

A nut in the cold

hile acorns and temperatures have dropped this week, stuents have found it good weather to keep up on their study-Battalion photo by Susan Webb

## College's 'Equus' to have nude scene

LAS CRUCES, N.M. - A federal judge ruled Monday New Mexico State University can present the play "Equus," complete with a nude scene that had brought criti-cism from local clergy and the district attorney district attorney.

District Attorney Lalo Garza had said he might have the lead male and female characters in the play arthe NMSU English department, Mark Medoff, director of the play, violate the state's indecent exposure statutes and asked university police to monitor the performance.

Judge Howard Bratton, however,

Garza, to prevent him from arresting any of the performers. Bratton also ruled NMSU could proceed with the play which will debut Thursday at 8 p.m. at the school's tresident.

Besides Garza, the play had also been opposed by a group of Las Cruces clergymen.

Street, who also testified at the hearing, told the judge the school's tresident. Little Theater.

During the hearing on the tempo-

"I think that the tax reduction bill

could and very likely will be in-adequate to meet the challenge that

tion plan is too limited.

rary injunction request, NMSU President Gerald Thomas testified the directors of the play had not vio-

lated any university regulations.
"One of the principles involved here is the latest technique in teaching and research that is applicable to drama students," Thomas said.

Four persons, including student Siobban O'Meara, the lead male character, had gone to court to prevent Garza from halting the play. Represented by Albuquerque attorney Paul Phillips, the plaintiffs also included Dr. Bruce Street, head of the NMSU English Department, Mark Medoff, director of the play, and Forrest Westmoreland, a city

from being arrested for something we told them to do.

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### Ford blasts Carter's dual-purpose tax bill

WRENCE, Kan. dent Gerald R. Ford Tuesday acked the Carter adminstration's of combining tax reform and tax ion measures into one bill and ned that unless the two are sepa-, neither would pass Congress near future

believe the combination of tax rm — whatever that might be — tax reduction, will slow down gressional enactment of a tax bill," Ford said in a lecture 00 Kansas University students. nd unless they are decoupled, I believe Congress will act on x reform bill until at least Au-

or September," he said. response to student questions, former president also comed on the coal situation, wage price controls and the Carter nstration budget.
rd said he believed the coal

could have been avoided if ecretary of Labor under his sitration William Usury, had en in office

"If he were Secretary of Labor," Ford said, "I think the whole problem could have been avoided. I can understand the reluctance of President Carter to use the Taft-Hartley Act to handle the problem, because of several cases where that act has been counter-productive in the mining industry

Ford warned that if Carter moved ahead with another of his proposals to end the coal strike - having the two sides agree to a binding arbitration by Congress — that Congress would not pass the legislation in time to avoid a deteriorating of the

"I believe that Congress, if it does pass it, will take several weeks to pass it, but I even have serious reservations that Congress would pass

Ford said the current administration's budget was both too large and its tax reduction proposal too limited to continue the economic recovery that began while he was in

"In my opinion," Ford said, "the present administration's fiscal policy

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calls for too much federal spending. I think we need to keep the reform

on the one hand — a \$500 billion going. I just hope that in the contest budget with a deficit of about \$60 between the president and Con-

billion, and a tax reduction that nets out at about \$25 billion. I think the continue the recovery that was

increase in the rate of spending is started back in the spring of 1975. too large and I think the tax reduc-

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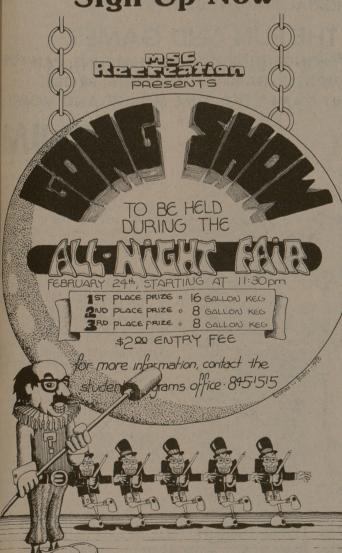
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