

CCTV claims that its Channels Can Teach Viewers

By Jeff Unger

The students stare intently at young college students as they tell how close they came to suicide, then listen as professionals explain ways to deal with college pressures.

This film, "College Can Be Killing," is just one of nearly 1,200 programs available to UNL professors, students and staff through the University of Nebraska's Closed Circuit Television Service, according to V. T. Miller, CCTV director.

Miller said he sees CCTV, which is supported by the University, as more than an entertainment center.

"This is a convenient method of delivering educational resources to the classroom," he said. "I feel that television has great potentials as a learning resource and that its uses are growing considerably."

According to Miller, available films range from dance to dentistry, all through those little one-half inch to two-inch miracles—video tape.

Production services offered

He said that most of the films are purchased or recorded from television, but that CCTV also offers production services and equipment.

"Most of the tapes are on a half-inch reel or three-fourths inch cassette, but if the program needs to be produced, it's done on two-inch broadcast quality tape," Miller said.

Although the cost of production normally would be expensive and the process difficult, he said CCTV can eliminate much of the burden.

Miller said CCTV, located on the third floor of the Nebraska ETV building offers a consulting service to plan the program and that if it is for a class, the production facilities and personnel are provided. The only costs to the department wanting to film a production would be those of the film and props.

Not all of the films offered by CCTV are theirs, Miller said they get some of their films through the Nebraska Educational Televising Consortium for Higher Education. He said NETCHE has between 600 and 700 programs and that CCTV can use them for a small fee which is paid by the University.

Cheaper to pay

"We feel that sharing costs is the best," Miller said. "It's cheaper to pay them a fee

than to produce them ourselves."

Miller said CCTV programs can be broadcast over three stations and that there are 185 reception points in 36 buildings throughout city and east campus.

But that's not enough, he said. They have only 21 color receivers and 70 black and white and he said they would like to hook up more rooms in more buildings to their co-axial cable.

"We're limited to some degree by funding," Miller said. "We don't have enough rooms wired, so consequently some classes go without our service."

"Last year we finally got a room on city campus that we could control."

He said the room, located in the 501 building, can be reserved for classes wishing to view a CCTV program.

Future ideas

Miller has set his sights on a possible future function for CCTV.

He said he would like to offer an information system to dormitory rooms, lounges and the union. Working with the university, he said, CCTV could run daily bulletins such as class cancellations and fast-breaking news.

He also said he would like to see the journalism school get involved with CCTV and broadcast news and even some live sport events.

Earlier football ticket sales accelerate drop-add process

By Shelley Smith

Football ticket sales aided drop-add traffic, according to UNL Assistant Director of registration and records Tony Schkade.

Schkade said drop-add went surprisingly smoothly this year, and said one reason is because of early football ticket sales.

He said season football tickets were released two days earlier this year, so students weren't scrambling through drop and add to get full-time status in order to purchase a ticket.

"Things were a lot more relaxed this year," he added.

James Wickless UNL bursar, said 6,334 students went through drop-add and paid a total of \$31,670 in fees.

Ted Pfeifer, director of registration and records, said, this year fewer students went through drop-add than in the past years.

He attributes this to the large number of students who went through free drop-add during the summer, or students who were content with what they received and didn't want to bother with drop-add.

"Basically, this has been the calmest registration and drop and add period. The students this year seem more cooperative, and congenial," he added.

He said computer foul-ups were minimal this year, and when they did occur, the administration tried to make sure of the problems by mail at no charge to the student.

He also added that drop-add fees were waived if there is any departmental change involving course numbers, or times, or if an adviser recommended the wrong classes.

Schkade said enrollment has been rising in the past few years, causing many closed classes.

"The class space just wasn't available," he added.

He also said the administration published lists of closed classes and placed them around the drop-add area to inform students what was closed before they got in line.

"It worked real well this way. If a student saw that a class he wanted was closed he could look for an alternative class before getting in line," he said.

Wickless said he felt the administration was better prepared and organized this year and was very happy with the small number of problems.

He said the money collected in drop-add fees is deposited directly into a special account, and is used for university operations.

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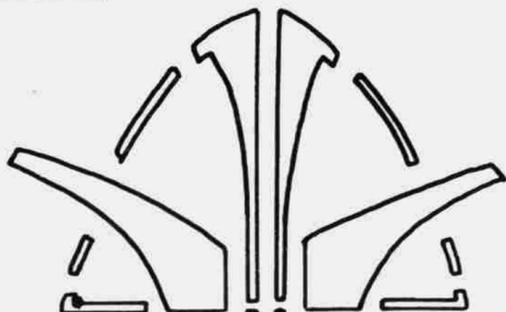
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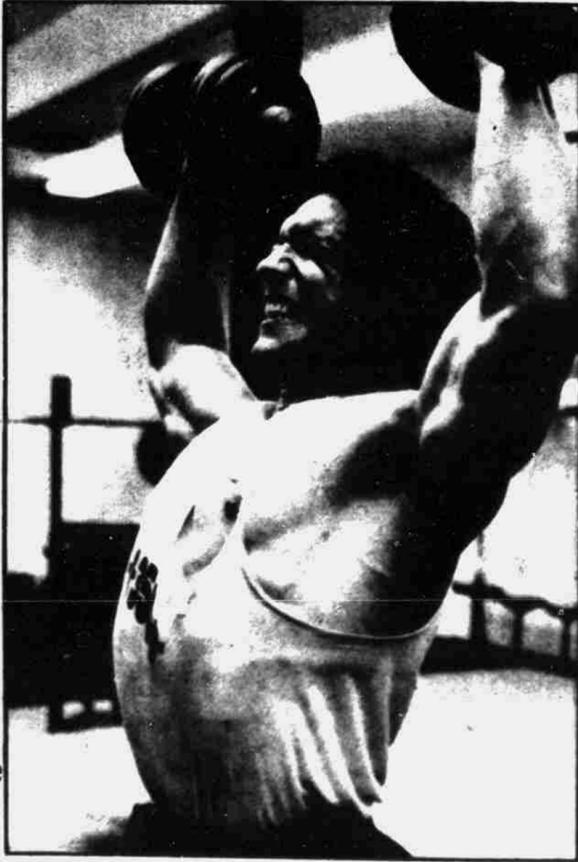
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