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UNMC EXPLORES NEW NURSING DIVISION ON NORTHEAST CAMPUS

A proposed partnership with the University of Nebraska Medical Center and Northeast Community College will help alleviate a shortage of bachelor- and master-degree nurses in northeast and north central Nebraska. The plan calls for a new \$11 million, 35,000-square-foot building on the Northeast campus in Norfolk. At the proposed site, students could earn their two-year associate's degree in registered nursing (RN) from Northeast or a bachelor of science in nursing (BSN), master of science in nursing (MSN), or doctoral degree in nursing from the University of Nebraska Medical Center. The source of funds for the division would come from private and public sources. The proposal is now under study by the University Board of Regents' Academic Affairs Committee.

NPPD PRESENTS CHECK FOR \$12,500 FOR NORTHEAST SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Northeast Community College President **Dr. Bill Path**, on behalf of the Board of Governors, accepted a scholarship check for \$12,500 from Nebraska Public Power District recently. **Virg Froehlich** of Norfolk, board director for the Nebraska Public Power District, and **Roy Steiner**, NPPD vice president of safety and employee programs, presented the check during the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Governors. The funding was part of \$62,500 raised at the 2006 Wells Fargo Nebraska Open Golf Tournament in September. NPPD will present the rest of the monies to boards of the Central, Mid Plains, Southeast, and Western Community Colleges. In total, 11 Nebraska community college campuses benefit from the Wells Fargo Nebraska Open.

INTERVIEWS TO BEGIN FOR NEW BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEMBER

A selection committee of the Northeast Community College Board of Governors will begin interviews next week to fill a vacancy created with the resignation of **J. Paul McIntosh**, who has served on our Board since 1987. His unexpired term ends in December of 2008. A total of nine individuals have applied for the position.

NEW SEARCH ENGINE TO BENEFIT NORTHEAST FOUNDATION

Patrons of Northeast Community College are encouraged to use a new Internet search engine that will earn money for the Northeast Foundation with every usage. According to **Connie Sixta**, alumni/events coordinator, every time the search engine, GoodSearch, is used, approximately one cent will be donated to the Northeast Foundation. GoodSearch, powered by Yahoo! Search, can be reached at www.goodsearch.com. Those who go to GoodSearch are asked to select Northeast Community College Foundation in "Who Do You GoodSearch For?" GoodSearch has been featured in publications like *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *O, The Oprah Magazine*, and *Fortune Small Business*, and ABC News.

UTILITY LINE INSTRUCTOR COMPLETES EXTENSIVE INTERNSHIP

Gregory T. Nelson, a utility line job training and safety instructor with Northeast Community College, recently completed an internship in electric utility safety and loss control. The Loss Control Internship consists of several workshops offered by the National Rural Electric Association and the National Utility Training and Safety Education Association in areas related to electric utility industry safety. He is one of only a few electric utility professionals to receive this certification.

NORTHEAST DRAFTING STUDENTS DESIGN, BUILD STORAGE SHED FOR SIDNEY USE

Some 15 Northeast Community College first-year drafting students of **Wayne Cross** are currently building a 12 x 20-foot storage structure. It will eventually be taken to Sidney by Northeast's professional truck driver training students and used as a storage shed for Northeast's utility line staff in Sidney. The structure was designed by another drafting student last year, **Benton Cooper**. Northeast often uses these service learning projects as an alternative learning tool that also teaches students to give to their communities.

NORTHEAST BROADCASTING STUDENTS HOST ELECTION NIGHT NORTHEAST

Northeast Community College radio and tv broadcasting students provided local media great assistance on election night with their first-ever Election Night Northeast. Local, state and U.S. House and Senate candidates either stopped by the broadcasting department for live interviews or called in for phone interviews about election results. In turn, the interviews were fed to local radio stations for on-air use. Students also checked county results at four different courthouses. Instructor **John Skogstoe** spearheaded the activity with assistance from Director of Development **Angie McLean**.

VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM DRAWS NEARLY-PACKED HOUSE

A nearly-packed house heard the former State Director of Veteran's Affairs, **Keith E. Fickenschner**, give his presentation, "Freedom's Call," at our Veteran's Day program in the Cox Activities Center Theater. Air Force veteran **Tim Maas**, a Northeast student from Hoskins, also gave his moving PowerPoint presentation entitled, "Sacrifices." A flag raising ceremony at sunrise preceded the program.

FESTIVAL OF TREES RAISES THOUSANDS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, CAMPUS PROJECTS

Although final figures are not yet in, many thousands of dollars were raised by our chapter of the American Association for Women in Community Colleges (AAWCC) at its 6th Annual Festival of Trees recently. Several hundred toured the holiday displays by retailers, private individuals, and civic and student organizations and enjoyed the Tea Room desserts and live music. The monies raised will be used for Northeast scholarships and campus projects. In the fall of 2005, the AAWCC purchased a piano for exclusive use by the Life-long Learning Center partners with Festival proceeds.

"THE CHOSEN" PERFORMS AT NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE

"The Chosen," a five-voice choir of 10-12 -year-old AIDS orphans from Uganda, sang and dance several times at Northeast recently. The children, under the care of the AIDS Orphans Education Trust (AOET)-Uganda, are among two million AIDS orphans in Uganda. AOET also cares for orphans in Kenya and Zambia. The group, in Norfolk for 15 days, is hosted by our Financial Aid Director **Joan Zanders** and her husband, Dee. Joan and Dee volunteered at an AOET orphanage last spring for three weeks.

NORTHEAST'S CLASSIFIED STAFF TO BRIGHTEN HOLIDAYS FOR STUDENTS, FAMILIES

The Northeast Classified Staff Association is again sponsoring the Tree of Gifts. The tree, in the Library, is decorated with mitten- and stocking cap-ornaments that contain tags with gift suggestions. The gifts will be given to college students, faculty, staff, New Beginnings families, and residents of the Veteran's Home.

DEADLINE NEARS FOR PHASE II OF McINTOSH LEGACY FUND

The deadline for the opportunity to receive matching funds for scholarships in conjunction with Phase II of the McIntosh Legacy Scholarship program is December 31st. During Phase II, newly-endowed cash scholarships of \$5,000-\$50,000 will be matched 50 percent by the McIntosh Family. In addition, current McIntosh Legacy Society Members may receive a match of 50 percent for a cash contribution equal to or greater than \$2,000 to existing scholarship funds. Donors who sign a three-year pledge for a newly-endowed scholarship of \$5,000-\$10,000 will be matched 50 percent when the pledge payments are completed.

NORTHEAST TO OFFER THERAPY TRAINING FOR DOGS

Northeast will soon offer training to teach dogs and their masters how to offer emotional support to people in crisis. Before animals and their owners are accepted into the Paws-Up professional therapy dog program, however, they must successfully complete an interview process. The interviews are Saturday, December 2nd and 9th, at the Northeast farm north of the Regional Center on Victory Road. Under the instruction of **Carolyn Cheney**, dogs and their masters will be specially-trained to provide gentle, loving support in settings like schools, hospitals, nursing homes, and crisis situations. The training will be offered by Northeast in January, February and March. To schedule an interview appointment, call Carolyn at 371-2038.