

Cablevision unaffected by ruling

Lincoln cable television viewers won't have to give the Entertainment and Sports Programming Network or Atlanta super station WTBS-TV, according to Dick Bates of Lincoln Cablevision.

Although the Federal Communications Commission recently ruled that cable operators can remove such services from their basic "tier" of cable channels, Bates said the ruling won't affect Lincoln's cable service at all.

"As far as we're concerned, nothing will happen," Bates said. According to Bates, Cablevision is satisfied with its current franchise with the Lincoln City Council, supplying 12 basic cable channels for \$10.25 each month.

The FCC ruled July 12 that cable operators may choose to remove program channels such as ESPN, WTBS or Cable News Network from the basic channel package. This package is subject to rate regulation by local govern-

ments. The FCC gave local governments the right to regulate the basic service package more than 10 years ago.

Bates said the ruling would be helpful to cable operators whose rates had been severely restricted. But, he said, Cablevision did not plan to remove any channels from Lincoln's basic service tier because the Lincoln City Council had been very reasonable in granting necessary rate increases.

"We don't always get what we ask for," he said, "but I think we get a fair return. I just don't have any complaints."

Assistant City Attorney Lyn Miserez, who handles Lincoln's cable dealings, was out of town and not available for comment.

Crimestoppers set \$20,000 for fall fund raising goal

To continue fighting crime, the Lincoln Crimestoppers will have a fall fund raising drive, according to the group's fund raising chairman.

Bob Fixter said Crimestoppers hopes to raise more than \$20,000. The group relies on private contributions not on tax dollars, Fixter said.

Crimestoppers provides a "fantastic service" to Lincoln in terms of solved crimes and reduced criminal activity, he said.

Lt. Lee Wagner of the Lincoln Police Department said the Lincoln program has received more than 15,000 phone calls giving tips on crimes. These phone calls have resulted in \$500,000 worth of recovered property and 432 arrests, Wagner said.

The Lincoln Crimestoppers began 3½ years ago when a vacationing Lincoln police officer observed a Crimestoppers program in Florida. He returned and began the Lincoln group.

The first program started in Albuquerque, N.M., in 1976. Since then, the program has grown into an international effort against crime, Wagner said.

The program involves the community in that fight, he said. It offers cash rewards and anonymity to people who give information leading to the arrest of criminals.

When people have information about an unsolved crime, they can call Crimestoppers at 475-3600, Wagner said. People should dial 911 in cases where crimes are in progress. When people call Crimestoppers, they are assigned a number by which they are referred to.

Fixter said that although rewards are offered, many times people refuse them. Many people are satisfied in knowing that their tip was useful in solving a crime, he said.

Police Report

The following incidents were reported to UNL police between 2:30 a.m. Monday and 10:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Monday

2:42 a.m. — Emergency phone reported vandalized in Parking Area 3 near New Hampshire Street.

8:30 a.m. — Two persons reported panhandling near College of Business Administration building. Persons gone when police arrived.

8:49 a.m. — Theft reported at Architectural Hall. Books reported missing.

3:54 p.m. — Hold-up alarm reported sounding at 501 Building. Alarm accidentally tripped.

6:40 p.m. — Two-car accident reported at 10th and P streets. No injuries reported.

Tuesday

6:55 a.m. — Attempted theft reported at West Stadium.

8:03 a.m. — Theft reported at Coliseum. Telephone receiver reported missing.

8:10 a.m. — Parking permit reported stolen from car in Parking Area 7 near South Stadium.

11:58 a.m. — Burglary reported at Schramm Hall. Money reported missing.

8:36 p.m. — Intoxicated person reported on campus. Person taken to Detoxification Center.

Wednesday

4:16 a.m. — Persons reported possibly prowling around cars in Parking Area 2, near 16th and Y streets. Persons gone when police arrived.

10:15 p.m. — Bicycle tires vandalized near Burnett Hall.

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