Studio theatre performs 'Deed'

By Dennis Ellermeier

The second production in the UNL Studio Theatre this season will be a play by drama professor Joseph Baldwin. "A Deed from the King of Spain" will open tonight and be presented through Sunday.

The play was written in 1964 while Baldwin was in New York on a Woods Fellowship and was first staged earlier this year by the American Center for Stanislavsky Theatre in New York City. Receiving warm critical ovations there, the company will again offer it in its alternating repertory this season.

New York Times critic Howard Thompson described the play as "a fine drama of a disintegrating family in the American Southwest." He continued saying the play "simmers like a Chekhovian chamber work, then boils into a darkly sardonic symphony."

Baldwin said the central idea of the play was derived from his teaching days at Stephen F. Austin State College, in East Austin, Tex.

"East Austin is an old town and was not without its aristocracy—people who could trace their properties back to original ownership ceded to them by the King of Spain," Baldwin said.

"That's where I got the idea for the play, and I developed a plot centering around the efforts of one improverished family to regain its family name and properties that had been lost a generation before," he said.

Baldwin, who will direct the production here, said, "I think I learned a great deal about the play and obtained new insights from the New York production. Some of it will show up in the UNL Studio Theatre production. I think at least one area—recapturing the dialect of the people in the play—I hold some advantage over the New York producers."

The cast of eight includes Deb Minden, James Ryan, Melissa Baer, Ann Perkinton, Doug Koth, Gregg Wagner, Charles Krig and Mark Kruger. Designers for the show are Diane Cernif, set, and Carolyn Hull, costumes.

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3:30 p.m.—Student's International Meditation Society Introductory Lecture - Union

3:30 p.m.—Student Affairs, Student Information Center Committee - Union

3:30 p.m.—Free University "Student Legal Rights" - Union

3:45 p.m.—Accounting Club - Union

4:30 p.m.—Builders, University Projection - Union

5 p.m.—Alumni University Fund - Union

5:15 p.m.—Mortar Board - Union

5:30 p.m.—Engineering Toastmasters - Union

5:30 p.m.—Gamma Lamba - Union

5:30 p.m.—Free University, "Libertarianism" - Union

6 p.m.—Gamma Lambda Pledges - Union

6:30 p.m.—ASUN Senate Meeting - Union

7 p.m.—Alpha Zeta Smoker - Union

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7 and 9:15 p.m.—"Spider Strategem" - Sheldon Art Gallery

7:30 p.m.—Baha'i Association - Union

7:30 p.m.—Math Counselors - Union

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7:30 p.m.—Pre-Vet Club - Veterinary Science Building

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