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Summer jobs give students daring, danceable experiences

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University of Nebraska-Lincoln student Chris Stream learned to twist and thrust like Michael Jackson this summer. Ted Gude, another student, climbed to great heights during his summer

Gude and Stream are among the thousands of university students who spend their summers earning money for school in uncommon ways.

Gude has spent the last three summers climbing broadcast towers often 500 feet taller than the Empire State Building, and Stream spent the summer working at Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

Gude, a senior political science major, works for the Lincoln-based Americam Tower Services. The company specializes in building, painting and repairing signal towers throughout the United States and abroad.

Gude first heard about the job from a friend who worked for Americam.

"I told him he was crazy," Gude said. Within a year Gude was climbing a 1,300-foot radio tower in Reliance, S.D.

The first time was the toughest," he said. "We hooked five gallons of paint to our belts and started climbing. I had to stop about every 20 feet." It took Gude and the other workers about two hours to climb to the top of the tower.

Because Gude is often a half-hour's climb from the bottom of the metal towers, he checks the weather with more than just a passing interest.

"If a storm comes up, it's like we're climbing around on a big lightning rod. "When we see bad weather coming, we drop everything and head for

safety," he said. Wind is another problem Gude faces when

working. Winds can reach 40 to 50 miles per hour near the top of the broadcast towers. Any wrong move climbing during strong winds can spell disaster.

Gude said his company has never had a serious accident.

'We've been real lucky," he said. "There are a lot of things that can go wrong if you're not careful."

Gude said one problem with climbing towers that there are no bathrooms at the top.

"All we can do is go over the edge of the tower," Gude said. "One of my friends accidently hit the boss's truck. That was from over a thousand feet up. Needless to say, he wasn't too pleased.'

Stream, a junior English major, spent his summer working in public relations at Disney World. One of his jobs was to assist tourists visiting the Epcot ride "Journey Into Imagination.'

"I was the guy that tells the visitors where to be seated and answers any questions a tourist might have," Stream said.

Stream's other job was ushering at the Epcot 3-D movie "Captain EO."

"At the movie I was the guy that announced over the public address, 'Ladies and gentlemen, move all the way down to your left, filling in every available seat. This is a full show. Please don't stop in the middle.' I would say this over and over and over.

Besides memorizing lines, Stream also memorized much of the movie, "Captain EO,' starring Michael Jackson.

"I can do the whole dance Michael does in the movie," he said. "I can't wait to go to a party and spin and pelvic-thrust like he does in the movie."

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Jon's helps NU take note

By Bob Nelson Staff Reporter

Unlike most students, Jon Donlan is thrilled to take notes.

Donlan is the owner of Jon's Notes, located on the second level of Nebraska Bookstore. Jon's Notes supplies notes for six of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's 100-level classes such as Chemistry 109, Sociology 153 and Political Science 100. A student can buy a subscription from Donlan and receive notes for every session of a

Donlan got the idea for a note-taking service when he was a senior in high school. By the beginning of his freshman year at UNL, Donlan had his business in full swing from an office in the old Lancaster Printing building at 12th and

He began with notes for only two classes and 100 subscribers but has since grown to six ses and almost 700 subscrib-

Donlan gets the notes from classes by hiring graduate students or teachers aides in the

Selection of note takers is done through recommendations by professors and by their

ability to take clear, complete notes that students at any level can understand.

Donlan said he stresses that his notes should be used to supplement students' own notes.

"People are always harping that students use these notes to skip class," he said. "There are people that see the notes as an easy way out of class. They usually find out that they can't be used that way.

Associate Professor Chris Eskridge, who teaches a criminal-justice class that Jon's Notes covers, believes the notes have both good and

"It's a lot like fire. It can either warm you or burn down your house," he said.

Eskridge said he thinks the notes expand on a student's notes 'The problem is when students think they can

skip my class because they have the notes," Eskridge said. Many things go on during classes that notes

miss, he said. Donlan gets permission from the professors of

each class he supplies with notes.

"There are some professors that are a little leery of our service," Donlan said. "It's not something that I absolutely have to do, but it keeps from creating bad vibes.

Hectic schedule

With football practices getting longer because of Saturday's first game of the season, Floyd Sorley, who works with the film crew, finds time for a snooze next to the camera truck.

raternity drops little sister program

By Mitchell J. Meyers Staff Reporter

Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln has decided to drop its little-sister program, joining three other UNL fraternities that eliminated similar programs last

Last year Phi Kappa Psi, Tau Kappa Epsilon and Kappa Sigma fraternities discontinued their little-sister pro-

This summer during Sigma Phi Epsilon's national conference of delegates from each of its more than 200 chapters, members decided to eliminate their little-sister organization.

Ray Anderson, president of Sigma

Phi Epsilon at UNL, said the little- dinating little-sister programs, they sister program successfully helped broaden the fraternity's social activities with other groups

But the fraternity agreed to drop the program because the national fraternity had voted not to recognize any of its members' auxiliary groups, he said.

Jayne Wade Anderson, UNL Greek affairs director, said she agrees with the decision because the little-sister program has never been recognized officially by the university or the Fraternity Executives Association.

'The program distracts the members' attentions to less important fraternity activities," she said.

She said that while the members were putting so much effort into coor-

could have directed more leadership at more immediate house responsibilities like pledge recruitment and member ship education.

The Fraternity Executives Association, a group of nationally elected delegates representing the smaller fraternity associations, passed an official resolution earlier this summer disapproving of the program.

"The groups inhibit the accomp-lishment of chapter goals by diverting resources of time, effort and money, which are needed for chapter operations and programming," the association's resolution said.

The resolution also said little-sister groups were "weakening the bonds of

brotherhood by adversely affecting in- Delta sorority and a junior in elementerpersonal relationships within the chapter.

Jon Moss, vice president of the UNL chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, said their fraternity's national headquarters had discussed dropping the littlesister program. "But because the program has been so successful locally, Moss said, "it probably will continue for some time.

Shelli Adams, a Sigma Alpha Epsilon little sister, said she enjoyed her role with the fraternity. "It's very important, especially during rush activities when the fraternity is recruiting new members, to emphasize the many social aspects of fraternity life to new students," said Adams, a member of Kappa

tary education.

Barb Weiss, a business sophomore and a member of Kappa Delta, said that because she came to Lincoln from Madison, "the little-sister program was important to me because I was able to meet more people sooner, and it wasn't long before I was seeing people around campus that I knew I could trust.'

Weiss, a Sigma Phi Epsilon little sister, said she was disappointed when the fraternity decided to drop the

program.
"I know we'll still be friends, of course," she said. "But the title itself is important to me at least because it expresses that special sort of family