

N O R T H E A S T T O D A Y

November 10, 1986

Students Adopt Caring Attitude

Eight-year-old Jeremiah had never tossed a football before. A year later, he won in his age group in the local Punt, Pass and Kick competition.

A local 10-year-old girl had a history of poor school attendance and deficient grades. A year later, her attendance was up, and her grades showed steady improvement.

A school official said both successes could be due to their "adopted brothers and sisters." The new members of their family were members of the NMSU Campus Volunteers.

Patterned after the Big Brother and Big Sister national program, Campus Volunteers is a community-service group designed to help children of broken homes.

"We try to be a role model and friend to the kids with only one parent around," Kevin McDonald, president of Campus Volunteers, said.

Pat Smyser, a guidance counselor at Benton School, said she feels the program is very important.

"I feel the children definitely benefit from the extra attention they receive. The person can either be a role model or boost the child's self-confidence," Smyser said.

The screening process for prospective group members is rigid. The applicants are asked to attend an informational meeting where applications are distributed. The application must be returned at the next group meeting and approved by the group's adviser and executive board.

"We will turn people away for various reasons, like if they are involved in too many other things, and we don't think they will have enough time to spend with their child," McDonald said.

If the group approves, the applicant is interviewed by a guidance counselor at one of the area schools.

"The guidance counselors have to be the final say. They can refuse to give someone a child for any reason at all," McDonald said.

With the screening process completed, the counselors attempt to match the children with a brother or sister on the basis of the child's needs. This year, 63 group members have adopted brothers

and sisters.

Following the "adoption," group members are asked to spend at least one hour a week with their child. If they can't visit the child during a particular week, a telephone call is encouraged.

"It's amazing what a phone call can do for these kids. Most of them aren't allowed to use the phone, and a phone call really brightens their day," McDonald said.

While members pick their own ways to spend time with their child, there are many group activities, McDonald said the group annually tries to have a wiener roast, Valentine's Day party, Halloween party, Christmas party, sledding party and other activities. A spring carwash is always a favorite of the children.

"They are down on their knees washing the hubcaps and getting soaking wet...[and] people will drive in with a spotless car, just so they can help us out," McDonald said.

Members must spend time to help the

children, McDonald said. A by-product of that time can be a unique relationship. When a child is "adopted" he keeps the same brother or sister until the member graduates or leaves the group.

"Through the summer, some of them would write letters back and forth, while others would come down and visit," McDonald said.

McDonald said this type of interest in the child is becoming more common. Past years have seen the group's membership suffer from apathy throughout the school term. McDonald says one of his goals for the group is to make sure future members aren't "looking to build their resumes."

"It's real hard to tell a kid that their big brother or sister doesn't want them anymore," McDonald said.

Money is also a problem at times. Membership dues for the group are \$1 a month. The money is allocated for group parties, but sometimes it must be spent for other things.

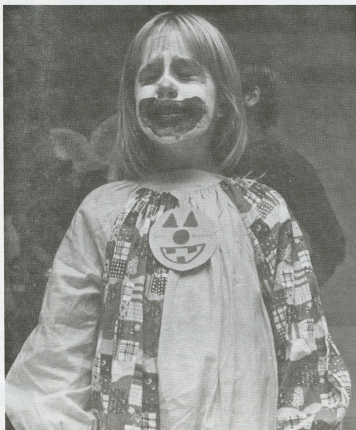
"Last year we had a sledding party, and we had to buy stocking caps and mittens for the children who didn't have any," McDonald said.

McDonald cites recognition and better communication with the area schools as two other goals of the group.

"Some people still think we pick up trash around campus every month," McDonald said.

McDonald and his Campus Volunteers recently held a Halloween party for the kids. Plans for other activities are in the making.

"We just want people who care, just for the sake of caring," McDonald said.



Janie Manning is first in line for the balloon relays, Oct. 30, at the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Halloween Party. The party is one of the many events the organization plans for the children throughout the year.

Up-Scale Entertainment

Janice Saffir, assistant professor of piano, calls senior Kenny Kehner her best piano student.

"He could compete on the national level... What's so amazing about Kenny is that he learns so quickly; about four times quicker than the average person," she said.

Kehner, who competed, Nov. 7, in the 1986 Missouri Music Teachers' Association Collegiate Artist Competition, started that rapid learning at an early age.

"I was 4 years old when I went into my grandmother's bedroom where the piano was and played a television jingle she recognized. That started it all," he said.

That started Kehner on his development toward musical maturity, "a combination of musical knowledge and practical experience." His musical knowledge began as his grandmother first taught him to read music. A jazz instructor from St. Louis, Herb Drury, instructed Kehner through part of grade school and high school. Today, the Pershing scholar has worked on the knowledge end of the maturity definition for almost four years

under Saffir, "a truly excellent teacher."

Kehner hasn't ignored the practical side of his definition of maturity. Besides competing Nov. 7, Kehner also finished second in the 1986 Jefferson City Symphony Piano Competition. He has won four National Association of Jazz Educators Soloist Awards. He will compete in January in the Young Artists Auditions.

"Competitions aren't the best medium for judging an artist... Recitals and performances are better," he said.

Kehner recently performed a recital at the University, Nov. 3, with sophomore Lori Zoll. He also plays in "Kirksville's only jazz band," The Groove Machine, and performs at receptions, "once a week, or at least once every other week," he said.

As Kehner has aged, so has his taste in music. He used to sing pop songs in high school for various events but has moved away from that. He leans more and more toward playing jazz, "which, although it is... a lot more structured than most people think, the way you play jazz is different

every time."

Although Kehner practices at least a couple of hours a day, performs in recitals, competitions, and professionally, he does have another passion—sports. He said he watches the majority of the St. Louis Cardinals baseball and football games.

"That's two-and-a-half hours each time that I could be practicing," he said.

Kehner will continue the practical and educational aspects of his musical maturity after graduating in the summer of 1987. He's looking for a good graduate school and will continue performing on the side. He said someday he hopes to teach at the university level.

"That way, I can combine the learning process and the performing process," he said.

Kehner said the University, specifically Janice Saffir, has been integral in his musical maturity. Past teachers taught him quality, Saffir taught him quality.

"Now I'm musically...and mentally ready to move on," he said.

STATE BALLET OF MISSOURI



NMSU students can attend workshops and see the State Ballet of Missouri (formerly the Kansas City Ballet), Nov. 12 and 13, in its fourth visit to the University.

The Ballet, under the artistic direction of Todd Bolender who was with the New York Ballet for more than 15 years, will hold a jazz master class at 1:30 p.m. in the small gym in Pershing Arena for NMSU students with a background in dance. At 3 p.m., they will hold a lecture/demonstration open to all students. The Ballet's major performance will be at 8:00 p.m., Nov. 13, in Baldwin Hall Auditorium.

Free tickets for the Nov. 13 performance are available to students, faculty and staff at the SAB Office, SUB, between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Nov. 10-13.

Financial assistance for this event has been provided by the Missouri Arts Council. The use of recording equipment and cameras during the performance is strictly forbidden.

Election Results:

GOVERNOR

Illinois—James Thompson (R)
Iowa—Terry Branstad (R)

U.S. SENATE

Missouri—Christopher Bond (R)
Iowa—Charles E. Grassley (R)
Illinois—Alan Dixon (D)

U.S. HOUSE

Missouri
1st District—William Clay (D)
2nd District—Robert A. Young (D)
3rd District—Richard Gephardt (D)
4th District—Ike Skelton (D)
5th District—Alan Wheat (D)
6th District—Tom Coleman (R)
7th District—Gene Taylor (R)
8th District—Bill Emerson (R)
9th District—Harold L. Volkmer (D)

MISSOURI STATE AUDITOR

Margaret Kelly (R)

Faculty Grants

There are many grants available to faculty interested in study and research abroad.

The International Research and Studies Program provides grants to conduct research and studies in teaching methodologies for foreign languages. Deadline is Dec. 2, 1986. Contact: Robert Dennis, DOE, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, Room 3053, ROB-3, Washington, DC 20202; 202/732-3302.

The Business and International Education Program enhances international academic programs and expands the capacity of business to engage in international economics. Deadline is Dec. 12, 1986. Contact: Susanna Easton, DOE, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, Room 3053, ROB-3, Washington, DC 20202; 202/732-3302.

The Fulbright Summer Seminars Abroad Program is for undergraduate faculty in the social sciences or humanities. Applicants must have three years of professional experience in U.S. school systems, be currently employed in the humanities and social sciences, and have at least two years' teaching experience. Deadline is Dec. 5, 1986. Contact: Ms. Lungching Chiao, Senior Program Officer, Center for International Education, International Studies Branch, DOE, Mail Stop 3308, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20202; 202/732-3292.

The American Council of Learned Societies offers fellowships for research and training in the social sciences and humanities relating to several European countries. Deadline is Dec. 1, 1986. Contact: Office of Fellowships and Grants, ACLS, 228 E. 45th St., New York, NY 10017; 212/697-1505.

Four types of grants (research, writing, publication and seminar) are offered to scholars of all nations in the arts, humanities and sciences to further the study and the understanding of Taiwan. Deadline is Dec. 10, 1986. Contact: Jeanne Tchong Koei Li, President, Pacific Cultural Foundation, Suite 807 Palace Office Bldg., 346 Nanking East Road Sec. 3, Taipei, Taiwan.

Advanced International Research Grants support social-science research on a single country or comparative research on two or more countries in an area. Disciplines include sociology, economics, humanities, law, public health, urban planning, art history, literature, language, demography and population studies. Deadline is Dec. 1, 1986. Contact: Grants and Fellowships, Social Science Research Council, 605 3rd Ave., New York, NY 10158; 212/661-0290.

The Indochina Studies Program supports social science research and archiving of materials on Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam, drawing on knowledge of refugees who left those countries since 1975 and now live in North America. Grants are for up to 12 months and may include summer-language training. Maximum award is \$25,000. Deadline is Dec. 1, 1986. Contact: Grants and Fellowships, Social Science Research Council, 605 3rd Ave., New York, NY 10158; 212/661-0290.

Northeast vs. Harvard

How do we compare?

Study, study, study... it seems that's all you do these days. But, do you study as much as a Harvard student?

Since we say Northeast offers an ivy-league education, we thought we'd find out how the ivy-leaguers compare. We've taken a typical day in the life of a Northeast student and compared it to a typical day in a Harvard student's life. See how you compare.

Northeast Student

Mary Wieberg, senior, major: business administration, with marketing and accounting options, 12 hours, active last year in the Accounting Club, this year in the Gamma Phi Delta sorority and at the Newman Center, works 20 hours a week for the University

8 a.m. class: *Finite Math*
9:30-11 a.m. class: *Marketing Management*
11 a.m.-1 p.m. works in the Dean of Instruction's Office
1-1:30 p.m. lunch
1:30-3 p.m. class: *Business Policy*
3-4 p.m. group work on a business-policy paper
5-7:30 p.m. individual study in the library or the Student Union
7:30-11 p.m. group study on class projects
Saturdays: studies most of the day
Sundays: recovers

Harvard Student

Sarah Pearson, sophomore, major: social anthropology and religion, four classes, member of the Crimson Key Society, the Public Service Programs, the Freshman Outdoor Program, the Eliot Health Committee, and a Perfecting Adviser, works eight hours a week for the University.

8 a.m. jogs
10 a.m. gives a tour of campus for Crimson Key
11 a.m. class: *Diversity and Dialogue of World Religions*
12 p.m. lunch
1 p.m. works in the Dean of Students Office
2 p.m. organizes for the outdoor program
3 p.m. class: section for *History of Modern Africa*
5:30-7 p.m. discussion at a Religion Table
7-8:30 p.m. science class: *Chance, Necessity and Order*
9-11 p.m. studies
Saturdays: works on the Outdoor Program
Sundays: studies half a day

Both students said they spend most of their waking moments on activities related to school. Wieberg studies an average of 35 hours per week; her social life is restricted to approximately 16 hours during the week. Pearson spends an average of 28 hours studying and 21 hours socializing each week.



Senior Kim Newell takes advantage of Career Expo '86, Nov. 6, by talking to Nancy Horras of Seiferts clothing store. More than 90 companies set up displays in the Quiet Lounge and the Georgian Room of the Student Union to provide students with career information.

10 MONDAY

Boy Scouts of America employment interviews, contact the Career Planning and Placement Center, McKinney Center, for information.

Red Cross Blood Drive sign-up, today through Thursday. Sign-up times and places: SUB, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; A/H, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Missouri Hall, 4:30-6:30 p.m.; Centennial Hall, 4:30-6:30 p.m.; and Ryle Hall, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Drive sponsored by Cardinal Key and Blue Key.

Weather Prediction, today through Nov. 21, A/H and Ryle Hall. Predict the date of the first measurable snowfall over two inches and win passes to Rainbow Basin. Cost is 25 cents a chance. Sponsored by the Ryle Hall fundraising committee.

The German Club will sell Advent Calendars from Germany. The calendars are filled with ornament-shaped chocolate pieces and show colorful holiday scenes. Cost is \$1, and calendars may be obtained from German Club members or at tables in A/H.

2:30-5 p.m.—Senior Test-Mass Communication (BS), SUB, Activities Room

8 p.m.—Delta Sigma Pi meeting, SUB, Tangerine Room. Dan Coons will speak on "Careers in Banking, and Establishing a Line of Credit."

11 TUESDAY

8 a.m.—ACT Assessment make-up exam, SUB, Activities Room

8:45 a.m.—AIDS Update, for faculty and administrators, SUB, Alumni Room. Dr. Richard Keeling, director of Student Health at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, and chairman of American College Health Association's Task Force on AIDS, will speak.

8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.—College Level Examination Program (CLEP), A/H 103

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.—Lunch Encounter, Baptist Student Union, 110 Normal St. All commuter students are welcome to bring a sack lunch and share in fellowship. Drinks will be provided.

2:3 p.m.—AIDS Update for students, SUB, Alumni Room. Dr. Richard Keeling (see above) will speak.

2:30-5 p.m.—Senior Test-General Agriculture (BS), Agronomy (BS), Animal Science (BS), Criminal Justice (BS), Speech Pathology (BS), SUB, Activities Room

5 p.m.—Psi Chi national honorary society in psychology meeting, A/H psychology-complex conference room. Andy Jackson will speak on "Domestic Violence Intervention." For membership information, see Michelle Martel, assistant professor of psychology, A/H 206.

8 p.m.—Campus Volunteers, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, meeting, SUB 2 and 3.

12 WEDNESDAY

Intramural deadline for Schick Superhoops three-on-three basketball, I-M office, Pershing Building 309. Play begins Nov. 17. Office hours are 12:30-4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Hallmark Cards employment interviews, contact the Career Planning and Placement Center, McKinney Center, for information.

8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.—CLEP Test, A/H 103

2:30-5 p.m.—Senior Test-Home Economics (BA & BS)-Clothing, Textiles and Retailing, Child Development and General Home Economics-Industrial

THIS WEEK

Tech. and Industrial Occ. (BS), SUB, Activities Room

4 p.m.—Turkey Run, Pershing Building parking lot. All I-M faculty and staff must be present at 3:30 p.m.

5 p.m.—Student Senate applications due, SUB, Student Senate Office. Senior Representative position available. Seniors must have completed 90 credit hours with at least a 2.2 GPA.

7:30 p.m.—World Peace Group open meeting, SUB 6. Everyone is invited.

8 p.m.—Alpha Phi Sigma national scholastic honorary fraternity meeting, Violette Hall 290. Sal Costa, instructor of psychology, will speak.

9 p.m.—Come-Unity, a worship service sponsored by the Newman Center, Lutheran Student House and Wesley House, Ryle Hall music room.

13 THURSDAY

2:30-5 p.m.—Senior Test-Business Administration (BS), SUB, Activities Room

3:5 p.m.—Senior Test-Accounting (BS), Violette Hall 120

3:30-6 p.m.—NMSU Live Tryouts, SUB, Tangerine Room. Show will be Nov. 23.

3:30 p.m.—Board of Governor's Meeting, SUB, Conference Room

7 p.m.—Discovery, Baptist Student Union, 110 Normal St.

8 p.m.—State Ballet of Missouri (formerly Kansas City Ballet), Baldwin Auditorium

14 FRIDAY

Christ Encounter, today through Sunday, Newman Center. Contact Father Les Niemeyer, 665-4357, for information.

7 and 9:15 p.m.—Gung Ho, an SAB movie. Admission is \$1.50 or free with an SAB sticker.

10 p.m.-2 a.m.—Dance, sponsored by Sigma Gamma Rho social service sorority, Kirk Gym. Admission is \$1. It's a "Blue and Gold" party, wear the best blue and gold outfit and win a \$10 prize.

15 SATURDAY

Real Estate Licensing Examination (RELE), place to be announced.

8 a.m.—Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), place to be announced.

9 a.m.—Greek Development Conference, SUB, SAB Office

6 p.m.—Film Night, sponsored by the Baptist Student Union, First Baptist Church, 207 E. Washington. Three films will be shown. Admission is free.

7:10 p.m.—Sigma Gamma Rho Ball, SUB, Activities Room. Admission is \$2. There will be an afterfest following the ball, 11:30 p.m.-3 a.m..

Kirk gym. Admission is free for those who attend the ball.

16 SUNDAY

7:30 a.m.—Departure for Tiffany's Attie Formal Dinner Theater in Kansas City, A/H circle drive. "Not Now, Darling," will be showing. Cost is \$14 or \$10 with an SAB sticker.

NOTES

The Northeast Today event deadline is 5 p.m. The Wednesday report to Monday's issue. Forms are available in the public relations office, A/H 202.

Introduction to Language and Literature Study (LL 133) will be offered next semester. Students desiring an introduction to Spanish, French, Latin, German, Russian, Chinese, Japanese and other languages taught at NMSU are encouraged to pre-register. For further information, contact Gregory Richter, assistant professor of foreign languages, A/H 321, 785-4500.

The **Writing Center** is accepting applications for student tutors for the spring semester. Interested students should visit the Writing Center, A/H 303, to fill out an application. Deadline is Dec. 1.

Marilyn Vos Savant will speak at 8 p.m., Nov. 17, in the SUB, Georgian Room. Savant has the highest IQ (more than 200) in the world. Her speech is titled, "You forgot your parachute." Admission is \$1 or free with an SAB sticker.

The **Echo** yearbook staff will retake individual pictures, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Nov. 18, SUB third floor. Students who missed the first time or desire another picture are welcome.

The **Passage** of the Higher Education Reauthorization Act will bring about an immediate change in processing Guaranteed Student Loans. Students submitting a GSL application will now be required to have a financial-needs analysis on file in the Financial Aids Office before the application can be processed. Each GSL applicant will now have to complete either the ACT-Family Financial Statement, the CSS Financial Aid Form or the Application for Federal Student Aid. If you are planning to apply for a Guaranteed Student Loan, but have not previously completed one of these forms, stop by the Financial Aids Office, A/H 100.

A **Red Cross Blood Drive** will be held 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Nov. 18-20, in the SUB, Activities Room. The drive is sponsored by Blue Key and Cardinal Key.

Dr. Victor Dropkin, University of Missouri-Columbia, will speak at 12:30 p.m., Nov. 18, in the SUB, Activities Room. He will speak as part of the Science Seminar Series.

An **Art Exhibit** from the NMSU permanent collection is on display in Pickler Memorial Library.

An **Informational Meeting** concerning the summer educational tour of France and Spain will be held at 7 p.m., Nov. 18, in A/H 302. First down payment for the trip is due by Dec. 3.

The **Career Planning and Placement Center** will critique resumes from 2:30-5 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays, in the McKinney Center. A resume or information for a resume should be brought to the appointments.