

# ROCKET REVIEW

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## Bob Curtright Will Retire After More Than 35 Years at Northeast

Mr. Curtright remembers several teachers who modeled behavior that he wanted to emulate. They must have been great models based on the comments made as he announced his retirement for the end of this school year. "He treated everyone with respect and was a very calm considerate individual. We respected him because he was a good teacher and he treated us like young adults," said a 1980 graduate who is now an educational administrator himself.

Bob received a bachelors degree from Kearney State Teachers College in 1968, and Masters degree UNL in 1972. He taught four years in Ord, NE from 1968 to 1972. "In a rural community some opportunities occur that are difficult to emulate in a larger system," he shared. "The president of the school board was a veterinarian. He made arrangement to bring in a dead calf and proceeded to carry out a postmortem inspection for erudition of a class of physiology students. The students took it as a natural event and seemed to very interested. The calf had died of pneumonia."

Following his experience in Ord he moved to Northeast where he eventually became the chair of the science department. When asked about the upgrades at Northeast Mr. Curtright had this to say, "The new facility is a much-improved setting. I am thankful to the public for providing LNE students a great facility and to Pfizer who provided us extra dollars (by a grant) to help us with supplies. I think the new facilities favorably impact science instruction."

Bob recalled too many students to make mention. "In some cases, I later found myself working with former students in a different setting. These relationships have been especially rewarding. I am proud to have been a teacher and I enjoyed working with students throughout the years."

"His goal was to make Lincoln Northeast a better place for students. He's a master teacher, he knows his skill and craft very well. Bob is a deep thinker and a common sense kind of guy," said Principal Kurt Glathar. Students and the entire Northeast community enjoyed working with Bob. He will be greatly missed. ★

## Upcoming Rocket Reunions

Year	Contact	Date
1968	Cindy (Giebelhaus) Ocker <i>clocker@q.com</i> Linda (Oliver) Wilson-Weichbrodt <i>lindaw@windstream.net</i> Leslie (Provorse) Dermann <i>provorseonce@aol.com</i>	June 18-19, 2010
1975	Gary Mays 402-434-5066	June 19, 2010
1980	Mike Ryan or Cheryl Stepanek <i>LNERockets1980@gmail.com</i> <i>www.classreport.org/usa/ne/lincoln/lnehs/1980</i>	June 11-12, 2010
1990	DelRay Ballroom located at 817 R St Check out Facebook at Lincoln Northeast Class of 1990 Class Reunion	August 14, 2010
2000	<i>www.4weather.org/2000reunion/</i> <i>christal.kuchera@gmail.com</i>	July 31, 2010

## Building Updates for Lincoln Northeast

The 500+ wells dug in the football field and baseball diamonds have been filled. Feeding students lunch in three different areas of the building has come to an end. The auditorium, once the eyesore of the school, is now a state-of-the-art facility that is in constant use. All this and more because the voters of Lincoln said YES to schools.

You will be amazed by how the presence of natural light changes the whole atmosphere. Don't miss the orchestra room with the equipment to record student auditions for honors opportunities. In the auditorium, lights, sound, seating, and air conditioning have transformed the space. The 1970's science labs have been converted to counseling offices and brand new labs have opened another world to students. There are still some finishing touches, but this 2-year journey is coming to an end. It's still the Northeast you remember fondly, ready to educate the leaders of tomorrow. ★



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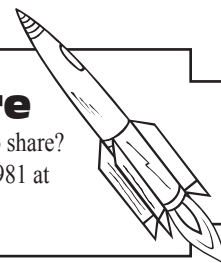
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## Something to Share

Do you have accomplishments or other news to share?  
Contact Kris (Surface) Beckenbach, Class of 1981 at  
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# **LPS Junior Air Force ROTC Program**

**By student Hannah Wittwer**

The objectives of JROTC are to educate and train high school cadets in citizenship, promote community service, instill responsibility, character, and self-discipline, and provide instruction in air and space fundamentals.

The AFJROTC program is grounded in the Air Force core values of integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do. The curriculum emphasizes the Air Force heritage and traditions, the development of flight, applied flight sciences, military aerospace policies, and space exploration. Lt Col Karen Pullen and MSgt Trent Woodruff head up the program housed at Northeast.

AFJROTC motivates cadets to take part in their communities, volunteer for charities and work diligently. I have participated in numerous volunteer events because of AFJROTC. It is rare when a week goes by without some opportunity to support the community. The Corps instills the cadets with the value of service before self. In no other classroom have I seen as many willing hands go up to volunteer for community service than I have in AFJROTC. Cadets show themselves to be more motivated than any other group of students. Cadets approach their assignments and jobs with a positive attitude.

From the two semesters I have been with AFJROTC, I have gained experience in leadership. From the moment I stepped into the classroom I was given responsibility. I am the Public Affairs Officer, for that position I created and maintain the AFJROTC Facebook page and I've done several promotional flyers for our work with Treats for Troops. Through my position I've been given numerous opportunities to work with my peers and I've been given responsibility over fellow cadets as their leader. ★

## **Northeast Fast Facts**

--18% of Northeast senior students are taking Advanced Placement or Dual Credit courses this year.

--13 students won statewide awards in art this year. More than 150 students are enrolled in digital art classes. ★

## **Fund-a-Need**

A chance to give back to Northeast is available any time on the LPS Foundation website. Teachers list items needed to enhance classroom instruction along with the funds required. You select a project that is important to you and give directly to the school that impacted your life. Your tax-deductible contributions make a huge difference for today's students. ★

## **Northeast High School Champions Fund**

As part of the Foundation's Great Schools...Forever! campaign, the Lincoln Northeast Champions Fund has been created. This endowment fund will provide innovative programs and help educators advance their curriculum now and for future generations. Because needs for students and schools change throughout the years, the Lincoln Northeast Champions Fund will help fund initiatives that will make a difference for students and teachers for years to come. ★

*Once a Rocket,  
Always a Rocket!*