

Northeast Today

**NMSU****MONDAY, June 11, 1984**

HAPPENINGS

WEDNESDAY, June 13

7 p.m. SAB Movie, "Educating Rita," Aud., BH

Last day to receive refund for withdrawal from school

THURSDAY, June 14

Last day to drop courses without a code

STUDENTS HELPING STUDENTS LEADERS are still needed for Summer Orientation, which begins today. SHS Leaders volunteer for one day to assist new students with orientation. For more information, contact the Freshman Counseling Office at 785-4136.

SUMMER RECREATION SCHEDULES for this week are listed below. Volleyball teams compete in the women's gym in Pershing Building, and softball teams play on the softball field behind Stokes Stadium.

SOFTBALL

Monday

5:30 p.m. Aztecs vs. Skidrow
6:30 p.m. Top of the Hill Gang vs. Stooges II
7:30 p.m. Running Rebels vs. Bombers

Wednesday

5:30 p.m. Brew Crew vs. Fubars
6:30 p.m. Aztecs vs. Stooges II
7:30 p.m. Skidrow vs. Bombers

VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday

5:30 p.m. V-Ball 3 vs. Rockets
6:30 p.m. Running Rebels vs. V-Ball 3

THE JUNE 11 SUMMER RECREATION SIGN-UP and informational meeting that was noted in the last edition of Northeast Today will **not** meet. The meeting will be held July 11 to organize activities for the second summer session. For those who missed the June 6 meeting and are still interested in participating, contact the Student Activities Office at 785-4222.

FINAL DISTRIBUTION OF THE 1984 ECHO for the first summer session will be from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, in 332 Administration/Humanities Building.

FIRST-TIME FRESHMEN who are currently enrolled in summer classes and who have not enrolled in fall classes may do so at 2 p.m. Tuesday, in the Activities Room of the Student Union Building.

NORTHEAST FACTS

FIRST SESSION ENROLLMENT totaled 2,465 on the first day of classes. This is a 6.4 percent decrease from the 1983 total. A final headcount will be taken Tuesday and is expected to reach 2,650. Data shows that enrollment of freshmen and sophomores is about equal—260 and 264, respectively. The total for juniors is 425 and 664 for seniors. Graduate students had the largest enrollment figure with 892. Thirty students are enrolled under the specialist area.

NORTHEAST NOTES

Ronald Knight, Mathematics, has been invited to address the Sixth International Conference on Trends in Theory and Practice of Nonlinear Analysis, June 18-22, at the University of Texas at Arlington. Knight will present his recent research in dynamical systems and topological dynamics.

Marlow Ediger, Education, is on the thesis examination committee for Annamalai University, Tamilnadu, India.

Ray Klingensmith, General Counsel, was elected director of Rotary International June 5 by Rotarian delegates assembled at the organization's annual convention in Birmingham, England.

Going for the gold

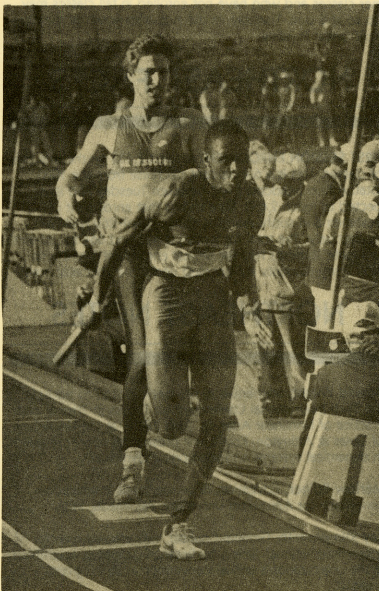
Armstead sprints to trials

Not since 1972, when Larry Jones, a quartermiler, tried to earn a spot on the U.S. Olympic team and was eliminated in the semifinals, has NMSU had a possible Olympic contender in its midst.

Senior Ray Armstead, another quartermiler, will participate June 17 in the first-round competition of the 400-meter dash at the Olympic Trials in the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

Armstead won himself the opportunity to go for the gold May 13 when he was clocked at 45.88 in the 400 meters at the Pepsi Invitational in Cape Girardeau, well under the qualifying time of 46.0 needed to compete in the trials.

Two weeks later at the NCAA Division II Championships in Cape Girardeau, Armstead pushed himself further and earned second place with a time of 45.54, his personal best in the event.



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For Armstead, two-time All-American and winner of the 400-meter dash in the MIAA Championships three years in a row, making the trials was simply a matter of believing in himself.

"Nobody believes in me like me," he said. "I am my number one fan."

Armstead's confidence worked for him at the Pepsi Invitational. Two weeks prior to the event, Armstead took a spill when he suffered a cramp at the Drake Relays. But Armstead didn't let the injury jeopardize his chances to compete at the Olympic trials.

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The satisfaction of making the trials made other disappointments, such as his injury at the Drake Relays and his elimination from the finals of the NCAA Division I Championships, easier to bear.

Armstead missed qualifying for the finals by .01 second. "I would have had a chance to run against the big boys. Those are the guys I'll be running against in the trials," he said. Before the Division I finals, Armstead was ranked nationally in the top 15 for his event. New rankings were not available.

If half of being successful is thinking you are going to be, Armstead is more than halfway to becoming an Olympic contender. But, there's always that possibility that he won't make it all the way to the 1984 Summer Olympics.

"What happens then?" he was asked.

"1988," he replied simply.

OLYMPIC FORM—Ray Armstead, senior quartermiler, begins his leg of the 4 by 100 meter relay after getting the hand-off from freshman Bill Dorsam at the Drake Relays April 28. Later in the race, Armstead took a spill when he suffered a cramp in his leg.