Chapel to present native art, culture

By Susan Edwards

"Native American Art and Culture" is the emphasis of this year's annual Lutheran Student Chapel and Center Festival of the Arts, March 7-21.

Activities begin Sunday with "A Day With the Arts" featuring a festival worship, films, a dinner, readers' theater, a workshop and speakers.

More than 100 contemporary paintings, beadwork, weavings, baskets and jewelry from student artists living at Pine Ridge Reservation, Winnebago and Haskell Junior College in Lawrence, Kansas, and from Nebraska and Kansas Indian artists will be exhibited 9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. all week.

Indian artist and teacher Wade Miller, whose works are displayed at the State Historical Society, will have fourteen paintings on exhibit and for sale.

An unusual aspect of the festival, according to coordinator Pastor Alvin Peterson, is its emphasis on living, contemporary Indian artists.

Haskell Junior College, a school sponsored by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, has an excellent art department judging by the work they sent, Peterson said.

Illustrator Bill Thomsen, who created notecards for the Nebraska Bicentennial Commission, will speak Sunday at 9:30 and 11 a.m. on the "Native American Faith".

Thomsen, who has worked with the late poet John Niehardt, has studied the relationships between Indian and American religious symbolism, Peterson said.

Charlie Lapointe, chairman of the UNL Indian Association and Herman Haukaas, director of the Alcohol and Drug Program for American Indians are two of the speakers scheduled for the afternoon sessions.

A dinner of American Indian foods, such as Zuni meat and bean dish with fried bread, will cost \$1. The chapel office is taking reservations.



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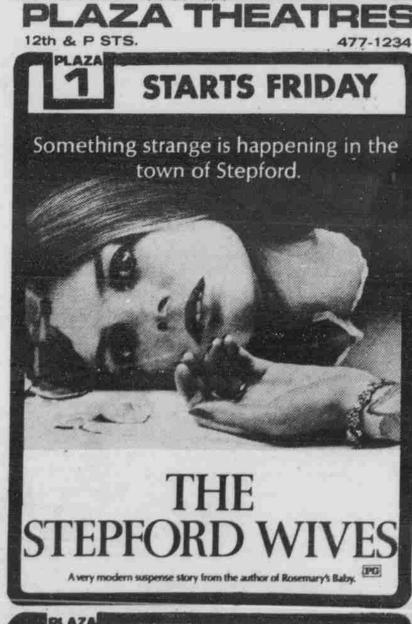
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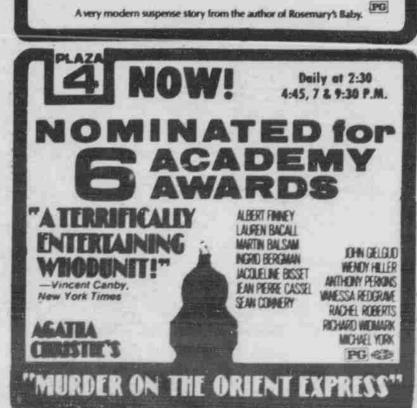
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