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**U.S. CONGRESSMEN OSBORNE AND FORTENBERRY TOUR NORTHEAST AGRICULTURE COMPLEX**

Third District Congressman **Tom Osborne**, left, and First District Congressman **Jeff Fortenberry**, second from right, were on campus in early August for a tour of Northeast's Agriculture Complex and to host a forum for agriculture producers and agri-businessmen and -women there. Both Osborne and Fortenberry are members of the House Agriculture Committee and discussed the new federal farm bill that takes effect in January of 2008 at the forum attended by about 60 people. Northeast president **Dr. Bill Path** is pictured between the Congressmen. **Chuck Pohlman**, dean of agriculture, health and sciences, far right, led the tour of the Agriculture Complex.

**SNEAK PEEK PRESS CONFERENCE, BOARD OF GOVERNORS' MEETING HELD IN SOUTH SIOUX CITY**

The Northeast Community College Board of Governors held its monthly meeting in August at the new 10,000-square-foot South Sioux City Education Center. Before the monthly meeting, Sioux City/South Sioux City area media, city officials, and guests were invited to the facility for a Sneak Peek Press Conference and tour of the education center. The beautiful, state-of-the-art center includes general-purpose classrooms, a large business-industry training classroom, computer lab, and distance learning room. **Pam Miller**, Northeast's coordinator for the South Sioux City Education Center, is officed there, as well as an advisor/recruiter, **Teresa Frank**, and administrative assistants **Dawn Smith** and **Melissa DeLeon**. Northeast officials were extremely pleased with enrollment numbers when fall semester classes began August 22nd. Thirty different credit courses are offered there, along with many non-credit classes this semester.

**INSTRUCTOR PAM SAALFELD LEADS DRAMA STUDENTS ON LONDON TOUR**

Northeast Community College English instructor **Pam Saalfeld** led a group of 16 Northeast students on a tour of London in July. The group visited London landmarks, saw many plays, visited Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, and participated in an actors' workshop at the Globe Theatre. Some traveled to Paris, Stratford-upon-Avon, and Dover too. The group's trip caused a few anxious hours to those left at home as the Northeast entourage was in London on July 21st, the day of the failed attempted bombings at several bus stations throughout the city. The group was 100 miles outside of London at the time.

### **DRAFTING PROGRAM WELCOMES MORE STUDENTS THANKS TO VULCRAFT PARTNERSHIP**

The Northeast Community College drafting department welcomed twice as many freshmen students this year as last because of a partnership effort of Nucor-Vulcraft and Northeast. Early last spring, Nucor-Vulcraft announced that it would open a newly-formed Nucor Detailing Center (NDC) that will eventually hire 200-plus drafting/detailing technicians and support personnel. About 60 percent of its current detailing staff are graduates of Northeast. With a need for more highly-trained technicians, Nucor-Vulcraft partnered with Northeast to expand the drafting program. One large classroom was divided into two and an additional instructor, **Wayne Cross**, was hired to join **Harry Lindner** and **Gary Parker** on the drafting faculty. Last year 18 first-year students were enrolled in the program and this year there are 36 freshmen students. An additional 10 students also applied for admittance to the program this fall and are now on a waiting list for next year.

### **NORTHEAST AGRICULTURE INSTRUCTOR HONORED**

Northeast Community College agriculture instructor **Mike Roeber** was honored last spring by the 387-member Association of Career and Technical Education of Nebraska. He was the lone recipient of an Outstanding Service Award presented at an association banquet in Kearney held in conjunction with the Nebraska Career Education Conference. Roeber is also Northeast's livestock judging coach.

### **NORTHEAST BROADCASTING STUDENTS ASSIST COUNTY ATTORNEY AND BIG BANG BOOM**

Students enrolled in Northeast's broadcasting, radio and tv program had an unusual academic year in 2004-2005. Under instructor **John Skogstoe's** leadership, the students taped family impact statements that eventually became a 33-minute video used by Madison County attorney **Joe Smith** at the sentencing trials of two US Bank defendants. The video was produced at Smith's request. Skogstoe estimated that some 36 family members were videotaped.

For the fifth year, the NECC broadcasting department produced the live radio broadcast carried by three Norfolk radio stations for the Big Bang Boom fireworks display on Saturday, July 2nd, at Skyview Lake.

### **PTA PROGRAM GRADUATES ANOTHER 12 STUDENTS**

Twelve Northeast Community College students recently completed the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) program and were recognized at a special graduation ceremony. The students must now take a national exam. Successful completion of the national PTA examination is required by law in all but a handful of states before beginning employment as a physical therapist assistant. This was the 11th graduation ceremony for the PTA program and featured guest speaker **Marvin Hall** who developed the Northeast program and is now director of Rehab Central at Faith Regional Health Services in Norfolk. According to program director **Jodie Aller**, Northeast's PTA program has had a 100 percent graduate placement rate since the first class of PTA's graduated.

### **COX ACTIVITIES CENTER READY FOR STUDENTS ON OPENING DAY**

As anticipated, the \$2.5 million, 15,540-square-foot addition and renovation to the Cox Activities Center was completed in time for the opening of classes on August 22nd. The addition includes approximately 30 new rooms for use by the broadcasting, radio/tv, audio and recording technology, and music programs. Plans are currently being completed for a re-dedication of the Cox Activities Center on Sunday, November 6th. The event is planned for 1:30 p.m. A Pops Concert will follow at 3 p.m. in the Cox Activities Center Theater.

### **ENROLLMENT NUMBERS UP, FACULTY/STAFF INTRODUCED AT IN-SERVICE**

Officials at Northeast Community College were pleased with opening day numbers that showed a healthy enrollment increase of 5.42 percent in total semester credit hours. New students, and all students, were welcomed to campus along with many new faculty and staff members. At the fall in-service that preceded opening day of classes, 10 new faculty members and 13 new staff members were introduced to the NECC administration, faculty and staff.

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