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Dear Colleagues:

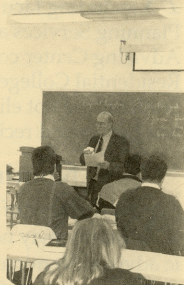
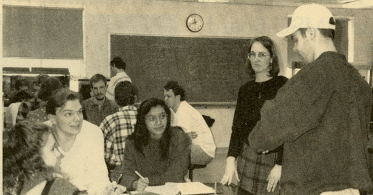
For as long as Northeast has existed, our institution has been dedicated to excellent teaching. Today's commitment to the best in teaching is built on more than 125 years of educational tradition. To see evidence of that commitment, all we need to do is read the University's history or wander around campus. No matter where we look at Northeast—in classrooms and laboratories, faculty offices, or Main Street Market, we see abundant evidence of the wisdom and skill our faculty devote to our student's learning.

This week, I want to honor all of our faculty for the wonderful work

you do. Because you care about your disciplines and about young people's futures, you challenge students to grow intellectually. At the same time, you support them as they risk leaving their comfort zones.

These photographs, taken at random around campus, stand for more than 350 reasons why I'm proud to be associated with Northeast. I send out my sincere thanks to all faculty for all you do on behalf of student learning.

Cordially,  
*Jack*  
Jack Magruder



## Understanding the IDEA System

*Dr. Bill Cashin, director of the Center for Faculty Evaluation and Development at Kansas State University, will present three sessions on the IDEA System for all faculty and staff on March 29.*

### Interpreting the IDEA Report

9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. SUB Alumni Room  
A one-hour presentation explaining how to use the IDEA System, and what kinds of information one can, and cannot, obtain from the data.

### Research on Student Ratings

10:30 a.m. SUB Alumni Room  
A one-hour question-and-answer session on what we do, and do not, know from the research on student ratings of teaching.

# William O'Donnell Lee Advising Awards

**N**ow is the time to nominate candidates for the 1994 Lee Advising Awards. The awards were established in 1993 by Dr. Jeanne Stephens Blackmar in memory of her late husband, William O'Donnell Lee, a member of the NMSU Board of Regents 1971-77. They recognize the dedication and skill of exemplary advisors, and they pay tribute to both past achievements and potential for future growth. The first Lee Award recipients were Dr. Maria DiStefano of science and Elsie Gaber of Academic Planning Services.

## Eligibility

**A**ll academic advisors are eligible, including faculty, Academic Planning Services and Business Advising Center counselors, and Residential Colleges staff advisors. Students are not eligible, nor are previous Lee Award recipients.

## Nominations

**A**ny member of the University community may nominate an academic advisor. Nomination forms are available through the office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs. Completed forms must be returned to that office (McClain 203) by March 31, 1994. Nominees will be asked to provide a brief vita, evidence of or information on advising achievements, a statement of advising philosophy, and plans for future professional development as an advisor, including use of Award funds.



*The William O'Donnell Lee Award for Advising was presented during August commencement ceremonies. Dr. Jeanne Stephens Blackmar presented awards to Academic Planning's Elsie Gaber and Maria DiStefano, associate professor of physics.*

## Awards

**T**wo \$1,000 awards will be announced at August Commencement. The University will designate a special account for each recipient; funds may be used for any professional development activities in advising. Activities might include traveling to national or regional conferences hosted by the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA), buying resource materials, or bringing advising consultants to campus. For more information about the William O'Donnell Lee Advising Awards, please call Dr. Alanna Preussner at 785-4109.