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SPECIAL

BULLETIN BOARD

NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS are being taped to phones in various campus offices. When the University converts to the new phone system on March 13, the new numbers will then go into effect. Until that time, however, use of the numbers will create confusion with the present switchboard. It is necessary that these numbers not be used until the new system has been completely installed.

REPRESENTATIVES from McDonnell Douglas of St. Louis will be on campus Wednesday and Thursday to interview business administration, math or computer science majors. The Production Credit Associations of Missouri will also have representatives on campus Thursday for agriculture or business majors. On Thursday and Friday, Action-Peace Corps will be interviewing volunteers for their program, which serves 60 developing countries. All interviews may be arranged with the Career Planning and Placement Center, first floor, Blanton Hall.

VETERANS INTERESTED IN COUNSELING other vets on a part-time basis may contact Gayla Troutman, veterans secretary, in 104 Administration/Humanities Building, to secure Work-Study applications. Several positions remain open.

SPRING SMOKERS FOR BLUE KEY national honor fraternity will be held this week. The first smoker is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. today in the Alumni Room of the Student Union Building. A second smoker is slated for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, also in the Alumni Room. Juniors and first semester seniors with a 3.0 grade point average or higher are eligible to attend. Applications are available in the Blue Key mailbox, Student Union Office.

TWO- AND THREE-YEAR merit scholarships are being offered by the Military Science Division. Scholarships cover full tuition, books, fees and \$1,000 per academic year. Application deadline is Feb. 13. Forms may be picked up in the Military Science Division Office, 102 Nason Hall.

A BLOOD DRIVE will be held next week, jointly sponsored by the Blue Key and Cardinal Key honor organizations. Sign-up for donating blood is 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. today through Wednesday in the Student Union Concourse. A trophy will be presented to the organization which brings in the most donors.

SPRING VIP WEEKEND is planned for Friday and Saturday. NMSU students interested in hosting visiting high school students may sign up at their halls desks before 5 p.m. today.

AN EXCURSION TO COLUMBIA to see a professional performance of "The Elephant Man" is planned by the Student Activities Board. A University charter bus will be taken, leaving the south side of the Student Union parking lot at 4 p.m. Saturday and returning about midnight. Cost is \$6 for SAB cardholders and \$8 for all others. Two hours of free time are included in the itinerary. Sign-up is at the SAB Office, Student Union Concourse.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS are now available in the Business Division Office, 182 Violette Hall. They must be completed and returned no later than Feb. 11. Of the four scholarships being offered, one is open to students of any major. They are: Free Enterprise Scholarship, Edward D. Jones Scholarship, Joseph Mitch Memorial Scholarship and the Paul Owen Selby Scholarship.

AN INTERNSHIP PANEL DISCUSSION is scheduled by the Career Planning and Placement Center at 3:30 p.m. Feb. 10 in the Conference Room of the Student Union Building. Tom Churchwell, assistant to the dean of instruction; Glen Egley, systems analyst in computer services; and Jon Broyles, student intern in data processing, will be featured on the panel. For more information, contact peer counselors Mark Trosen or Steve Green at extension 7228.

A WOOD FINISHING SEMINAR is being sponsored by the Industrial Arts Club, the Northeast Missouri Industrial Education Association and the Practical Arts Division. The seminar begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday in 104 Industrial Education Building and will be presented by representatives from the M. L. Campbell Division of Pratt and Lambert. There is no admission charge, and refreshments will be provided.

WOMEN INTERESTED IN CARDINAL KEY national honor sorority may pick up applications from Cardinal Key members Judi Norris, 665-0058, or Kim Silvers, extension 3574. Applicants must have 60 credit hours completed by the end of the spring semester, maintain an overall grade point average of 3.0 or higher and exhibit leadership and service characteristics. Applications are due in the Cardinal Key mailbox, Student Union Office, by 5 p.m. Feb. 13.

APPLICATIONS FOR SOPHOMORES interested in attending ROTC basic camp in Fort Knox, Ky., are now being accepted at the ROTC office, 102 Nason Hall. For more information, contact Capt. Chris Chalko, 100 Nason Hall, extension 7191 or 7192.

A PLANT SALE is planned by the Lutheran Student Movement from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. today through Wednesday in the Student Union Concourse.

Quality vs. quantity

Northeast reverses a nation



photos by Ray Jagger, P.R. photojournalist

by Sherry McGovern, student intern

While national college entrance exam scores are dropping and colleges and universities across the United States are experiencing declining enrollments, Northeast Missouri State University seems to be reversing the trend.

More and more universities are moving toward open admissions policies which allow students to attend college regardless of their high school class ranking or entrance exam scores. The reason for this shift is a decline in the number of high school graduates who are interested in attending college, Terry Taylor, director of admissions, says.

At Northeast, admissions policies are becoming more selective rather than more open, despite factors which indicate there aren't as many college applicants as there used to be.

In 1979, requirements for admission to Northeast were changed to admit students based on both their class rank in high school and entrance exam scores. Prior to that change, students were admitted on one or the other.

As a result of the more comprehensive admissions standards, the quality of students attracted to Northeast has increased. Average test scores are rising and high school class ranking of applicants has shown an increase. In fact, Taylor estimates that about 15 percent of the students admitted under old standards in the fall of 1977 might not have been admitted in fall 1980.

Taylor says Northeast doesn't admit just anyone, as many students tend to believe. Last year the Admissions Office denied "twice as many applicants as in any year in the history of the University." Yet even with these denials, Northeast topped a record enrollment of nearly 6,500 students.

Gauging by the number of applications received in the Admissions Office for fall 1981 enrollment, Taylor expects the freshman class to equal that of fall 1980. "Our goal is 1,600," Taylor says, compared to 1,584 enrolled in 1980 and 1,450 in 1977.

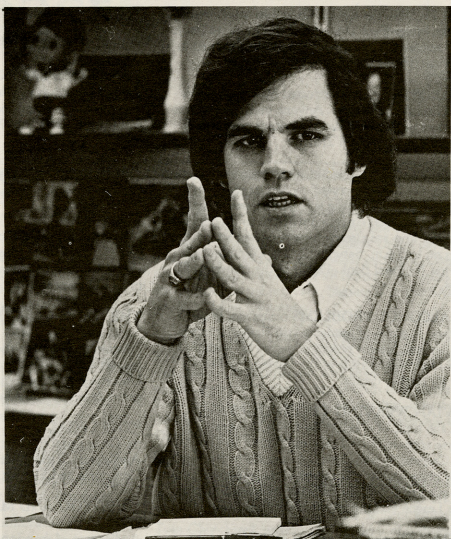
As freshman class enrollments climbed over the past few years, the retention of sophomores, juniors and seniors also in-

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creased. This may be responsible for bringing the University to a "saturation level," where enrollment figures can't be expected to increase any more.

Although the Admissions Office is concerned with the number of students enrolled, Taylor says its main emphasis has been attracting higher quality students to Northeast. While other colleges may have been "looking seriously at candidates they wouldn't have dreamed of admitting years ago" (as reported in a recent issue of Newsweek), NMSU seems to have found its strength in admitting quality instead of quantity.

With the establishment of the new President's Distinguished Scholarship, Terry Taylor, director of admissions (RIGHT), says the quality of NSMU students will continue to improve. President Charles McClain (BELOW) addresses some 300 high school seniors who attended the recent President's Distinguished Scholar Weekend. Only area students ranking in the top third of their classes were invited.



FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS will be administered by workers in the biofeedback clinic from 11:30 a.m. to noon throughout the semester. The biofeedback clinic is located in 214 Administration/Humanities Building.

STORAGE SHEDS are being constructed by the carpentry class in the Practical Arts Division. Anyone interested in purchasing a shed may contact Lee Bates, assistant professor of industrial education, at extension 2781.

TRAINING SESSIONS for Crisis Line volunteers are being held by the Kirksville Crisis Intervention Service. Sessions will train volunteers on communicating with the depressed, potential suicides or drug addicts. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer, or those who are already involved, may attend the sessions at 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday in the Community Room of the First National Bank. Part II of the training will be held Feb. 14.

THE CORK ALCOHOL PROBLEMS committee is sponsoring CAP Days. A group of residence hall staffers comprising the committee will present programs geared at promoting responsible use of alcohol outside of the residence halls. Watch posters for further details.

SCANDINAVIAN WEAVING TECHNIQUES and designs will be the topic of a lecture by Linda Caspersen, instructor in home economics, at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in 170 Violette Hall. Caspersen, who previously resided in Norway, will give a slide presentation and exhibit some of her weaving. The program, open to the public, is being sponsored by the Red Barn Arts League and the Home Economics Division.

STUDENT SENATE wishes to remind students that the Senate Office is open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each weekday inside the Student Union Office. Senators are available to answer questions, listen to complaints and take suggestions. The office extension is 7792.

BIBLE STUDY with Dobson and Grim halls is being sponsored by the United Campus Ministries at 9-10 p.m. Tuesdays in 176 Violette Hall. All are invited to attend.

ALPHA SIGMA GAMMA service sorority is holding its spring rush sign-up for interested women. Sign-up will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. today through Friday in the Student Union Concourse.

NMSU SCIENCE FICTION CLUB will hold an introductory meeting at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in Room 5 of the Student Union Building. Anyone interested in science fiction or fantasy is welcome to attend.

THE STUDENT MISSOURI STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION will hold an open meeting at 4:30 p.m. today in 265 Violette Hall. All members and interested students are encouraged to attend.

GERMAN CLUB MEMBERS are holding an open meeting at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in 282 Baldwin Hall. Plans for spring semester activities will be discussed.

RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION is holding an open meeting at 9 p.m. Tuesday in Room 6 of the Student Union.

STUDENT NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION will hold an open meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday in 304 Administration/Humanities Building.

THE INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION CLUB will hold an open meeting for those interested in attending. The meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. Wednesday in the Communication Skills Lab, 303 Administration/Humanities Building.

HAPPENINGS

A GERMAN FILM, "Nathan Wise," will be shown at 4:30 p.m. today in 290 Violette Hall. It is the first in a series of German films to be shown by the Language and Literature Division and the German Club. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted to help defray costs.

THE MEN'S BASKETBALL BULLDOGS host three teams this week. Today they play Western Illinois University (Macomb); Thursday they meet the team from Quincy College (Ill.); and Saturday they host Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg) in an MIAA conference game. All games begin at 7:30 p.m. in Pershing Arena.

"THE LEGACY" will be shown by members of the Phi Kappa Theta social fraternity at 7 and 9 p.m. in Baldwin Auditorium. Tickets are \$1 in advance in the Student Union Concourse and \$1.50 at the door.

"JUST YOU AND ME, KID," is the Student Activities Board movie presentation at 7 and 9 p.m. Friday in Baldwin Auditorium. Admission is \$1 or free with an SAB card.

BASKETBALL SPECIAL OLYMPICS will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in Pershing Arena. The event is sponsored by the Student Council for Exceptional Children and is free to the public.

A MEN'S WRESTLING MATCH against Southwest Missouri State University (Springfield) will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday in Pershing Arena.

NORTHEAST NOTES

Jim Thomas, Language and Literature, has been notified that several of his poems will appear in upcoming issues of the *Archer* and the *New Mexico Humanities Review*.

Fran McKinney, International Student Office, will appear on KHQA-TV's "Studio 7" program Feb. 9. The show will air twice—at 7:15 a.m. and later that day following the late movie. She will discuss the Japanese exchange program.

Fred Schrank, Education, has had a book review accepted for an issue of the *Personnel and Guidance Journal*. The review was written with Delia O. Unson, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Jim Barnes, Language and Literature, has had a poem accepted for publication in *Tendrill* literary magazine. He will also have a poem published in the March issue of the *Georgia Review*.