

# NETV eyes public radio

**By Betsie Ammons**  
The Nebraska Educational Television Commission (NETV) is studying development of a state public radio station, according to Jack McBride, NETV general manager.

"The study will determine the costs of such a network, how many stations would be used and the type of programming provided," McBride said.

Boyd Rooney, assistant general manager of NETV and staff coordinator for the study, said the Public Broadcasting Act of 1967 "laid the groundwork for recent public radio and television stations."

Rooney said NETV commissioner Philip Hickman called for the study when he "became aware that there were opportunities in public broadcasting outside of the television media."

Network headquarters would be the NETV Bldg. on UNL's East Campus, with transmitters at present television transmitters in Lincoln, Norfolk, Hastings, Lexington, North Platte, Merriman, Alliance and Basset, Rooney said.

Rooney said network format would be educational, cultural and informative programming, including public affairs presentations, classical music and programs for school use.

The Nebraska Broadcasters Association (NBA), comprising commercial broadcasters, opposes the issue, said Frank Fogerty, executive vice-president. Fogerty said NBA thinks there is "no demand" for such a network and that the type of programming proposed could be found on existing FM stations.

"Not to my knowledge is there a station with this type of format in Nebraska other than KIOS, which is operated by the

Omaha Public Schools," Rooney said. Fogerty said the NBA is "against a government medium of news or entertainment which would compete with commercial radio," and called the development of the network too expensive.

"Nebraska's pretty hard put for money to support governmental projects, especially those dealing with education," Fogerty said.

Rooney said costs of the network won't be determined until final report to the NETV Commission on October 30.

"Every time the NBA tells me how expensive it will be, I ask them to tell me 'how much,'" Rooney said.

Rooney said he has no idea how soon after the Oct. 30 report the issue will be decided, but that if a network seems possible, NETV will ask the 1976 Legislature for financing.

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1 Mouthful for a frightened one	25 Napkin, silverware, etc.	48 Philosopher's forte	1 Long-haired ones
6 Allen	27 Centro et al.	50 Tastes	2 Lover of the arts
11 Certain billiard strokes	28 Criminal activity	51 Disposed	3 Chemical prefix
13 Enjoys, mod style	29 Mexican man	52 Withdraws, à la 1 Down	4 Throw and shag
15 Tense	31 Calorie course	54 Saturn's wife	5 Sound of laughter
16 Inside dope	33 Fable author: Var.	55 "Cut-and-print!" measure	6 Notched
17 Speedometer reading: Abbr.	35 Musial	57 Subways, buses, etc.	7 Hauls
18 Food fish	36 Misrepresent	59 Makes enthusiastic	8 Mason's gear
20 U. N. workers' org.	39 Battle formation	60 Capitol groups	9 Aloof one
21 Magpie	42 Going first name	61 Tries	10 Political movement
23 Liquidate, mob style	43 Growl: Var.	62 Birthplace of Pythagoras	11 Childhood disease
	45 Former U.A.R. member		12 Gaze at

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