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Note-taking service provided

Owner says notes should be used as supplements only

By Shawn Hubbell
Staff Reporter

Jon's Notes are not for students who want to skip class, they're for students who want good notes.

Jon Donlan, owner of Jon's Notes, said the biggest misconception about his service is that students can buy his notes and then skip class.

"They might get them by, but they're not much of a benefit unless used as a

supplement. You should still take your own notes," Donlan said.

Beginning his third year in business, Donlan, a 20-year-old marketing major, said he first decided to start his business when he was in high school. Donlan said he had heard of other businesses like his in operation on the west coast and decided it would be a good idea to start one here.

According to Donlan, his service provides students with accurate notes that students themselves are not always able to take for one reason or another.

Donlan said that when students use their own notes in combination with his, the notes can be very helpful.

Jon's Notes provides notes for six 100-level classes and one 200-level class. All note-takers for Jon's Notes are either teachers' assistants or graduate students in the courses.

Notes are available for the following courses: Anthropology 110, Biology 101, Zoology 112, Physiology 213, Chemistry 109, Criminal Justice 101 and History 100.

Donlan said students can choose between two note services. A book of the past semester's notes in a course costs \$13. A subscription card good for one course's current notes throughout the semester cost \$17. Donlan said last semester about 500 students used his service.

Donlan said getting instructors' permission to take notes in their classes was the hardest obstacle he had to overcome when he first started Jon's Notes. Without permission from the instructor, Donlan said, he would run into a legality problem called "intellectual properties."

"It's kind of like having a copyright on what you say," Donlan said.

Donlan said he has expanded the company's services this year to include word processing.

Jon's Notes is located in the lower level of the new Nebraska Bookstore. For more information call 476-8006. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Local authors to perform special readings

The fourth in a series of special readings featuring writers published in the summer issue of "Prairie Schooner" will be held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Readers Bill Kloefkorn, Jon Volkmer, Kathleene West and William Pratt, all had works which appeared in the issue entitled "Nebraska: the Individual Voice."

Kloefkorn, state poet, has published more than a dozen books, and his work has been included in several anthologies and periodicals. Kloefkorn teaches English at Nebraska Wesleyan University.

Volkmer, a graduate student in the English department at UNL, is primarily a prose writer. He will read his story entitled "The Elevator Man."

West, also a graduate student in the English department, has had two volumes of poetry published: "Plainswoman" and "Water Witching." She will read other works as well as the three poems published in the summer issue.

Pratt, a history professor at UNL, is a specialist in farm labor movements. He will discuss and read parts of two interviews he conducted with Vida Morrison and James C. Harris, two retired workers who have been very active in labor struggles.

This special program is open to the public free of charge as part of a series of events scheduled in the Heritage Room at Bennett Martin Library, 14th and N streets. It is to increase public awareness of Nebraska's rich literary and artistic heritage as reflected in the Heritage Room Collection. The Nebraska Literary Heritage Association is conducting a fund drive to raise \$300,000 to match a \$100,000 Challenge Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to establish the Heritage Room Endowment Fund. For more information, contact Carol Conner, 435-2146.

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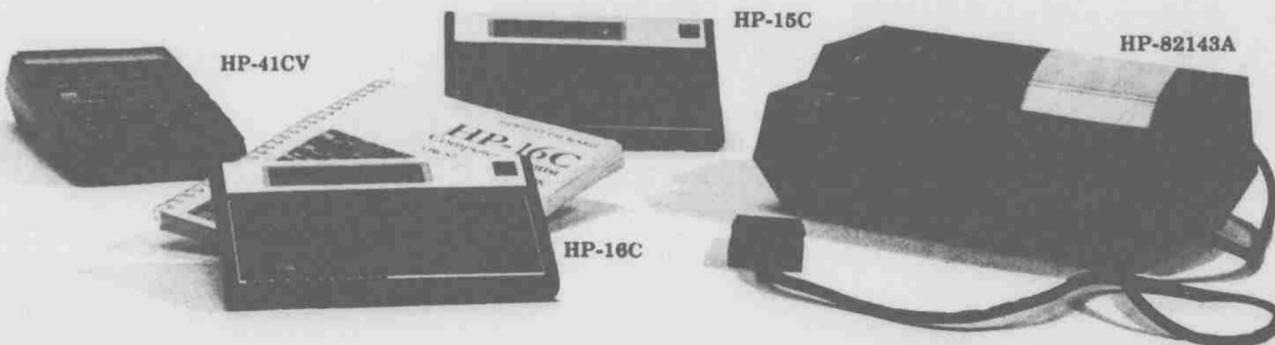
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