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Students' Game Promotes Physics Knowledge

Trivia is not something that is taken lightly today. The popularity of trivia is evident by the variety of games on a multitude of subjects ranging from baby-boomer to baseball trivia available on toy store shelves and on top-rated television game shows. And as a result of a proposal by the NMSU chapter of the Society of Physics Students (SPS), trivia games just might be showing up in the classroom.

In an effort to promote physics, Northeast's SPS chapter proposed "A Physics Knowledge Game," a trivia board game that quizzes a player's knowledge of physics. The game will target several levels of physics knowledge and will feature different categories of trivia, for example, history, astronomy, quantum mechanics, electrodynamics and famous people.

The game was one of only six of the many proposals received from the more than 500 SPS chapters across the country funded by the national office of the Society of Physics Students. Northeast's chapter was awarded the 1988 Marsh W. White Award which supports projects proposed by chapters that "promote interest in physics among students and the general public." The chapter received an honorable mention in 1986 for a proposal to measure conductivity without material contact.

Chapter President Richard Marshall said that many people are

afraid of physics. He would like to change that attitude while bringing more of the people who are interested in physics a little closer together. He hopes the project will help develop cohesiveness between the organization's chapters and their sponsoring institutions. And on a larger scale, his goal is more communication between SPS chapters nationwide.

Kenneth Hahn, assistant professor of physics and adviser for the SPS chapter, feels that "the physics organization has done a tremendous job in improving the interactions among the students and faculty. This award is just an example of the initiative shown by the organization," he said.

The members are working presently on the game's board design. Although nothing has been set, some of the possibilities include arranging spaces in physics patterns or different energy levels of atoms. The students might also center the game action around an infinity figure or a black hole. Currently, they are collecting game questions from faculty members and students.

The group will continue to work on game specifics, and hopes to have all plans finalized by the end of summer. Once completed, the 25 pre-engineering and physics majors want to send their game to chapters around the country and if possible, hold competitions at regional SPS meetings.



SAB Summer Schedule

JULY 12

WATERMELON FEST

1:30-3:30 p.m., on the quad. Admission is free.

JULY 19

SUPERMAN

A walk-in movie at nightfall in Red Barn Park. Admission is free.

JULY 24

JOHN MALLORY

7 p.m.—comedian, magician and juggler John Mallory will perform on the mall. Admission is free. Ice cream will be served at 6:30 p.m.

This Week

4 TUESDAY

- **Independence Day**, classes dismissed

5 WEDNESDAY

- **Sign up** for Pizza Hut interviews begins. See Notes.

7 FRIDAY

- **Last day** to drop eight-week classes with a code
- 5 p.m.—**End** of first five-week session

Notes

Discount tickets to Worlds of Fun and Oceans of Fun in Kansas City, Mo., are on sale from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily in the SAB Office, Student Union Building. Worlds of Fun tickets cost \$10; Oceans of Fun tickets cost \$9.

The Business Placement Center, Violette Hall 112, is offering free resume critiquing, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Resume critiquing for education majors is available at Career Planning and Teacher Placement, McKinney Center, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

The Business Placement Center has the following new resources available: *Better Letters: A Handbook of Business and Personal Correspondence*, *How to Write a Winning Personal Statement for Graduate and Professional School* and *The Complete Guide To Public Employment*. The Career Resources Information (CRI)

microfiche collection, including information on more than 3,000 organizations, as well as 1989 business directories for Missouri, Iowa, Illinois and Kansas, and Sunday editions of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, *The Kansas City Star* and the *Chicago Tribune* are also available.

The deadline for all August graduates to have filed placement papers is July 28. All education majors (bachelor's, master's and specialist degrees) must file placement papers with Career Planning and Teacher Placement, McKinney Center. All other majors need to file placement credentials at the Business Placement Center, Violette Hall 112.

Spring 1990 class schedules are available in the Dean of Instruction's Office, A/H 203.

Pizza Hut will conduct interviews on July 19 in the Business Placement Center, Violette Hall 112. They are seeking management trainees for Kansas City, central Missouri, and Midwest locations. The interviews will be in 45-minute intervals from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. There will be two schedules and all majors are encouraged to sign up. Sign-up will begin on July 5.

August graduates are encouraged to check the Job Opportunities Board outside the Business Placement Center, Violette Hall 112, for open positions. New listings are posted daily.

The Business Placement Center now has chamber of commerce directories listing addresses and telephone numbers of major employers for the following cities: Kansas City, Mo.; Dallas; Des Moines, Iowa; Phoenix, Ariz.; Indianapolis; Springfield, Ill.; and Columbia, Mo. Directories for St. Louis, Minneapolis, Denver and Atlanta will be arriving within the next few weeks.

Notables

Scott Ellis, associate professor of zoology, and **Michael Tannenbaum**, assistant professor of biology, recently attended the American Society of Mammalogists 69th annual meeting at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks. Ellis presented a talk titled "Nest site selection by southern flying squirrels" based on his research with this species at Big Creek State Forest and Thousand Hills State Park. Also attending from Northeast was **Kim Greer**, a recent graduate. She presented a talk titled "Ecological and morphological comparison of two species of shrews in north central Missouri.

Duane Ford, assistant professor of agronomy, presented a lecture titled "A Value-Added Approach For Student Learning and The Role of Agricultural Science in a Liberal Arts University" at Montana State University in Bozeman, Mont., May 17.

Miles Lovelace, professor of education, was one of 33 judges of the 1989 Sallie Mac Outstanding First-Year Teacher Program. This annual national contest is administered by the American Association of School Administrators based on nominations by local school superintendents. Winners each receive \$1,000 awards and will be announced in a September issue of *Newsweek* magazine.

Joseph Rhoads, associate professor of industrial science, has been appointed to the Task Force to Study Technology Education's Contribution to the Liberal Education of All Children by the International Technology Education Association.

Piroska-Marie Szucs, a junior English major, has received a scholarship to study in the Federal Republic of Germany from the Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst (DAAD).