

# NORTHEAST TODAY

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## Yinfa Ma Receives \$26,000 Grant



**F**inancial support for Assistant Professor of Chemistry Yinfa Ma's research is being provided by The

Cottrell College Science Award. The \$26,000 award allows Ma and Kelvin Franke, a senior chemistry major from Kirksville, to study the "Ultrasonic effects on the separation of DNA fragments in gel electrophoresis" through sum-

mer 1994.

If successful, Ma's work could help in isolating the parts of DNA that are responsible for causing diseases such as cancer. Since DNA molecules can be broken down to different size fragments, Ma hopes to use ultrasonic power to separate these fragments.

Undergraduate research is one of the major concerns of Research Corporation, the foundation sponsoring the award. This particular award is designed to give undergraduates a chance to partici-

pate in research in the areas of chemistry, physics and astronomy. Franke will receive a \$3,000 stipend each summer.

Ma said he began this project because he realizes the importance of undergraduate research to the students of Northeast and wanted to provide that opportunity.

"This kind of experience with research is really critical to students who want to go on to graduate school," Ma said. "Students learn much more from hands-on research experience than from the classroom."

## Board Approves Budget *Three Percent Salary Increase*

**N**ortheast's Board of Governors approved an annual operating plan, operating budgets and salary and wage policies for Fiscal Year 1994 at its meeting June 26.

The Board's approval of a \$48,073,771 Education and General Budget includes a three percent salary increase for faculty and staff and a 50-cent wage increase for hourly employees.

The University will also begin providing dental insurance coverage for all full-time

employees in January 1994. Also approved was the provision of sick leave and holiday pay for part-time workers.

"The past two years have been especially challenging financially, and we have dealt with the reductions in state funding primarily through cut-backs in equipment purchases and operating expenses," President Warren said.

"Therefore, I felt it necessary to address those areas of critical need in this next budget year, while continuing to provide a

modest salary increase for faculty and staff as we have done in each of the past two years."

Governor Nancy Schneider of St. Charles, Mo., commented that for the past several years, Northeast has not been able to adequately fund equipment budgets, and she supported the overall budget's plan to begin addressing that in the year ahead.

In other action, the Board approved amendments to the Faculty Senate's constitution and bylaws. The constitution and bylaws were approved by the Faculty Senate in April and later approved in an election by eligible voters through written ballots.

# Northeast Notables & Notes

**John Bohac**, assistant professor of art, served as the judge of the 21st Annual Family Arts Festival at Indian Hills Community College in Ottumwa June 13.

**Ben Bennani**, professor of comparative literature, is the recipient of a Fulbright Senior Scholar Award to teach and conduct research in literary translation at the United Arab Emirates University. The award is for a 10-month period starting September 1993 and ending July 1994. Bennani is also one of 24 scholars chosen nationally as a recipient of a 1993 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute grant. He will pursue research in literary translation.

**Chett Breed**, associate professor of English, has been appointed to the CEE Commission on English Education and English Studies with the National Council of Teachers of English. Breed will explore the relations between English education, focusing on "methods" and other professional education concerns, and the "content" preparation of English language arts teachers.

**Randy Hagerty**, assistant professor of political science, will join 35 other college and university professors from across the country for C-SPAN's

Summer 1993 Seminar for Professors, Aug 2-3 in Washington, D.C. The seminar unites professors from diverse disciplines such as political science, journalism, speech, communications and public policy. It will focus on creative ways to use C-SPAN's public affairs programming in the college classroom and in research.

Hagerty was selected through a competitive application process open to all of the 4,500 college-faculty members of C-SPAN in the Classroom, the cable television network's free national membership organization for educators.

**Michael Tannenbaum**, assistant professor of biology, presented a paper titled "Effects of fescue seed diets on reproduction in *Peromyscus leucopus*," at the 73rd Annual Meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists at Bellingham, Wash., in June. He also participated as a panel member in a workshop titled "Careers in Mammalogy.

**Divisions, departments and offices** planning to have students return early (between Aug. 22-28) to help during Freshman Week are responsible for the students' room and

board charge (\$12 per day). In order to have their rooms ready, the Residential Living Office needs to know their

full name and social security number by Aug. 1. Only students that have had arrangements made by faculty or staff by Aug. 1 will be allowed to move into the residential living environments. **There will be no exceptions to this policy.**

**Students interested in teaching English as a second language** in Korea may contact Taisik Chung of the KAYA Group at 785-7137. Chung, a 1991 graduate of Northeast, will be in Kirksville until August to screen and interview candidates. Interested persons should call immediately.

**A Teacher Placement Day** at the University of Missouri-Kansas City will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 20. Cost is \$1. For details, visit the Career Placement Center, McKinney Center.