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UNL interns aid Thone research

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Living in Washington D.C. and working in a congressman's office was "a really worthwhile experience" for UNL students Karen McCaw and Bill Mueller, who spent the summer as interns for U.S. Rep. Charles Thone (R-Neb.).

Interns type, stuff envelopes and run errands, said McCaw, a junior majoring in journalism. In Thone's office, they also were assigned research projects on topics which will aid the congressman in congressional presentations, she said.

McCaw said she studied government over-regulation of private enterprises. Thone will present the information she found to a committee studying alternatives to regulating agencies within the government.

Find evidence

Mueller, a political science major, said he did research to find evidence that the development of a government-controlled consumer protection agency will create more red tape than good results" as Thone suspects. A bill currently in the House would create such an agency, which would have the right to appear before other government groups that deal with consumer problems, Mueller said. Thone said he is opposed to this because he thinks "it will add one more layer to government bureaucracy."

Mueller said finding evidence for the study was not hard.

"Being in Washington, you can just get on the phone," he said. He said he contacted other congressmen and the Library of Congress. He added that congressmen work together, even if their views differ, because "everyone

wants to know what's going on and get all the facts of the matter."

Applications

The students became involved in the five-year-old intern program by submitting an application and resume to Thone early this year. An interview followed and they were informed of their acceptance in March.

The interns were chosen on scholarship, attitude and activities, according to Thone. There were about 75 applicants for the jobs, he added.

Activities for the interns were planned and funds regulated by the Bipartisan Intern Committee, composed of majority and minority party leaders from the House and Senate.

Mueller said Thone's interns earned \$500 a month, but some interns in other offices were volunteers.

Both Mueller and McCaw said costs of living are higher in Washington than in Nebraska. Mueller said he shared a one-bedroom furnished apartment with three other intems at a cost of \$140 each per month. McCaw lived with another person who worked in Thone's office.

McCaw said she "has no desire to go into politics" but she thinks the experience will help her in journalism, "just seeing how the government system works." Mueller said he has "political aspirations" and plans to go to law school or seminary.

A third intern, Mark Bertolini, was graduated from UNL last spring and is now a student at Creighton Law School.

Nebraska ETV chief predicts 'best season ever

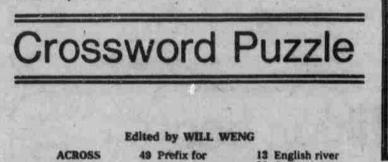
Since its inception 12 years ago, the Nebraska Educational Television Commission has worked for an increase of instructional programming, according to Jack McBride, director of television and general manager, NETV Network.

And he predicts this season's 127 hours per week of television instruction should make this "the best season of Nebraska public television."

The commission, established in 1963 by the Nebraska Legislature, is the authoritative and responsible policymaker for the statewide ed_cational program network, he said.

Nine members

The commission is composed of nine members, seven of whom are appointed by the governor and approved by the Legislature. The other members are the president of the University of Nebraska and the commissioner of education.



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The present commission chairman is Philip Heckman, president of Doane College in Crete, Neb.

McBride said the legal authority of NETV is the commission, which grants licenses to the stations whose transmitters handle NETV programming throughout the



state. In addition, McBride said, the commission is responsible for program selection and guidelines used in evaluation of scheduled programs.

SUN on TV

Among NETV programs will be State University of Nebraska (SUN) courses. Instructions for the eight SUN courses began Monday. SUN uses NETV, newspapers and mailed instructional materials to bring secondary education to people in their homes.

McBride said a \$25,000 federally financed study to determine the feasibility of a statewide public radio network should be completed later this month. In March the NETV commission authorized NETV to

accept the grant for the study

Virginia firm

The commission hired Jansky and Bailey, a broadcasting consulting firm from Alexandria, Va. to conduct the technical study for \$4,700. A subsidiary of Atlantic Research Corporation, Jansky and Bailey, was the consulting firm hired in the study that recommended establishing the NETV network.





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