

Workshoppers learn backstage basics

Imagine a course that teaches a student to use a sewing machine, a power saw, hammer, broom, paint-brush, drill, scrub-brush—not to mention his or her voice and body.

Imagine a course that meets 1-5 and 7-10 p.m. at least five

days a week and often more.

THE COURSE is Eastern's summer theatre program. For 13 years the students who participate in this program have immersed themselves in theatre to provide a wide variety of entertainment for their campus

and community and a total theatre experience for themselves.

They walk into the theatre on the evening of registration day and you might not see them come out again until early August. But you can see them,

in the meantime, on the stage of the Fine Arts Theatre in the three plays being produced this summer.

The next production the company will tackle is the drama, "The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail," directed by Gerald Sullivan. They will then finish up the summer season with a revival of an all-time comedy hit, Kaufman and Hart's "You Can't Take It With You," directed by Jack Rang.

Summer theatre is designed to give the student experience in all phases of theatrical production—acting, costume and set construction, publicity, lighting, properties, ushering, ticket sales, etc.

When a student registers for Theatre Arts 281 or 481, he is committing himself to a full-time theatre job for the

summer.

WOPK begins at 1 p.m. with a general meeting where jobs are assigned for the afternoon. Students are assigned at the beginning of each production to one of the crews—costumes, set, publicity, properties, or lighting and are responsible to that crew head until the end of the production.

By the end of the summer, the students will have had a chance to work in each of the many jobs that go into putting a play on the stage. Although summer theatre is a college course, it is perhaps as close to the professional theatre experience as educational theatre can offer, and the productions that result from this concentrated effort provide some of the best summer entertainment available in the area.