

Money Magazine Ranks Northeast Fifth in Nation, First in Midwest

Northeast is ranked in the nation's top five on *Money* magazine's honor roll of four-year colleges. Northeast was named fifth in the 1995 edition which features the 100 schools that "are bargains when their prices are measured against the quality of education they offer."

Northeast is the only Missouri school named in the top 50. Last year, Northeast was ranked eighth.

In addition, Northeast was listed first among schools in the Midwest. The schools featured in the six U.S. regions earned high scores in the magazine's value-oriented analysis and charged less in tuition and fees than institutions that offer educations of similar quality. Northeast's tuition and fees

for its 6,100 students are \$2,704 for Missourians and \$4,856 for others; room and board is \$ 3,416.

Money's fifth annual ranking of leading colleges and universities measured quality by a number of factors including faculty resources, faculty deployment, core faculty, library resources, instructional budget, student services budget, entrance examination results, class rank, high school grade point average, freshman retention rate, graduation rates, graduate school placement rates, default rate on student loans, number of graduates who earn doctorates, and business success.

"This is so exciting for the entire state of Missouri. Our students, who come from throughout the state,

are among the most academically able students in the nation," President Jack Magruder said. "This ranking is a true measure of the quality of our student body and the total commitment of our faculty and staff to our students' success."

Northeast's 1994 freshman class had an average high school grade point average of 3.54 on a 4.0 scale. The middle 50 percent of the class scored between 23 and 28 on the ACT; the average ACT score was 26.

"Northeast is a unique institution. It is rare to find a public liberal arts and sciences university with competitive admission standards at our price and size," said Kathy Rieck, dean of admission and records. ☘

1. New College of the U. of South Fla.
2. Rice University (Texas)
3. Trenton State College (N.J.)
4. State University of N.Y.--Binghamton
5. **Northeast Missouri State University**
6. Hanover College (Ind.)
7. Rutgers--New Brunswick
8. California Institute of Technology
9. Spelman College (Georgia)
10. St. Marys College (Maryland)

Northeast Welcomes Full Freshman Class

Despite decreasing numbers of high school graduates nationwide, Northeast is bucking demographics with a continually increasing number of admission applications. After receiving more than 5,600 applications for admission, Northeast is welcoming 1,560 members of the fall 1994 freshman class.

Increased interest in the state's liberal arts and sciences university has led to a full freshman class at Northeast. Northeast's freshmen bring with them strong academic credentials, including a high school grade point average of 3.54 on a 4.00 scale and an ACT average at the 90th per-

centile. The fall '94 class will also include 232 Bright Flight scholarship recipients, who receive a renewable scholarship of \$2,000 per year from the state of Missouri for achieving a 30 ACT or higher.

President Jack Magruder commented, "We are delighted that Northeast attracts young scholars from across the state of Missouri who come here because of the University's strong academic reputation, its caring faculty who make themselves available to students outside the classroom, and its concentration on a truly outstanding undergraduate experience." ☘

Statewide Bond Issue Passes Northeast To Receive \$7.2 Million

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On Aug. 2, Missourians approved Amendment 4, the \$250 million general obligation bond issue to construct new and renovated facilities for higher education, as well as adult and juvenile correctional centers.

"The passage of the bond issue sends a message throughout the state that Northeast and Adair County care about higher education and that we are willing to work to make Missouri a better place to live," President Jack Magruder said. "Statewide approval represents a great step forward for higher education, but especially for Northeast and our ability to provide an excellent environment for learning."

The bond issue provides two-year and four-year public colleges and universities a share of \$134.2 million to construct or renovate library and classroom facilities. The remaining \$115.8 million will be used to build a women's prison to replace the Renz Correction Center lost in

last year's flood; renovate the St. Joseph Mental Hospital into a men's prison; and construct a release center and six facilities to house juvenile offenders. Northeast, specifically, has been designated to receive \$7.2 million for the renovation of Violette Hall, the University's primary classroom facility. The building will be refitted to provide updated instructional spaces, as well as computer laboratories, study areas and faculty offices. Additionally, Violette Hall's electrical and ventilation systems will be updated.

According to Campus Planner Doug Winicker, the initial stages of the project will be spent on preliminary work such as meeting with division heads, faculty, staff and students to discuss the needs of Violette Hall.

Violette Hall Background

Built: 1964

Total Square Footage: 84,000

Major Academic Divisions: Math & Computer Science
Business & Accountancy
Education

Proposed Renovation Cost: \$7,219,584

"The key question we are asking is 'What do we need to do to create the most effective instructional facility?' The design solution will then come from answering that question," Winicker said. "At this moment, everything is up for discussion, and we need to think broadly as we discuss the future of Violette Hall."

The University is considering a date of December 1994 to propose an architect to the Board of Governors for their approval.

Once an architect is hired, the architect will begin working to refine the project's goals, identify

solutions and finalize the design. After the final design is approved, the project must go through a bidding and contracting process that takes about three months.

Due to the time involved with necessary preliminary design work, the soonest construction could begin is a minimum of 15 months.

While providing funding for Northeast the bond issue will also serve to stimulate Kirksville's economy. Several construction and related jobs will be created in the area from Fiscal Year 1995 through 1997. ☛

☛ The renovation will restructure the interior space and correct facility deficiencies. The needs are in four broad categories: program support, increase useable space, facility maintenance, and life safety.

Northeast Notes

The Educational Division will present information sessions for those NMSU students interested in the Master in Education program and the teaching profession on: Sept. 12, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. VH 265 N for students interested in Special Education; Sept. 20, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. VH 265N for students interested in Elementary Education; Sept. 28, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. VH 265N for students interested in Secondary Education.

The Justice Systems Office is seeking an institutional student worker. The individual must have good office skills which include typing, communication skills and word processing experience. Call Wynona Murphy at 785-4667 for additional information or for an appointment.

The Gerald Roulette African American Art Exhibition is being held Aug. 22 - Sept. 9, 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. at the University Art Gallery in Ophelia Parrish.

The Newman Center will host a Welcome Barbecue on Sept. 1 at 5 p.m. The barbecue will be held at the Catholic Newman Center. Menu includes all you can eat hotdogs, hamburgers, etc. Cost is \$1.

The NMSU Child Development Center publishes a Child Care Provider list each semester as a service to University and community families. Students interested in providing part-time child care should pick up an application in the CAOC in the SUB. Completed forms must be returned to the Child Development Center no later than Sept. 9. Students, faculty and staff members who wish a copy of the completed list may call 785-4479.

Short-Term Parking Spaces Designated

The Department of Public Safety has added 30-minute parking in three areas across the Northeast campus. These parking spaces can accommodate those persons needing short-term parking. Any vehicle, with or without a current parking decal, may park for 30 minutes.

There are three 30-minute parking spaces located at the southeast corner of Barnett Hall, two west of Violette Hall, one at the southeast corner of Pershing Building and the entire Circle Drive south of McClain Hall. Spaces are marked with 30-minute parking signs.

These spaces are provided for the convenience of people needing to drop off papers, visit with professors/advisers, etc. Officers of the Department of Public Safety will be enforcing the 30-minute time zone.

Public Safety hopes these spaces will prove to be a convenience to the faculty, staff, students and visitors of the Northeast community.

A special thanks to all faculty, staff and students who helped with Freshman Move-In Day!

Northeast Notables

The city of Munich (Germany) has invited **Jim Barnes**, professor of comparative literature, and his wife, Carolyn, to a two-month residency in order that he may work intensively with the Munich poet Dagmar Nick in translating her poetry. While in Germany during January and February 1995, Barnes will be furnished with an apartment in the Villa Walberta, in the village of Feldafing on the shores of the Starnbergersee. His 1980 translation of Nick's work, "Summons and Sign", won the Translation Prize from the Translation Center in New York City. Barnes is presently completing the first volume of his autobiography, "On Native Ground", for the University of Oklahoma Press, which is scheduled for publication late in 1995.

Ann Ellsworth, assistant professor of Language and Literature, was a presenter at the National Association for Mediation in Education conference. While at the conference Ellsworth attended sessions and was invited to present "Middle School Students Learning Language for Conflict Resolution in a Community in Conflict."

Huping Ling, assistant professor of Asian history, presented her paper "Chinese American Women in Midwest Small Towns" in the conference "From Memories to Aspirations: The Chinese American Experience" on Aug. 19, 1994 in Honolulu.

David Cratis Williams, associate professor of speech communication, and **John Ishiyama**, assistant professor of political science, along with Marilyn J. Young of Florida State University, co-authored "The Role of Public Argument in Emerging Democracies: A Case Study of the Dec. 12 Elections in the Russian Federation." The paper was presented at the Third International Conference on Argumentation, sponsored by the International Society for the Study of Argumentation, in Amsterdam, June 21-24. Williams and Ishiyama also presented "Political Communication and Democratization: Toward a Culture of Democratic Communication in Russia" at the Russian-American Conference on Language, Persuasion, and Political Behavior in St. Petersburg, Krasnoyarsk, Irkutsk, and Moscow, July 25-Aug. 3.

This Week

29 Monday

Fall Semester Begins

7 p.m.--**Freshman Fellowship**, Wesley House, 903 S. Davis; also every Monday through Oct. 10, excluding Labor Day.

30 Tuesday

8 p.m.--*Of Mice and Men*, presented by the Theatre Department, Baldwin Little Theatre; also Aug. 31 and Sept. 1. Admission is free.

31 Wednesday

noon-4 p.m.--**Activities Fair**, SUB Mall

5:30 p.m.--**Wesley House Welcome BBQ**, 903 S. Davis. The BBQ is free.

8 and 10 p.m.--**The Crow**,

sponsored by the University Players, Baldwin Auditorium. Cost is \$2.

9 a.m.--**NEMO News** on Channel 19; also Sept. 1.

--**Wesley House Christ Connection**, an informal worship service, 903 S. Davis; also every Wednesday this fall.

5 Monday

No Classes

6 Tuesday

Classes resume

Pickler Library Labor Day Schedule

Sept. 3 1-10 p.m.

Sept. 4 Closed

Sept. 5 6 p.m.-2 a.m.

Sept. 6 regular hours

1994-95 Lyceum Series Schedule

All Lyceum performances are held at 7:30 p.m. in Baldwin Auditorium. Free tickets are available to students prior to each event.

- ☛ **Harlem Spiritual Ensemble** Sept. 15
- ☛ **Hal Galper Jazz Quartet** Sept. 26
- ☛ **Summit Brass** Oct. 5
- ☛ **Edward James Olmos** Nov. 7
- ☛ **Babes In Toyland** by Troupe America Nov. 19
- ☛ **The Albert McNeil Jubilee Singers** Jan. 16
- ☛ **The Rainmaker** (Arkansas Repertory Theater) Feb. 28
- ☛ **Coppelia** by the State Ballet of Missouri March 14
- ☛ **Othello** presented by The Acting Company April 3

Reimbursement Rate Increased

University employees will be reimbursed 26 cents per mile for costs incurred while operating a privately owned vehicle for approved University travel, effective July 1, 1994. This represents a 5 cents per mile increase over the prior rate of 21 cents per mile and places the University's reimbursement rate equal to the rate of reimbursement for other state of Missouri employees.

Magruder Announces Parking Fee Adjustment

President Jack Magruder has announced a reduction in the parking fee for students for the 1994-95 academic year from \$50 to \$35. This reduction is due to the fact that the lot north of Normal Street will not be ready for this year. A new lot, east of Ryle Hall, will be available for use in October and will provide approximately 100 new parking spaces on campus.

The increased parking fee was designed primarily to repay funds borrowed from University reserves to improve parking around campus. "Since construction will not take place on the north of Normal lot, there is no need to borrow the funds for the project and thus no need to assess the full fee," Magruder said.

Based on anticipated completion of other campus parking projects during the summer of 1995, the fee for the 1995-96 school year will be \$50.

Parking Services will again be in the SUB, 2nd floor, selling resident and commuter parking decals. Decals will be on sale from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 29-31. This service was offered for the first time last fall. The price of student parking decals this year is \$35 for a full year, \$17.50 if purchased for the spring semester and \$10 if purchased for the summer session.

Temporary hang tags are available at the Parking Services Office for those using a substitute vehicle and for guests of hall residents. ☛

Annual Beginning-of-Year BBQ for faculty and staff

5 p.m. Sept. 9 University Clubhouse 516 E. Patterson

The music and mingling begins at 5 p.m. Dinner begins around 6 p.m. Drinks, meat and entertainment will be provided by the Club. Please bring your own table service and a covered dish. Families and friends are welcome.

