

# Former Cornhusker to speak at 'Do It Sober'

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Former Cornhusker tight end receiver Junior Miller will be the guest speaker for the fifth annual "Do It Sober" tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the Nebraska Union.

"Do It Sober V," sponsored by Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, Alpha Phi sorority, Panhellenic Association, Interfraternity Council and the University Health Center, attempts to increase student awareness of the dangers of alcohol abuse and to encourage alcohol-free events, its organizers says.

Entertainment will include a "Mocktail" Party at 6:30 p.m. with snacks and non-alcoholic refreshments. The "mocktails" will be followed by a performance by the Scarlet and Cream Singers. Miller's presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Named All-America for two of his four years of Cornhusker football,

Miller was a first-round draft choice for the Atlanta Falcons in 1980. It appeared that he was destined for fame, but drug and alcohol abuse soon overtook his life. Miller's career took a turn for the worse.

After playing four years for the Falcons, Miller was traded to the New Orleans Saints where he played one year and sat out the next year. The following year Miller went to play for the Dallas Cowboys, but was released after playing only one preseason game.

Miller has spoken to church and business groups. His message is simple: He tells people what happened, before and after treatment for alcoholism, and emphasizes how his faith in God played a role in his recovery.

"I'm not a guy who knows a lot about statistics. I think those speakers are pretty boring," Miller said. "I talk about what really happens, about the

reality and the deception of alcohol."

He said he hopes the audience will be able to identify with his story if it is happening to them or to their friends.

Jim Correll, Sigma Alpha Epsilon program chairman and co-coordinator of "Do It Sober," said he thinks Miller's story will appeal to students because of his fame as a fellow Cornhusker.

"Do It Sober" doesn't imply that UNL has a worse drinking problem

than any other campuses, Correll said. It does recognize that some students do get caught up in the social aspect of drinking, he said.

"Do It Sober" is open to the public. Sally Rogge, Alpha Phi social chairman, said she is expecting a good response from students. Attendance is mandatory for sorority and fraternity pledges. The first year's attendance was about 500 but interest has spread throughout the campus and into the

residence halls. Last year attendance reached 1,200.

In addition to Miller's presentation, Janet Crawford, health educator and instructor at the University Health Center, will give information about services offered by the University Health Center for students concerned about a drinking problem. Counseling, referral services and an emergency hot line are available to students.

## Services find aid for a fee

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student, he would rather save his money and search for the information himself.

"It just depends on how much students think their time is worth," he said. "Isn't a couple hours in the library worth the \$39 that it would cost them for the service?"

The two Lincoln services are licensed by Academic Guidance Services of Marlton, N.J., and have restricted their business to high school students and college freshmen and sophomores.

Students complete forms with information about themselves, their goals and their major. This information is then used to match with the financial aid sources for the students, Kess said.

The students are not guaranteed they will receive money from the financial aid sources, he said.

"Students pay for the information which we provide to them," Kess said, "but 50 percent of the students do receive some type of aid."

It is up to the student to complete the process by contacting the sources on their own, he said.

Smith said he began laying the groundwork for his company in September and started business in early October.

Business has been slow but Smith said he is optimistic.

"It will take a little time to get my feet planted solidly," he said.

"I believe in it," Smith said, "and it is a service that will be needed more in the future because of the rising cost of tuition. And I feel like I can help the kids."

Kess and Smith had to pay a \$495 license fee to American Guidance Services to start their businesses. Ten dollars from their \$39 fee goes to American Guidance Services for a filing fee, Smith said. The rest covers the costs of forms, advertising and generating business, he said.

One person who has used the service of Academic Resources, owned by Kess, said she is very satisfied with the results she has received so far.

Martha, who asked that her last name not be used, is a 30-year-old professional who is returning to college. She has not told her employer yet that she plans on returning to college to pursue a degree in the health career field.

"I received 18 sources back from the forms I sent in," Martha said. "I had no idea that the money was available." She received scholarships and grants instead of loans.

The Better Business Bureau in New Jersey showed no complaints against Academic Guidance Services.

A representative from the Cornhusker Better Business Bureau said they had no information concerning Academic Resources or American Scholarship Counseling Service. The bureau neither approved nor disapproved of the services.

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