

# Northeast Today



Monday, Aug. 6, 1984

## HAPPENINGS

### THURSDAY, August 9

5 p.m. End of second summer session

### FRIDAY, August 10

7:30 p.m. Summer commencement, Stokes Stadium

**CAPS AND GOWNS** for summer commencement can be picked up at the Campus Bookstore today through Friday. The cost is \$12.50.

**AUGUST COMMISSIONING CEREMONIES** for five graduates of the military science program will be held at 3 p.m. Friday in the Alumni Room of the Student Union Building.

**SUMMER COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES** will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Stokes Stadium. Featured speaker for the ceremony will be Edward Kelly, superintendent of Harlem Consolidated School District in Rockford, Ill. Kelly received both his master's and bachelor's degrees from NMSU.

**RESIDENCE HALLS** close for the summer at 10 p.m. Friday. Residents must be out of their rooms by that time. Residents should contact their resident assistant for checkout procedure.

**PARKING STICKERS** for faculty and staff for the 1984-85 academic year may be picked up at the Safety and Security Office. To pick up a sticker, the license number of each registered vehicle is required.

**NO VOLLEYBALL OR SOFTBALL GAMES** will be scheduled due to the shortened week.

**A JAPANESE TALENT SHOW** will be performed by students from Hosei University in Tokyo, Japan, at 7:30 p.m. today in the Activities Room of the Student Union Building. Admission is free.

**THE NEXT ISSUE OF "NORTHEAST TODAY"** will be a two-month calendar edition published Aug. 27. If your organization is planning an event of campuswide interest that you would like included in the calendar, submit the information on forms available in the Public Relations Office, 202 Administration/Humanities Building, by Aug. 21. Please designate on the form if you would like the information included in the calendar.

**FOUR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS** will present the findings of scientific research they have conducted this summer at 9 a.m. Wednesday in 212 Science Hall. The students were chosen from among 40 applicants to work with University professors on projects in physics, chemistry and biology.

## NORTHEAST NOTES

**Jim Barnes**, Language and Literature, has had translations of three German poems by Dagmar Nick accepted for publication in a 1985 issue of "Translation," a magazine published by Columbia University--New York. An interview with Barnes appears in the recently released 1983 issue of "MELUS," a journal for the study of multi-ethnic literature of the United States.

**Marlow Ediger**, Education, has had his manuscript, "Curriculum Improvement," accepted for publication in "Education," a professional journal for teachers and administrators in Australia.

**New housing contracts** for 1984-85 are up .2 percent overall above last year. New contracts among men are down 3.9 percent; however, renewals in that category are up 5.4 percent. Among women, new contracts are up 3.4 percent and renewals are up .6 percent. Currently, 3,128 students have contracted for on-campus housing during the 1984-85 academic year, an increase of 1.1 percent over last fall.

Experience, a competitive edge in the job market and college credit hours are gained

# As the student interns

While summer usually serves as a breather from the academic workout of college, some students choose to pursue their education and career during the summer by completing an internship.

Students exchange their summer fun for some professional experience in the nine-to-five work world and earn college credit hours for it. Usually, that experience means having a competitive edge when seeking employment after finishing college.

"All things being equal, the person with the successful experience is going to get the job over the person who doesn't have that experience," Tom Churchwell, assistant to the dean of instruction, said. "Students with internship experience are more marketable," he said.

Churchwell hit upon other advantages. "Internships give the student the opportunity to look over the company he's working with and get a feel for the field," he said.

Sharon Weiner, a senior political science and economics major, agreed with that assessment of the internship. Working under U.S. Congressman Harold Volkmer for five weeks in Washington D.C., Weiner received a clearer vision of the political field.

"I was surprised to find that I was about the only political science person there. Congressmen come from all different backgrounds, not just political science," she said.

Formerly just a political science major, Weiner said the experience had assured her that she had made the right decision in also seeking a degree in economics. "It showed me I needed that additional area of expertise to supplement the political science knowledge," Weiner said.

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Through his internship, Scott White, senior computer science major, was able to better define the job he would be looking for after college. Completing an internship with McDonnell Douglas in St. Louis, White said, "I enjoy programming, but I also need to interact with people. My job at McDonnell Douglas showed me that I would like to work with computers in the business office rather than getting into the research end of it."

While the internship is usually optional, some degrees make the internship compulsory. George Haley, a senior music business major, will receive his bachelor's degree in August after completing his required internship at Wright's Sight and Sound in Kirksville.

Haley appreciated the added requirement. "It makes a real nice transition into the work world after getting out of school," he said.

The ultimate benefit in completing an internship is, of course, in helping to secure that first job. Often, after examining the work of a student intern, the employer will offer the student a full-time position, as in Haley's case.

"My boss and I are talking it over, and I will probably stay at Wright's at least through the end of the year," Haley said.

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Students desiring an internship must meet several qualifications. They must at least be of junior status working toward a bachelor's degree and have at least a 2.75 GPA. Those students who arrange their internship through the Dean of Instruction's Office, instead of through their academic division, must also be interviewed for the internship position.

Because of the stringent requirements of selection, interns from NMSU are actively sought, especially at the state capitol in Jefferson City.

"There is practically a standing order in Jefferson City for a Northeast intern. We send students down there who want to work, and it's often more than a forty-hour-a-week job," Churchwell said. "The people down there know they are getting sharp young people who will produce."

Churchwell considered summer the best time to complete an internship. "It works out well for both students and faculty. Usually students can sidestep the living expenses by taking an internship in their home town and staying with parents. Also, the students require supervision and our faculty are freer to travel in the summer and visit with the student at their job," Churchwell said.