

Northeast Today



MONDAY, Aug. 4

1980 SPECIAL

HAPPENINGS

TUESDAY, Aug. 5

Registration for Transfer Students

7 pm Ed Long's Bluegrass Band,
Swimming Pool Park

8:15 pm "Once in a Lifetime" Opens
at Ice House Theater

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 6

Last Day to Drop Courses With a Code

THURSDAY, Aug. 7

11:30 am Summer Commencement Rehearsal

7 pm "Oh, God," Aud., BH

FRIDAY, Aug. 8

Preregistration for Freshmen Summer Students

6 pm Phi Delta Kappa Initiation
Dinner, Georgian Rm., SUB

7 pm TaeKwon-Do Promotional
Testing, Gym., Ophelia Parrish

SUNDAY, Aug. 10

9:45 am "Contempo," WGEM-TV

GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR Summer Commencement are now available at the Dean of Instruction Office. A receipt for graduation fees must be presented when picking up announcements.

SUMMER COMMENCEMENT REHEARSAL is at 11:30 a.m. Thursday in Baldwin Auditorium. All graduating students are advised to attend. Graduation news releases for degree candidates will be available at the rehearsal. These releases should be returned to the Public Relations Office in McKinney Center by 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14. All releases will be mailed following Commencement, Aug. 15.

"OH, GOD" is the last movie sponsored by the Student Activities Office this summer. It will be shown at 7 p.m. Thursday in Baldwin Auditorium.

"ONCE IN A LIFETIME" opens Tuesday at the Ice House Theater in Hannibal. NMSU students participate in the show, which runs through Aug. 10.

NEW FRESHMEN enrolled in summer school can preregister for Fall 1980 classes Friday morning in the Activities Room of the Student Union Building. Reservations should be made through the Freshman Counseling Office, 102 Administration/Humanities Building, extension 7166.

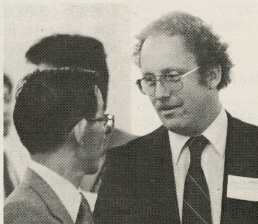
1981 PARKING STICKERS for faculty and staff can be picked up at Safety and Security. Registrants must provide the license number of each vehicle registered.

THE MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF HYPNOSIS will be discussed by Sal Costa, instructor of psychology, on WGEM-TV's "Contempo" program at 9:45 a.m. Sunday. The audio portion of the interview will be aired at 8:15 a.m. Sunday on WGEM radio.

A BOOK EXCHANGE sponsored by the Vets Club will be held Aug. 26-29 in the Activities Room of the Student Union Building. Used books are collected on Aug. 26 and go on sale Aug. 27.

MADE IN JAPAN

photos by Jami Henry



INTRODUCING... — Terry Smith, dean of students, mingles with the Japanese players after a softball game against an NMSU team [top left], while Ron Gaber, director of housing, greets visitors at a reception July 23 [top right].

OUT OF THE BALLPARK — They lost the game to the American Food Management Hodags, but the Japanese baseball players made a good showing [above]. Shuzo Uno, known on campus as Sammy, follows through on a swing.



by Les Dunseith

"Do you like taco?" the smiling Japanese student asked. He leaned forward, waiting for the unsuspecting American to take the bait.

"Well, yes, I like tacos," came the response.

The Japanese visitor's eyes lit up—the trap had been sprung.

"Do you know what word, taco, mean in Japanese?" He paused and grinned widely before applying the coup de grace, "Octopus!"

The 30 visiting students from Hosei University in Tokyo, Japan, are not afraid to teach their American hosts a few things during their 27-day visit to Kirksville and the northeast Missouri area. The purpose of their visit is to study America, however, and a great deal of their time is spent on tours and activities designed to give them an idea of what it is like to live in the United States.

"Your country is very large," Noriko Mase, a junior sociology major at Hosei University, said as she gestured to explain the long airplane trip across the country. The Japanese students are awed by the immense open spaces in America, but are also amazed at the small size of Kirksville as compared to Tokyo.

"Kirksville is not so large. We can see this entire area in only one- or two-hour drives," Sakae Morita, a sophomore English literature major at Hosei, said. During their stay at NMSU the visiting Japanese students will tour much of Missouri, including Hannibal, Jefferson City and Macon. They also will tour Kirksville extensively and will spend the last three days of their visit in private homes in the Kirksville area.

In addition to the various tours, the students attend class for three hours a day during the week, studying the English language and American culture and history. While the students do not receive credit for the class, they find it valuable in helping them learn about the language and culture of America.

"These students are very eager to learn," Ruth Bradshaw, NMSU

instructor of the class, said. The Japanese visitors have many questions, especially about American students their age. They are interested in music, how Americans dress and what they like to do, in addition to American economy and government.

The Japanese students have made a few friends among the other students living in Centennial Hall. For the most part, however, they are reluctant to approach Americans.

"Perhaps they are very busy," Eiko Oki, a junior English literature major at Hosei University, said. "I hesitate to talk to them."

Bradshaw said the students have a widely varying level of English proficiency. Some are very fluent, while others have difficulty in putting together an English sentence. Part of this problem is a result of the system used in the past to teach English in Japan.

Morita said the Japanese are just now beginning to shift some of the emphasis in their schools from written English to spoken English. The class being taught by Bradshaw primarily emphasizes the spoken word. Also, as many encounters as possible with Americans have been arranged.

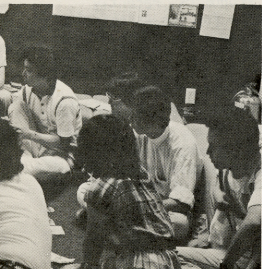
"The Japanese students want real conversations, not those in textbooks," Bradshaw said.

Tom Miura, professor of English at Hosei University and director of the students during the visit, said the Japanese students have all had at least six years of English. Most of the visiting students are college juniors with eight years of English studies, but the group includes students from all classes. The visitors are 18 to 22 years old.

This is the fourth year that a group of students from Hosei University has visited the United States. In the past, the groups have gone to Baylor University in Waco, Texas, and another group is going to Baylor this year. The visit here is the first time a group has come to NMSU from Hosei University.

Miura said Hosei is very interested in having American students visit their university. Language is a big problem, however, because few Americans study Japanese. If any Americans were to attend Hosei, a class in Japanese for foreign students would have to be established, he said.

If current efforts prove successful, perhaps some students from NMSU will soon be visiting Japan. If so, they would do well to remember one important thing: don't order tacos.



AN INTERNATIONAL, INTERTEAM CONVERSATION—Supporting opposing teams, Kazuyuki "Steve" Hizawa and Larry Nothnagel watch their teammates during a softball game.

YEN FOR AMERICAN PRODUCTS—A mock grocery store with magazine pictures of items helps Ruth Bradshaw's Japanese students practice making change with American currency.

AN INITIATION DINNER for members of Phi Delta Kappa education honorary will be given at 6 p.m. Friday in the Georgian Room of the Student Union Building, with initiation beginning at 7 p.m. Russell Brockfeld, minority floor leader in the House of Representatives, will be the guest speaker. Reservations can be made by contacting Vonnie Nichols in the Student Activities Office, extension 7203.

THE TAEKWON-DO CLUB is having a promotional testing at 7 p.m. Friday in the Ophelia Parrish Gymnasium. The public is invited to attend the testing, which will be conducted by sixth degree International Master Instructor James B. C. Yu from Ann Arbor, Mich. Two martial arts students, Nelson Mane and John Epperson, will be testing for their first degree black belts in the International TaeKwon-Do Federation.

A HISTORICAL DISPLAY of the Military Science Division has been assembled in Pickler Memorial Library. It can be viewed today through Aug. 25.

THE SUMMER ORIENTATION PROGRAM has been labeled successful by the Freshman Counseling Office. Students Helping Students volunteers are still needed to work at transfer registration on Tuesday and at registration for late applicants on Friday. Interested students should stop by the Freshman Counseling Office, 102 Administration/ Humanities Building, to sign up.

THE FIRST VETS CLUB MEETING for the fall semester will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug 25, in the Activities Room of the Student Union Building. Veterans and other interested people are invited to attend. Regular Vets Club meetings are held at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays in Meeting Room 2 of the Student Union Building.

"NORTHEAST TODAY" is published weekly during the summer. Deadline for news items is 5 p.m. Thursday. Faculty, staff and students may submit news about official programs and activities of NMSU. Only chartered student organizations may submit notices of activities. To insure accuracy, news should be written and brought to the Public Relations Office, McKinney Center.

SUMMER RECREATION ACTIVITIES end this week with the final games of softball, volleyball and three-on-three basketball. Below is a schedule of this week's games.

SOFTBALL

Today

5:30 p.m. Stars vs. BLTAS

6:30 p.m. Coors Light vs. Cougars

Wednesday

5:30 p.m. Forgottens vs. BLTAS

6:30 p.m. Coors Light vs. Stars

VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday

6:30 p.m. Warriors vs. Pica Pounders

7:30 p.m. Good Time Charlie vs. No Names

Thursday

6:30 p.m. All Stars vs. Cougars

7:30 p.m. Warriors vs. Forgottens

BASKETBALL

Wednesday

WOMEN

7:30 p.m. Court C K-ville Dolphins vs. Hookers

8 p.m. Court C Sharp Shots vs. Dunkards

MEN

7:30 p.m. Court B Dale's Demons vs. Doctors of Dunk

Court A Baskets vs. 3 Corners

Court D Lightweights vs. Smokers

8 p.m. Court B 3 Corners vs. Lightweights

Court D Doctors of Dunk vs. Baskets

NORTHEAST NOTES

Edward Zeiser, Home Economics, recently attended the Conference for the Association for the Care of Children's Health in Dallas, Texas. His research, titled "Gender Classification of School Objects by Female Teachers," was accepted by the Educational Research Information Clearing House/Elementary Early Childhood Education.

Eun-Ja Kim, Special Programs, recently conducted a workshop on Assessment of Behavior Disorders at the University of Southern Mississippi.