

'Trout Tunes' celebrates second anniversary

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Staff Reporter

Today marks the anniversary of "Trout Tunes," a show now only offered in Omaha, but which may soon be making its Lincoln debut.

"Trout Tunes" is run by Ryan O'Connor, who started it as a public access show in the fall of 1991. According to O'Connor, he and a group of his friends were griping that a lot of bands coming through Omaha weren't getting airplay.

"There was no way to get them on college radio and some of the stuff coming through (Omaha) beat the heck out of what the industry wanted to hear," O'Connor said.

"Trout Tunes" aired its first show in October of 1991, on Cox Cable's public access channel. Soon, almost 15,000 people were watching the show regularly.

"Because of the fact that we had a large following, it got the interest of local TV stations who said 'We'll consider carrying it,'" he said.

O'Connor then found a partner in Roger Speakman, who runs Hollywood Export & Video Productions in Omaha. They produced a pilot and were picked

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up by O2 TV on Cox Cable in April 1994.

An independent station, KCTI, in Wichita, Kan., has also picked up the show. "Trout Tunes" has been airing there since January. Also, ABC and CBS affiliates in Lincoln have shown interest in carrying the show.

According to O'Connor, the average television show airs 24 to 30 shows per season, but "Trout Tunes" puts out 42 a year.

Each show has a featured band, which get played three times over the course of the show, plus an interview.

The feature bands through May are:

God Lives Underwater, Widespread Panic, Gravity Kills, Fishbone and Frank Black.

"Trout Tunes" gets some big name acts. Some bands who have appeared on the show include: the Millions, Connells, Mercy Rule, the Samples, Matthew Sweet, the Smithereens, Blues Traveler, 311 and Toad the Wet Sprocket.

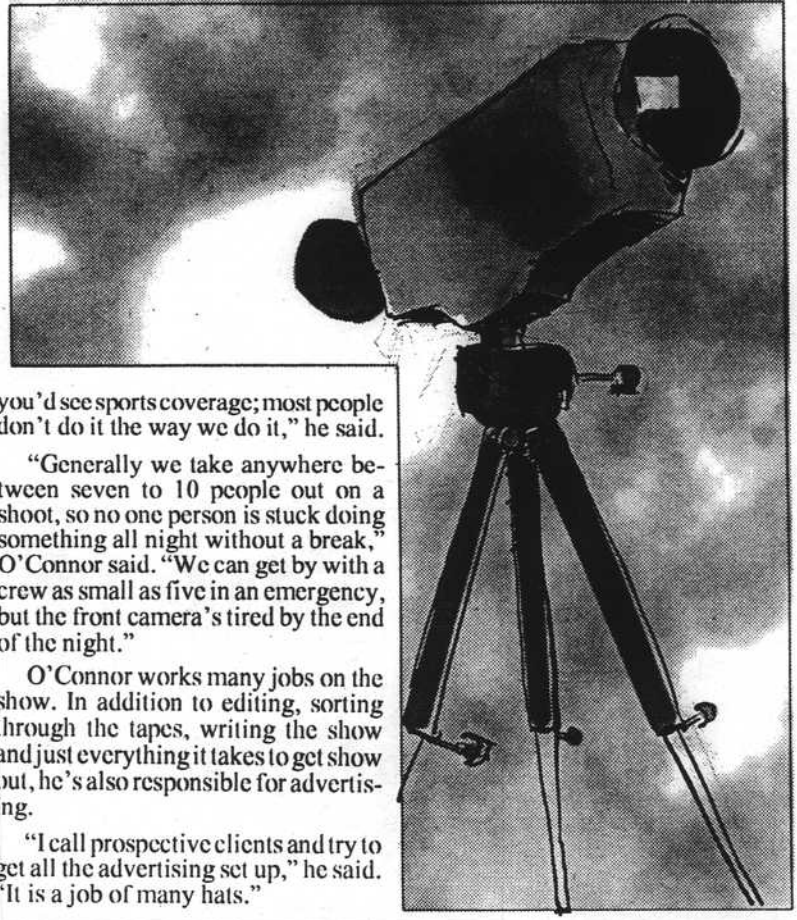
"When you're dealing with a national act, you have to call the band's management, tell them what you're about, ask if you can tape the band and get an interview ...

"As long as you're not calling the morning before the concert, they'll usually let us," O'Connor said. "Some bands you can only tape parts of."

"Occasionally, a band's management will get worried about bootlegging and whatnot, but over the last nine to 10 months, it's become easier," he said. "Labels are much nicer to you if you've worked with them before."

The show has changed greatly from when it first began. Originally one camera was used, but now they use three cameras and switch it live, O'Connor said.

"We do it (the mixing) the way



you'd see sports coverage; most people don't do it the way we do it," he said.

"Generally we take anywhere between seven to 10 people out on a shoot, so no one person is stuck doing something all night without a break," O'Connor said. "We can get by with a crew as small as five in an emergency, but the front camera's tired by the end of the night."

O'Connor works many jobs on the show. In addition to editing, sorting through the tapes, writing the show and just everything it takes to get show out, he's also responsible for advertising.

"I call prospective clients and try to get all the advertising set up," he said. "It is a job of many hats."

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Phi Mu

Thanks for a great semester. Looking forward to a fabulous Rush next fall! Have a great summer.
Love, Teresa, Chapter Advisor

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240 Personals

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