



NORTHEAST TODAY

▶ VOL 17 NO 3 ◀

Northeast Missouri State University

July 6, 1992

Board Update

Northeast's Board of Governors met on campus June 26 and 27. All members of the Board were present. The following question-and-answer segment with President Warren addresses some of the issues concerning the Board's approval of this year's operating budget.

What is the University's budget outlook for FY93?

The Board of Governors approved a conservative Education and General budget of \$42.9 million with incremental funding if less than 8 percent of our State Appropriation is withheld by the state. The "best case" budget for FY93 totals \$45.1 million. This compares to the initial FY92 budget of \$42.4 million.

Due to court ordered desegregation and effects of the recession, last year the Governor's office was forced to reduce our state appropriation mid-year and as a result, we were forced to reduce our internal budgets mid-year. Consequently this year we are beginning the year with a conservative base that assumes a large state withholding. We will be adding on to that base throughout the year if more state appropriations are available.

Although the conservative budget by itself does not provide enough funding to meet our needs, we have maintained our area of focus. We continue to spend the bulk of our funds on academics and academic support. At the same time, we've been able to add to the physical plant budget for sidewalk repair and other deferred maintenance, to enhance our counseling operation and to increase the total student aid available. If the state is able to fund our "best case" budget, we will reinstate our equipment budgets to past levels.

How does the salary increase compare to those given by other universities?

I am disappointed that we were not able to provide larger salary increases because this area continues to be a priority. The funding was simply not available. Our budget includes a 2 percent across the board salary increase for faculty and staff. Last year we gave an average 3.9 percent increase at a time when few other Missouri schools gave any increases. If you average the increase given by other Missouri schools for the two-year period, we will be found to be competitive. None of this is to say that I am personally satisfied with the end result, but it is all we can do at this time.

How does this year's budget effect students?

This budget provides us with several opportunities to assist students. We plan to hire additional faculty in areas of the greatest needs, replace obsolete computer labs, increase counseling services and increase financial aid in the form of work and loans.

The internship program in Jefferson City will continue at the same funding level as FY92. But the source will be private funds provided by the NMSU Development Fund Corporation. I am happy to reaffirm the importance of this program.

What are the long-range prospects of funding?

I am optimistic that when the recession is over we can increase the share of our budget provided through state appropriation. Shifting the burden to students is not popular and is a last resort for me—a choice I make when the only alternative is to cut the quality of education offered here at Northeast. I will not cut quality.

What difference from FY92 does this budget have for faculty and staff?

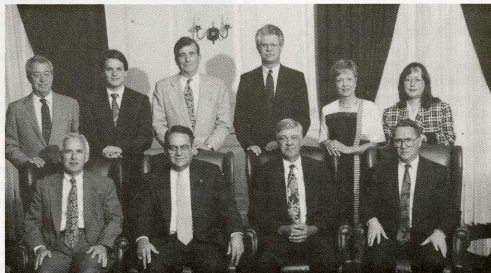
In addition to the 2 percent raises I discussed previously the budget provides for a 6 percent annual increase in health insurance premiums. Although most faculty and staff are not aware of it, we have a significant cost increase due to early retirements and sabbaticals. We have set aside more than \$370,000 for increases in these two areas in FY93 alone.

If the state is able to release all of the state appropriation, we have \$1.9 million in equipment budgeted, which includes an academic computer upgrade.

Will the Americans with Disabilities Act have any budgetary impact on the University?

Yes, but it is too early to give estimates of figures. The state has requested estimates for the renovation of facilities, and we are including an amount in our State Funds Capital Request for FY94. As to the impact on the operating budget, we have set aside in a contingency some operating funds to purchase equipment as needs are identified. For example, equipment that will allow the hearing impaired to make and receive phone calls, or equipment that will increase library access to the hearing impaired, may be needed.

I'm pleased the state has funded an elevator for Violette Hall. We will be proceeding with this needed renovation in the upcoming year.



The Board of Governors pose for a group photo during Board meetings June 26 and 27. Pictured are (front l-r) President Warren, Board President Richard S. Pryor, Board Vice-President Larry Rutledge, Board Secretary Gary Ball, (back l-r) Bud Moulder, Student Representative Phil Christofferson, Bill North, Tom Shrout, Kim Ahrens and Nancy Schneider.

This Week

6 MONDAY

▶ 8 p.m.—**Northeast Missouri Committee for AIDS Fundraising meeting**, 515 E Pierce Apt. C. The committee meets every Monday at 8 p.m. For more information, call 627 2108

7 TUESDAY

▶ 11 a.m.-1 p.m.—**PFM Lunch on the Mall**; cost is \$3.25. Meal will include 1/3-pound homemade hamburgers, choice of two side dishes and beverage

▶ 2-5 p.m.—**SAB Watermelon Fest** and Brass Ensemble on the Mall

14 TUESDAY

▶ 11 a.m.-1 p.m.—**PFM Lunch on the Mall**

18 SATURDAY

▶ 6-9 p.m.—**Jazz on the Quad**; bring blanket and picnic supper and enjoy the outdoor concert.

Notes

Wellness screenings can be rescheduled for those full-time employees who were unable to participate at the originally scheduled times. Contact the Student Health Clinic at 785-4182

Employee of the Quarter nominations are being accepted through July 10. Forms are available in the Human Resources Office. A selection committee will choose the new Employee of the Quarter by July 31.

The Academic Computer Lab hours for Fridays have been changed to 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Notables

Barry Cole Poyner, assistant professor of communication, conducted a communication workshop for NMSU's Division of Business and Accountancy on June 25

Mike Tannenbaum, assistant professor of biology presented a paper titled "Spontaneous Daily Torpor in *Peromyscus*: Effects of Temperature and Testosterone Administration" at the 72nd Annual Meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists, held June 14-18 at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. In addition, the paper was presented at the Council for Undergraduate Research meeting at Hope College in Holland, Mich. June 10-13. This paper was co-authored by alumnus Kari Schmidt '91, who was a biology major. Tannenbaum also co-authored a paper with **Barbara J. Klocke**, biology graduate student, and **L. Scott Ellis**, associate professor of biology titled "Aggregation and Lowering of Body Temperature as

Overwintering Strategies in the Southern Flying Squirrel, *Glaucomys volans*."

Tom Bultman, assistant professor of biology presented a paper titled "Intentional Pollination of a Fungus by a Fly" at the Council for Undergraduate Research meeting at Hope College in Holland, Mich. June 10-13. The paper was co-authored by **Allison Welch** and **Todd Bowdish**, undergraduate biology majors. Bultman also co-authored a paper with Mike Tannenbaum, assistant professor of biology "Developing a Focussed NSF-REU Proposal."

Marlow Ediger, professor emeritus of education, had his manuscripts of "Functions of the School Counsellor" published in The Counsellor (in Canada). Also, his manuscripts of "Teaching English without Desks" was published in The Mississippi English Journal.

Barbecue on the Mall



President Warren joins students, faculty staff and other campus visitors at a barbecue on the mall sponsored by Professional Food Management, June 30. New patio furniture, which was recently placed on the mall adjacent to the Student Union Building, accommodated those who attended.

According to Dennis Markeson, director of PFM, lunches will be offered on the mall throughout the summer.

Northeast Today is published weekly by the Public Relations Office. Deadline for entries is 3 p.m. the Wednesday prior to Monday's issue. Entries should be submitted on *Northeast Today* forms available in the Public Relations Office, McClain Hall 106. All activities listed in the *Northeast Today* are open to the public.