

# Small town to host big stars

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Rumors have been flying around town for months about a movie being filmed in the small town of Loma, and according to Mary Ethel Emanuel, a Nebraska Film officer, the rumors are nothing but the truth.

The movie, "To Wung Foo, Thanks for EVERYTHING, Julie Newmar," stars Wesley Snipes, Patrick Swayze and John Leguizamo in lead roles. A substantial supporting cast includes Stockard Channing, Emanuel said.

How did Loma residents get so lucky?

"The script called for a very small rural town with a great view—a town that had a timeless look," she said.

The Nebraska Film Office, a division of Travel and Tourism Department, along with the Omaha Douglas County Film Office helped scout out the location by sending photographs, Emanuel said.

"First, a production company contacts a film office and if they're looking for a town with a brick

street and a church at the end of it, we'll find it for them and send them photographs," she said. "They liked the towns we sent pictures of, so they thought a scouting trip to Nebraska would be advantageous."

Loma was chosen after a search encompassing over 500 small towns in more than a dozen states, she said.

"To Wung Foo, Thanks for EVERYTHING, Julie Newmar" is a contemporary comedy produced by Amblin Entertainment and Universal Pictures, a division of Universal City Studios, Inc., Emanuel said.

"The director, Beeban Kidron, is a young British filmmaker, who made "Used People" and "Antonia and Jane," she said.

Filming starts in New York in July and moves to Nebraska a month later. With the cast and crew based in Lincoln for six to eight weeks, it is anticipated they will spend between 4.5 and 5 million dollars in the area, Emanuel said.

"They have been hiring locally—everything from carpenters to production assistants to painters, seamstresses, hairdressers and extras," she said.

"It's been fun," Emanuel said. "Ev-

erybody is very nice. The director has been here several times and wanted to see the town before they made a final decision, and she liked it."

Besides Loma, Grand Island is currently hosting movie crews and cast.

"My Antonia" a made-for-television movie is being filmed in Grand Island beginning June 25, Emanuel said.

"The last major movie was in 1992, "O'Pioneers," a made-for-TV movie, filmed in Johnstown and in a farmhouse near Murdock," she said.

In 1991, two movies were filmed on-location in Nebraska.

The Hallmark Hall of Fame Productions took over the Stuhr Museum in Grand Island for "Sarah Plain & Tall," which starred actress, Glenn Close. That same year, Plattsmouth and Omaha became the location for a Mount Production movie, "Indian Runner," directed by Sean Penn.

It appears business is booming. "That's very good for Nebraska," Emanuel said.

## Computer

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labus, class schedule and electronic submission of papers," Gale said. The center has been working with the library to organize information and find a way to electronically store it, Gale said.

Along with research, Internet has an E-Mail service. This allows mail to be sent through the computer network. This program is offered to students for a fee of \$10 per semester. Students can obtain an account and password at the Telecommunications Center in Nebraska Hall.

The CRC is trying to make E-Mail available to all students free of charge, Jones said. But the biggest restraint on that is the funding, he said.

Until recently, Gale said, computing has not made a fundamental development in undergraduate education. Now it is making a qualitative development, he said.

UNL has started implementing a Hypermedia Institutional Technolo-

gy Educational Center.

The new media center, located in Mabel Lee Hall, combines a fully-equipped multimedia development area and an adjacent multimedia classroom. The workstations are capable of running Windows, Macintosh and RISC applications. The machines contain high quality video digitizing boards, resolution monitors and extensive RAM and storage capabilities.

One of the goals of the new media center is to incorporate computing into fundamental education, Gale said.

"Everything we need for higher education is out there in the system, it just takes someone to get it and try to mold it into the class structure," Gale said.

"We are focusing on putting a lot of effort in upgrading students labs and integrating it into the education curriculum," Gale said. "This will require training for students, faculty and staff."



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