

Andy Chaves works his magic with the KRNU audience during his weekday shift at 90.3 KRNU. KRNU is the campus radio station used to train broadcasting students such as Chaves, a second-year broadcasting student, to operate the equipment. KRNU has been on the air for 30 years, and about 11 years ago switched from a top-40 lineup.



## MOVING TO THE BEAT OF A DIFFERENT SOUND

Student-made, commercial-free KRNU plays lesser known jams

Story by Jackie Blair

Photo by Nate Wagner

If you're tired of hearing Britney Spears and the Sartor Hamann Jewelry commercial every time the dial is turned, a fresh radio alternative for you might be 90.3 KRNU, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's own radio station.

KRNU is a student-run station of broadcasting majors and interns. UNL Broadcasting lecturer Rick Alloway is the general manager.

The station plays a variety of music, news updates, and sports and specialty shows, which cover a variety of genres.

Some of the more popular shows are "Heresy," "Underground Link" and "Vocal Chords."

"Heresy" is a loud rock show that has run for 15 years, the longest of any show on KRNU.

Co-hosts Casey Lynch and Nick Kumpula took over the show this year.

"Before we took over,

"Heresy" was mostly 80s hair band music," said Lynch, a junior broadcasting major. "We changed it to a lot newer stuff. We play a lot of tracks that haven't been exposed yet."

"Heresy" airs tonight from 9 to 11 p.m.

"Underground Link," which is on Thursday nights from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., is a techno show arranged by Ryan Dobbe.

Dobbe, a senior broadcasting major, said his show plays a lot of underground music that "no other stations have commercially accepted yet."

"Underground Link" plays a variety of techno music, including house, trance and jungle.

"Vocal Chords" is an a capella show on Friday mornings from 8 to 10 a.m. Alloway is the host.

Listeners from Europe hear the show over the World Wide Web and often write to say how great "Vocal

Chords" is, Alloway said.

So why is it that people from Europe probably listen to KRNU more than UNL students? Well, that's the downside to commercial-free radio.

KRNU makes no money to put out its own advertisements to draw people.

"We have no advertising budget for the station," Alloway said. "If we did advertise, we would have to take it out of our own pockets."

Passing out fliers at Big Red Welcome helped the station to get its word out, Lynch said.

"We're beginning to get an audience, but we still have a ways to go," she said. "Some people think that KRNU is an AM station!"

Neal Obermeyer, KRNU's music director, said the station mostly relies on word-of-mouth.

KRNU is capable of becoming a widely known, popular college station,

Obermeyer said.

Alloway said the station's appeal is that it is a place where new bands get a chance to have their music played.

"Groups like U2 and Hootie and the Blowfish were started on college stations," he said.

Lynch said KRNU is a great place to learn about bands and music that couldn't be found anywhere else. "Our music directors are insanely knowledgeable about the music we play," she said.

Obermeyer summed up KRNU by saying that most stations in Lincoln are either classic rock, country or Top 40. KRNU is the only outlet a lot of good bands have to reach an audience.

"We have a lot of great stuff that you won't find anywhere else," he said, "and there's always the opportunity to hear something new."

90.3 KRNU	
<b>Monday</b> Hot Lunch 9-11 p.m. Talk and call-in show	<b>Specialty Shows</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> Heresy 9-11 p.m. loud rock	Hip Hop 101 11 p.m.-1 a.m. hip hop and the roots of hip hop
<b>Wednesday</b> KRN-UK 9-11 p.m. British music	DJ Z-K's World Tour, 11 p.m.-1 a.m. World Music
<b>Thursday</b> Out of Bounds 7-9 p.m. Sports Talk	Underground Link/The Essential Mix 9-11 p.m. Techno
<b>Friday</b> Vocal Chords 8-10 a.m. a capella	Groove Sessions 8-11 p.m. Hip Hop and R&B
<b>Saturday</b> Seven2nine 7-9 p.m. Hip Hop and R&B	Local Inferno 9-11 p.m. Local Music
<b>Sunday</b> Radio City Idea Factory 8-10 p.m. improvisational jazz and rock	Hideaway 10 p.m.-12 a.m. Blues

## Goo Goo Dolls slide favorites into show

BY MELANIE MENSCH

Instead of watching "Behind the Music" reruns of the Goo Goo Dolls on VH1, get off the couch and head out to the Nebraska State Fair to see 'em live tonight.

The Goo Goo Dolls will play at the Bob Devaney Sports Center with Tonic at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and \$20, and plenty are still available.

Ticket prices to this show are higher than other shows on the state fair roster, but Jason Schmaderer, State Fair public relations writer, said not to be put off by the higher prices of concert tickets this year.

"Ticket sales were a little slow at first because people aren't used to paying this much for the concerts," he said. "But compared to places like Kansas City or Omaha, this is a better deal for people to see a great show here in town."

Tonic and the Goo Goo Dolls can expect an audience of 6,000 or more, as they are some of the

few pop-rock acts gracing the Devaney concert stage this year.

Concert-goers can expect to hear new Tonic songs such as "You Wanted More" off its most-recent album, "Sugar." The songs off of this new album will surprise the eardrums with breezy guitar melodies, distorted modern grit and dark, crunching rock.

The Los Angeles-based band also will dip into some radio favorites such as "If You Could Only See" and "Open Up Your Eyes" from their 1997 album, "Lemon Parade."

Then, one of the musical Cinderella stories of the 90s, the Goo Goo Dolls, will romance audiences with their rock ballad "Iris" from the City of Angels soundtrack.

Fans can anticipate other pop hits from its 1998 "Dizzy Up the Girl" album.

They'll hear "Slide" and "Black Balloon," along with pre-success favorites such as "Jed" and "Superstar Car Wash."

Both bands pride themselves

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State Fair public relations writer

on creative song writing, intense guitar arrangements and energetic shows, and the Devaney should not fall short of these concert ingredients tonight.

Schmaderer said anyone interested should call the State Fair ticket office at (402) 473-4105. The State Fair Web site is [www.statefair.org](http://www.statefair.org).

"As concerts with bigger names get closer, people get more excited," he said.

"But there (are) plenty of tickets available, so you should be able to get a ticket up to the last minute."



Courtesy Photo  
The Goo Goo Dolls had numerous hits in the latter part of the 1990s including "Iris," "Slide" and "Black Balloon." The group will play tonight at the Bob Devaney Sports Center as part of

## Theater's classic films aim to reel in viewers

BY JAMES DUNN

We're in an age where the American movie industry has reached a plateau of sorts. It's a time when more ideas are being recycled from the past, and few are outdoing their predecessors.

In the midst of this, one local theater has decided to cut through the mess and show the older movies we know and love.

For 87 years, the Joyo Theater, formerly the Lyric Theater, has been entertaining Lincoln with its eclectic movie seasons.

It's always had a family atmosphere, and Dwight Carter, owner of the theater for 2½ years, plans to keep it that way.

As part of this "family fun plan," the theater offers old horror flicks, classic heartbreakers, animated favorites and cult classics.

"The Joyo is a real customer oriented theater with a heart," said Jim Salber, employee and

long-time fan of the Joyo.

The Joyo tries to cater to all walks of life, including the exhibitionists, who enjoy the Joyo's showings of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," which is shown every Saturday at midnight.

As many know, during "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," audience members actively take part in what happens during the movie. This oftentimes includes dressing up for the part.

"Expect to have a good time. Carter said about the cult classic. "Don't be afraid to yell."

This Halloween season, the Joyo plans to step the horror up another level.

October Horror will feature a lineup of classic scary movies like "Halloween," "The Shining," "Psycho," "Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>" and many others.

It will also showcase the lighter side of the horror genre

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