

Magruder Announces Parking Fee Reduction

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 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 21, and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 22-26 and 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. ☺

Reimbursement Rate Increase

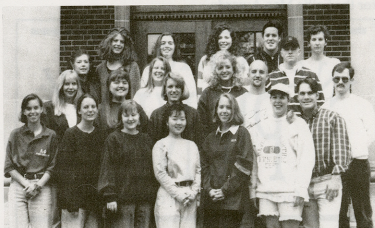
University employees will be reimbursed 26 cents per mile for costs incurred while operating a privately owned vehicle for approved University travel, effective July 1, 1994. This represents a 5 cents per mile increase over the prior rate of 21 cents per mile and places the University's reimbursement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

Students Return From Latin America

Nineteen Northeast students recently returned from an eight-week stay in Alajuela, Costa Rica. The students participated in a unique study abroad program sponsored by the University in which they were completely immersed into the Spanish language and the Latin American culture.

While in Alajuela, which is 12 miles from San Jose, the capital of Costa Rica, the students lived with host families and learned about life in Latin America. Aside from classes, the students also attended cultural activities including visits to museums and theaters, scenic tours and weekend trips to the Pacific and Atlantic oceans. One of the highlights of the trip was celebrating the Fourth of July at the American Embassy and meeting the president of Costa Rica.

Vera Gomez-Piper, instructor of Spanish and a native of Costa Rica, directed the program. "This is a wonderful learning experience that Northeast is offering our students," Piper said. "It changes their lives forever." ☺



1994 Costa Rica Summer Program—Pictured are (front row, l-r) Kristen Cook, Kathy Messner, Laura Knox, Kym Grassle, Shannon Priddy, Libby Stephens, Adam Teipel; (middle row, l-r) Sonya Washburn-assistant, Leta Betts, Carrie Sabourin, Mary Rose Twohig, Jennifer Johnston, J.J. Ghiotti, Jon Gohl, Bruce Jones; (back row, l-r) Vera Piper-director, Chris Kramer, Jill Thurau, Barb Jungclaus, Andy Mailhes and Deb Nuebauer.

Northeast Notables

The *New Jersey Review* has accepted a poem, "Quasimodo's Bell," by **Jim Barnes**, professor of comparative literature, for its summer issue. In addition, Barnes will have three poems—"Surrealist Poet," "Ballade," and "114 Boulevard St. Germain"—featured in a new anthology of poetry, *Durable Breath*, published by Salmon Run Press in Anchorage, Alaska.

Kathy Crisp, accounts payable supervisor, has qualified as a candidate in the general election ballot of the Missouri State Employees' Retirement System (MOSERS) Board of Trustees. Two employee candidates will be elected. Ballots have been mailed to all qualified MOSERS members and must be returned postmarked no later than Aug. 26.

John Ishiyama, assistant professor of political science, has had two articles accepted for publication. *Political Science Quarterly* will print an article titled "Choosing a Transitional Electoral System: Politics of Selection in Eastern Europe after the Fall of Communism." *Comparative Politics* will publish "Communist Parties in Transition: Structures, Leaders and Processes of Democratization in Eastern Europe" in a future issue.

Miles Lovelace, professor of education, and **Nancy Lovelace**, assistant professor of language and literature, attended a three-week course at Worcester College of Oxford University (England) in July. The course focused on the historical and literary roots of the legend of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table and how these myths appear in the literature of Europe and the United States. The course tutor was world renowned professor Douglas Gray. Miles Lovelace served as one of 69 national judges this summer for the annual Outstanding First-Year Teacher Contest. From almost 900 nominated teachers, the judges select two outstanding first-year teachers per state for the Sallie Mae Awards.

Welcome Back PICNIC

for faculty, staff, and their families

Friday, August 26 ♦ 5:30 p.m. ♦ Red Barn Park

R.S.V.P. Although there is no charge for the picnic, the Welcome Back Picnic Planning Committee needs an approximate number of people planning to attend. Please call the Human Resources Office, McClain Hall 101, at 785-4051, with the number of persons you are bringing to the picnic. Reservation deadline: August 22.

A reception with **Dr. Dong-Hyeon Jung**, dean of Planning and international relations at Pusan University (Republic of Korea), will be held from 2:30-4 p.m. Aug. 17 in the SUB Down Under Room.

Pusan University is a sister university of Northeast with which student and faculty exchanges and study abroad opportunities are ongoing. A summer program at Northeast for Pusan University students is also conducted.

All faculty, staff, students and friends are welcome to attend this reception and meet Dean Jung.

Northeast Notes

The next *Northeast Today* will be published Aug. 21 for Freshman Week. Deadline for entries is 3 p.m. Aug. 17. Regular weekly *Northeast Today*s will be published starting Aug. 26.

Voice mail classes will be offered Aug. 16-18 for new and returning faculty and staff. The class lasts approximately one hour. The training class schedule is: Aug. 16 and 17 at 9 and 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 and 3 p.m. and Aug. 18 at 9 a.m. and 1:30 and 3 p.m. Classes will be held in SUB 2. Contact Telephone Services at 785-4285 to reserve your place in a training class.

The Activities Fair, sponsored by the CAOC and Cardinal Key National Honor Society, will be held from noon to 4 p.m., Aug. 31, on the Mall. Rain date is Sept. 1.

A Freshman Week Index will be published Aug. 22. If you would like to advertise in this issue, call 785-4319 by Aug. 15.

The NMSU Theatre Department will present **John Steinbeck's Of Mice and Men** at 8 p.m., Aug. 30 and 31 and Sept. 1. Admission is free.

The 1994-95 vehicle renewal letters have been mailed to divisions and departments by Parking Services. Once the letters are signed and return, decals will be sent through Campus Mail. If you failed to receive a renewal letter, please contact the Parking Services Office in the Security Building. If you need campus maps/rules and regulations, contact Carolyn Roller at 785-7400.

Pickler Library August Interim Hours

Aug. 15-19	8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Aug. 20	Closed
Aug. 21	8 a.m.-3 p.m.
Aug. 22-25	8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Aug. 26	8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Aug. 27 & 28	Closed
Aug. 29	Regular Hours

Northeast Today is published biweekly on Mondays during the summer. 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 106. All activities listed in *Northeast Today* are open to the public.