own Center for Inner City Studies campus. In Fall 1997 we will not only be able to transmit courses within the NSHEC Consortium but also through the West Suburban Post Secondary Consortium (WSPSC) whose members include public universities, community colleges, private colleges and universities in the city and western suburbs, and partners such as Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory.

The state consortiums, in conjunction with the IBHE and the State Board of Education are sponsoring a **Distance Education Conference, "Focus on Faculty,"** scheduled for **Friday, February 28, 1997** at Illinois State University in Bloomington, Illinois. The conference will focus on technology and the teaching/learning process and their role in the success of distance learning. The cost is \$35 per person.

Also, on February 27, a video conference will be presented here in our Television Services facility. "Educational Technology '97," via live satellite with Diana Oblinger (Institute of Academic Technology, Chapel Hill) will focus on distributed learning environments and will also be available on tape.

I would enjoy talking with you about the distance education classroom, our partnerships, ideas and the possibilities that exist. Please call me at extension 3220 or e-mail me at jm-behncke.

-- **Janet M. Behncke, Assistant to the Provost and Director of Distance Education, Office of Academic Affairs, C-107.** □

HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR AT NORTHEASTERN FEBRUARY 21

by Henry Rosenbaum, Coordinator of the Chicago Public Schools Student Science Fair, Inc.

The Regional North High Schools Science Fair of the Chicago Public Schools will be held at Northeastern on Friday, February 21, 1997. The event will be conducted in Alumni Hall from 1:00-4:30 p.m. Awards will be presented in the Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. The exhibits will be on public display 4:30-7:00 p.m. Some 150 students from 22 north side high schools will compete for 60 places at the citywide science fair April 11-13 at the Museum of Science and Industry. The NEIU sponsor of the fair is the Biology Dept. Bert Ferrini has assisted with its arrangements. Dr. Herbert J. Stoltze, Professor Emeritus, has been our liaison for all the 10-plus years it has been at NEIU. □

The 1997 Black History Month Calendar of Events

Tue., Feb. 4, 1:40-2:45 p.m.: Lecture - Gerald (Gimbu) Vernon, NEIU Inner City Studies; SCI-101; sponsored by the Black Heritage Club.

Wed., Feb. 5, 1:00-3:00 p.m.: Women's Forum; CC-214; sponsored by the Black Heritage Club.

Thur., Feb. 6, 1:40-2:45 p.m.: Lecture - Conrad Worrell, NEIU Inner City Studies; SCI-101; sponsored by the Black Heritage Club.

Thur., Feb. 13, 1:45-3:00 p.m.: Black History Bingo; CC-219; sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha.

Wed., Feb. 19, 1:00-3:00 p.m.: Men's Forum; CC-218; sponsored by Black Heritage Club.

Thur., Feb. 27, 11:00 a.m., 7:30 p.m.: Black Heritage Gospel Choir Concert; Alumni Hall; sponsored by the Black Heritage Gospel Choir. □

Notable Calendar Notes

Thur., Feb. 13: Senior Recital, Sonali Rodriguez, soprano; 7:30 p.m., Auditorium. . . **Fri., Feb. 14:** NEIU Chamber Music

Series presented in partnership with Mostly Music, Inc., "A Celebration of African American History"; music, dance, and poetry: songs by Regina Harris Baiocchi performed by Lucreita Jackson-Lucas and Ann E. Ward; also, the Jimmy Ellis Jazz Ensemble; Darlene Blackburn, The Calumet Dance Ensemble and Chorus; gen. adm. \$10, seniors/students \$8; 7:30 p.m., Auditorium. (NEIU and Mostly Music, Inc., are also celebrating the tenth anniversary of their partnership. More in the March fy). . . **Mon., Feb. 17:** The Asbury Brass Quintet and the NEIU Brass Ensemble; Jonathan Martin, dir.; 7:30 p.m., Auditorium. . . **Tue., Feb. 18:** Graduate Recital, Joe Wright, tenor; 7:30 p.m., Auditorium. . . **Wed., Feb. 19:** Graduate Recital, Chris Clemente, double bass and bass guitar; 7:30 p.m., Auditorium. . . **Mon., Feb. 24:** NEIU Children's Theatre Workshop presents "Niccolo and Niccollette" by Alan Cullen, on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Feb. 24-Apr. 25, 10:15 a.m., Stage Center Theatre (for information, reservations, 773-794-6147). . . **Thur., Feb. 27:** The Ruth Page Dance Series presents a Student Matinee: Con-

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

cert Dance, Inc., Lecture/Demonstration; (gen. adm. \$2), 11:30 a.m., Auditorium. . . **Thur., Feb. 27 (also, Feb. 28, Mar. 1, 5, 8):** NEIU Stage Center Theatre presents "She Stoops to Conquer" by Oliver Goldsmith, 7:30 p.m., Stage Center Theatre. . . **Fri., Sat., Feb. 28, Mar. 1:** The Ruth Page Dance Series presents Concert Dance, Inc., Ensemble Español Spanish Dance Theater, River North Dance Company, The Swift Brothers; (gen. Adm. \$15, senior citizens/students \$10, CDC members w/ID \$10); 8:00 p.m., Auditorium. . . **Mon., Mar. 3:** NEIU Jazz Band, Jonathan Martin, dir., 7:30 p.m., Auditorium. . . **Thur., Mar. 6:** Chamber Music Series: Master Class for Instrumentalists and Chamber Music Ensembles with Ray Still; 9:30 a.m., Auditorium. . . **Fri., Mar. 7:** NEIU Chamber Music Series: Ray Still An Evening Master Class for Chamber Music Audience; 7:30 p.m., Auditorium. . . **Tue., Mar. 11:** Phyllis Hurt, soprano; Allen Anderson, Stephen Zivin, piano; all Schubert program; 7:30 p.m., Auditorium. □