

the required TOEFL scores and have enrolled as university students at Northwest upon completion of the P.E.P.

Two examples are Takenori Kamo, a 22-year-old male student from Saitama, Japan, and Tomoko Hiraoka, a 22-year-old woman whose home is in Hizuoka, Japan.

Both came to the P.E.P. program at Northwest because they wanted to see more of the world and other cultures, and after a year in the P.E.P. program each scored high enough on the TOEFL to enroll at Northwest.

Takenori is majoring in pre-engineering and plans to leave Northwest next May to enroll in a school where he can complete a degree in that area.

Tomoko says her desire was to major in psychology, a degree program she says she was unable to find in Japan.

colonized by England — i.e., Malaysia and Hong Kong — have much better preparation in English.

"Our students learn more than English," Ruff explains. "They learn how to be successful in an American university through our emphasis on learning how to learn." Ruff cites other program aims as teaching the students how to understand lectures and take class notes, write research papers, read textbooks, use the computer, make new friends, and find help when and where they need it.

The P.E.P. students who come to Northwest in the summer stay with host families in the Maryville community, and these families involve the students in their family routines as well as in special activities to begin the students' immersion in the American culture as rapidly as

and board in the University residence hall system during fall and spring semesters, and activities with host families during summer months.

Ruff is taking steps now to encourage students from other nations to become involved in the program. He is participating in an information program offered by Whithall Press in London to reach potential students in Europe, in the Middle East, Asia, and South America.

Ruff said the Maryville community has proven attractive to prospective P.E.P. students and to their parents, who see Maryville as a safe community. He says his program is a good one, but it can be better. "My goal is to make this one of the best programs in the country."

# Beesons establish hometown scholarship

**Donald D. Beeson**, a long-time Des Moines resident and senior agent for Principal Mutual Life Insurance Company, announced in November that he and his wife, Ann, were establishing a scholarship for a minority student graduating from the Des Moines Public Schools who wishes to pursue a career in teaching in Des Moines.

The scholarship will provide financial support for tuition, out-of-state fees, room and board, and textbooks at Northwest Missouri State. Northwest will provide part-time employment opportunities to assist the scholarship recipient with miscellaneous expenses.

In addition, Beeson announced that a summer internship program is being set up in Des Moines to further financially assist the recipient.

In setting up the scholarship, the Beesons established various criteria. Applicants must be members of a minority group and have the desire to be a teacher in secondary education, have the potential to teach, and be a positive role model to

juniors and seniors in high school. Applicants will also be judged on the basis of financial need and high school academic achievement. A committee in the Des Moines Public School System will make the selection of the scholarship recipient.

The recipient will attend Northwest, which Beeson called "a leading regional university in educational training."

Yearly renewal of the scholarship is to be based upon the recipient maintaining at least a 3.0 grade point average on Northwest's 4.0 grade scale.

Beeson said that he and his wife are convinced that involved individuals can make a difference in Des Moines and its future.

"It is our belief that teachers are of primary importance in how good a community can be," he said.

"We feel our community can be measurably improved by the introduction of additional opportunities for future teachers, especially minorities, through

providing them financial assistance so that they can receive a quality education without incurring long-term debt."

It is the expectation that the scholarship recipient will be given consideration by the Des Moines Public School District for employment opportunities in its secondary school system following successful preparation for teacher certification.

Beeson said that he hopes it will be possible in the future to provide additional graduates an opportunity to receive a "quality education and return to Des Moines to assist others achieve a better social and economic life."

Beeson has served Northwest as a member of the Board of Directors of the Northwest Foundation, Inc. He was honored by the University by being selected as last summer's commencement speaker and with the presentation to him of the Distinguished Alumni Award. In 1987, the University presented him its Turret Award for outstanding service.

## Financial details finalized for construction projects

**Northwest's Board of Regents** in November cleared the final financial hurdle leading to the 1993-94 renovation of Roberta Hall and the renovation and enlargement of Lamkin Gymnasium.

The Board approved the sale of revenue bonds to finance the \$3.5 million Roberta project and the \$5.5 million Lamkin improvements. The Board approved sale of some \$8 million in housing bonds to finance the Roberta renovation as well as pay off outstanding 1962 and 1965 auxiliary bond issues. In addition, approval was given for \$6 million in bonds for the Lamkin project.

Phil Richter, an official with Boatmen's First National Bank of Kansas City, said the average interest rate on the bonds over their 21-year life is 6.26 percent, about .25 percent better than anticipated. Richter said this saving over the life of the bonds would amount to a saving to the University of about \$500,000. Boatmen's is serving as the University's agent in the sale of the bonds.