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DENNIS BAACK RETURNS FOR SESSION WITH NORTHEAST BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Dennis Baack, executive director of the Nebraska Community College Association, began his six-stop tour of the Nebraska community colleges with a report to the Northeast Board of Governors at its October meeting. Baack said the Legislative priority for the NCCA again this year is full funding of the Nebraska community college funding formula. The formula, which calls for 40 percent state aid, 40 percent local property taxes, and 20 percent tuition and fees, has not been fully funded for three years. Full funding would mean an additional \$1.5-\$1.6 million dollars for Northeast Community College and dollar-for-dollar property tax relief to patrons in our 20-county area. "I don't think it's impossible for the Legislature to provide full funding in the next session," Baack said. He also said the Legislature may be asked to increase the community college's capital levy one-quarter cent a year for the next four years.

NORTHEAST REPORTS 4.88 PERCENT GROWTH FOR FALL SEMESTER

The full-time equivalent (FTE) figures are in and Northeast Community College reports a healthy 4.88 percent growth in total credit hours this semester. Students are enrolled in 42,962 credit hours this semester as compared to 40,963.9 credit hours last fall semester. Although the way college enrollment numbers are officially reported to the federal and state government can be a bit confusing, state aid is based on FTE's. Northeast president **Dr. Bill Path** said he is very pleased with the growth. He is especially pleased with enrollment figures at the new Education Center in South Sioux City. "We had more than double the number of students enroll for classes there this fall than we anticipated," he said.

K AND B TRANSPORTATION INC. DONATES TRUCK TO NORTHEAST

Officials of K and B Transportation Inc., South Sioux City, visited Northeast Community College recently to officially present a 2000 Freightliner diesel truck to the institution for use by the diesel technology department. The truck, with an insured value of \$36,000, will provide students with hands-on training in their lab work. K and B Transportation is a strong supporter of Northeast's diesel technology program, hires our graduates, and participates in the diesel coop internship program.

CHAMBERS PLAN COFFEE, RIBBON CUTTING AT SOUTH SIOUX EDUCATION CENTER

Our new Education Center will be the site of a coffee and ribbon cutting sponsored by the South Sioux City and Sioux City Chambers of Commerce on Friday, November 4th. The public is invited to the 10:15 a.m. ribbon cutting at 3309 Daniels Lane in the Westside Business Park. Tours of the facility will follow. Join us!!

COX ACTIVITIES CENTER REDEDICATION PLANNED FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

Mark your calendar now for the Rededication Ceremony of the newly-renovated Cox Activities Center on Sunday, November 6th, at 1:30 p.m. The ceremony will mark the completion of the \$2,570,000, 15,540-square-foot addition that added approximately 30 new rooms for use by the broadcasting, radio/tv, audio and recording technology, and music departments. A Pops Concert by the Northeast Community College Music Department follows at 3 p.m. in the Theater.

PHILANTHROPY ALIVE AND WELL AMONG NORTHEAST STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF

The students, faculty and staff at Northeast Community College continue to open their hearts, wallets, and schedules to help those in need. To name just a few recent projects, the International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) conducted a food drive for World Food Day; the Student Activities Council sponsored a Red Cross Blood Drive in which 114 regular units were donated; the American Association for Women in Community Colleges (AAWCC) raised several hundred dollars for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation during Lee National Denim Day on campus, the Drafting Club donated proceeds from its Fall Car Wash for Hurricane Katrina Relief, and the Student Nurses' Association donated many items to the Wesley Crisis Center in Norfolk. Faculty and staff also give to the Norfolk Area United Way drive now underway. In addition, the Student Ambassadors and Student Activities Council welcomed children to the Agriculture Complex for a Halloween Spooktacular recently. The Utility Line Club also plans a Harvest Breakfast on Wednesday, November 9th, beginning at 6 a.m. in the Agriculture Complex to raise funds for a Utility Line Scholarship and high-voltage demonstration trailer.

LATE HYACINTH HARSCH BEQUESTS \$64,000 TO NORTHEAST SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The late **Hyacinth Harsch**, who was raised on a homestead near Stanton, has left Northeast Community College a bequest of approximately \$64,000 to be used for a restricted scholarship for agriculture students that are residents of Stanton or Madison County. Hyacinth was a home economics teacher in the Norfolk Public Schools and had a special interest in seeing students succeed in higher education.

NORTHEAST'S PAM MILLER NAMED COUNTY OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

Pam Miller, Northeast Education Center coordinator in South Sioux City, was recently honored by her peers in the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) as the Nebraska County Official of the Year. She has been a Dakota County Commissioner since January 2003.

STUDENT AMBASSADORS BEGIN DUTIES

The nine-member Student Ambassador team has begun its duties at Northeast Community College. Following an interview process, the students are chosen to lead campus tours for prospective students and their parents, assist at all campus functions including college and job fairs, occasionally speak to civic organizations, or visit high schools with Northeast recruiters to talk with students. 2005-2006 ambassadors include **Lisa Kester**, Clearwater; **Melissa Heberer**, Hoskins; **Kevin Freudenburg**, **Jennifer Lee**, and **Hillary Saalfeld**, all of Norfolk; **Jill Goetz**, Plainview; **Jared Clay**, Springview; **Ryan Klitz**, West Point, and **Leslie Harnisch**, Parkston, S.D.

NORTHEAST FORENSICS TEAM OFF TO STRONG START

Northeast's 12-member Forensics Team, under the leadership of new coach **Melissa Lemke-Elznic** and captains **Lisa Kester**, Clearwater, and **Chrissy Courtney**, Lynch, has started its competitive season by bringing home several trophies and awards. **Gena Kimminau**, Guide Rock, won a bronze trophy in parliamentary debate at the Parliamentary League of the Upper Midwest Debate. The team placed ninth out of 22 two- and four-year colleges at the Creighton University Tournament. The team recently returned from a Forensics Tournament at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, Minn., with a First Place Junior/Community College Sweepstakes Award and Third Place Team Sweepstakes (for both two- and four-year schools) Award. Some 11 two- and four-year colleges competed in that tournament.

OPINIONS SOUGHT ON NORTHEAST NONCREDIT PROGRAMMING

Your input is being sought on what kind of noncredit, hobby, recreation, or special-interest classes you would like to see offered through the Continuing Education Department at Northeast Community College. Visit our homepage at www.northeastcollege.com and click on the link entitled, "Tell Us What You Think," under Northeast News and Events. After you've opened the link, you can give us your email and/or home address and you will be added to a database to inform you about upcoming noncredit classes.

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