

# Notes services take off at UNL

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Much of the publicity for the sites has been negative — focusing on slacker students who need the notes because they sleep in too late and miss class.

But Keesler said this is a misconception, and allstudents.com is meant to support hard-working students who may come across difficulties in taking notes each day.

"It really isn't what people think," Keesler said. "This comes from students who say classes are too large, who can't hear the professors or feel lost in class."

The note-taking system can also be a benefit to students who have a hard time understanding a foreign professor or who have a learning disability, Keesler said.

Each set of notes contains a disclaimer saying going to class is recommended.

And going to class can pay off. One hired note-taker was advised not to post a special test question revealed to students ahead of time that rewarded them for attendance, Keesler said.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln political science Professor Kevin Smith said he didn't object to note takers in his class and thought that using

notes as a supplement would be helpful to students.

But students who use the notes as a substitute for class attendance are taking a risk, he said.

"When you buy a set of notes, there is no guarantee that those notes are going to reflect the core material being taught," Smith said. "You're investing an awful lot of faith if you are using them as your primary study material."

Deanna Manning, a history professor, said she posts notes on her own Web sites.

Notes posted online run the risk of not being comprehensive, Manning said.

"Some of the notes they take may not include everything that is essential to the course," she said. "They may not be as valuable because of the fact these sites don't require a certain GPA."

Allstudents.com will be online within the next couple of days, Keesler said.

Once it is fired up, the site will be open for feedback from students and professors.

Students can report on the quality of notes they post. If professors have problems or want to give feedback to the site, representatives will be available to talk to them, Keesler said.

## Drugs, funds stolen from Lincoln veterinary clinics

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Burglars entered the Williamsburg Clinic and triggered an alarm, Finnell said, at 2:15 a.m.

The clinic's head technician, Todd Porter, said the burglars took around \$2,000 in checks and traveler's checks from the register and about \$150 in cash.

"Our alarm went off in the front office," Porter said. "It didn't even look like our pharmacy was touched."

Porter said the burglars entered through a window, and he did not know the total estimated damage caused by the break-in.

Finnell said burglars entered the Parkview Animal Hospital through a skylight between 8:10 p.m. Monday and 7:30 a.m. Tuesday causing \$500 in damages.

The intruders took \$539 worth of Ketamine and Xylazine, Finnell said.

Finnell said it was not known what effect Xylazine would have on humans.

Kimberly Weber, a veterinarian at Parkview, said the burglars took steroids and vaccine but no narcotics.

### CORRECTION

The World Wide Web page [collegestudent.com](http://collegestudent.com) allows students to grade their professors. A story in Tuesday's Daily Nebraskan incorrectly stated the site's address.

"All of the controlled drugs are in the safe, and they didn't get any of those," Weber said. "They didn't touch our computers. They didn't touch any of our valuables. They were after drugs."

Weber said the burglars also took about \$20.

Burglars entered the Animal Care Clinic through a bathroom window, Veterinary Technician Kim Carnes said, and took between \$80 and \$100 in Valium and Ketaset.

Carnes said the burglars broke through two locks to get the drugs.

Police have not made arrests connected to the burglaries, Finnell said.



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# Students find funds at Harris

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have too many that don't get on the study. That wouldn't be good customer service."

Over the years, rumors have developed about possible risks with medical testing, but Logan said safety is the lab's primary concern.

"Oftentimes, they're just testing the absorption rate (of medications)," he said. "For over 60 years, there have been no serious problems. We're medically supervised and monitored."

"Safety is our number one concern," he said. "That is why we're so stringent on our screening procedures."

Luke Bossard, a senior psychology major and former MDS Harris test subject, said safety was also his primary concern.

"I've always been real conscious of investigating the drugs that they want to give me," he said. "I have an uncle who is a doctor, so I refer drugs through him. A couple of times, he told me not to do a couple of (tests). I just try to take the safest route possible."

Over the past three years, Bossard said he has done six or seven tests with MDS Harris, and he has had no problem with safety.

"I think you can trust them," he said. "I've heard some rumors and stories, but the majority of students

are safe."

After each weekend visit, Bossard said he had to go back to Harris Labs during the week to get blood tests at 6:30 a.m. to monitor the drugs and his safety.

Bossard said he was drawn to Harris Labs because of the high amount of money that can be earned in a short period of time. He said his initial interest in doing a study was sparked after his older brother was a test subject.

Bossard said the tests are a great way to earn money while getting other necessary work done.

"My main motivation was money," he said. "It's so easy. You just sit there and study."

MDS Harris provides test participants with food, entertainment and private sleeping quarters, all of which make the stay enjoyable, Bossard said.

"The food is real good," he said. "They don't really feed you enough though. Everyone gets the same amount, and for people with a bigger appetite, it's kind of like being on a diet."

Despite the small meals, Bossard said he never dreaded spending the weekend at Harris Labs.

"It's not bad at all," he said. "It's just kind of like a summer camp for the weekend."

Bossard said he was unsure

whether he will do any more tests with MDS Harris.

"My family and friends have expressed concerns," he said. "My dad has been very vocal about the studies, so I'll probably stop doing them."

"But (MDS Harris) has been really good to me financially. I've pretty much paid for school by doing these tests."

Trevor Ponte, a sophomore chemical engineering major, said he hoped he could work his way into a MDS Harris study to earn extra money.

Last year, Ponte applied to be a test subject, but his height to weight ratio exceeded the demands for the study.

"I think it would be an easy way to make some (money)," he said. "I was disappointed that I couldn't participate in the test, but I'm going to get my weight down and try again."

Ponte said he had heard the myths about the dangers of medical testing, but he didn't think they carried much merit.

"I know there are probably some risks, but they tell you what the tests will be, and if you think the risk is too great, then you can decide not to do it," he said.

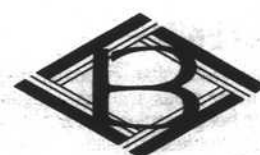
"It seems to be legal, so I assume there are no real consequences."

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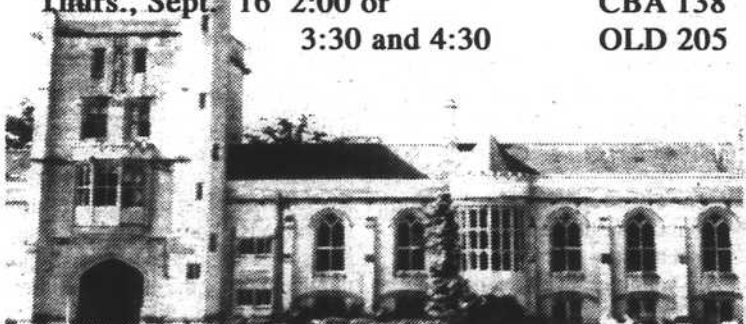
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