

Northeast Today



NMSU

MONDAY, June 27, 1983

HAPPENINGS

WEDNESDAY, June 29

7 p.m. "Hollywood Knights," Aud., BH

THURSDAY, June 30

5 p.m. Graduation application due for undergraduates, A/H 104

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

MONDAY, July 4

Independence Day, classes dismissed, offices closed

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 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

Monday:

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

Wednesday:

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

SOFTBALL

Tuesday:

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

Thursday:

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

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.

"**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 opens at 8 p.m., Thursday, in the Little Theatre and continues through Saturday. The show will be presented again July 7-9. 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. NMSU students are admitted for \$1.

"**HOLLYWOOD KNIGHTS**" is this week's Student Activities Board movie. The film will be shown at 7 p.m., Wednesday, in Baldwin Hall Auditorium. Admission is \$1.

FREE PARENTING CLASSES sponsored by the Adair Family T.E.A.M. will be held from 7-9 p.m. on Monday, Thursday and July 7 and 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.

"**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**.

NORTHEAST NOTES

Jim Barnes, Language and Literature, has two poems appearing in the current issue of *Boundary 2*, a journal of post-modern literature, published at State University of New York (Binghamton). He has also had a poem accepted for publication in the fall 1983 issue of *South Dakota Review*.

Marianna Giovannini, Freshman Counseling, has been elected to the directorate body of the American College Personnel Association Commission II. The commission is involved in the development of admission, orientation and school-college relations programs. She will serve as a member of the directorate during the academic years 1983 through 1986.

Matt Eichor, Criminal Justice, recently made a forensic analysis presentation at the Midwest Regional Section of the Association of Official Analytical Chemists in Ames, Iowa.

Marlow Ediger, Education, had his manuscript, "The Word Processor in the Curriculum," accepted for publication in *Focus*, a professional journal for teachers and administrators.

Terminal magic attracts campers to practice their keyboard skills

by Kathy Armentrout, intern

Summer camp: hiking, sports, crafts and campfires. Computers do not fit into the summer camp image. Yet, for a week at NMSU, 37 high school students chose keyboards over diving boards to concentrate on their computing skills.

In its ninth year, the camp is one of the oldest computer science camps in the nation, Tom Duden, director of the 1000 Hills Summer Youth Program, said. Although the camp does not have the outdoor atmosphere of most summer camps, it is attractive to many high school students.

"Most are attracted by the magic of computers," John Bartling, associate professor of mathematics and director of the camp, said. Through the camp they can find both a friend and a helpful tool, he said.

Most of the students came to the camp because of an interest in computers, but each had a unique reason for that interest.

"I came for a broader understanding of the field which is and will be even more vital to our society," Ming-Jon Lowe, a junior from Fort Madison, Iowa, said. "I'm going to be involved (with computers) no matter what job I have."

Mike Willman, a Kirksville senior, said, "I just never had any experience with computers, and I wanted to get some experience." During the week-long camp, Willman and the other camp participants learned programming techniques, worked with the BASIC computer language and used both microcomputers and the IBM main-frame computer.

"Each student took away something different," Bartling said. In addition to the opportunity for hands-on computer work, students practiced math skills. "If they go into computer science, they need all the math background they can get."

The camp was originally designed for students with little or no experience with computers, but some of the participants had done computer work. Lane Rogers, a Moberly freshman, has a personal computer at home. "I didn't know all the language; it (the camp) taught me that." He said he was still learning about his computer, and the camp helped him better understand it.

Lowe and Rogers had worked with computers in their high schools, but Debra Smith, a junior from Green City, had never used a computer. "I had never known anything about computers." She decided to come to the camp because her



Near the end of the computing contest, Debra Smith, Penny Bonnett and James Sweet cooperate to complete their program. The contest allowed the campers to apply their newly-acquired knowledge.

high school is purchasing computers, and because she is interested in working with computers in a business career.

Because of the variety of the students' experiences, Bartling divided the camp into an intermediate and an advanced division. He kept the program flexible to work with individuals on specific skills. "I tried to tailor it to individual needs."

Few of the students had worked on a system as powerful as the University's IBM computer system. Although each computer system is unique in its specific operation, the operating principles of each language remain the same, Bartling said. Thus, students who do not have access to IBM computer terminals can still apply the principles learned at the camp by adapting them to their individual systems.

"It broadened my imagination and thinking capability," Lowe said. "I'll be able to apply it (computer knowledge) because it made me think."

Bartling said the material might have been covered better in a two-week camp, but one week of intense work encouraged participants to concentrate solely on improving their computer knowledge. So, although no campfires crackled during the week, imaginations burned as the students discovered more about the growing world of computers.