

Northeast Today



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HAPPENINGS

TODAY, Dec. 13

7:30 a.m. Final exams begin
5 p.m. Calendar edition deadline

TUESDAY, Dec. 14

6:30 p.m. Fellowship on Reconciliation mtg.,
Wesley House
8 p.m. NEMO Singers concert, Aud., BH

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 15

7 a.m. Elves mtg., Workshop, N. Pole
9 p.m. Christmas mass, Newman Center

THURSDAY, Dec. 16

Final exams end
10 p.m. Residence halls close
Fall Semester ends

THE CALENDAR EDITION of "Northeast Today" for the months of January, February and March will be published Jan. 4, 1983. The deadline for submitting information on special events of campus-wide interest is 5 p.m. today. To insure accuracy, items should be submitted on forms available in the Public Relations Office, 202 Administration/Humanities Building.

ENERGY CONSERVATION DEPENDS ON NMS-YOU especially over the holidays. Since many of the buildings will be uninhabited for two weeks, the Physical Plant will be lowering the heat in most buildings to conserve energy. Persons occupying offices and rooms should make sure that windows are closed and heat convectors left on to save energy and reduce maintenance problems. Safety and Security reported a large number of lights left on during November, which amounted to 3,700 incidents in the academic buildings alone. (If these lights were left on an hour before being discovered, enough electricity was consumed to operate a typical house for two months.) Barnett Hall was the only building not having lights left on unnecessarily in November.

A CLOTHING CONSTRUCTION test-out exam will be given at 2:30 p.m. Jan. 12 in 171 Violette Hall. Passing the exam would allow entry into an advanced clothing construction class without taking this prerequisite. Interested students should sign up at the Home Economics bulletin board or contact Bev Jensen, home economics instructor.

PROJECT HOST FAMILIES, sponsored by the Student Senate and Red Cross, is looking for families to host international students over Christmas vacation. For more information, contact the International Student Office, 204 Kirk Memorial, 785-4215. (See related story on back.)

CHANGE OF PROGRAM for the Spring 1983 semester may be made until Dec. 22 and from Jan. 7-19. There will be no change of program between Dec. 23 and Jan. 6. Free add-drop will be from Jan. 7-19. Beginning Jan. 20 there will be a \$5 fee for change of schedule until March 16. Change of program forms are available in the Registrar's Office, 104 Administration/Humanities Building.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS from the staff in Public Relations!

NORTHEAST NOTES

Dale Jorgenson, Fine Arts, conducted a performance of Handel's "Messiah" at the Anthoner School in Louisville, Ky., on Nov. 27 for the Kentucky, Indiana and Tennessee members of the Churches of Christ.

Charlotte Revelle, Home Economics, was one of 50 college educators from across the nation who attended the College Educators in Home Equipment and Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers Conference in Minneapolis, Minn., on Nov. 1-3.

The 1982 **ECHO Yearbook** received a Four Star All-American rating with marks of distinction in copy, display, coverage and concept from the Associated Collegiate Press.

Chimezie A. B. Osigweh, Business, will present his paper, "Why the Battle With the Multinational Corporations May Already Be a Lost Cause," to the Academy of Management, Southwest Division. The paper will also be published in the Southwest Academy of Management Proceedings. Osigweh has been notified that his paper, "International Commerce and Development: A Critical Revisitation of the Growth Model," will be published in the SWAIDS Proceedings.

Jim Thomas, Language and Literature, will have poems in forthcoming issues of Rotarian, Black Willow and New Jersey Poetry Journal.

Janice Saffir, Fine Arts, recently performed a piano recital at School of the Ozarks, Point Lookout, Mo.

Wayne Bailey, Mathematics, has successfully defended his dissertation and has completed all the requirements for a doctorate degree in computer science at the University of Missouri-Rolla.



To NMSU's international students Missouri is home for the holidays

"I would like to have warmth for Christmas."

Juanita Perez, a freshman from Bogota, Columbia, isn't asking for much, just the warmth of a home to spend the holidays in. "It is sad for me. I have never been away from home before at Christmas."

This year a Kirksville family will be doing all they can to grant her wish by inviting her into their home. Juanita is one of the 142 foreign students attending NMSU, many of which are unable to return home for Christmas. Since the residence halls are closed from Dec. 16 to Jan. 4, approximately 70 international students are left without a room, Fran McKinney, director of the International Student Office, said.

Many of the students will use the vacation as an opportunity to travel, visit other friends in America or go home with their roommates, but the majority are left with staying in a Kirksville motel as their only alternative, McKinney said.

"Host Families" was started four years ago when the halls first started closing for Christmas break and Spring break. The Red Cross stepped in to handle the initial arrangements while the University informed the students. McKinney said that many of the foreign students are too shy to go into the home of an American family. But for those applying, the Red Cross does as much as possible to prevent mismatches.

The process of positioning the students is not a difficult one, David Brunberg, Red Cross Chairman for International Students, said. When students sign up, they fill out a questionnaire stating their preferences. Families wishing to share their home with a student do the same, specifying regulations they have, such as no smoking. The surveys are then matched as nearly as possible to insure that both parties are satisfied.

McKinney said that students are not placed only in Kirksville, instead the majority enter homes in Milan, Green-top, LaPlata, Macon and other area communities.

The family and students are then introduced several weeks before the stay and keep in touch by phone to make arrangements.

Brunberg and his family have hosted students in the past and will continue to host them this year. "These are fine students, top notch. They're a delight to have around. We still correspond with many of the students we have kept."

By going into an American home, the students learn customs and facts that they would otherwise never know. "They (international students) live so far across the ocean. They like to mingle with the American culture. It gives them something to carry home," Rashid Malik, a junior from Bangladesh and International Student chairman for the Student Senate, said.

He said that the visit helps foreign students overcome the stereotypes they have of American people. "In my country Americans are seen as having a negative attitude—no positive attitude."

The students who attend the University will leave with a greater respect for America and the host family will have "a greater understanding of the people of the world," Brunberg said. "It creates good will among the two countries because those students will go home and become leaders."

Many American holidays are not practiced in other countries so that most foreign students do not realize their significance. "Traditions can be more meaningful if Americans share the holiday with international students," Malik said.

"If we don't come to know each other, we can't overcome the barrier that lies between us," he said. "We can share the same point of view to peace and love."

When the students leave the host family, they do take a piece of America with them. "They keep in touch and we expect them to carry on," McKinney said. "Usually the family asks the student back for another visit."

By hosting a student, Brunberg said, the real reward is developing "a warm feeling."

by Martha Daniels, student intern