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**NORTHEAST BOARD SEEKS CANDIDATE TO FILL McINTOSH'S UNEXPIRED TERM**

Following formal acceptance of the resignation of **J. Paul McIntosh** at the October Board of Governors' meeting, the Board now seeks applicants to fulfill his unexpired term that ends December 31, 2008. The Northeast Board consists of 11 members. McIntosh represents all 20 counties in Northeast's service area as an at-large member. Each member serves for a term of four years. Application deadline is Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006. Applications should be requested from Board Recording Secretary **Diane Reikofski**, Northeast Community College, P.O. Box 469, Norfolk, NE., 68702-0469. Nominations may also be sent to her and she will forward a formal application. She can also be reached by phone at (402)844-7055 or by email at [diane@northeastcollege.com](mailto:diane@northeastcollege.com)

**NORTHEAST'S ROBERT COOPER EARNS NATIONAL AWARD**

Northeast's **Robert Cooper**, off-campus utility line job training and safety coordinator, was presented the prestigious H.C. Potthast Award at the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual National Utility Training and Safety Education Association (NUTSEA) Conference in Oklahoma City recently. The award is presented annually to the job training and safety instructor who has best attained those qualities of dedication, leadership, cooperation, and service exemplified by H.C. Potthast. The honoree is also recognized for his or her outstanding contribution to the NUTSEA organization. The award is presented by the Line Superintendents' Section of the Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association. Cooper is the first Nebraskan to receive the national award, presented annually since 1972.

**PROFESSIONAL IAAP CHAPTER CHARTERED AT NORTHEAST CEREMONY**

The first professional chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) was recently chartered in a ceremony at Northeast. **Diane Born**, Certified Professional Secretary (CPS) and administrative assistant instructor at Northeast, spearheaded the establishment of an IAAP student chapter two years ago and led efforts to charter the first professional chapter in Norfolk. She was elected president of the newly-chartered chapter. Eight Northeast staff members were among the 19 installed in the professional chapter.

**INITIATIVE 423 ON BALLOT NOVEMBER 7TH**

On Election Day, Nebraska voters will be asked to amend the state constitution by passing Initiative 423. If passed, Initiative 423 will limit annual state spending increases to the consumer price index plus population growth. It is modeled after the Colorado Taxpayers' Bill of Rights (TABOR). TABOR was recently suspended for five years because of the hardships it created to elementary, secondary and post-secondary education, infrastructure, and health and human services programs. Because we are a political subdivision of the state of Nebraska, we are very concerned about the effects Initiative 423 would have on this institution if passed. Please give careful consideration to the pros and cons of 423 before casting your vote on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Roger Gipson, Northeast Faculty Association President**

### **189th WELCOMED HOME IN CEREMONY AT COX ACTIVITIES CENTER**

It was a day of tears and cheers last Saturday when the Nebraska Army National Guard's 189th Transportation Company, headquartered in both Wayne and Norfolk, returned from a tour of duty in Iraq and were officially welcomed home by a capacity crowd at the Cox Activities Center. The 189th left for Iraq in October 2005.

### **STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF ROLL UP SLEEVES AND EXCEED GOAL**

The first of four Red Cross Bloodmobiles this academic year was held on campus in early October. Students, faculty and staff rolled up their sleeves and exceeded their goal. A total of 153 units, 25 units over goal, was donated. The next Blood Drive at Northeast is Wednesday, December 6th, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

### **NORTHEAST AG COMPLEX HAUNTED WITH HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES**

The Northeast Community College Ag Complex was haunted with ghosts, ghouls and goblins of all ages in late October with two special events just for Halloween. On October 24th, the Student Activities Council and Student Government Association entertained over 1,000 small children and their parents with games, prizes, candy, and other activities at their 4th Annual Halloween Spooktacular. A few days later, the Student Activities Council hosted a two-evening Haunted House for teen-agers, young adults and adults at the Ag Complex. Another 560 area residents checked their courage at the door and had a frightfully good time at the Haunted House.

### **HISPANIC HERITAGE, AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH OBSERVED AT NORTHEAST**

The Multicultural Club concluded Hispanic Heritage Month activities with a Potluck Dinner attended by about 75. Folkloric dancers, including **Luis Alonso Franco** and **Alejandra Jiménez** from Madison, entertained. In an early activity for American Indian Heritage Month (November 1-30), keyboardist/founder, **Paul LaRoche**, and drummer, **Moses Brings Plenty**, of the contemporary Native American band, Brulé, presented a program, "Following The Seventh Dimension" for about 200 in the Cox Activities Center. Brings Plenty spoke about growing up Lakota on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota while LaRoche spoke about being raised as a Caucasian and learning at age 38 that he was Lakota and adopted at birth off the Lower Brule Indian Reservation. Brulé later performed at the Johnny Carson Theater.

### **TANN ACADEMIES HOST OPEN HOUSES**

Technology Academies of Northeast Nebraska (TANN) of Norfolk recently hosted an Open House at its quarters in the Lifelong Learning Center. The public was invited to see the students in their actual class settings. The TANN project of Norfolk is a joint effort of Northeast Community College, Wayne State College, and Battle Creek, Madison, Norfolk Senior High, Pierce, and Stanton High Schools to improve the technology opportunities for high school students planning to continue their education. Another Open House is planned at the Technology Academies of Northeast Nebraska at O'Neill on Wednesday, November 8th, from 1-4:30 p.m. This academy, a joint effort of Northeast, Wayne State, and O'Neill Public and St. Mary's High Schools, is at Northeast's Education Center in O'Neill at 409 East Adams Street.

### **NOMINATIONS STILL BEING ACCEPTED FOR ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**

Nominations are still being accepted for the 2006-2007 inductees into the Athletic Hall of Fame. Deadline for nominations is Wednesday, November 15th. The athletic achievements of male and female athletes, coaches, and/or teams while students or coaches at Northeast or a predecessor institution will be recognized. Accomplishments after leaving Northeast will also be considered. The nominee must not have been an active NECC athlete or coach for at least five years. Team qualifications include record, national ranking, and post-season tournament success. For more information, contact **Deb Potts** at (402)844-7272.

### **MUSIC DEPARTMENT PLANS POPS CONCERT NOVEMBER 5TH**

With the fall concert behind it, Northeast's music department has scheduled a Pops Concert for Sunday, October 5th, at 2 p.m. at the Cox Activities Center Theater. The concert will feature the Northeast Singers Express (an audition swing choir), Northeast Jazz Machine (audition jazz band) and the Norfolk Area Jazz Ensemble (big band with musicians from around the area.) **Linda Boullion**, music department chair and director of vocal music activities, is the director of the Northeast Singers Express. **Dr. Randall Neuharth**, instrumental music instructor/director of instrumental activities, is the director of the Northeast Jazz Machine and the Northeast Area Jazz Ensemble (NAJE).