

Equipment alters paper

By Susie Reitz

A change in production has altered the Daily Nebraskan this semester.

The look is designed to be more professional, according to Kitty Policky, production manager. The typeface has been changed from Univers to Press Roman type and is designed to look more like a "real newspaper". The headline type is the same but the standing heads (on the columns) are scheduled to be changed.

Column width was changed and the boxes around the stories were replaced with double lines to improve readability, according to Policky.

New printer

Because of some problems in production last semester the Daily Nebraskan is now being printed by a new printer, Sun Newspapers of Lincoln, Inc.

Other problems in production caused by the typesetting machines, have been eliminated with the addition of a new computerized system for setting type.

With the old system the stories were typed from the reporter's original copy and then fed into a machine which set the story in type. The machine was known to "eat" the stories fed into it from time to time, said Policky, resulting in a loss of time for the typesetter and higher costs.

"Ghost writing"

With the new computerized method, the story is typed from the reporter's original onto a tape. The tape is then put on a machine which "tells" a typewriter how to set the story in type. The computer can be programmed to type certain column widths and can print several sizes of type.

The effect, to an observer, is much like that of a player piano. The keys of the typewriter move without touching them and "ghost write" the story.

This particular system is leased by the Daily Nebraskan, from the IBM Corp., at a cost of approximately \$700 a month according to Kelly Baker, chairman of the Publication board. The system is an obsolete edition by IBM and is being used until another more advanced system is produced, said Policky.

Savings

The new machines are a boost to production because they allow a savings in labor and time. There are two of the recorder/setting machines, instead of the one former typesetting machine. Another timesaving advantage is the availability of repair. IBM has a local center and repairmen can be called if something breaks down. With the old Compugraphic machines, the nearest repair center was Boston and a breakdown could stop production for a week or more, Policky said.

The new Daily Nebraskan is designed to "express the individualism of this semester's staff and the uniqueness of this year's students" Wes Albers, Daily Nebraskan editor-in-chief wrote in an editorial.

The new design is still in stages of development and has a "lot of finishing yet to do", said Policky, but it's on the way.

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