

Today

a weekly guide to happenings around campus

CHECKING THE CALENDAR

Today, Oct. 22

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Bake sale, Phi Lambda Chi prospective Dames, Cent. Hall

Wednesday, Oct. 24

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Bake sale, Kappa Mu Epsilon honorary math society, VH Lyceum presents the Lyric Opera of Kansas City in "Cosi Fan Tutte," Aud., BH
8 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 25

8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Bake sale, IPC Club, A/H
10 a.m.-3 p.m. Health Services Career Fair, Quiet Lounge, SUB

Friday, Oct. 26

6:30 p.m. Women's volleyball vs. Univ. of Mo.-Kansas City, Pershing Arena
7 & 9:15 p.m. SAB movie, "All the Right Moves," Aud., BH

Saturday, Oct. 27

8 a.m. Special Olympics basketball, Pershing Arena
9 a.m. Little Sis Olympics, Stokes Stadium
Men's and women's cross country, MIAA Championships, Kirksville Country Club

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BLOOD PRESSURE BOOTHS will be set up in front of J.C. Penney on the square from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and at the Student Union Building from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is no cost.

"NORTHEAST TODAY" is accepting entries for its calendar edition for November and December. Organizations wishing to have events of campus-wide interest listed on the calendar should submit their entries to the Public Relations Office, 202 Administration/Humanities Building, by 5 p.m. today. Entries should be clearly marked "For Calendar Edition."

"THE INSIDE SCOOP" will be the topic for discussion at 7 p.m. today in the main lounge of Ryle Hall. The discussion will be presented by Freshman Counselor Elsie Gaber and will include how to cut through red tape, how to register and which classes to choose. The program is sponsored by the Laclede House of Ryle Hall.

ALL SECOND SEMESTER SOPHOMORES and first semester juniors who are taking a Sophomore Test this week should report to their assigned testing rooms promptly, at 2:30 p.m. today through Thursday. A schedule of testing dates and locations has been sent to all students involved. Further information may be obtained by calling Testing Services at 785-4140.

CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION certification class will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. today and Tuesday in Kirk Gym at no cost. For more information call Anita Hofman at 785-4988.

THE GERMAN LANGUAGE TABLE will meet at 5:15 p.m. today in the private dining room of Ryle Hall cafeteria. Sabina Moehle, a graduate assistant from the Federal Republic of Germany, will be present at the table to converse in German. Anyone who is interested in the German language or German culture is invited to attend. Those who do not have residence hall meal tickets may obtain a dinner ticket in the cafeteria line for \$3. The table will meet regularly on Mondays throughout the semester. For additional information contact Constance Reid, Language and Literature, at 785-4509.

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MOCK INTERVIEWS begin Tuesday through the end of the semester in 250 Violette Hall. Sign-up is at the Career Planning and Placement Center in McKinney Center.

DEADLINE for a women's open singles racquetball tournament is 5 p.m. Tuesday in 309 Pershing Building. Playing dates will be Oct. 29-Nov. 1. For more information call Debbie Tollenaar at 785-4467.

INTERVIEWS will be held at the Career Planning and Placement Center Tuesday for students earning a B. S. in Accounting for Price Waterhouse. Wednesday interviews will be held by the Peace Corps. Appointments should be made as soon as possible.

A COMPOSITION WRITING ASSESSMENT will be administered at 7 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday in 106 Laughlin Building. The test will be administered to all students enrolled in Composition I and all students carrying an "IP" in Composition I. Students carrying an "IP" may sign up for an exam night in 313 Administration/Humanities Building or by calling 785-4484 by 5 p.m. today.



W E D N E S D A Y

A GROUP DISCUSSION will be given from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Bonfoey Inn by Dr. Don Coleman on "Effective School Research: School Administration and Organizational Planning." Professional educators and students are invited to attend at no cost. Phi Delta Kappa, professional education fraternity, will sponsor the program.

"COSI FAN TUTTE," Mozart's comic opera, will be performed in English by the Lyric Opera of Kansas City at 8 p.m. Wednesday, in Baldwin Hall Auditorium, as a part of NMSU's Lyceum Series. Under the direction of Russell Patterson, founder and general director of the Lyric Opera, "Così Fan Tutte" is the 17th tour production offered by the company. The plot consists of humorous deceptions and wavering affections of the characters, all involved in a bet concerning the loyalty of two sisters to their lovers. The English translation of the production, "Women Are Fickle" speaks for the plot. Free tickets for faculty, staff and students are available in the Student Activities Board Office in the Student Union Building.

CANDY GHOST MESSAGES may be ordered from Blanton-Nason Hall Council at lunch and dinner hours Wednesday through Tuesday, Oct. 30 in Missouri and Blanton-Nason residence halls. The messages are 25 cents and will be sent anywhere on campus.



T H U R S D A Y

A FRENCH CLUB CAFE will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday in front of 278 Baldwin Hall.

A FOOD FAST will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday in residence hall cafeterias for the United Way. Professional Food Management will donate money for each student who gives up dinner in the cafeteria Thursday.

PHI MU ALPHA SINFONIA is sponsoring a skating party from 10 p.m. to midnight at Leo's Roller Rink. The cost is \$2.50 per person.

GHOST-A-GRAMS may be ordered from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday through Tuesday, Oct. 30, in the Student Union Building. The messages are being sent by the Alpha Gamma Rho-Mates. Portions of the proceeds go to the Ronald McDonald house. There will also be a display of keychains available for order.

THE FOURTH ANNUAL Health Services Career and Recruitment Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, in the Quiet Lounge in the Student Union Building. The Career Planning and Placement Center, Student Nurses Association, and Safety and Security request your support and cooperation in reserving the north Student Union Parking Lot for recruiters until after 10 a.m. Thursday. Anyone interested in working in a health care facility following graduation should attend between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

A PRE-HALLOWEEN DANCE will be sponsored by 58 KNEU Radio from 8 p.m. to midnight Thursday in Kirk Gym. Admission is 75 cents per person or \$1.25 per couple. Prizes will be given away every 58 minutes for the most original costume, ugliest costume, scariest costume and other miscellaneous categories.

"BIOTECHNOLOGY AT MONSANTO" will be the topic for a seminar given by Dr. David Fischhoff of the Monsanto Corporation at 4:30 p.m. Thursday in 106 Laughlin Building. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.



F R I D A Y

KIRKSVILLE BAPTIST WOMEN'S CONFERENCE will be held at 7 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Saturday at the Traveler's Hotel. The theme is "Loving One Another Through Encouragement." There will be one guest speaker and six workshop leaders, special music and breakfast provided Saturday morning. The cost is \$10 for the weekend, or \$4 for Friday and \$6 for Saturday. For more information contact Holly Griffin at 665-9089.

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Reports Faulting Higher Education Are Likely to Cause Heated Debate

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While high schools and elementary schools have been repeatedly criticized over the past year and a half, higher education has mostly escaped rebuke. Now, with a report sponsored by the National Institute of Education as the opening salvo, colleges and universities are also coming under fire.

The report cites several "warning signals" that the quality of higher education has severely deteriorated. Half the students who start college never get their degrees, and growing numbers are shunning more rigorous disciplines in favor of narrow, vocational curricula. For example, the percentage of degrees awarded in arts and sciences fell to 36% in 1982 from 49% in 1971. "If American higher education . . . allows the chase for academic credentials to supersede the pursuit of learning, all levels of education will suffer," the report says.

In the next 18 months, several other major reports and more specialized studies are due out that will expand on the institute's points or move to new topics:

- In November, William J. Bennett, chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, will publish a report on the state of the humanities in undergraduate learnings. Based on discussions with 31 higher-education authorities, the report will outline "some definite areas where improvements can be made," a spokesman says. "All is not rosy for the humanities in higher education."

- The Association of American Colleges will release a report in February on the undergraduate curriculum. The report, which will suggest ways to improve the quality and coherence of studies leading to baccalaureate degrees, will challenge faculty to "think about curriculum as a whole, not just a smorgasbord of individual courses and departmental offerings," a spokesman says.

- Frank Newman, a presidential fellow at the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, will publish a report in March on federal policy and higher educa-

tion. Mr. Newman, author of two reports in the 1970s on reform in higher education, says the report will extensively discuss higher education's role in teaching civic responsibility and producing creative thinkers.

- The Carnegie Foundation will publish "College: A Report on the Undergraduate Experience" in early 1986, focusing on the plight of the liberal-arts program. The study, which will entail visits to 30 campuses and national surveys of students and faculty, will be headed by the foundation's president, Ernest Boyer, who also wrote last year's widely read report, "High School."

The National Institute of Education report, "Involvement In Learning: Realizing the Potential of American Higher Education," was written by a seven-member study group appointed by the institute, which is the research branch of the Department of Education. A study of test scores on examinations taken by college seniors going to graduate school was conducted concurrently with the institute study, and will be published in two weeks. The institute report, to be released Monday, notes that in 11 of 15 subject areas, primarily those that emphasize verbal skills, scores on the Graduate Record Examinations fell sharply between 1964 and 1982.

A common theme among several reports is that while many students pile up course credits and earn degrees, they don't learn much of value. "Most colleges don't make you prove that you know anything when they give you a degree," says Chester E. Finn Jr., director of the Center for Education and Human Development at Vanderbilt University. "They certainly don't know whether you know anything more than you did when you started."

Critics say standards have declined sharply within the university. The institute's study notes that "in some colleges, students can earn the same number of credits for taking a course in family food management or automobile ownership as for taking a course in the history of the American city or

neuropsychology." At some Texas colleges, foreign-language literature courses are taught in translation and college-credit math courses include "Introduction to Algebra."

Education watchers cite several reasons for the quality problems. The number of students entering college has quadrupled since 1950. That increase created rapid and poorly controlled growth at many universities, resulting in a lack of consensus as to what should be taught. Later, many colleges began dropping specific major and graduation requirements in the face of criticism from students and society that they represented "outdated institutional priorities." Says the Carnegie Foundation's Mr. Boyer, "There wasn't real institutional confidence that the requirements made sense."

Such problems were compounded in recent years when the college-age population began to drop. Because funding in many areas is determined by how many students are enrolled, competition for students caused some colleges to drop standards and accept unprepared candidates.

To meet such problems, the institute's report encourages tying funding to program quality rather than enrollment. It also suggests setting high standards for both how much students learn and how well, noting, "When we expect too little, we will seldom be disappointed." Also central to its recommendations are that students be actively involved, full-time participants in learning, and that testing during and at the conclusion of programs be used to measure real progress and to improve curriculum.

Most education watchers expect the quality issues to be hotly debated, although they see the situation as different from the debate over high schools. Colleges and universities "aren't a public utility in the same way, but it's much more of a sacred-cow problem," says Vanderbilt's Mr. Finn. "Nobody's got the combination of bravery and legitimacy to criticize it. A lot of critics of elementary and high schools have been professors. But imagine third-grade teachers critiquing the colleges."

S A T U R D A Y

A HAYRIDE will be sponsored by the Newman Center at 8 p.m. Saturday for a \$1 donation. For more information contact Father Les Niemyer at 665-4357.

A DANCE will be sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Inc., public service sorority from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. Saturday in Ophelia Parrish. The 1984-85 Delta Sigma Theta "Playmate" will be announced at the dance. Admission is \$1.

S U N D A Y

KENNY KEHNER, sophomore piano recital major, will perform a recital at 8 p.m. Sunday in Baldwin Hall Auditorium. The program will include works by Beethoven, Chopin, Franck and Prokief. The public is invited to attend free of charge.

I T E M S O F I N T E R E S T

THE DEANS OF GRADUATE SCHOOLS of Missouri Universities will hold its annual fall conference on the NMSU campus Monday, Oct. 29. Registration begins at 9 a.m. in the Alumni Room of the Student Union Building. The conference will feature three speakers, including Robert Gordon, vice president for advanced studies at the University of Notre Dame; Henry Smith, associate director of the Graduate Board Examination Program, Education Testing Service; and Steve Dougherty, deputy commissioner for planning of the Missouri Department of Higher Education. For more information, contact the Graduate Office, 203 Administration/Humanities Building, at 785-4109.

PICTURE RETAKES for the yearbook will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 29-30 on the third floor of the Student Union Building. There will be a \$2 charge to view the proofs for freshmen, sophomores and juniors. There is no charge for seniors, faculty or staff. To make an appointment, call the ECHO Office this week between 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM application forms are available from the International Club. The program is for those international students interested in traveling around the country during Christmas Break. The host families will provide room and board. Students have to pay traveling expenses. For more information, contact Fran Chou at 665-2545.

A DISCUSSION on the law field will be given at 3:30 p.m. Nov. 1 in the Alumni Room in the Student Union Building by Jim Schneider, the assistant dean of the University of Missouri at Columbia Law School. Several NMSU graduates who are currently attending UMC Law School will be on hand to answer questions.

DO YOU KNOW a college-bound sophomore, junior or senior who has questions about NMSU or college in general? Encourage them and their parents to attend NMSU's Going-to-College Seminars in their area. The first Seminar will begin at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, at the Inn at Executive Park in Kansas City. NMSU officials representing academic programs, financial aids, admissions, housing, testing and student activities will present programs on their areas and answer questions. Watch the **NORTHEAST TODAY** for other Seminars in Missouri, Illinois and Iowa.

DEADLINE for sign-up for women's doubles racquetball tournament is 5 p.m. Oct. 30. There will be a manager's meeting at 4 p.m. Oct. 31 in 321 Pershing Building. Play begins Nov. 5. For more information contact Susan Misfeldt at 627-1460.

AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CONFERENCE sponsored by the Baptist Student Union will be held Nov. 9-11 at Windermere Baptist Conference Center in the Ozarks. The weekend will include seminars interesting to international students and will give them a chance to meet other international students attending school in Missouri. A non-refundable \$10 deposit is due Monday, Oct. 29, at the BSU. A \$7 balance would remain after prepayment. For more information contact Lori Bradshaw at 665-9089.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES BOARD is sponsoring a trip to St. Louis to see the football Cardinals play the Los Angeles Rams Sunday, Nov. 4. The cost is \$17 with an SAB sticker and \$19 without sticker. The cost includes ticket and transportation. For more information call the SAB Office at 785-4189.

NMSU LIVE will hold tryouts from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1 in the Activities Room in the Student Union Building. NMSU Live is a variety show open to all NMSU talent. For more information call Lori Kain at 665-3594 or the SAB Office at 785-4189.

THE JOURNALISM DEPARTMENT of the University of Wisconsin at River Falls is sponsoring a Soviet Mass Media Tour of Moscow, Leningrad and Samarkand March 30-April 13, 1985. The cost is \$1,750 including roundtrip airfare from the East Coast, all accommodations, food, transportation and touring in the Soviet Union. The program is open to all students and faculty members. The application deadline is Jan. 15, 1985. For more information contact Debra Shrout at 785-4490.

SUBMISSIONS FOR WINDFALL are being accepted until Friday for fiction, short stories, poetry and a cover design. A \$15 prize will be given to the best cover design. All cover entries must be 5 inches by 7 inches and camera-ready. Send submissions to Windfall mailbox in the Student Union Building.

INTERVIEWS will be given Oct. 29-31 by Southwestern Bell Telephone, and Oct. 31 by Modern Income Life. For more information call the Career Planning and Placement Center. Appointments should be made as soon as possible with the CPPC.

CHOIR PRACTICE at the Baptist Student Union is held at 4:30 p.m. every Sunday and is open to anyone interested. The choir will be performing a Gospel musical in Kirksville area churches.

KANSAS CITY will be the site of two alumni receptions in late October and early November. The first reception will begin at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, at the Inn at Executive Park. This reception will be held in conjunction with the Kansas City area Going-to-College Seminar hosted by NMSU. The second reception will begin at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, in the Radisson-Muehlebach Hotel, held in conjunction with the Missouri state teachers' meetings. All faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends of NMSU are invited. For more information, contact the Alumni Office at 785-4125.

AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT phone directory will be published by the International Club. Those who do not wish to have their name printed in the directory are asked to go to the International Student Office and sign up.

SUMMER WORK IN GERMANY is available in the form of traineeships for students in agriculture. A maintenance allowance and/or free room and board will be provided for eligible students. Applicants should have at least junior status, a working knowledge of German and previous practical experience. Application deadline is Dec. 15. For more information write to the German Academic Exchange Service, 535 Fifth Ave. Suite 1107, New York, NY 10017 or call (212) 559-0464.

A SKI BIBLE CONFERENCE will be sponsored by the Baptist Student Union Dec. 31-Jan. 3 in Colorado. The deadline to sign up will be coming up shortly. The trip will include three days of skiing and four nights of Bible study, music and fellowship.

A COFFEE HOUSE will be held at the Baptist Student Union from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday. A sign-up sheet is available at the Baptist Student Union for acts.

THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS have been postponed from Saturday to Nov. 17. For more information, call Karen Rhoads at 665-0218. Volunteers are needed.

A TRIP TO CHICAGO is being sponsored by the Artistic Students of Baldwin on the weekend of Nov. 2-4. Cost for the weekend will be \$50, which includes transportation, hotel accommodations, and tickets to see the French Impressionist show at the Art Institute of Chicago. Departure time will be 6 a.m. Friday, and arrival time at NMSU will be approximately 9 a.m. Sunday. For more information, contact Tom Ricks at 785-4424 or 665-1766.



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The men of Pi Kappa Phi were presented Missouri House Resolution No. 461 from Missouri's House of Representatives for "Their exemplary service to others and their tireless commitment to better themselves through education and fellowship with one another."

Marlow Ediger, Language and Literature, has received notification that the following of his manuscripts have been accepted for publication: 1. "Mennonites in American Society," in "Resources in Education." 2. "School Organizational Climate and the Administration," in the "Journal."

David McKamie, Fine Arts, was recently selected to advance to the second round of the Artistic Ambassador Program auditions. McKamie will travel to Wichita, Kansas to audition for John Robilette, U.S.I.A.'s Director of the Artistic Ambassador Program.

The NMSU Forensics Team took second place honors in overall sweepstakes at the Mid-America Forensics League Individual Events Tournament held Oct. 13 at Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, Iowa. The team took third place overall sweepstakes honors at the 37th Annual Larry Woods Memorial Tournament held Oct. 12-14 at Kansas State University at Manhattan, Kansas. Sixteen schools from Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri competed at Kansas State.