



UNL course not illusion but full of tricks, magic

By Kris Hansen

If magic and sleight of hand are in your bag of tricks, then magician Curt Angove may be teaching the course for you.

Angove will be teaching a non-credit beginning magic class in conjunction with the University of Mid-America on East Campus. The class will meet Thursday nights for eight weeks, beginning Oct. 5.

"I'll be teaching history, theory, practical functions—the do's and don'ts of magic—and stage illusions. I hope to stage an amateur magician's night for the last two class periods, so the kids can really learn how to run a show," Angove explained.

The course will include the "basics," such as cards, coins, sleight of hand, and instructions on how to present shows of varying lengths.

New entertainment

Angove said his ultimate purpose behind the course is to develop a new form of entertainment in the Lincoln area and begin several magicians' clubs.

"Nebraska is not geared for lots of variety in entertainment, although what it does have is very good. If I can get the clubs started, I could get magic started as a new form of entertainment," Angove commented.

"I'm hoping that if students are interested enough to take the course, they'll be interested enough to expand and take intermediate and advanced lessons, and really become part of the profession," he added.

Angove hopes to start two clubs in the Lincoln area, the Society of American Magicians (SAM) and the International Brotherhood of Magicians (IBM). Seven members are needed to establish these clubs, and Angove sees UNL as "the stepping stone to their existence."

'Something to do'

While in the service in San Diego nine years ago, Angove began visiting novelty shops to find "something extra and unique to do in my spare time." He taught himself a variety of tricks and has been working professionally for seven years.

"Bring a professional, I will use some notes, as if I were teaching private lessons but geared up to a class style. Some of the work will be from textbooks, but there will be actual demonstrations, also. I hope the class will learn to use their kits, and will think about extra lessons afterwards. The whole class will be relaxed and informative," Angove stated.

The kit for the class, which contains 25 feet of rope, sponge balls, coins, cards and other standard items, will cost about \$10. Angove said the class would cost approximately \$35.

Fun class

"It's an experimental class," Angove said. "If people like it, they'll come back for more, and I might be able to schedule intermediate and advanced classes, and teach it more often during the year. It's a fun class, too, which makes it a novelty in itself."



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