

# Today

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With finals only a week away, "Northeast Today" offers students

## Tips for the toils of test-taking

With the final week of the summer session drawing near, undergraduates and graduates alike are gearing up for final examinations. Few people, if any, enjoy taking tests, but most people recognize them as a necessary tool for measuring knowledge in today's society. There are no guarantees of success on any test; however, we can offer the following tips for improving your test scores:

Of first importance is to read directions (or questions) carefully. Take your time, since even one word mistaken in meaning can make every answer incorrect.

Don't spend too much time on one question. Sometimes, without realizing until too late, one question will trap you into losing the opportunity to answer many of the more easily answered questions.

Recheck your answers for errors. Any spare time after all questions are answered is well-spent looking for minor mistakes that can hurt your score.

If no point penalty is given for wrong answers, guess on questions you're unsure of.

Eliminate possible foils and distractions. Many students find it helpful, especially when answering multiple choice questions, to find an answer of which they are sure through the process of elimination. Cross out each answer that is least correct, being careful not to settle upon an answer that is merely designed to look correct.

Look for leads from other questions. If you draw a blank with a word or phrase, sometimes another question elsewhere in the test will

supply a meaning or answer. The questions immediately before and after the question in doubt may also give a clue through context.

Answer easier questions first. On standardized tests, most questions usually yield equal point value. So, it is to the test-taker's advantage to

answer the easiest questions first and get the most possible points before spending time on the difficult questions.

Plan your time. Most tests are broken down into sections, with an allotted amount of time for each. By using a watch or watching a clock, you can set a pace that will give each question an equal chance.

Adopt a positive attitude. The student who has self-confidence won't give up. If you encounter a question that is too difficult, remember that you can come back to it. A negative attitude can only hurt when taking a test.

Good luck!

### Stilwell chosen for statewide honor

The Missouri Council of Teachers of Mathematics has chosen Ken Stilwell, professor of mathematics, as the Outstanding Mathematics Educator in the State of Missouri for 1985-86.

Stilwell will be recognized for the honor at the fall meeting of the Missouri Council in Kansas City. The October meeting is held in conjunction with the regional meeting of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. He was nominated by the Northeast Missouri Mathematics Association.

Stilwell has been at NMSU since 1966.

### NSF awards Science Division grant

The National Science Foundation awarded a \$46,768 grant to the Science Division at Northeast.

The principle investigator for the grant proposal was Michael Lockhart, assistant professor of microbiology. Lockhart and Gary Sells, professor of physiology, submitted the proposal to the College Science Instrumentation Program of the NSF. All members of the biology department in the Science Division contributed to the proposal.

The grant will be matched by the University and used to buy equipment for laboratory improvement in general biology, cell biology and undergraduate research areas.

# THIS WEEK...

**GUATEMALAN TEXTILES, POTTERY,** clothing and antiques are on display during regular library hours today. The displays contain pieces of Olmec pottery, ceremonial and traditional clothing, woven articles and rare San Jose Peten pottery. The display is free and open to the public.

**AUGUST GRADUATES** should pick up their graduation announcements in 203 Administration/Humanities Building. Students need their graduation fees paid receipt to pick up announcements.

**JAPANESE EXCHANGE STUDENTS** from Hosei University in Tokyo, have arrived on the NMSU campus. Students, faculty and staff are invited to join the students in swimming at 1 p.m. today, at 1000 Hills State Park, or for roller skating at 7 p.m. Tuesday, at Leisure World. Participation in both activities is at the participant's expense. Items from Japan are on display in the entry of Pickler Memorial Library.

**CAREER PLANNING** and Placements has scheduled Pizza Hut of America Inc. to interview on campus Wednesday for manager trainee positions. Candidates must have a bachelor's degree and proof of citizenship. No particular major is preferred. Interviews are by appointment only. To sign up for an interview, visit the Career Planning and Placements in McKinney Center.

**PHI DELTA KAPPA'S** Summer Initiation Banquet is set for Wednesday. The initiation begins at 5:30 p.m. in the Alumni Room and the banquet at 6:30 p.m. in the Georgian Room of the Student Union Building. Darrell Krueger, dean of instruction, will speak on the future mission of NMSU following the banquet. Tickets are \$7 for the banquet. There is no cost to attend the initiation or the speech only. Faculty, staff and students are invited. Send reservations to Wayne Bailey, Mathematics and Computer Science Division, by Wednesday.

**SENIOR TESTS** will be administered by the Testing Services Office from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday. For more information, contact the Office, 103 Administration/Humanities Building, at 785-4140.

# ITEMS OF INTEREST...

**FACULTY AND STAFF** may obtain videotape copies of the signing of House Bill 196, by providing Audio-Visual with the videotape for dubbing.

**THE JAPANESE CULTURAL** Exchange Program is seeking more families interested in sharing American culture and family life with visiting students from Hosei University, Tokyo. This year's homestay program is scheduled from Aug. 8-14. For more information, contact Ann McEndarfer at 785-4481 or at 665-2321.

# NOTES...

**Marlow Ediger, Education,** has received notification this his manuscript, "Poetry in the Elementary School," has been accepted for publication in "Virginia English Bulletin," a professional journal for teachers of English. **Kenneth Stilwell,** of the **Mathematics and Computer Science Division,** recently completed a review of the textbook "Building Logo Skills" for West Publishing Company and has subsequently been asked to review another book for them. **Cadet Scott Cummings, senior,** was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant at Fort Riley, Kan., upon completion of the six-week advanced campus.

# D A T E L I N E

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MONDAY

Hosei University Exchange swimming party, 1 p.m., 1000 Hills State Park

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WEDNESDAY

PDK Initiation and Banquet, 5:30 p.m., Alumni Room, SUB; 6:30 p.m., Georgian Room, SUB  
SAB Presents, "Startrek III—Search for Spock," dusk, Red Barn Park (rain place, Aud., BH)

AUGUST

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THURSDAY

Senior Tests, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

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FRIDAY

Senior Tests, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

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THURSDAY

Second Summer Session ends

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FRIDAY

Commencement, 7:30 p.m., Stokes Stadium

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