

Letters

Don't skip class! Switch on classroom cable

Once again UNL has taken a major step in lowering its quality of education. It has taken that giant leap towards making the classroom obsolete. That's right, folks, if you don't like to go to class, you can check it out at the library, take it home, and watch it while enjoying a beer and a pizza.

The teaching of classes on tape has started a slow but steady trend out of the classroom and into the dormitory. This trend will bring about the installation of "classroom cable" into all of the living units.

With this system, students would be provided with pre-recorded lectures in all of their classes. This would allow students to catch chem 109 lectures during "He-Man" commercial breaks.

Currently, students seem to be happy about the new taped classes. I know that if I didn't want to go to class, I'm sure I wouldn't hesitate to skip and then check out the lecture after I finished with David Letterman.

ASUN reflects student satisfaction with the service by failing to condemn the taped lectures.

With students happy about the classes and ASUN tripping over its feet, UNL administrators can put this controversy out of their minds and concen-

Cry-baby prisoner complains

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Brad again says that life in prison is pretty miserable. The prisoners form gangs, and if you aren't part of a gang, you could be at their mercy.

I don't doubt that. But the question is, why are they after Brad? It's not because of his race, since he's at Menard State Prison, where the majority of prisoners are white.

Brad explains. Before he went to prison, he worked as a private security guard for a department store and a few other companies.

And, he says, he was so zealous in collaring thieves, felons and other wrong-doers that his reputation as a fearless lawman has spread through the prison.

So, the other prisoners know that Brad — while working as a watchman in a department store — was responsible for sending many of their pals to jail. And they want to get even.

I wasn't aware that a department store security guard could send that many guys up the river, but that's what Brad says.

He also says — and I know this will come as a shock — that he didn't commit any of those rapes. He was not the "plumber rapist," as the police and the press dubbed him.

Instead, he was a victim of "an over-zealous news media only interested in out-sensationalizing competing news bodies."

Maybe that's true. On the other hand, I don't recall that it was a reporter who nabbed Brad. It was the cops.

But to get back to Brad's letter.

He says: "The next time an ex-con does something stupid and violent, you can accept part of the blame for wasting valuable journalistic power and influence by letting the very real and very huge problem go unexamined and, as a result, uncorrected."

In other words, I should not have written about Brad and his complaints to a state legislator about how unhappy he is, but about the big picture — that life in our prisons is not a cup of tea. Gosh, was anybody else besides me unaware that being in prison wasn't like a trip to DisneyWorld?

And he concludes by saying: "I hope that you feel a sense of accomplishment. You accomplished nothing. You jerk."

That hurt, being called a jerk by Brad. I feel so bad that I think I'll go home and cry myself to sleep.

On the other hand, maybe I'll just stop in a bar, have a beer and chuckle awhile.

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trate on more important issues — like whether or not to offer lectures in both Beta and VHS formats and getting the UNL police to crack down on the soon to follow pirating of the lectures.

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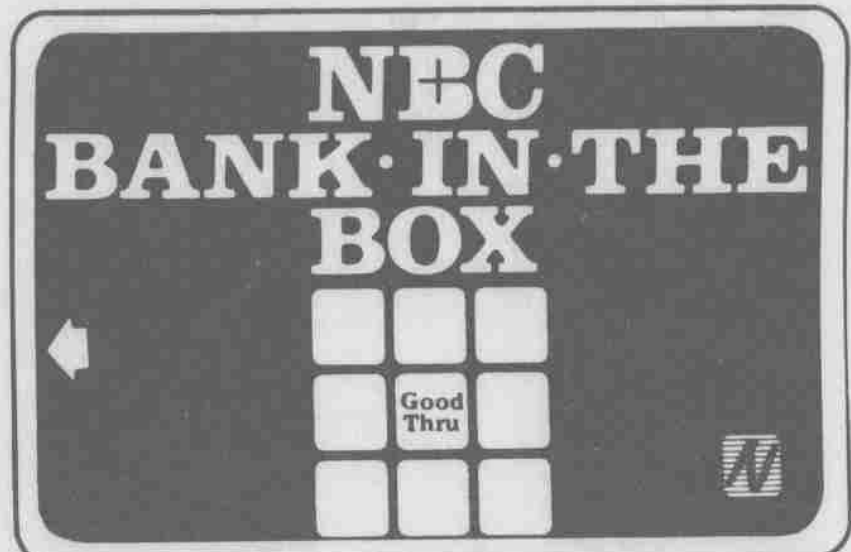
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