Computer program to aid studying

By Diane Brayton Staff Reporter

A software specialist claims he has developed a program for college students that dramatically will im-

prove their grades.

Ron Orlick, president of Ron Orlick Software of Brandywine, Md., said an IBM-compatible program called CRAMBO will change the

way students study.

"Most students just learn facts,"
Orlick said. "They need to ask questions. When you ask yourself ques-

tions you study differently."
CRAMBO asks students questions based on material they enter onto the disk during the course. The program is made up of two disks.

Information from notes, textbooks and old exams is entered by the student on the "make-test" disk. Each entry is marked with where the information originated, such as a page of a text, Orlick said.

The second "take-test" disk makes up a test from this information, Orlick said.

The program differs from regular studying because it gives students direction, Orlick said. By taking the self-test, he said, students learn



where their weakness in a subject lies and are able to skip over information

they answer correctly.
"It's important to know what you don't know, but it is also important to know what you do know," Orlick

Students will save time because they don't need to review information they already know, he said. Thus, they are able to direct studying and

Orlick developed the idea for the

program from his own college experience. To improve his study habits, he wrote questions and answers about subjects on flash cards. He also wrote down where the information could be found. Although the method was time consuming, it was effective, he said. Orlick used the same principle

when designing CRAMBO By inputting data throughout the

course, students can test themselves before exams and cram the information they don't know, he said.

They also have more time to ask their instructors questions about material they don't understand, Orlick

Students who buy CRAMBO can make money on the product by sell-ing the contents of the test disk, Or-

Once students finish using the "take-test" disk, they can copy the input onto a copy-protected disk and sell it to other students taking the same courses. The "make-test" disk lets students input any missing infor-

The program normally costs \$114, but in September the price is \$85.

"You can make money while boosting your grade," Orlick said.

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he doesn't normally function.

"It's kind of fun to get out into a class every now and then," he said. Griesen said he usually attends

about two classes a year as part of the Innocents Society's swap week, but this was the first time he had the chance to do the other things that make up a student's day.

In addition to attending the foundation's activities, Miles and Griesen went to a College of Dentistry fund-raiser and United Way kick-off campaign on their own.

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include a growing addiction to crack, refined cocaine in crystalline rock form. Another reason could be an increasing number of Americans -- particularly middle-class citizens -- are becoming less tolerant of drug use, he

Marijuana use, for example, has declined considerably since the "reefer madness" of the 1960s, he

when the drug first was intro-duced in the '60s, it was seen as extremely harmful, Osgood said. Later, marijuana users' perceptions of the drug went to the other extreme, he said, and they thought it had no harmful effects.

But after more experience with the drug, those who used it came to "realistic views" of its pros and cons, he said.

For this reason, Osgood said, marijuana use has decreased.

"Adolescents have come to see those drugs as more dangerous less fun to do and more harmful," he said.

Law student wins \$500

The University of Nebraska College of Law has awarded the \$500 first prize in the Nathan Burkan Memorial Competition to Ramona Paetzold of Lincoln.

The Nathan Burkan Memorial Competition is sponsored annually by the American Society of Compos-ers, Authors, and Publishers (AS-CAP) to stimulate interest in the field of copyright law. This award has been given annually since 1938.

Paetzold won the award for writing an essay entitled "Contracts Enlarging a Copyright Owner's Rights: a Framework for Determining Unenforceability."

Paetzold, a senior at the law college, also will be considered for one of five national prizes ranging in value from \$500 to \$3,000.





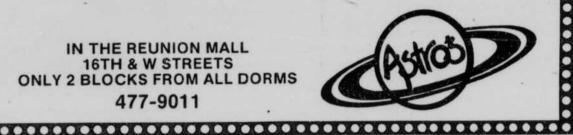
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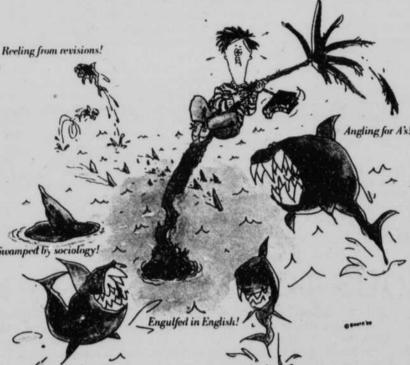
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