

# Northeast Today

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GABE KAPLAN, star of ABC's "Welcome Back Kotter", is coming to campus March 29. The University's chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, education honorary, is sponsoring his appearance scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in Baldwin Auditorium. Limited tickets will be available and will go on sale first to University faculty, staff and students in the Student Union next week. Tickets will be \$3.50.

REP. JERRY LITTON, candidate for the U.S. Senate, is scheduled to address the annual spring meeting of the Northeast Missouri Teachers Association Friday on campus. The meeting will begin with a general session at 9 a.m. in Baldwin Auditorium.

Litton, congressman from Missouri's 6th district, announced his candidacy last week for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Sen. Stuart Symington.

A number of University faculty and staff will be speakers during the various afternoon departmental sessions.

ERIC F. GOLDMAN, Rollins Professor of History at Princeton University, will be the featured speaker at the annual banquet of Nu Chi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, honorary fraternity in history, and the Historical Society at 6 p.m. March 18 in the Student Union.

As special consultant to President Lyndon B. Johnson, Goldman initiated plans for the celebration of the nation's bicentennial and wrote much of the legislation which established the Bicentennial Commission. His topic will be "1776 and 1976: The Continuing Revolution."

Tickets to the banquet and lecture are \$4 and may be purchased before March 12 in the Business Office or from Phi Alpha Theta or Historical Society members.

Those who want to hear the lecture but not attend the banquet are invited to come to Baldwin Hall at 8 p.m. that night. Admission will be with a validated University I.D.

The lecture is part of the Lyceum Series.

SOME OF THE GREATEST ART AND ARCHITECTURE IN THE WORLD will be included on the itinerary for a 15-day tour of Italy being sponsored by the University June 14-29. Participants have the option of receiving two or three semester hours of graduate or undergraduate credit by enrolling in an independent Environmental Studies course taught by A.J. Copley, trip coordinator. (continued on back)

The trip will leave from New York City on the 14th (participants must arrange their own transportation to N.Y.C.). Included on the list of stops will be Milan, Florence, Rome, Verona, Venice, Naples, Pisa, Sorrento, Pompeii, Sienna, Trevi, Genoa, and Assisi.

All guide fees, hotel accommodations, air fare from New York City, land transportation by private motorcoach, services of a tour director and some meals are included in the tour price of \$968 plus \$15 per credit hour for undergraduate credit and \$20 per graduate credit hour and a \$10 workshop fee. Deadline for registration is May 1. Copley's extension is 3354.

EDUCATION THROUGH THE AGES is the theme of a display in the library March 1-12 sponsored by Phi Alpha Theta, history honorary. The collection includes books, pictures, school bells, school attendance lists from the 1880's, etc. owned by faculty and members of the honorary.

1723 to 1855 -- APPROXIMATELY 25 BOOKS PUBLISHED DURING THOSE YEARS, from Judson Martin's private collection, are on display in the library for the next three weeks. A variety of topics are represented including medicine, reading, spelling, religion, law, history, geography and morals.

BUCKLEY AMENDMENT PLUS 1 ... One year after the amendment to the Elementary and Secondary School Act of 1974 (commonly referred to as the Buckley Amendment), few colleges and universities report major problems but it has forced some changes in the offices of admissions directors and registrars.

As reported in the February, 1976 Case Currents (published by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education), 13 institutions with large applications pools were contacted in an informal telephone survey and asked how the amendment has affected them. Northeast Today asked the same question of Kent Farnsworth, University Admissions Director/Registrar.

Most administrators at the 13 schools said they have noticed little change in letters of recommendation received since January of last year. They overwhelmingly agreed that they are often bland-- but no blander than before the amendment became law. They also agreed that some letter writers have always been, and continue to be, tough. Farnsworth said that a number of University faculty have said that the law would probably influence what they wrote in such letters.

Those surveyed also were asked if the amendment has created any special problems for them. All 13 said that, while no major problems have resulted, there were perplexing minor changes.

Many noted that the telephone has replaced written communication and is now almost standard operating procedure in cases involving sensitive information. One administrator said, "I get a sort of signal to call, and then to destroy the notes."(continued on next page)

Farnsworth said that, overall, the amendment has had a restrictive effect on most students and seems to have helped only a very few--those with bad grades. Now, if a prospective employer asks for a student's transcript, Farnsworth's office has to contact the student and have the student give written permission before the transcript can be sent. Neither student requests for transcripts or information about them can now be given over phone. Farnsworth said that the paperwork is often a time-consuming process and further delays a student's application for employment.

He also said that the law has influenced him to make certain policy changes. Now, after a student files a formal application for graduation, he has until the end of that semester to edit his transcript and have any probation information eliminated from it if the conditions have been met. Overall, he said, "The amendment has bogged down things that were usually taken care of easily."

A NEIGHBORHOOD CONFERENCE, sponsored by the Kirksville City Council, is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. March 9 in the Conference Room of the Student Union. Mayor Jerry James and the council will be available to discuss city government with University faculty, staff and students. Brochures explaining the proposed one per cent city sales tax will be available at the meeting.

FACULTY NOTES ... David Travis, Practical Arts, will be enrolled in a short course in pesticide training sponsored by the Environmental Protection Agency March 9-10 in Maryville. On March 22-26 he will take a short course in Modern Fertilizer Technology at Muscle Shoals, Ala. The course is designed for teachers of agriculture and is being sponsored by the Tennessee Valley Authority....Jim Barnes, Language and Literature, has had another poem accepted for publication in The Nation. The poem, "Four Things Choctaw," along with an earlier acceptance, "The Snow Bird," should be appearing within a few weeks.... Charles G. Fast, Health, Physical Education and Recreation, spoke on "Certification for Health Teachers and Senate Bill 742" at a meeting of the Missouri Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation Feb. 27-28 in Columbia, Mo. He also met with Richard McDowell, newly appointed director of the Bureau of Community Health Education of the Missouri Division of Health on campus Monday. Gerry Gagnon, health educator from Macon, joined them to discuss training needs for school and public health educators in the University area....Chandler Monroe, Language and Literature, spoke on his philosophy of teaching, good written and spoken English and contemporary existential literature Monday before a group of faculty and students at St. Mary's College, O'Fallon....Jack Dvorak, Language and Literature, spoke to three communications and journalism classes at Canton High School last week.