

## Reed recognized for excellence in education



Charlotte Reed, Ph.D.

In 2002, the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) at IU Northwest was established to encourage and support teacher scholarships through collaboration among the Office of Academic Affairs, the Faculty Organization's Faculty Development Committee and Faculty Colloquium on Excellence in Teaching (FACET) members.

The CETL focuses on improving teaching and learning campus-wide through a number of activities including but not limited to initiating faculty development programs, designing and implementing new faculty orientation, developing and maintaining a Web site, establishing a collaborative relationship with similar centers across the nation and particularly those within Indiana University and northwest Indiana and disseminating information on effective teaching.

Charlotte Reed, Ph.D., associate professor in the School of Education, was the main mover in organizing the center.

"Dr. Reed is devoted and dedicated as an educator," said Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Marilyn Vasquez. "We are so pleased with the wonderful work she does to inspire others."

Reed has been recognized in northwest Indiana for her commitment to training quality educators and promoting excellence in education through the Center for Excellence in Teaching. ■

# Bob Mucci reminisces on the life of Clarke Johnson

In February of 2002, IUN suffered a great loss when anthropology instructor Clarke Johnson, Ph.D., passed away suddenly at the age of 64. "Dr. J," as the students called him, was a very popular teacher of basic courses such as cultural anthropology and Native Americans; he also designed and taught special courses like medical anthropology, life in the stone age and Indians before Columbus.

In addition he taught dentistry and dental anthropology at the University of Illinois at Chicago; his Web sites about medical and dental anthropology are linked to anthropology and dentistry sites all over the world — and have even been the topics of CNN and CNBC coverage. Dr. J was first trained as a dentist and orthodontist, and served in Vietnam as a Medical Officer. He also received a Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of

Chicago, but was unable to find a position in his specialized field of dental anthropology. He reverted to dentistry, continuing his practice in Kankakee Ill., but also teaching a basic dentistry course. But anthropology remained his first love, and he began to seek out teaching opportunities; as he found them he reduced his dentistry practice, eventually selling it when he received a faculty position at IU Northwest.

Dr. J also traveled extensively, and those experiences and adventures from seven continents became parts of his courses as well as special presentations to the public. His meticulous preparation, bounding enthusiasm for the subject and for teaching itself led to him receiving many teaching awards, including two Golden Apple Awards in Illinois, and Adjunct Teacher of the Year and

TERA awards at IUN; he was also co-winner of the only collaborative teaching award ever given at IUN. During the memorial at the dental school, IUN anthropologist Bob Mucci commented that Clarke Johnson's success in teaching was partly a result of his frustration at not becoming an academic earlier in his life. While many teachers teach because they have to — for wages, in order to be able to do research, etc. — he taught because he wanted to, and that enthusiasm, that desire for learning, rubbed off on his students.

After his death, his students and colleagues also had a memorial for him at IUN that included burning the sacred plants of the native cultures he taught us about, and some time in the future a cedar tree will be planted on campus in his honor. ■

## Hundreds gather to honor Dr. Silas W. "Bill" May



Nearly 200 members of the public and IU Northwest community gathered at a memorial service, Wednesday, Sept. 25, for friend, teacher and colleague Dr. Silas W. "Bill" May.

The service was held outside on the north side of the fountain near the Library Conference Center. Chancellor Bergland, Vice Chancellor Marilyn Vasquez, Dean Dorothy Ige and members of the biology department delivered prepared remarks. In addition, other faculty, staff, students and friends stood at the podium to share their stories about Dr. May. Angel Gochee, shown left, started in the

biology department as a microbiology student lab adviser in 1982. She worked under May's tutelage and admired the connection he made with his students. "Bill was an excellent mentor to me," Gochee said. "He gave me lots of advice, some that I can repeat and some that I will take with me to the grave. Bill was my mentor, he was my colleague, but most of all, he was my friend. I know I will continue to miss him daily."

In honor of Bill May's dedication and commitment to the IU Northwest Community, a scholarship fund has been created to benefit undergraduate students majoring in biology. Persons interested in supporting the scholarship should send contributions made payable to: Indiana University Foundation, attention: Jeff Lorber, Division of University Advancement, IU Northwest, 3400 Broadway, Gary, IN 46408.