

## Plassmeyer to Speak At Commencement



Susan Plassmeyer

Summer commencement at Northeast will begin at 6:30 p.m., Aug. 5 on the Quad. Approximately 200 candidates will graduate during the ceremony. A tribute in honor of the late Sen. Norman Merrell will be paid at the ceremony by Board of Governors member Mary Rhodes. Merrell was to have presented the commencement address. In case of rain, the event will be held in Baldwin Auditorium. A reception on the Mall will follow.

The commencement address will be presented by Northeast alumna Susan Plassmeyer, director of marketing and operations for the Environmental Law and Policy Center of the Midwest. ELPC provides legal and technical resources and generates and promotes ideas to grass roots environmental organizations throughout the Midwest on how to solve environmental problems. In addition to her ELPC responsibilities, Plassmeyer teaches business finance part time at National-Louis University.

An experienced public policy analyst, Plassmeyer holds a Master in Business Administration from the University of Chicago. She graduated summa cum laude from Northeast in 1986 with bachelor's degrees in economics and business

administration and was the class valedictorian. In 1993, she was a White House Fellowship Program national finalist.

Northeast's first student representative to the Board of Governors, Plassmeyer was a member of the Pershing Society, Student Activities Board, Delta Sigma Pi and the Newman Center.

Prior to joining ELPC, Plassmeyer was assistant vice president of corporate and community affairs for the First National Bank of Chicago. She was responsible for awarding grants to and developing programs with many non-profit economic development organizations in Chicago. She also led a consortium of corporations in a study of the Chicago health care market while working at the Bank.

She participated in the Bank's First Scholar Program, the Bank's most selective management training program.

Currently, Plassmeyer serves on the NMSU National Alumni Association Board of Directors and is a member of the NMSU Chicago Alumni Chapter. She has volunteered for the American Cancer Society and served on the state advisory board for the CanSurmount Program. She continues to work with the CHESS tutoring program for eighth-grade Chicago Public School students, a program she founded and coordinated in 1991. ☺

## Ryle Is Named Interim Athletic Director

President Jack Magruder announced the appointment of Walter H. Ryle as interim director of athletics, effective Aug. 1. Ryle is assuming the position after the resignation of Alan Graham, who has accepted a position as athletic director of Seattle Pacific University.

In announcing Ryle's appointment, Magruder said, "Walter Ryle has unique talents and experiences which make him a natural selection for the position. He has served in various roles in athletics for more than 20 years, and he has the academic credentials and perspective which are so important in heading an athletic program at a liberal arts and sciences institution. His alumni ties and long-standing community relationships will help him to promote and support Northeast Missouri State athletics."

Magruder said that Ryle will devote full time to his new duties and that during the next academic year, the University Athletic Committee will discuss and formulate processes necessary to fill the position on a permanent basis.

Ryle, a 1954 graduate of Northeast, began his teaching career in 1955 at the University and is currently a professor of history. He has chaired the University Athletic Committee since 1973 and served as president of the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (1988-91).

Ryle's other athletic administrative experience includes faculty institutional representative to the NCAA and the MIAA since 1973; member and past chair of the eligibility, infractions and budget committees of the MIAA; vice president of the MIAA from 1985-88; member of the long-range planning and development committee of the MIAA; and chair of the search and screen committee that hired the conference's first and only full-time commissioner.

In accepting the position, Ryle said, "I'm humbled and very pleased to serve the University in this new capacity. My experience as a professor will assist me in speaking to the important role intercollegiate athletics play in the development of the student-athlete." ☺

# Northeast Notables

**Dawood Afzal**, assistant professor of chemistry, presented "Syntheses and Reactions of Group IV and Group V Metalloporphyrin Complexes" at the International Conference on Macrocyclic Chemistry in June. The paper was co-authored by **Afzal**, **Russ Baughman**, professor of chemistry and **Dean Van Galen**, associate professor of chemistry, and Northeast students **Allen James**, **Eric Sturman** and **Mark Westmeyer**.

**Lee Bates**, **Jack Bowen**, **Jerry Mayhew** and **Paul Visich** of the Exercise Science program had five research presentations at the recent National Strength and Conditioning Association meeting in New Orleans.

**Bill Cable**, Sports Information director, **Melissa Ware**, Sports Information publications coordinator, and student assistants **Dave Mullison**, **John Eakman**, **Talva Parker**, **Pete Schroeder**, **Thom Kennedy**, **Leslie Stanley** and **Lori Nix** received national recognition from the College Sports Information Directors Association for seven sports brochures. Northeast received 1st place in the nation for its softball and men's cross country brochures, 2nd place for golf and women's cross country brochures and football programs, 5th place for tennis brochures and 6th place for football brochures.

**Barry C. Poyner**, assistant professor of communication, will have his article "Adding a Ceremonial Touch" reprinted in the instructional supplement accompanying the fifth edition of Stephen Lucas' *The Art of Public Speaking*. Poyner's article first appeared in the fall 1992 issue of *The Speech Communication Teacher*.

**Dean Van Galen**, associate professor of chemistry, has been informed that the manuscript "The Electrolyzed Reduction of Fumaronitrile in Aqueous Solution by 4,4'-Dimethyl-1,1'-Trimethylene-2,2'-Dipyridinium Ion" has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Electroanalytical Chemistry*. Co-authors are **Kathryn Alber**, **Tricia Hahn**, **Michelle Jones**, and **Ken Fountain**, professor of chemistry.

**Richard Weerts**, professor of music, has two doctoral dissertation critiques published in the spring 1994 issue of the *Bulletin of the Council for Research in Music Education* published by the University of Illinois. They included "Training Musicians and Developing People: Can a Music Conservatory Do It All?" by **Donna Jean Plasket**, Harvard University 1992, and "An Examination of the Post-Secondary School Musical Activities of the Graduates of Delbarton School From 1972 Through 1985" by **Roy Laurence Horton**, Columbia University 1992.



**Pete Goldman**, professor of biology, and **Scott Ellis**, associate professor of biology, recently returned from Arizona with 19 Northeast biology majors. The field ecology workshop focused on identifying interactions within two bird communities in the Chiricahua Mountains. The group camped near their study sites for 10 days. Students pictured (l-r) are **Kris Karsten**, **Deron Herr**, **Ron Trimmer**, **Tiffany Truitt**, **Deb Engle** and **Tiffany Miller**.

## Northeast Notes

The last summer *Northeast Today* will be published Aug. 8. Entry deadline is 3 p.m., Aug. 3. The next issue 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.

If you are planning to have an on-campus student return early in the fall (between Aug. 21-26) to help during Freshman Week, please be aware that you are responsible for their room and board charge (\$12/day). To make arrangements for their early arrival, you must notify Residential Living in writing by Aug. 1 with their name and social security number. Students will not be admitted to the residence halls without notification by Aug. 1.

Two to three homestay families are urgently needed to host Japanese students Aug. 5-8. A small stipend is provided to defray costs. If interested, leave a message for **David Cicotello** at 785-4481.

The Theatre Department will present **John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men*** at 8 p.m., Aug. 1, 2 and 3 in Baldwin Hall Little Theatre. Admission is free.

The Crow, starring **Brandon Lee**, will be shown at 8 and 10 p.m., Aug. 31 in Baldwin Auditorium. The movie is sponsored by the University Players. Admission is \$2.

*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.

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# Northwest Today *extra*

Northwest Missouri State University

## State Bond Issue On Aug. 2 Ballot Northwest to Gain \$7.2 Million

☛ Northwest Missouri State University, specifically, has been designated to receive \$7.2 million for the renovation of Violette Hall, the University's primary classroom facility.

On Aug. 2, Missourians will go to the polls to vote on Amendment 4, the \$250 million general obligation bond issue to construct new and renovated facilities for higher education, as well as adult and juvenile correctional centers. The bond issue was recommended by Gov. Mel Carnahan and approved by the General Assembly during the 1994 Legislative Session.

If the bond issue gains voter approval, two-year and four-year public colleges and universities will receive a share of \$134.2 million to construct or renovate library and classroom facilities. The remaining \$115.8 million will be used to build a women's prison to replace the Renz Correction Center lost in last year's flood; renovate the St. Joseph Mental Hospital into a men's prison; and construct a release center and six facilities to house juvenile offenders.

Northwest Missouri State University, specifically, has been designated to receive \$7.2 million for the renovation of Violette Hall, the University's primary classroom facility. The building will be refitted to provide more class space, as well as computer laboratories, study areas and faculty offices. Additionally, Violette Hall's electrical and ventilation systems will be updated.

Amendment 4 does not require a tax increase, rather, debt payments to retire the bonds will be paid through general revenue proceeds over a period of 25 years. The bonds will also be issued at the lowest interest rates available because of Missouri's AAA bond rating, one of the best in the country.

Missouri has been cited by many rating agencies for its very low debt and strong financial management. With an additional \$250 million in bonds, the

state's general obligation debt service payments will be less than two percent of general revenue. Additionally, Missouri's total debt service, when compared to a homeowner with a \$30,000 gross income, would be comparable to a \$63 monthly mortgage.

While providing funding for higher education and correctional facilities, the bond issue will also serve to stimulate the state's economy. It is estimated that 6,000 construction and related jobs would be created from Fiscal Year 1995 through 1997.

Because of its importance to Northwest and the state of Missouri, the University's Board of Governors adopted a resolution in support of the \$250 million bond issue and encouraged all Missourians to approve Amendment 4 on Tuesday, Aug. 2. ☛

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\$134.2 million for new and renovated facilities for higher education

\$115.8 million for adult and juvenile correctional facilities

Approximately 6,000 construction and related jobs would be created statewide

Bonds will be repaid through general revenue and will not require a tax increase

Missouri has a AAA bond rating, one of the best in the nation

Once the bonds are issued, Missouri's general obligation debt service will be less than 2 percent of general revenue

**BEFORE THE BONDS CAN BE ISSUED, MISSOURIANS MUST APPROVE AMENDMENT 4 ON AUG. 2.**

(A complete listing of projects to be funded by the Bond Issue is provided on back.)

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# Fourth State Building General Obligation Bonds (Amendment 4)

Gov. Carnahan recommended that the General Assembly pass and voters approve issuance of \$250 million in new Fourth State Building general obligation bonds. The new Fourth State Building bond issue will finance an aggressive attack on juvenile and adult crime and provide for major new and renovated facilities for higher education. Of the total \$250 million, \$115.8 million is targeted for the Department of Corrections. Higher education will receive \$134.2 million. Projects approved by the General Assembly include the following:

New Correctional Facilities	\$ 88,816,000
Kansas City Community Release Center	7,284,000
Youth Services Facilities	19,676,100
Central Mo. State Library Building	11,874,554
Community Colleges (Various Projects)	5,450,000
Harris-Stowe Library/Classroom Building	1,946,800
Lincoln University Library Building	7,794,301
Mineral Area Community College Tourism Building	250,000
Mo. Western State College Classroom Building	4,672,492
<b>Northeast Mo. State Violette Hall Renovation</b>	<b>7,219,584</b>
Northwest Mo. State Administration Building Renovation	2,170,762
Northwest Mo. State Colden Hall Renovation	1,736,609
Southeast Mo. State Business Building	12,344,432
Southwest Mo. State General Classroom Building	14,027,015
Southwest Mo. State Kellet Hall Renovation	150,000
University of Mo.-Kansas City Science and Technology Building	21,707,619
University of Mo.-Columbia Busch Natural Resources Building	10,639,653
University of Mo.-Columbia Schlundt Hall Renovation	3,952,149
University of Mo.-Rolla Electrical Engineering Addition	6,935,535
University of Mo.-Rolla Schrenk Hall Renovation	2,447,218
University of Mo.-St. Louis Land Acquisition	15,787,182
<u>University of Mo. System Library Storage Facility</u>	<u>3,114,995</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$250,000,000</b>