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Kids Know Best

They are known to many of us as faculty and administrators, but to several NMSU students, they're better known as Dad. For this Father's Day issue, we asked their children to share one incident in the past which best captures the ties that bind father and child.

◆"When I had a lead in a musical, he couldn't be there so he wired a telegram."—**Anita Kinkeade**, alumna, daughter of **President Charles McClain**

◆"One time when we were in Italy, we were at the Leaning Tower of Pisa. He told me not to go out on the railing. Well, I did, and the marble was slick, and I ended up hanging off the Leaning Tower of Pisa by a column and had to be pulled back in. I started listening to him a little bit after that."—**David Severns**, sophomore, son of **James Severns**, professor of dramatics

◆"I recently . . . opened up my own dance studio in Macon, and we were worried that I might have to take out a loan because it costs a lot to get a studio started. . . . He came over to my apartment and just gave me an envelope and said, 'This just came for you,' and just left. Then I opened it, and it had a letter and a check inside for enough money for me to open up my dance studio."—**Robyn Peterson**, sophomore, daughter of **Dan Peterson**, director of bands

◆"I was thinking about quitting this play, when I was in the sixth grade, and he sat down with me and walked around with me. We weighed everything in the balance to determine if it was really going to be worth my time, and then I decided it was something I really wanted to do."—**Michael Smith**, sophomore, son of **Terry Smith**, dean of students



"When I was three years old, he took me to work one day and . . . I picked up the scissors and cut his tie off."—**Krista Cable**, junior, daughter of **Bill Cable**, director of sports information

◆"When I used to write poetry, and I didn't think it was any good, he went out and got it published for me."—**Laura Magruder**, freshman, daughter of **Jack Magruder**, head of the Division of Science

◆"I went into his office right after I got done with my first final in college. . . . He told me that it didn't matter, that no one was going to remember in a 100 years what happened, and that as long as I'd done my best, then that was okay. That was important coming from him, because it was a math final, and I wanted to do really well to please him. . . ."—**Sara Morley**, graduate student, daughter of **Lanny Morley**, head of the Division of Mathematics and Computer Science

◆"I'd been out of high school for 10 years and then came back (to college), so it was a really brand new experience for me, something that was

sort of foreign. But, he took my hand and guided me through it."—**Jordan Jay**, junior, son of **Austin Jay**, associate professor of zoology

◆"He told everybody that I sucked rocks on the golf course. He was only joking. I had played terrible, and we both knew it. He's always there at the other end as well telling me what I did right."—**Kristin Lesseig**, senior, daughter of **Sam Lesseig**, associate professor of Mathematics and Computer Science

◆"We went to Florida one summer. My dad and I went sightseeing by ourselves. I was impressed by his knowledge and the things he knew about a place that was really kind of unfamiliar to us. He could tell the history and neat little facts about anything that we would see."—**Leigh Klingensmith**, sophomore, daughter of **Ray Klingensmith**, general counsel

This Week

23 TUESDAY

- Last day to drop classes with a code

25 THURSDAY

- 8 p.m.—Summerplay, "The Fantasticks," Baldwin Hall, Little Theater, through Saturday. All performances at 8 p.m.

26 FRIDAY

- Applications for graduation due at the Registrar's Office for all undergraduates (both four-year degree and one- and two-year certificate candidates)

27 SATURDAY

- 7:30-midnight—Kirk Academy dance, SUB, Activities Room

NOTES

- Part-time jobs are available for the summer with Residence Life Facilities. Workers are needed for painting, maintenance and housekeeping duties; experience preferred. Apply 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Facilities Office, 114 Ryle Hall, 785-5253.
- The summer hours for the Writing Center have changed to 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday, and 6-10 p.m., Monday and Wednesday. Walk-in hours are 9 a.m.-noon, Monday-Thursday and Tuesday and Wednesday, 1-2 p.m.

NOTABLES

- **Jim Barnes**, professor of English, will have a poem, titled "Petroglyphs," published in Sulphur River, a literary review in Commerce, Texas.
- **Marlow Ediger**, professor of education, will have the following manuscripts published: "Enrichment in Mathematics" in *The Instructor*; "The Word Processor and the Curriculum" in *The Journal*, published by the Ontario, Canada Teachers Federation; and "Improving the Science Curriculum" in the Colorado Association of Science Teachers Journal.

UNISYS and NMSU: The Power of 2



UNISYS, the nation's second largest computer company, donated almost \$75,000 of computer equipment to Northeast in September 1986. Corporate officials selected NMSU to receive the donation because of the national recognition it received for its value-added assessment program. UNISYS also purchased the University's alumni-records system to add to its product line.

Last fall, the computer company donated 15 B27 Master/Cluster microcomputers and software, ranging from word processing and business graphic software to micro typesetting equipment. To date, the UNISYS donation is the largest gift in-kind the University has received from a corporation, David Clithero, staff assistant in alumni/development, said.

By fall 1987, the new microcomputers should be operational. Dave Rector, director of computer services, plans to install the computer units in several administrative offices on campus, as originally proposed to corporate officials.

"We made a proposal saying as an educational institution we need this equipment. . . . in the Alumni Office or the Publications Office, just in general, and they funded it," Rector said.

So far, the Dean of Students Office is the only office to install one of the microcomputers. The Alumni Office, Publications and Admissions are also targeted for the new computers. Rector said three or four computers have to be placed within the same community and logically throughout the administrative offices.

Before buying Sperry Computer Co. and forming UNISYS, Burroughs began a working relationship with the University. Northeast even appeared in the company's summer 1985 customer magazine, Burroughs Solutions. During the same year, Burroughs inquired about an alumni system the University had developed.

In 1984, the Alumni and Computer Services offices started to create a software program that would contain alumni records, eliminating the old file-cabinet approach. The alumni system that was developed allowed the office to update information in the files more efficiently, store more data and locate needed facts more quickly than in the past.

Burroughs purchased the rights to the system from the University, while modifying a few elements to make it compatible with other universities' computer systems. The program now used by the Alumni Office includes the additional revisions. As part of the agreement made with the computer company, Northeast Missouri State University receives credit for initially designing the system in every publication the newly-acquired UNISYS product appears in.

Purchasing the alumni system may have helped the company finalize the decision to donate the newer models to Northeast, Rector said.

"Technically, the microcomputer equipment had nothing to do with the alumni system," Rector said. "They have a separate grants office."

Both UNISYS and NMSU benefit from the exchange; the company received a new product and the University received new computer equipment.