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## 109 Taiwanese Master the Arts

Teachers, administrators, city councilmen, bankers, a "senator": these and other prominent people are attending classes here on campus for five weeks to earn master's degrees. Their names may not sound familiar to Americans; these men and women hold these positions in their native Taiwan. For the summer, they are trading in their titles for textbooks.

"They're influential individuals, very capable, very able and extremely studious," **Robert Stephens**, head of the Division of Industrial Sciences, said.

Beginning in 1981, the Taiwanese Teachers Program brought less than 20 students to Kirksville to participate in the graduate program. This year, however, more than 100 people enrolled, almost twice the number of those attending last year. The participants attend regularly scheduled classes and visit industries and other sites during their stay in the United States.

The Taiwanese graduate students arrived two weeks ago to begin studies in industrial education; industrial technology makes up half of the vocational education curriculum in Taiwan. The students will earn nine credit hours during the five-week stay. Even though it takes more than two years to earn the required 30 credit hours, they are pleased to have the opportunity to master the degree. In Taiwan, with a population of more than 18 million, residents find it difficult to enter into the country's one graduate school specializing in this field.

"Unless they're the cream of the crop, the Taiwanese can't get advanced degrees," **John Sapko**, associate professor of power and automobiles, said. "These students are given the opportunity to study here and get a

degree they never could get in their country."

In 1980, the Chinese government lifted visitor visa restrictions for people over the age of 30, opening the door to study abroad. Learning of the new visa policy, David Hwang, program coordinator, encouraged some Taiwanese friends to attend Northeast to earn master's degrees. Attending the University costs less for the Taiwanese than enrolling in the graduate school in their homeland.

Most of the Taiwanese possess a workable knowledge of the English language; however, interpreters are available in and out of class to help the Chinese-speaking students comprehend the lecture material and the handouts provided in class.

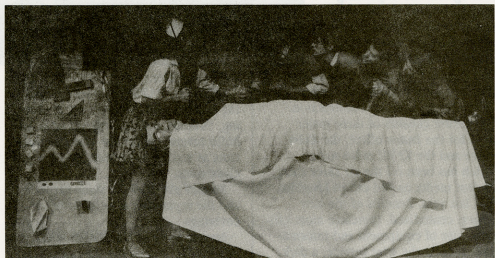
First-timers to the program will

return next summer to complete another nine hours. As an extension of the program, a faculty member in industrial science travels to Taiwan for five or six weeks; Sapko returned in June after instructing classes there. If the Taiwanese participate in the program in their country, they can earn an additional six credit hours. By attending a session again in following year, the Taiwanese can earn the remaining credit hours needed to complete the degree.

The master's degree the students earn will help improve the education and industry of the island nation, Sapko said.

"When they go back, they'll think of America, and what they learn they'll take back with them," Hwang said. "It's a good international relationship."

## S U M M E R P L A Y



*Summerplay cast members Monica Castro, Jim Saunders, Dan Krumm, Darren Thompson, James Walk and John Prewitt appear in "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty," a sketch presented in "A Thurber Carnival." Performances begin at 8 p.m., Thursday and Friday, in Baldwin Hall, Little Theatre.*

# This Week

## 23 THURSDAY

- Last day to drop classes with a code
- 7 a.m.-4 p.m.—Division of Family Sciences food services workshop, SUB, Activities Room; luncheon held in the SUB, Georgian Room

## 24 FRIDAY

- 8 p.m.—Summerplay, "A Thurber Carnival," Baldwin Hall, Little Theatre, through Saturday. All performances at 8 p.m.

## NOTES

- The fee for an NMSU transcript will increase to \$2 per copy beginning in the fall term.
- Purchasing is accepting sealed bids for University surplus property. Anyone interested may inspect the

items from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday-Thursday, in Ophelia Parrish and in the former Dulaney Baldwin Implementation building on Business Highway 63. Bid forms may be picked up at the inspection sites, A/H 108 or A/H 105. Bid envelopes should be marked SPD88-01 and be received by Purchasing by 2 p.m. Friday.

- The Missouri Humanities Council, formerly the Missouri Committee for the Humanities, has moved to a new location in the central west end of St. Louis, in the Lindell Professional Building, 4144 Lindell Blvd., Suite 210, 63108. Grant proposals submitted to MHC must be presented on the new application forms now available at the current location. Deadline for requests for more than \$1,500 is Sept. 1.

## NOTABLES

- **Jim Barnes**, professor of English, will have his poem "Learning Balance" published in *Amelia Magazine* in Bakersfield, Calif.
- **Marlow Ediger**, professor of education, will have his manuscript "Using the School Library" published in *Resources in Education*.
- **Miles Lovelace**, associate professor of education, had an article titled "Instructional and Curricular Implications for Colleges which Recruit Older Adults as Students" published in the summer issue of Kansas State University's *National Issues in Higher Education*. Lovelace will also speak on the subject at a conference at the University of Wisconsin in October.

# Dozing Through the Summer

You can't park behind some of the residence halls; you can't park on the south side of Stokes Stadium. They won't even let you swim in the Natatorium. Students, faculty and administrators are all too familiar with some of the obstacles the construction on campus is causing. But the impending benefits offered by these projects promise to make present inconveniences worthwhile.

### THE STUDENT MEDIA

**CENTER** on the bottom floor of the Student Union Building adjacent to the Games Room is under construction. The Center consists of three major areas for the *Index* office, the *Echo* office and the KNEU radio station, which has been off the air since the student media moved out of Laughlin Hall last year. Benefits of the new center: centralized, therefore more efficient, use of equipment and information, such as the wire service; a dark room with new equipment and a revolving door; and new tables, chairs, desks and shelves. Typesetting and other miscellaneous equipment is being moved from Ophelia Parrish to



the new center.

**OPHELIA PARRISH** is also undergoing construction. Workers are plastering, painting and ripping out walls to build several offices for graduate assistants as well as to remodel some of the classrooms.

Repairs also include some carpeting and the repainting of some window coverings.

Several areas of **MISSOURI HALL** are undergoing repairs this summer. The bathrooms are being upgraded, the building is getting new carpeting, workers are painting each floor, and the rooms are receiving regular yearly repairs. Residence Life is installing a

faculty office in the hall and, like every residence hall across campus, Missouri Hall will be getting new lounge furniture.

**NASON HALL** is undergoing similar miscellaneous repairs. Major construction in the hall includes the building and the remodeling of the bathrooms.

Behind both halls, on the east side of campus, workers are repaving the **PARKING**

**LOTS**. The same is being done to the lot south of Stokes Stadium. Construction of walkways and landscaping of green areas will follow at both locations.

**THE NATATORIUM** is being patched, coated with a sealant and then painted. Workers are coating and repainting walls and ceilings. Repairs will also redo the surfaces of the tartan floors in **PERSHING ARENA**.

Bids for construction on the addition to **PICKLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY** were opened July 17. After construction of the addition, the main library will be remodeled. The project is expected to be completed within the next four years.