

'Sorry, right number...'

Students buy machines

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More college students are purchasing telephone answering devices than any other age group, according to research conducted by Code-A-Phone Corporation, one of the nation's largest and oldest makers of answering machines.

A nationwide consumer survey revealed that 45 percent of all answering-machine buyers are under age 35, with 18- to 24-year-olds emerging as "perhaps the most important intent to purchase group," said Paul Newman, vice president of marketing for Code-A-Phone.

Bernie Sandalow, a Code-A-Phone official, said many new styles and colors of answering machines make them the perfect Christmas gift for busy college students.

Todd Schrandt of Dictaphone in Lincoln said he also has noticed the popularity of answering machines among younger buyers. He said that this popularity could be based on a recent decrease in prices that has made the machines more affordable. Schrandt said units range from \$45 to \$395.

Some students buy the machine for fun, others for necessity.

UNL junior, Jeff Heins, a broadcasting major from Columbus, said he bought his answering machine for receiving important calls. It also greatly assists people in contacting him, he said.

Pete Castellano, a junior political science major from Bellevue, said he purchased a tele-

phone answering machine because he is never around when people try to call him. Because his roommate also is gone a lot, Catellano said, the answering machine decreases the number of messages he misses.

Junior Brian Wolford of Kearney said that the machine is good for receiving important calls, but he said that the top reason that he has one is because it is fun to make messages and to receive them.

Recordings that some students have used on their machines include a rap, Christmas carols, an original-message contest, voice impressions and an excerpt from the "Twilight Zone."

Students also have used popular songs and television tunes.

Wolford said that one of his former roommates created a recording that led callers to believe that they were actually talking to someone by carrying on a simple, generic conversation. He said that callers were rather embarrassed when they realized that they were actually conversing with a machine.

"It's good to change the message at least once a week or else people get tired of them," said Lois Rohlfing, a junior from Talmage. People get mad if you are not original, she said.

Brad Katz of DeWitt said his roommate purchased an answering machine because it would make him sound important. Katz said that they use the machine when they are gone or taking a nap.

Handicapped aid reduced

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Omaha Sen. Ernest Chambers supported Sieck's amendment. He said the Legislature has not been fair to the mentally handicapped.

"The retarded need bread, and the Legislature gives them stones," Chambers said.

Farnam Sen. Tom Vickers opposed Sieck's amendment, arguing that the state-aid portion of the general-fund budget should have to bear part of the budget-cutting brunt.

Some senators talked over adjourning the special session and going home. They rejected, 7-34,

a motion presented by Chambers to kill the budget bill.

Chambers called the special sessions "a lying session" in which senators were not facing the real issue — a tax increase to solve the state's financial problems.

"This is not going to avoid a tax increase," he said.

Omaha Sen. Vard Johnson said that although he did not approve of everything in the budget package, it was "reasonable" and would help balance the state budget.

"This Legislature, unlike Congress, has the backbone" to balance the budget, Johnson said.

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