

Northeast Today



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TUESDAY, July 5, 1983

HAPPENINGS

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7:30 a.m. Classes resume

THURSDAY, July 7

8 p.m. "The Front Page," Little Theatre, through Saturday

FRIDAY, July 8

5 p.m. First summer term ends

SATURDAY, July 9

8 p.m. Jasmine concert, Aud., BH

FREE PARENTING CLASSES sponsored by the Adair Family T.E.A.M. will be held from 7-9 p.m. on Thursday and July 11. The classes will be held at the Child Development Center on West Normal, and topics will include general child development, nutrition, discipline and at-home activities with children. Child care will be provided. For more information call Cynthia Bliem, temporary instructor of home economics, at 785-4475.

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.

VOLLEYBALL

Wednesday:

5:30 p.m. SAB vs. Netters
6:30 p.m. Live Wires vs. 54 Plus

SOFTBALL

Tuesday:

5:30 p.m. Too Tall Tears vs. Roadrunners
6:30 p.m. St. Charles Thumpers vs. Too Tall Tears

Thursday:

5:30 p.m. St. Charles Thumpers vs. Too Tall Tears
6:30 p.m. Roadrunners vs. St. Charles Thumpers

"Northeast Today" is a newsletter published by the Public Relations Office each Monday. The deadline to submit information about events of campuswide interest is 5 p.m. on the Wednesday before publication. To ensure accuracy, articles should be submitted to the **Public Relations Office** on forms available at **202 Administration/Humanities Building**.

JASMINE, a two-woman band from the St. Louis area, will perform in concert at 8 p.m., Saturday. The concert in Baldwin Hall Auditorium is jazz, folk and rock and is sponsored by the Kirksville National Organization for Women. The public is welcome, and admission is \$5.

STUDENTS HELPING STUDENTS LEADERS are still being sought for the New Student Summer Orientation program. Volunteers can assist for one or more days in orienting new students to NMSU. For more information and to sign up call Mark Peper, student coordinator of the Students Helping Students Program, at 785-4136 or contact Freshman Counseling, 102 Administration/Humanities Building.

EQUALITY WALK/RUN '83, sponsored by the Kirksville Chapter of the National Organization for Women, begins in Red Barn Park, Sunday, at 7 a.m. The NOW Walk/Run is part of a campaign to ensure equal rights for all Americans. Runners and walkers acquire pledges for each mile completed. All contestants receive caps and the top four money earners win prizes. Entry forms are available at Pagliai's Pizza, Four Seasons, The Under the Water Tower Cafe, the Student Union Building and the KCOM Thompson Student Center.

A BOOK SALE, sponsored by the Veterans Club, will be held July 11-13 on the third floor of the Student Union Building for students who need to buy or sell books for the second session.

"**THE FRONT PAGE**" by Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur is the second of three plays produced by the summer theater program. The comic, melodramatic production will be presented at 8 p.m., Thursday, in the Little Theatre and continues through Saturday. Reservations can be made by calling the Box Office, Baldwin Hall, at 785-4515 from 12:30-2:30 p.m. or from 6-8 p.m. Tickets are \$4 and \$3 for the general public. NMSU students, faculty and staff are admitted for \$1.

SENIOR TESTS will be given July 12 at 3 p.m. in 103 Administration/Humanities Building. Students who plan to graduate at the end of the summer session and who did not take the test during the fall or spring semesters should contact the Testing Office, A/H 103, at 785-4140 in order to have their names placed on the list to take the test.

SUMMER MEMBERSHIPS are available to the public at the KCOM/KOHC Thompson Campus Center. Memberships begin now and end Aug. 15. The air conditioned facilities include weight room, whirlpool and sauna, gymnasium, an indoor track and other facilities. For cost and other information contact Dan Martin, manager, at 626-2213.

Hot nights under the spotlights

Doing two things at once can be confusing at best and impossible at worst. For the Summerplay cast, it is a challenge to make the best of the situation.

Now in its third season, Summerplay was created as a replacement for the Ice House theater program in Hannibal, Mo. The Ice House was closed as a fire hazard, and the University moved the program to campus.

The program, directed by J.G. Severns, professor of dramatics, presents three productions in eight weeks. Because of the tight schedule, the company rehearses one play and presents another at the same time.

"When we're performing one and trying to build a set and rehearse for a second, that's when it gets hectic," sophomore David Raleigh said. This is Raleigh's first summer with the program, and he said although the pace is difficult, the experience is worth it.

Each afternoon and evening the company rehearses, and between stage calls they build the set, find props and work on costumes. This is also junior Mason Scandridge's first season with Summerplay, but he has been involved in several productions during the academic year. He said actors are pushed for time in Summerplay more than during other productions. "Rehearsing afternoons and nights it probably equals out to four weeks (the rehearsal time during the academic year), but you're still rushed, especially on lines."

During the summer actors must develop their characters quickly, Scandridge said. Instead of a couple of weeks to learn lines, they have a couple of days. This can add to the pressure when producing a play like "The Front Page," which opened last weekend. The play has an unusually large number of characters onstage and speaking at the same time. "Everybody has to have their lines, and everybody has to have the right cues," Scandridge said. "It's hard work, and you've got to stick with it."

Besides presenting "The Front Page," the company begins rehearsal this week of the season's last play, "A Streetcar Named Desire." It is also a difficult play with intense characters, Julia Miller, graduate, said.

Miller is a veteran of both the first Summerplay season and the Ice House. Summerplay is easier than Ice House in some ways because the actors do not have as many things to worry about, she said. The actors do not sell tickets or concessions as they did at Ice House, but the experience is still valuable. "I think it (Summerplay) helps give a tiny idea of what summer stock or repertory would be like," she said.



Martin and Sally Cramer, played by junior Randy Bame and senior Deb-bie Hays, think back about the early days of their marriage and the thief which stole them in "Thieves." The play was the first of three productions to be presented by Summerplay.

For freshman Gretchen Claggett, the fast pace makes her concentrate, and she enjoys the hectic job. "It's becoming harder and more interesting because I have more to do," she said. "It's becoming more challenging, and I prefer it that way."

Scandridge said the company is still adjusting to the busy schedule. "I'm still getting used to it—to being here every day and working 10 hours. It only gets harder if you let it get away from you."

The company is getting closer as the season progresses, Claggett said. "The season is becoming more fun. Working brings people closer together." Midway through the season, Claggett has already learned a lot, she said, and the entire company gains experience.

"Everyone should grow by next fall," Scandridge said. The program is especially valuable to inexperienced actors, he said. "This will really tell if they want to stick with it."

Summerplay presents "The Front Page" at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and "A Streetcar Named Desire" on July 14-16 and 21-23 in Baldwin Hall Little Theatre. NMSU students, faculty and staff are admitted for \$1.