

# Northeast Today



MONDAY, June 28, 1982

## HAPPENINGS

### WEDNESDAY, June 30

7 p.m. "Legend of the Lone Ranger" Aud., BH

### THURSDAY, July 1

8 p.m. "Fashion," Lit. Theatre, BH.

### SUNDAY, July 4

Independence Day

### MONDAY, July 5

Independence Day Holiday, no classes, offices closed

### THURSDAY, July 8

5 p.m. End of first summer term

"THE LEGEND OF THE LONE RANGER" will be shown at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Baldwin Hall Auditorium. The movie is sponsored by the Student Activities Board. Admission price is \$1.

"FASHION," the second in the three-play Summerplay '82 series will be presented July 1, 2 and 3 in the Little Theatre, Baldwin Hall. Tickets are \$3 and \$4 for the general public, \$1 for NMSU students, faculty and staff.

GRADUATION APPLICATIONS for summer graduates should be turned in to the Registrar's Office by 4 p.m. Wednesday.

CLASSES WILL NOT MEET Monday, July 5, because of the Independence Day holiday. All offices on campus will also be closed. Classes resume at 7:30 a.m. July 6.

BIBLE STUDY SESSIONS will be held each Monday night at 7 p.m. at the Baptist Student Union, 110 E. Normal. Everyone is welcome.

A 5,000 METER RUN sponsored by the Adair County Family YMCA will be held Tuesday, July 6. The run begins at 7:15 p.m. in front of the YMCA, 214 N. Elson. Entry fees are \$5 before July 5 and \$5.50 after. For more information, contact the YMCA.

TWEEN CLUB, a summer recreation program for children ages 6-14 will be held as part of the 1000 Hills Summer Youth Program. The program includes swimming, bowling, campouts and other activities. For more information or to sign up, contact Dr. Tom Duden, 785-4439

SOFTBALL AND VOLLEYBALL schedules for this week are listed below. Volleyball games are played in the Little Gym of the Pershing Building.

### SOFTBALL

#### Monday:

5:30 p.m.  
7 p.m.

Foul Balls vs. AKL  
Hawks vs. Sluggers

### VOLLEYBALL

#### Tuesday:

5:30  
6:30  
7:30

Sabers vs. Individuals  
Roofs Woofs II vs. Pica Pounders  
Misfits vs. Terrorists

#### Thursday:

5:30  
6:30  
7:30

Pica Pounders vs. Sabers  
Individuals vs. Misfits  
Roofs Woofs II vs. Terrorists

## NORTHEAST NOTES

CAROL FRIESEN, Home Economics, will be a guest on the WGEM talk show, Contempo, at 12:45 p.m., July 11.

JIM BARNES, Language and Literature, has new poems appearing in the current issues of "Riverfront," "The Journal of Irish Literature" and "New Letters."

THE "NORTHEAST TODAY" CALENDAR for the second summer term will be published on Monday, July 12.

# Microcomputers: giving new meaning to an Apple for the teacher

Microcomputers today can help you count your quarters or spend them—depending on whether they're used to balance your personal budget or supply the maze in your favorite video game.

The growing popularity and practical application of computer technology probably accounts for the success of Dr. Jerry Vittetoe's microcomputer workshops. Vittetoe estimates that his three-day workshop in the middle of July had all 45-50 spaces filled in two weeks or less.

As little as two years ago, however, he had only 21 or 22 people in a similar workshop. "I guess I was just too early," he said. "Now people are becoming aware that there's something there. The price (of microcomputers) is coming down and there is more demand for this in the schools, the homes and on the farms.

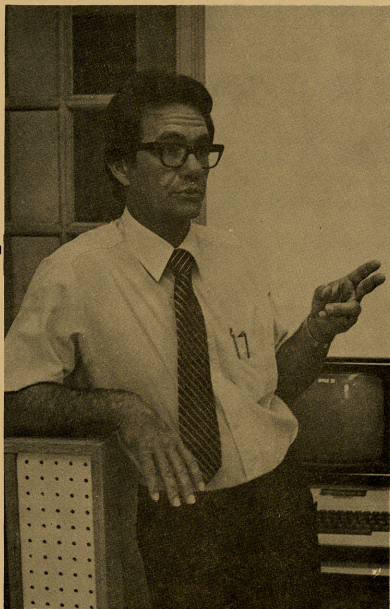
"To some degree, even video games have played their part. A lot of the mystique has gone out of them (computers); people are realizing they aren't going to get bitten or shocked."

The uses of these small computers are many. "I just don't know where it's going to end," Vittetoe said. They can be used in conjunction with a television set to play video games or help keep the family or business budget in order.

Vittetoe recently received a new electronic worksheet. With it, a person can plug in his probable income for the upcoming year, say \$10,000 for example, work out a budget for the year, then say "What if I only make \$8,000 instead of \$10,000?" The computer will show all of the areas in the budget that will be affected.

Word processing is also a popular function of the computers. They can be interfaced with a typewriter to turn out business-quality letters with few errors because all editing is done on the computer screen.

Vittetoe predicts that computers "will be in a lot of households soon." Technology is expensive, he said, but as more companies manufacture it, the price of an item goes down. "Microcomputers can be purchased for as little as \$200 now, though prices range to approximately \$7,000.



**Dr. Jerry Vittetoe teaches the microcomputer workshops that are so popular this summer**

"Publicity has played a part in the popularity," Vittetoe says. The Commodore brand is offering three for the price of two with their computers and Apple is trying to put one in each high school district in the country, a total of 76,000 machines, he said.

Microcomputers are on their way to becoming a way of life at NMSU, too. Business majors are required to take Introduction to Data Processing as part of all certificate and degree programs. Many are also required to take Programming, Vittetoe said.

A microcomputer lab is in the University's plans for the near future. In the lab, students will work under supervision so that all of their questions can be answered on the spot. Vittetoe hopes the lab will be completed before the Fall semester. Room 186 of Violette Hall is the site that is now being discussed for the lab.