

VPAA Search

The Vice President for Academic Affairs Search Committee is seeking input from all members of the University community as it develops the process to be followed in implementing the search. A survey has been sent to faculty and to staff in the Academic Affairs area. Students and all other staff are encouraged to pick up a survey form in the Student Senate Office in the Student Union or at the residence hall desks (students), the Human Resources or VPAA offices (staff). Additional opportunities for feedback will be provided through the forums to be held on the following dates and locations:

Monday, Nov. 27,
noon-1:30 p.m.,

SUB Alumni Room;

Thursday, Nov. 30,
8-9:30 a.m.,

SUB Alumni Room;

Friday, Dec. 1,
4:30-6 p.m.,

SUB Down Under.

The committee will keep the University community updated on the search process. Minutes of the committee's meetings are available in the reserve section of Pickler Memorial Library. ♡

Strategic Planning Steering Committee to assist with master planning process

After consultation with the Faculty Senate, President Jack Magruder has announced the appointment of a Strategic Planning Steering Committee (SPSC).

The nine-member committee will assist SPSC co-chairs Vice President Lanny Morley and Michael McManis, dean of planning and institutional development, as the University's master planning process unfolds. Other committee members are Ruthie Dare, John Lee, Ron Manning, Shirley Morahan, Mark Shanley, Scott Sifton and Stuart Vorkink.

The SPSC will build upon and refine the University Master Plan developed by the Faculty Senate last year. In addition, each academic discipline and administrative unit will develop a strategic plan to complement the University-wide campus plan and continue the work of the Faculty Senate.

As new drafts of the University Master Plan begin to emerge, they will be circulated campus-wide for review and comment. The SPSC will be responsible for coordinating the responses.

"We want as many people as possible to

share their input and be involved in the planning process," Magruder said.

A preliminary list of key strategic planning issues has been developed. The seven issues are: strengthening and enriching the University's liberal arts culture; reinforcing the role and vitality of assessment in the University culture; information and instructional technology; recruitment, retention and graduation of an outstanding student body; support of an outstanding faculty and staff; campus physical infrastructure; and connections to external constituencies. The SPSC is soliciting comments on these issues from the campus community.

"The new plan will be empirically based and will include measurable goals and objectives that will be linked to projected changes in performance at the institutional, divisional and discipline levels," Morley said.

Magruder noted further, "We must develop goals that will inspire our academic community and will promote the continued enhancement of our outstanding institution." ♡

Northeast garners front-page story in *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*

"Earning Credits: Northeast Missouri's Vision, Value Net Accolades For School," read the headline in the Nov. 12 issue of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. The front-page story resulted from a recent visit by *Post-Dispatch* writer Susan Thomson.

In addition to covering student learning, Thomson highlighted Northeast's national number three ranking on *Money* magazine's list of best college values.

"This fall the message has sunk in more

than ever with the college-buying public. By the end of last month, NMSU's admissions office had logged 1,309 applications for next fall's freshman class - 57 percent more than the same time a year ago," Thomson wrote.

Complementing the main article were two short articles, "Poll Gives University Points For Cost, Merit" and "Many Colleges Follow Northeast Missouri's Lead." ♡

Leading geneticist to speak Nov. 29



Richard C. Lewontin, one of the country's leading geneticists, will visit Northeast on Nov. 29. Lewontin's visit is part of the 1995 Science Seminar Series and is sponsored by the Division of Science. The Science Seminar Series is designed

to bring well-known scientists to the Northeast campus to address both the University and the Kirksville communities on a scientific issue of general interest.

Lewontin will present "Biology as a Social Weapon," at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 29 in the Student Union Activities Room. This seminar will focus on biological determinism as a political and social ideology. Lewontin will address the way in which claims about the biological determination of human behavior, IQ, etc. have been used as a social weapon both in the past and the present, and also, explore sociobiological claims about the nature of human society. Lewontin will also present a second, more technical research seminar titled "Evolutionary Constraints on DNA and Proteins." This talk will be held on Nov. 29

at 12:30 p.m. in the Student Union Activities Room.

Lewontin holds the prestigious Alexander Agassiz Zoology Chair at Harvard University. A fellow in the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, he has received numerous honors and awards, including the Sewall Wright Prize from the American Society of Naturalists. His research interests are in the area of evolutionary genetics, as well as the nature and philosophy of science, including the interrelations between science, society and politics.

Lewontin is the author of numerous research articles as well as several books, including *The Genetic Basis of Evolutionary Change* and *Biology as Ideology: The Doctrine of DNA*. He is also coauthor of *Not in Our Genes* and *The Dialectical Biologist* and is a frequent contributor to *The New York Review of Books*.

Several readings supplied by the speaker have been placed on reserve at the circulation desk in the Pickler Memorial Library under "Science Seminar." Additionally, the Campus Bookstore has *Biology as Ideology: The Doctrine of DNA* available for sale. ☺

Assertiveness seminar to be held Dec. 6 & 7

The Staff Development Committee is sponsoring a positive assertiveness seminar on Dec. 6 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Tangerine Room and Dec. 7 from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Alumni Room of the Student Union.

Sheryl Ferguson will present the workshop. Ferguson is employed with the Kirksville R-III School District as a business instructor and coordinator for a single parent/displaced homemaker program for a 19-county area.

The seminar will focus on how positive assertiveness can create personal success. Exercises, tips and techniques for developing positive assertiveness will be discussed.

Refreshments will be provided. Call the Human Resources Office at 785-4031 to reserve a seat. ☺

Symposium to be held Nov. 28-30

The senior art symposium will be held on Nov. 28, 29 and 30 from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Alumni Room of the Student Union.

Each evening, senior art students will give 15-minute presentations on their work in studio art, education, visual communication or art history. ☺

Banquet to honor women of distinction

The Women of Distinction banquet will be held on Nov. 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union Georgian Room. The banquet will honor four women who have gone above and beyond in their respective roles, exhibiting outstanding leadership and the willingness to assist others.

A panel made up of two members of the Women's Resource Center and two representatives from the campus/community have chosen four women to honor.

The inductees include: Tracey Suther-

land, the director of faculty development; Lillian Jackson, a housekeeper in Grim Hall and Ryle Hall; Maisie Howard, a senior nursing major who is currently president of Unique Ensemble, a resident advisor and coordinator for Fair Apartments; and Amy Moss, a senior psychology/pre-special education major who is the vice president of Cardinal Key.

The event will be a desert banquet. Tickets are available at the Women's Resource Center for \$1. ☺

Phi Kappa Phi offers scholarship

Northeast's chapter of Phi Kappa Phi will select one senior to compete nationally for a \$7,000 fellowship for the first year of graduate studies. Each of the past four years, Northeast's nominee has either won the award or received honorable mention (\$500).

Candidates should have a GPA rank in the top 10 percent of the senior class and be planning to pursue graduate study. The application deadline is Feb. 1. For information and materials, contact Ian Lindevald at 785-4574, Patricia Burton at 785-7247, or John Neitzke at 785-4529. ☺

Student organizations support the United Way



The following representatives accepted the United Way Gold Award for outstanding fundraising efforts on behalf of their organizations. Pictured (row one, l-r) are Amy Woods, Alpha Phi Sigma; Danielle King, Business Administration Club; Angela Pierce, Purple Pride; Patricia McDonald, Alpha Gamma Delta; Courtney Dryer, Kappa Delta Pi; Angela Green, Student Drive Chair; (row two):

Marie Speidel, Alpha Sigma Alpha; Amanda Matz, Cardinal Key; Teresa McApline, Phi Eta Sigma; Libby Ottiger, Sigma Alpha; Miguel Gutierrez, Delta Chi; Ranesa Cooper, Beta Beta Beta; (row three): Paula Kliethernes, Accounting Club; John Lehman, Phi Lambda Chi; Scott Mech, Tau Kappa Epsilon; Jim Schmieder, Missouri Hall Senate; John Morgester, Sigma Phi Epsilon; Jamie Osborn, Circle K; (row four): Ryan Sather, Beta Theta Pi; Andy Maschhoff, Sigma Tau Gamma; Marc Abott, Blue Key; Eric Rotert, Lambda Chi Alpha; and President Jack Magruder. Not pictured are representatives from Psi Chi and Delta Sigma Theta.

Twenty-three organizations successfully raised a donation of \$1.25 per member. Their generosity helped raise more than \$5,300 topping the student goal of \$4,700 by almost 15 percent. Overall, the University community raised over \$41,000. This is Northeast's most successful United Way fund drive yet.

Thank you to all the faculty, staff and students who pitched in to make sure the United Way of Adair County is able to continue to serve Kirksville and the surrounding communities. ☺

Northeast Notables

Martha A. Bartter, associate professor of English, presented a paper titled "The Importance of Story-Telling to Time-Binding" at the Eleventh Interdisciplinary Conference on General Semantics at Hofstra University. Bartter has also been asked to present her analysis of *Beauty and the Beast* at WisCon20, a celebration of feminist science fiction in May 1996. Bartter's paper titled "Not as the Scribes: Locating Authority in Story-Telling" has been accepted by the International Conference of the Fantastic in the Arts which will be held in March 1996.

Robert Dobrow, assistant professor of mathematics, presented a paper titled "Poisson Approximation for Functionals of Random Trees" at the central section meeting of the American Mathematical Society. He spoke at a special session on "The Mathematical Foundations of Theoretical Computer Science."

Martha L. Edwards, assistant professor of history, will present a paper titled "Ability and Disability in Lysias 24" at the American Philological

Association's 1995 annual meeting. ☺

Becky Maas, Dobson Hall director, and **Mike Enders**, Grim Hall and apartments director, placed first in the annual case study competition at the 8 State Regional Housing Conference held in Omaha, Neb. Maas and Enders competed as a team against hall directors from Loras College, Central Missouri State University and Northwest Missouri State University. The competition focuses on hall director job skills, crisis management and the ability to organize and communicate ideas. This is the second time Northeast has won this competition. ☺

Eleven students presented their research findings at the Fourth Annual National Ronald E. McNair Student Conference in Delavan, Wis. The students who presented were; **Kathy Allen**, An Inquiry into the Dynamics of Artistic Groups in France: A Comparative Analysis of the Pleide Poets and the Lost Generation; **Shirley Artega**, The Effects of Ethnically Heterogeneous and Homogeneous Groups on Levels of Cooperation and Competition;

Ranesa Cooper, A Comparative Light and Electron Microscopical Study of Pollen and Anther Structure of the Aquatic Plant Family Callitrichaceae; **Caroline Hernandez**, An Assessment of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in Atlanta, Chicago and Denver and their Attainment of their Mission to Serve the Hispanic Community; **Catherine Hougham**, Effects of Gender Stereotypes and Parental Absence on Toy Choice of Preschoolers; **Natasha Jones**, Toxic Effects of Acute 1, 3-Dinitrobenzene on the Blood Chemistry and Hematology of the Prairie Vole; **Marcus Lambert**, A Microbial Assessment of the Water Supply of Kirksville, Mo.; **Shahzad Naseem**, The Death Penalty: A Statistical and Philosophical Analysis; **Tushun Powers**, Characterization of the umuDC-Independent Sector of rec-A Dependent Mutagenesis in *Escherichia Coli*; **Christina Rogers**, The Spiritual as a Basis for Improvisational Composition; **Donna Stewart**, The Effects of Ethnicity, Name, Complexity and Gender of Perception of Success.

This Week

27 Monday

Classes resume

7:30 p.m.- **Men's Basketball** vs. Quincy University, Pershing Arena

8 p.m.- **Piano Major Recital**, SUB Activities Room

28 Tuesday

7 p.m.- **College Democrats open meeting**, Baldwin Hall 251

-**Alcohol Awareness Program**, Ryle Hall main lounge

8 p.m.- **Senior Art Symposium**, SUB Alumni Room; continuing Nov. 29 & 30, see page 2.

29 Wednesday

7 p.m.- **Martial Arts workshop**, open to all faculty, staff and students, Pershing Small Gym

- **Youth-led devotional**, Church of Christ

7:30 p.m.- **Women of Distinction banquet**, SUB Georgian Room

8 & 10 p.m.- **The Usual Suspects**, Baldwin Auditorium, all seats \$2

30 Thursday

8 p.m.- **Brass Choir fall concert**, Baldwin Auditorium

1 Friday

6:30 & 9:30 p.m.- **Clueless**, Baldwin Auditorium, free with a student ID

8 p.m.- **Chamber Choir Fall Concert**, First Presbyterian Church

8 p.m.- **Big Band Dance**,

SUB Down Under

2 Saturday

7 a.m.- 6 p.m.- **NEMO**

Singer's Pancake Day, First Christian Church; Tickets are available for \$3 from NEMO Singers or at the door.

3 Sunday

3 p.m.- **NEMO Singers Fall Concert**, First Presbyterian Church

4 Monday

8 p.m.- **Percussion Ensemble Fall Concert**, Baldwin Auditorium

Northeast Notes

NMSU Campus Chapter of Habitat for Humanity will meet on Nov. 29 at 6 p.m. in the Kirk Building hallway.

Call Eric Schmitt at 627-8723 or David Hoffman at 785-4111 for more information.

Residence halls and colleges will close for the fall semester Dec. 15 at noon. Residents will be required to leave by that time.

Students interested in teaching English as a foreign language are encouraged to take Management of Foreign Language

Instruction during the 1996 spring semester. A yellow card is required. Contact Timothy Farley at 785-4059 for information.

French and Spanish students who want to receive teaching certification should contact Timothy Farley at 785-4059.

State Farm Cos. Foundation is offering fellowships to full-time juniors or seniors majoring in a business related field who have a 3.4 GPA or higher. Applications are in the Financial Aid Office, McClain Hall 103.

Students, faculty and staff living in the Kirksville community who are willing to provide space for a resident in case of a last minute emergency should contact the Residential Living Office, Kirk Building 112.

Alpha Phi Sigma is sponsoring a toy drive for Adair County children. Drop boxes are in all residence halls, or call Shelly at 785-5126 or Christy at 665-2869.

Educator of the Year nomination forms are available in the Student Senate Office or the CAOC. Nominations are due Dec. 8.

Call the new Greek hotline, for social and philanthropic information, at 785-7550, then enter 47335 (GREEK).

UCLA offers several graduate school multi-year fellowships for 1996-97 applicants. The application deadline is Dec. 15. Contact the University Career Center for more information.

Campus organizations and residence halls are encouraged to participate in the Heartland Food Drive.

Canned and non-perishable food items may be dropped off on Dec. 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the SUB Alumni Room. Contact Susan

Dreier at 785-7522 for more information.

Tutoring is available for students in communication courses, including Fundamentals of Speech, every Monday from 8:30 to 10 p.m. in McClain Hall 212 and every Thursday from 7 to 10 p.m. in Ophelia Parrish 214. The tutoring is sponsored by Lambda Pi Eta, the national communication honorary fraternity.

Full and part-time summer positions are available through the Northeast Upward Bound office.

Positions include instructors in mathematics, science, literature, foreign language and journalism/yearbook; professional counselor; programming coordinators; residential tutor/advisors; and photographer. Applications are available Dec. 1 in Kirk Building 220 and are due Jan. 31.

Parents with a child who is 11- to 13-months-old are encouraged to contact Sherri Palmer at 785-4320.

Palmer is conducting research examining the characteristics of parental involvement in families.

Musicians and bands are needed to perform in SAB's Campus Coffeehouse. Interested students and faculty should contact the SAB Office at 785-4SAB.

Contact the Department of Public Safety to inquire about lost items at 785-4176.

Final Exam Schedule

Any student who has three examinations on the same day may appeal to the Vice President for Academic Affairs no later than Friday, December 1, 1995 for permission to take one examination at a rescheduled time.

	7:30-9:20	9:30-11:20	11:30-1:20	1:30-3:20	3:30-5:20
Monday, December 11	7:30 MWF	10:30 TTH	11:30 MWF	2:30 TTH	3:30 MWF
Tuesday, December 12	7:30 TTH	9:30 MWF	11:30 TTH	1:30 MWF	3:30 TTH
Wednesday, December 13	8:30 TTH	10:30 MWF	12:30 TTH	2:30 MWF	4:30 TTH
Thursday, December 14	8:30 MWF	9:30 TTH	12:30 MWF	1:30 TTH	4:30 MWF

Northeast Today is published on Mondays. Deadline for entries is 3 p.m. the Wednesday preceding Monday's publication. Entries should be submitted on the *Northeast Today* forms available in the Public Relations Office, McClain Hall 202. All activities listed in *Northeast Today* are open to the public.