



# NORTHEAST TODAY

▶ VOL. 19 NO. 3 ◀

Northeast Missouri State University

January 25, 1993

## Warren Chosen for Retention Project

President Russell G. Warren is one of 36 state college and university presidents chosen to participate in a national student retention project conducted by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) and funded by a \$375,000 grant from the Student Loan Marketing Association of the Sallie Mae Corporation.

Selected for their commitment to and involvement in student retention programming and measurement, these 36 presidents were invited to meet with national leaders in November in Washington, D.C., to promote such efforts on their own campuses and also to serve as resources to other colleges. Warren plans to attend a regional conference in March and the national conference next fall.

This first annual retention project was designed to bring together campus teams to identify successful retention programs, to develop ways to assess progress in meeting student retention and graduation goals, and to establish networks to promote such programs.

To begin the process, AASCU will publish the outlines of each selected school's current retention programs. This publication will serve as a source of initial sharing of information and ideas;

and, thereby prepare the participating institutions for their respective regional conferences.

AASCU recognizes the critical role played by campus presidents in maintaining student success, one example being its selection of President Warren.

According to Kathy Rieck, dean of admission and records, NMSU was selected to participate in this project due to its higher than average retention rates. The average return for first- to second-year students, from the reporting AASCU schools, was 74.6 percent, whereas 83 percent of NMSU's '91 freshman class returned for their sophomore year. In conjunction with the formation of this national project, NMSU has set its goal at 85 percent for the return of the class of '92.

Further, the average for respondents to AASCU's survey question on six-year graduation rates for first-time, full-time freshmen was 39.8 percent. NMSU also exceeds this national average.

AASCU's retention and graduation averages coincide with numbers from a 1991 U.S. Department of Education Survey on Retention at Higher Education Institutions. This study revealed that 68 percent of students at public colleges and

universities were still enrolled after the first year.

Forty-two percent of students at comprehensive universities received baccalaureate degrees within six years. These kinds of numbers prompted AASCU to launch the three-year national project to improve higher education. Each year, 36 presidents will be invited to participate.

Rieck attributes NMSU's exceptional retention rates in part to the selective admission policies of the University and the dedicated students they, in turn, attract.

"As a state school, Northeast's selective admission standards are unusual," Rieck says, "The students who enroll at Northeast plan to complete degrees."

NMSU's assessment programs give valuable information regarding retention. Rieck explains that the use of the Institutional Student Survey (ISS), a student satisfaction questionnaire, alerted Warren to the top reasons students chose to stay at the University. They were (in random order): the quality of teaching, attitudes of faculty, teacher availability outside the classroom, quality of work within the major, and small class size, all of which contribute greatly to improved retention.



This winter has brought some of the heaviest snow and iciest conditions the campus has experienced in the last five years. However, like the Postal Service, neither rain nor sleet nor snow can slow down the University's Grounds Crew. The crew has put in extra hours during the months of December and January. According to Grounds Supervisor Keith Morton, more salt and ice melt has been used this year than in the past six or seven years. Pictured is the University's Ground Crew (front l-r) Robert Hoerrmann, Teresa Whitt, Robert Ashmore, Herb Treece, Keith Morton, Larry Hunter, (back l-r) Wayne Morton, Larry Waddle, Jeff Fuller, David West, Harold Baugher and Joe Morton.

January 19, 1993

Dear Members of the NMSU community,

Last April, the Undergraduate Council commissioned a task force to examine our General Education program. In May, this task force was established with one elected member from each division and two students appointed by Student Senate. The specific goals of the task force included identification of the knowledge, skill, and attitude objectives in the General Education program and eventual development of curricular proposals.

Since the summer, the Task Force has been educating itself by reviewing the national and local literature, by attendance at conferences, and by review of peer institutions. Our first decision was to take a step back from our specific charges and develop a "statement of philosophy" of General Education at NMSU. We thought that knowledge, skill and attitude objectives as well as the curricular proposals would flow from such a statement of philosophy.

Included next to this letter is a draft copy of the "statement of philosophy." Please give this draft careful reading and consideration. We are soliciting responses from all members of the community. In your responses, please note those statements which you especially value and approve of, as well as those statements that need revisions. Please note any omissions or redundancies. We are asking members of the community to make responses on the document or on an attached sheet, to sign their responses so that we can clarify revisions if necessary, and to return this by Tuesday, February 2 to your division or appropriate representative (a list of representatives accompanies this document).

Please understand that this is a draft document, subject to revision after public response. Community members are not being asked to vote upon this document at this time, but some future draft of this document will be presented to the University community through Undergraduate Council for approval. A series of public forums discussing this document will be held in the next two weeks, and the members of the task force will be available for consultation, at the forums and during these two weeks. These forums will be publicized in the various campus media and publications, and posted in the division offices. Please take these opportunities to offer your suggestions, revisions, and comments. The task force will take a lack of written response by a community member or members as tacit approval. We plan to discuss the revisions at our Friday, February 5 meeting, so we would appreciate your prompt response and commentary.

As we envision this as the first stage, we seriously solicit your response and your help in a project that must affect all members of the University community.

Sincerely,  
Dennis Leavens  
IAS Task Force

#### Liberal Arts and Sciences Task Force Members

Kay Anderson - Student Senate - X4193  
Paula Cochran - Human Potential and Performance - X4766  
Kevin Easley - Mathematics and Computer Science - X4297  
Janice Grow - Education - X4390  
Debra Kerby - Business and Accountancy - X4363  
Dennis Leavens - Language and Literature - X5980  
Karen McClaskey - Libraries and Museums - X4534  
Paulette Mittelstedt - Military Science - X4453  
David Nichols - Fine Arts - X4428  
Jess Rose - Student Senate - X4193  
Dean Van Galen - Science - X4461

#### A STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY FOR THE GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM AT NORTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

The mission of Northeast Missouri State University is to offer an exemplary undergraduate education, grounded in the liberal arts and sciences, in the context of a public institution of higher learning.<sup>1</sup> At the heart of this liberal arts and science mission lies a self-consciously developed program of general education. This program reflects concern for the development of the individual student, the faculty's overriding interest in teaching and learning, and the value of education to the community at large. In today's world this means that general education must prepare students to live in and contribute to a rapidly changing, increasingly challenging and complex world.

The Northeast program is built on three distinctive concepts: a cohesive curriculum develops a set of knowledge, skills, and attitudes characteristic of the Northeast graduate; general education courses actively engage the student in learning; and the university continually assesses the effectiveness of general education at both the individual course and program level.

The University community is committed to a program of general education at Northeast that:

- \* Fosters an attitude of inquiry and life-long intellectual curiosity
- \* Promotes a sense of responsibility to society at the local, national, and global levels
- \* Affirms the fundamental worth of learning for its own sake, of knowledge in a range of academic areas, and experience with various modes of inquiry
- \* Promotes recognition of interconnections among diverse disciplines
- \* Addresses specific and real problems by means of applying problem solving and informed decision-making skills
- \* Promotes an appreciation of how technology is fundamental to fully understanding the past, present, and future of the human condition.
- \* Promotes a global perspective including understanding of social and natural interdependence.
- \* Addresses western and non-western cultures, and the cultural pluralism in the United States
- \* Promotes an awareness of similarity and diversity including issues of power on relation to culture, race, class, and gender
- \* Explores the fundamentals of democratic society

The general education program links individual elements of its curriculum to knowledge, skill, and attitude objectives. The curriculum provides sufficient opportunities for all students to explore academic interests and promotes intellectual, cognitive, and skill development through effective sequencing of courses. Finally, the general education program is dynamic and responsive as development of courses and ways of actively involving students are encouraged and supported.

<sup>1</sup>House Bill 196 cited in "A Higher Order of Excellence," p. 5.

#### Open Forum Sessions for Statement of Philosophy Draft

Jan. 26 ..... Students Only  
Jan. 27 ..... Faculty Only  
Jan. 28 ..... Students and Faculty  
All forums will be from 3:30-5 p.m. in the SUB Gerogian Room

# Notes

A course request analysis will be conducted to improve course needs for students for future semesters. Please take time to fill out the form which appeared in the Jan 21 issue of the *Index*, and return it to your PA/RA on campus, or at the Student Senate Information Desk or the foyers of the library and McClain Hall.

Applications are now available for the Student Organization and Activities Advisory Committee in the CAOC. This committee will serve as an advisory committee to the CAOC on a variety of programs, policies, and issues. For more details and an application form, stop by the CAOC in the Student Union Building. Deadline for applications is Feb. 26.

Seniors wishing to apply for the MAE program must submit COMPLETE applications to the Graduate Office, McClain Hall 203, by Feb. 15. Be certain that all letters of recommendation are on file in the Graduate Office by that date. If you have any questions contact Heavenly McKown in Violette Hall 247 or call 785-4383. Applications may be obtained from the Graduate Office or from the Division of Education.

The NMSU Kirksville Area Alumni Chapter is sponsoring a University's 125th Birthday Party at 6:30 p.m., Feb. 4 at Kirksville Days Inn. Cake cutting by President Warren will be at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free, but reservations are requested by Feb. 1 and can be made through the Alumni/Development office, McClain Hall 106, 785-4133. For more information, contact Jeff Romine, chapter publicity chair at 785-4378 or Jane Flanders, manager of alumni activities at 785-4133.

Two \$500 scholarships are being offered by the Farmers Insurance Group to students majoring in mathematics, business administration, personnel, or other areas related to the insurance industry. Applicants must have a minimum 2.75 cumulative GPA. Applications are available in the Financial Aid office, McClain Hall 100. The deadline for submission is Feb. 1, 1993.

Alpha Phi Alpha will be selling \$5 weekend passes in McClain Hall this week for admittance to their weekend events, including the stepshow and party, 11:06 p.m., Jan. 29; the Miss Black and Gold Ball and Pageant, "Walk Along the Nile," 7:30 p.m., Jan. 30; and the post-ball party, 11:06 p.m., Kirk Gym, Jan. 30.

Student Senate formed an investigative committee early last semester to research the applicability and feasibility of an activities fee for NMSU and has created a rough proposal for a Student Activities Fee. Meetings to find out more information or

give feedback and opinion will be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 26 in Missouri Hall cafeteria; and at 9:30 p.m. Jan. 28 in the SUB Alumni Room.

Thomas Hueber, tenor, and Nancy Hueber, piano, will present a faculty voice recital with Russell Guyver, violin; Mary Weingartner, violin; Sarah Avery, viola; and Karen Becker, cello. The recital will be at 3 p.m., Jan. 31 in the SUB Activities Room, and will feature the music of Handel, Hohn, Chausson, Vaughn Williams, and a premiere performance of a piece by NMSU composer Warren Gooch.

Apply now for these 1993 Homecoming Committee positions: homecoming chairperson, publicity coordinator, awards coordinator, events coordinator, and newspaper editor. Applications are available in the CAOC, SUB, and are due Feb. 12 by 4:30 p.m. in the CAOC.

The NMSU Mid-Missouri Alumni Chapter is sponsoring a pre-game indoor tail-gate party and Bulldog/Lady Bulldog basketball games on Feb. 6. The tail-gate party will be from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in Bone's Lounge and Restaurant in Jefferson City, with the games to follow in Jason Gymnasium, Lincoln University. The price is \$7 per person, and includes hard/oeuvres, soda, cash bar, and game ticket. For more information, contact Jane Flanders at 785-4133 or drop by McClain Hall 106 to purchase tickets.

Faculty Development will be sponsoring an Active Learning Conference featuring speaker Charles Bonwell, author of *Active Learning: Creating Excitement in the Classroom*. The conference will be Jan. 29 from 1:50-3 p.m. with dinner, and Jan. 30 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with breakfast, both in the SUB Alumni Room. Admission is free, but reservations are required. Interested faculty and staff should call 785-5773 for reservations or information.

An International Education Recruiting Fair will take place Feb. 5-7 at Ohio State University. Anyone interested should check the Career Placement Center "Hot Files."

Columbia University will be offering summer housing for students with internships in the New York area. For more information, contact the CPC at 785-4353.

The Liberal Arts and Sciences Task Force will be hosting three open forum discussion sessions on the recently distributed draft of the Statement of Philosophy of General Education Jan. 26, 27, and 28 from 3:30-5 p.m., SUB Georgian Room. The session on Jan. 26 is for students to address their questions and concerns, Jan. 27 is for faculty, and Jan. 28 is for both students and faculty. See p.2 for draft.

# Notables

Stephen L. Allen, assistant professor of business administration, had his manuscript titled "Active Learning using Multi-Media in the Production and Operations Management Classroom: Requirements, Results, and Observations" accepted for publication in the 1993 proceedings of the Midwest Business Administration Association Annual Conference to be held March 23-26. Also, he will jointly present a workshop at the conference demonstrating active learning techniques in the classroom using multimedia techniques.

Jim Barnes, professor of comparative literature, had two poems, "Lovers Lament" and "Lovers, Night, November Rain," accepted for publication by *The Formalist*. The poems are part of his work-in-progress tentatively called Paris. On April 24, the Boston composer Ronald Caltabiano and the performing ensemble Alea III will present to a Boston University audience Caltabiano's new work, *American Passages*, based on a group of Barnes' poems from *The Sawdust War* and *The American Book of the Dead*. Barnes has been invited to address the audience after the performance.

Ben Bennani, associate professor of English, delivered a lecture titled "Is There an American Best Fable?" at Aichi University in Toyohashi, Japan. The lecture was the keynote address, commemorating the 50th anniversary of Aichi University. Bennani is also the president of the Best Fable Society.

Warren Gooch, assistant professor of music, will have his original musical composition titled *Flute Loop* performed Feb. 4 at the Region VI conference of the Society of Composers, hosted by the University of Central Oklahoma.

Keith Pavlischek, assistant college professor for Missouri North Residential College, has his paper titled "Abortion Logic and Paternal Responsibilities: One More Look at Judith Thomson's 'A Defense of Abortion'" accepted for publication in the philosophy journal *Public Affairs Quarterly*. Pavlischek also recently delivered a paper, "Public Education, Parental Rights and Distributive Justice: Would Education Vouchers Violate the Establishment Clause?," at the Church-State section of the American Academy of Religion.

## CPC Update

Jan 26 John Hancock Financial Services.

Resumes due for prescreening.

Feb 2 John Hancock Financial Services.

Interviews. Financial Services Representative. Finance, Economics, Marketing, Accounting majors, 2.5 and higher GPA. May '93/Aug. '93/Dec. '93 graduates.

Feb 3 Clay County Department of Parks,

Interviews. Park Ranger Division. Internship.

Feb 4 Farmers Home Administration. Inter-

views. Agriculture, Business, Finance majors.

Feb 23 JOB QUEST, 3-6 p.m., SUB.

# This Week

## 25 MONDAY

- ▶ 10:30 a.m.-4:20 p.m.—**Faculty Art Exhibition**, University Art Gallery, Ophelia Parrish; through Jan. 29. See Notes.
- ▶ 5 p.m.—**Informational meeting** for spring interunit study abroad program, Violette Hall 103. See Notes.
- ▶ 7 p.m.—“**Opportunities in International Business**” presentation by Mariella Mecozi of the Career Placement Center, SUB Tangerine Room. Sponsored by Delta Sigma Pi, co-ed professional business fraternity.
- ▶ 7:30 p.m.—**Bulldog Basketball** vs. Quincy College, Pershing Arena

## 26 TUESDAY

- ▶ 11 a.m.-4 p.m.—**Blood drive**, SUB Activities Room; through Jan. 28. See Notes.
- ▶ 3:30-5:30 p.m.—**Open Forum Session** for students sponsored by the Liberal Arts and Sciences Task Force, SUB Georgian Room
- ▶ 5:30 p.m.—**Terry Tenbrink**, vice president of institutional advancement at KCOM, “Fundraising for Non-Profit and Healthcare Organizations,” presented by American Marketing Association, Violette Hall 119
- ▶ 7 p.m.—**Student Activities Fee** informational meeting, Missouri Hall cafeteria

## 27 WEDNESDAY

- ▶ 3:30-5:30 p.m.—**Open Forum Session** for faculty sponsored by the Liberal Arts and Sciences Task Force, SUB Georgian Room
- ▶ 5:30 p.m.—**Lady Bulldog Basketball** vs. Missouri Western, Pershing Arena
- ▶ 7 p.m.—**Big Group Bible Study** sponsored by Campus Christian Fellowship, SUB Tangerine Room
- ▶ 7:30 p.m.—**Bulldog Basketball** vs. Missouri Western, Pershing Arena

## 28 THURSDAY

- ▶ 3:30 p.m.—**Annual Henry Smits Lecture**, SUB Tangerine Room. See Notes.
- ▶ 3:30-5 p.m.—**Open Forum Session** for students and faculty, SUB Georgian Room
- ▶ 7 p.m.—**Business Administration Club**, open meeting, Baldwin Hall 318
- ▶ 8 p.m.—“**Betrayal of Trust: Philosophy of Religion and Biblical Exegesis**,” a receptional discussion sponsored by the Philosophy and Religion Club, 411 E. Harrison
- ▶ 9:30 p.m.—**Student Activities Fee** informational meeting, SUB Alumni Room

## 29 FRIDAY

- ▶ 1:50-3 p.m.—**Active Learning Conference**, SUB Alumni Room. See Notes.
- ▶ 7 p.m.—**Movie Night**, Campus Christian Fellowship House
- ▶ 7 and 9:30 p.m.—**Basic Instinct**, SAB movie, Baldwin Auditorium. Admission is \$2 or free with an SAB sticker.
- ▶ 11:06 p.m.—**Alpha Phi Alpha** stepshow and Party, Kirk Gym. Cost is \$2 or free with weekend pass.

## 30 SATURDAY

- ▶ 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.—**Active Learning Conference**, SUB Alumni Room. See Notes.
- ▶ 9 a.m.—**Sophomore Test**, Violette Hall 172, 266, 290
- ▶ 7:30 p.m.—**1993 Miss Black and Gold Ball/Pageant**, “Walk Along the Nile,” Traveler’s Hotel, \$4 or free with weekend pass, sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity
- ▶ 8 p.m.—**Guest and faculty concert** featuring pianist Juan Francisco La Manna and violinist Marthe deVries and NMSU music professors Karen Becker, cello, and Russel Guyver, viola, SUB Activities Room
- ▶ 11:06 p.m.—**Alpha Phi Alpha Post-Ball Party and Afterset**, Kirk Gym. Cost is \$1.50 or free with weekend pass, sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

## 31 SUNDAY

- ▶ 3:30 p.m.—“**The Young and the Restless: Beating the Mid-Winter Blahs and Blues**,” a University Counseling Services Survival Series presentation, University Counseling Center, 201 E. Patterson
- ▶ 3 p.m.—**Faculty Voice Recital** featuring Thomas Hueber, SUB Activities Room. See Notes.

## 1 MONDAY

- ▶ 5 p.m.—**Informational Meeting** for those interested in the 1993 NMSU trip to Russia, McClain Hall 306. Students need not speak/understand Russian for this trip.
- ▶ 6 p.m.—**Campus Volunteers**, open meeting, Violette Hall 120
- ▶ 8 p.m.—**Faculty piano recital** featuring Robert Satterlee, visiting assistant professor of music, SUB Activities Room

## NOTES

There will be a **faculty art exhibition** Jan. 25-29 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:20 p.m. in the University Art Gallery, Ophelia Parrish. The exhibition will feature paintings, prints,

drawings, fibers, sculpture, and ceramics by eight NMSU Fine Arts faculty.

**Windfall**, the NMSU student literary magazine, is now accepting submissions for the spring 1993 issue. Submissions may be fiction, poetry, drama, art or photography, and should include a separate sheet with your name, address, and list of works’ titles. Send submissions to Windfall, CAOC, SUB. The deadline is Feb. 12.

**NMSU’s Fifth Annual National Art Competition Banquet and Juror Presentation** will be Feb. 6 at 6 p.m. in the SUB Alumni Room. The cost is \$8.50, or \$6 for students. Limited seating is available and reservations can be made by calling the Fine Arts Division at 785-4417 by Feb. 3.

A **travel/study abroad program** will be offered May 10-28 for six credit hours, which may be applied to humanities requirements, or as agreed between the student and advisor. Visits will be made to Belgium, Bulgaria, Germany, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands. The trip will combine study and field trips related to the European Community, as well as all historical and cultural aspects which time allows. A brochure is available with details. Those interested should attend an informational meeting which is scheduled for Jan. 25 at 5 p.m. in Violette Hall 103, or contact the Study Abroad office, Kirk Memorial 204, 785-7466.

A **one-credit-hour course**, SSCI 554 section 27, will be offered to prepare for Model United Nations competition in the fall. The course will meet on Thursdays at 8 p.m. in Ophelia Parrish 211. All majors are welcome to learn about Model United Nations Competition.

**The Social Science Lecture Series** will be sponsoring the annual Henry Smits Lecture featuring Professor Eleonore Stump. The topic will be “Aquinas on the Sufferings of Job,” and the lecture will take place on Jan. 28 at 3:30 p.m. in the SUB Tangerine Room.

**Delta Sigma Pi**, a co-ed professional business fraternity, will be sponsoring recruitment tables outside of Violette Hall 140 from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Jan. 27-Feb. 2. All business and accounting majors are encouraged to stop by for more information.

**Currently enrolled students living off campus** should pick up W-2s through Jan. 29 at the Payroll Window, McClain Hall 105, After Feb. 1, remaining W-2s for international students are at the International Student Office, Missouri Hall 110. W-2s for currently enrolled students living in the residence halls will be in their mail boxes.