

Today

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NMSU bound for statewide status

A major reform bill for Missouri's higher education system is awaiting approval by Gov. John Ashcroft after the House passed a Senate revision of House Bill 196 by a 146-5 margin.

Sponsored by Rep. Winnie Weber (D-House Springs), HB 196 proposes to make NMSU the statewide public liberal arts and sciences institution.

"I have the highest respect for Northeast and the example it has set for all of higher education," Weber said. "This legislation will be beneficial for Northeast Missouri State University and especially the young people of this state. The Missouri General Assembly has placed great faith, trust and responsibility in Northeast."

The bill is an outgrowth of the recommendations made last fall by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education. The Board's proposals for mission and program changes in the state's public colleges and universities are an attempt to eliminate duplication among Missouri's institutions—a plan that has met considerable controversy among the institutions involved.

Shaila Aery, commissioner of higher education for the state, supports the measure, stating the academic ability of students at

NMSU is "equal to or above that of the University of Missouri-Columbia."

"The proposal would provide Missouri students with an affordable alternative of a small select school with high academic standards," Aery said. "This would make Missouri unique in the Midwest and could assist in attracting bright young people to the state."

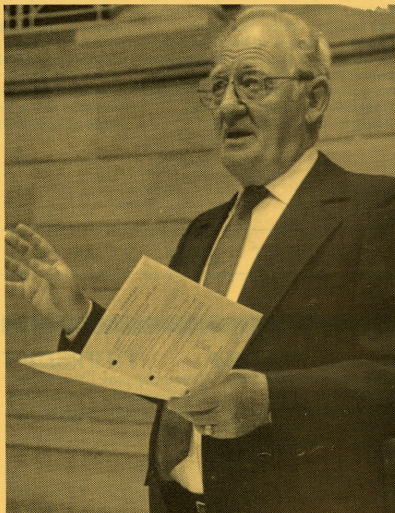
Northeast's distinction for being a provider of quality education to students of high academic ability through the Value-Added Program is known nationwide. Over the last few years, NMSU has tightened its admission standards and academic policies to ensure high-quality graduates, rather than focus only on enrollment.

"We have positioned ourselves to take advantage of this mission. We have selective admission and strict standards for graduation. There is not a public institution in the state of Missouri that has the kind of name recognition you find in Miami of Ohio or William and Mary in Virginia, a prestigious public university," University President Charles McClain said.

McClain's leadership in adhering to providing a quality education has played a major role in NMSU's success.

"President McClain has made it possible for Northeast to take on this new responsibility. He is the senior college president in the state and has demonstrated the ability to lead Northeast to take on these new responsibilities," Sen. Norman Merrell (D-Lewis) said. Merrell handled the measure in the Senate.

If Governor Ashcroft approves this legislation, NMSU's governing board will be restructured from a six-member Board of Regents from the northeast region to a 10-member Board of Governors from across the state. In addition, two members of the Board will be from states other than Missouri.



Sen. Norman Merrell (D-Lewis) vocally supported HB 196 in the Missouri Senate.

THIS WEEK...

FREE ICE CREAM will be served at the Student Activities Board social between 6 and 7 p.m. Wednesday, on the mall. At 7 p.m., the movie, "Race for Your Life, Charlie Brown" will be shown at no charge for kids under 12 years old and 50 cents for adults, in Baldwin Auditorium.

THE KIRKSVILLE CRISIS LINE will hold a training session for all interested volunteers from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, in the Psychology Complex conference room in 206 Administration/Humanities Building. The session will cover crisis definition, caller profiles, reflective answers and referral techniques. The Crisis Line needs volunteers who are willing to work from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. two nights each month. The community-based service is supported by United Way.

"THE ROBBER BRIDEGROOM,"

Eudora Welty's comic fantasy set in the old South and performed with country singing and bluegrass banjo picking, continues NMSU's Summerplay series, Thursday through Saturday, in the Little Theater in Baldwin Hall. All Summerplay performances begin at 8 p.m. and admission is \$4 and \$3. Call 785-4515 weekdays, between 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. and 6 and 8 p.m.

ALL FACULTY AND STAFF are invited to a reception honoring Orville Bowers and Judson Martin from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday, in the Georgian Room of the Student Union Building. Bowers and Martin, professors of education, are retiring June 30.

ITEMS OF INTEREST...

SUMMER JOBS are available for students for both summer sessions at the Natatorium. Jobs include lifesaving (must be certified) and identification checking during recreational swimming hours. Interested students should apply at the Natatorium Office or call 785-4470 for more information.

THE BAPTIST STUDENT UNION will be holding Bible studies and other activities throughout the summer. For information, contact the BSU, 110 W. Normal, at 665-4841.

THE NMSU CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Center has openings for children ages 3 through 5 for both summer sessions. The Center is open from 7:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays. Children will be enrolled by the week at a cost of \$30 per week. For more information, contact Cyndy Bliem at 785-4475 or the Home Economics Division Office at 785-4472.

GOVERNOR JOHN ASHCROFT reminds all faculty and staff driving state vehicles to comply with posted speed limits. Voluntary compliance with this request will prohibit more serious measures.

THE JAPANESE CULTURAL Exchange Program seeks 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 McEnderfer at 785-4481 or at 665-2321.

NOTES...

Three members of the NMSU faculty have received publication notification. **Jim Barnes** of the **Language and Literature Division** has three translations of poems by German poet Dagmar Nick in the spring issue of "Translation." **Barnes'** book of poetry, "A Season of Loss," is scheduled for release in June by Purdue University Press. In the **Education Division**, **Lonny Morrow's** manuscript, "A Comparison of the Ability to Identify Nonverbal Depiction of Emotion by Behavior Disordered and Non-Handicapped Adolescents" will be published in "Behavioral Disorders." **Marlow Ediger's** manuscript, "Word Recognition Techniques in Reading," will be published in "English Language Journal," a professional journal for teachers, published in Argentina.

D A T E L I N E

WEDNESDAY

Last day to drop classes with a code
SAB Ice Cream Social, 6-7 p.m., SUB mall; movie, "Race for Your Life, Charlie Brown," 7 p.m., Aud., BH

THURSDAY

Summerplay, "The Robber Bridegroom," 8 p.m., Little Theater, BH, through June 22

JUNE 26

SAB Presents, "Footloose," 7 p.m., Aud., BH, S1

JUNE 27

Summerplay, "The Seven Year Itch," 8 p.m., Little Theater, BH, through June 29 and July 5-7

JUNE 28

Applications Due for four-year and two-year degree candidates graduating in August, Registrar's Office, 104 A/H

JULY 3

First Summer session ends, 5 p.m.

Northeast Today calendar issue deadline, 5 p.m., 202 A/H

JULY 9

Registration for second summer session, registration hallway, A/H
Classes begin, 1 p.m.

Free add/drop, through July 10