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## Note-taking skill sparks new business

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Firmly believing in the American spirit of free enterprise, Jon Donlan decided to start his own business: UNL's first note-taking service for students in three courses.

But unlike those "shady term paper services" that guarantee A's, Jon's Notes promises only a "study supplement."

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"I see the potential of students Homze. using the notes as a crutch, a notes are still available."

Donlan said that Jon's Notes policy.

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difference between a passing and failing grade."

DeCoster said the university does not endorse or recommend using the service. But the service doesn't break any university rules because Donlan obtained the written consent of professors.

Donlan, an 18-year-old freshman studying business and marketing, said he got the idea from a similar service at the University of California at Berkeley. So far And Donlan has the written he's taking \$17 subscriptions for approval of course professors, as three 100-level introductory well as the go-ahead from the courses: sociology 153, taught by administration. But at least one Alan Booth; biology, 101, taught administrator still has reserva- by Wendell Gauger; and Western civilization, taught by Edward

"Berkeley has had a successful mechanism to fall back on." said program for 10 or 15 years now," David DeCoster, Dean of Students. Homze said. "I think (the service) "It may give students the idea will be useful study aid. And I'm study.

Homze said he personally will cially freshman," Donian said. "But organization and clear statements professors.

who have difficulty taking good and typing the notes after the dependency on the service's notes the class before. alone would not get students passing grades.

"I think it's very clear that students - especially history students - have to do the required reading," Homze said. "You can't use a workbook or any other study guide and expect to pass that information alone."

Donlan said students have good reasons for subscribing to his service, even if it won't make or break a grade.

Students can devote all their attention to the lecture.

 Jon's Notes will provide a model of good note-taking techniques.

· The service can be used as they can miss lectures because for anyting that helps students cross-reference to fill in gaps and missed days in notes.

Donlan said he requires notesupports the university's no-skip review the service's notes for his takers to have a high grade point class to make sure information is average. He must see samples of "I think the service will be a correct and as complete as pos- their note-taking abilities, and he good study aid for students, espe- sible. He said he will look for good relies heavily on references from

Note-takers make \$30 a week

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He said new students and those for attending the lecture course subscription card.

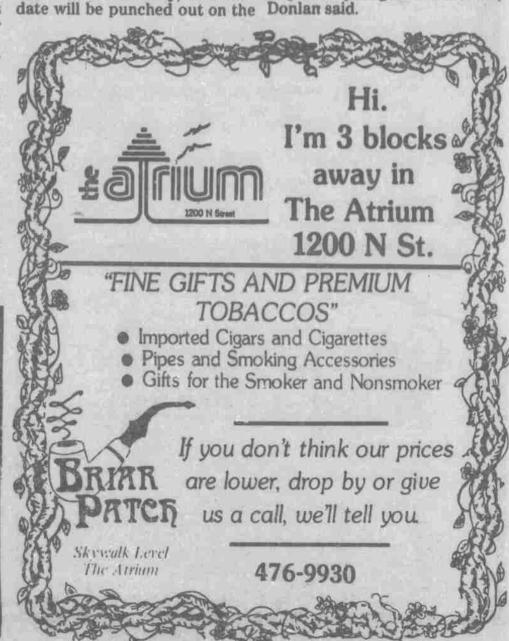
Q St. Donlan said for \$17-\$19

students can pick up Monday's

Students must buy notes for notes will benefit most from the lecture. They need not be enrolled the entire semester, not class perservice, but also he warned that in the class, but must have taken iod by class period. But if a subscriber buys his card in the mid-To subscribe, students can con- dle of the course, he will receive tact Jon's Notes at Lancaster all of the preceding notes from House Printing Publishing Co., 1200 earlier class periods.

> To introduce his business, later in the semester - students Donlan will distribute notes for will get a dated subscription card. four class periods in all three Lecture notes will be distributed subscription courses without on the day of the next class. So charge to all students.

> "If we give them samples, I notes on Wednesday, and that hope they'll get interested."



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