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One-act plays focus on loneliness

By Bill Allen
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Coping with loneliness is sometimes funny and sometimes sad, sometimes tragic and sometimes comic. Either way, or in any combination, it is a human emotion.

Senior theater major Jeff Talbott faces the difficult task of presenting a comedy and a drama, both dealing with loneliness, on the same night in two plays. By himself.

Talbott will present two one-act, one-person plays by modern playwrights for the first performance of the Nebraska Directors Theatre in its new location.

The plays' premieres will be Thursday at 8 p.m. in the theater's new home, the basement of St. Mark's On The Campus, 13th and R streets.

The NDT was forced to move from 1110 Q St. because of construction of the Lied Center for the Performing Arts.

Talbott will present "Harry's Christmas," a drama, and "Chug," a comedy.

Lindsay Reading Korth, a graduate of UNL's theater department, will direct both plays. Korth directed "Old Times" in January at the Lincoln Community Playhouse.

Talbott said that when he began the plays he thought he had two dissimilar works. But, he said, he "found that both

these men were dealing with the same problem — coping with loneliness."

Despite this, Talbott said, he had few problems keeping the plays separate in his mind, partly because they are different genres.

It was interesting to see how differently loneliness is dealt with, comically and dramatically, he said.

"Harry's Christmas" is self-indulgent and British by playwright Steven Berkoff, Talbott said. The challenge was to convey this aspect of the character, yet still make it interesting to a U.S. audience, he said.

"Chug" is a comic play written by Ken Jenkins. It will be presented second.

Although he had to memorize more than 40 pages of monologue, Talbott said having one character from London and the other from Indiana made it easy to keep the lines straight.

Talbott's most recent performances include Mozart in "Amadeus" and Marley in "A Christmas Carol," both presented by UNL theater last semester.

Talbott said he is impressed with the theater's new location in the basement of St. Marks, but that the former Q Street location was "perfect."

The plays run Thursday through Saturday starting at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for UNL students, \$4 general admission.



Talbott in "Chug."

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Authors meet public

By Scott Schmidt
Staff Reporter

Several Nebraska authors will meet the public for coffee and conversation about their works today from 6 to 8 p.m. at Bennett Martin Public Library, 14th and N streets.

Authors John Janovy, Robert Knoll, Paul Johnsgard and Reba Cunningham will speak at the library and are among 18 authors scheduled to appear for the Nebraska Author Book Fair. The Nebraska Literary Heritage Association sponsors the fair.

The authors will discuss their work and autograph copies of their books at the library. The Heritage Room Gift

Shop will sell copies of the books. Proceeds from sales will go to the NLHA and the Heritage Room.

Many of the 18 Nebraska authors have done readings of their work or have been involved with the NLHA in the past.

"We set the limit at 18," said Joanne Casullo, Curator of the Heritage Room, "because the Heritage Room is very small."

Casullo said she hopes to have more book fairs in the future with different Nebraskan authors.

"There were some authors that I feel shouldn't have been omitted," she said.

Freshman spends time in producing cable show

By Chris McCubbin
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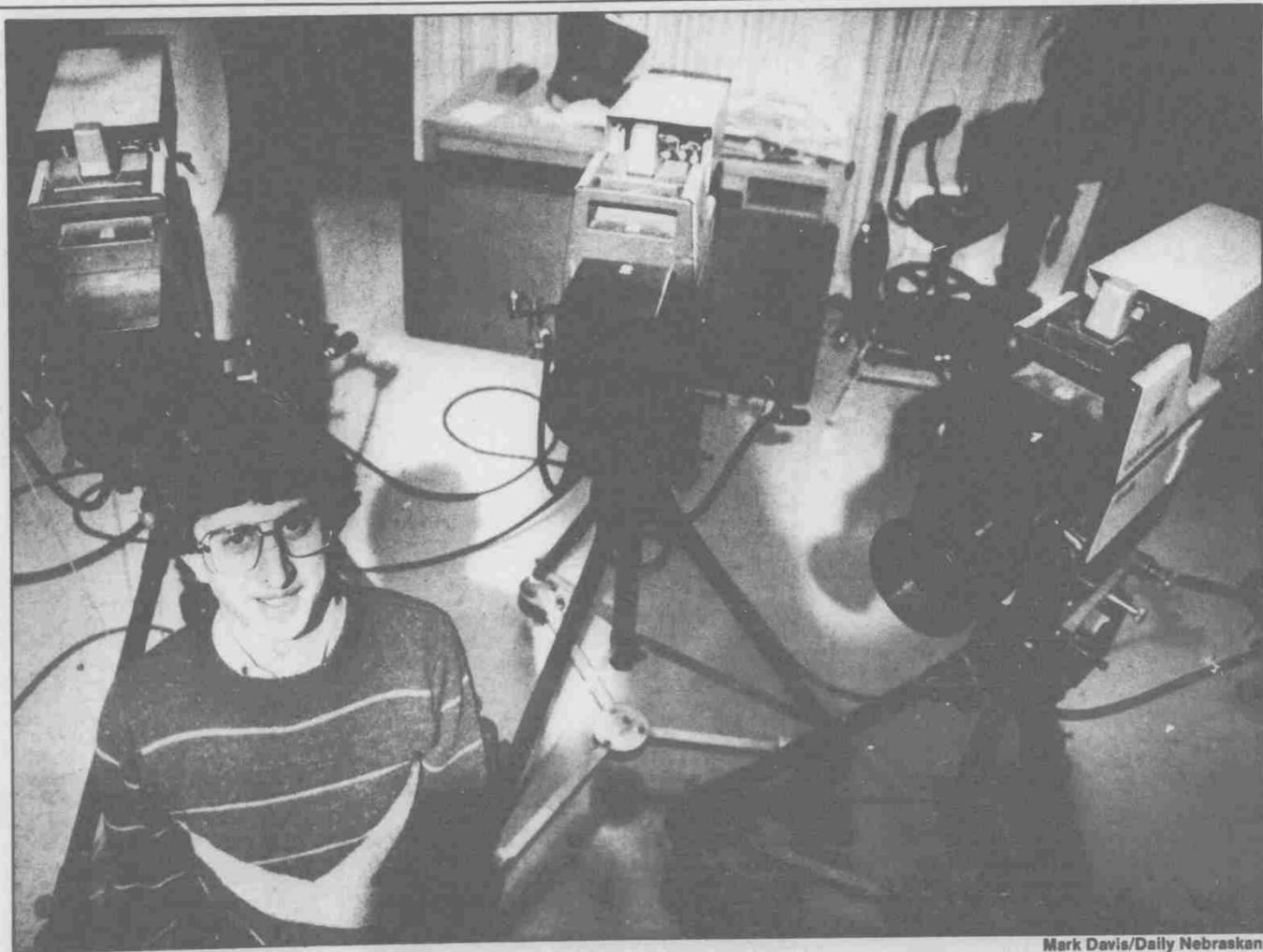
The first year of college is a time of challenges and new experiences, but one UNL freshman has the challenge of producing a monthly TV show.

Sean Newman, a computer science major from Waverly, is the president of Community Lincoln Video, Inc. and the producer of the TV show "Camera One."

Community Lincoln Video, or ComLinc for short, is a group of Lincoln residents interested in community TV. Using studio space and equipment donated by Lincoln's Cablevision, ComLinc lets local citizens produce their own programs for the Cable Public Access Channel.

ComLinc grew out of a previous group called PeopleVision. ComLinc has existed since March 1982.

Newman was elected ComLinc president 10 months ago, while he was still attending Waverly High School and ComLinc was still in a state of transition from PeopleVision. He said his active participation during that crucial time led to his current standing in the group.



Newman

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