New Procedures for Ordering NETCHE Instructional Videotapes

Staff retirements along with updated computer programs have resulted in some changes in the NETCHE Instructional Video Library ordering and shipping procedures. The goal is to improve consistency of service and to minimize tape loss.

New Contacts

Barbara Rietsch is now the primary contact for questions from faculty concerning the library and for orders from tape coordinators. Barbara works from 8:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Monday through Friday. She can be reached via e-mail at netche@unl.edu or by phone at 402.472.9333, ext. 269. When Barbara is away from the office, Amy Turek will serve as her backup. Amy can be reached at 402.472.9333, ext. 359.

Order Videos Online at http://netche.unl.edu

For the most efficient service, we strongly urge faculty to place orders directly online. The NETCHE Instructional Video Online Catalog is now fully functional. Be sure to bookmark the URL: http://netche.unl.edu. The online catalog contains the most up-to-date listing of all videotapes in the library. It has subject and keyword search capabilities and a shopping cart that enables faculty to place orders directly. A copy of each order will be automatically sent to the appropriate campus tape coordinator and to Barbara Rietsch, who will send an e-mail notification concerning the availability of the videotapes requested. As in the past, faculty will pick up and return tapes to their campus tape coordinator. (See list at right.)

Plan Ahead

If preferred, faculty can continue to place phone or written orders through their campus tape coordinators. Order early to get the programs you want when you need them. Whether ordered online or by phone, advance planning will be important since tapes will be shipped to tape coordinators one week in advance of the requested view date and will be due back one week later. If there is an emergency, every effort will be made to accommodate a last-minute request, but tape availability cannot be guaranteed.

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Central Community College, Columbus, Jeanne Werner
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 Clarkson College, Omaha, Larry Vinson
Doane College, Crete, Jonathan Ash
Doane College, Lincoln, Maria Crosby
Hastings College, Carrie Storer
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NETCHE Offers Interactive Online Instruction Workshop

Call for New Video and Multimedia Production Proposals

Do you have an idea for a video that would enhance your class, but can’t find anything commercially available? Complete a two-page proposal form and submit your idea to NETCHE.

Each year, NETCHE produces instructional video lessons designed for use with secondary education classes. Proposals for these videos come from faculty of NETCHE member institutions. Faculty members whose proposals are selected may choose to play an active part in the team process that results in high-quality classroom teaching resources. Television programs produced by NETCHE are made available to member institutions through the NETCHE library and are broadcast on the statewide Nebraska ETV Network.

Proposal forms are available from campus ITV coordinators (see page 4) or directly from NETCHE. Contact Lois Dam by e-mail at netche@unl.edu or by phone at 402.472.9333, ext. 224. The deadline for submission is December 1, 1999.

NETCHE is also soliciting proposals for multimedia course modules. For further information, contact Lois Dam by e-mail at netche@unl.edu or by phone at 402.472.9333, ext. 224.

Final Call for Video and Multimedia Acquisition Requests

Are there video or multimedia acquisition requests that are not available through your campus library or the NETCHE Instructional Video Library? If so, submit a video/multimedia acquisition request to NETCHE. Each year, NETCHE adds a substantial number of new programs requested by faculty to the Instructional Video Library.

Videos/Multimedia Acquisition Request forms are available from your campus ITV coordinator (see page 4) or from NETCHE. For each program requested, include the complete title of the program or series, a brief description of the program, copyright date, price, rental distributor’s name, address and phone number; a letter of support from a classroom teacher describing the intended use of the program; and a copy of the catalog pages or a brochure with all the necessary program information. Send the form and additional program information to Lois Dam, NETCHE, PO Box 83111, Lincoln, NE 68503-3111. The deadline for requests for 1999-2000 acquisitions is September 30, 1999. For further information, contact Lois Dam via e-mail at netche@unl.edu or by phone at 402.472.9333, ext. 224.

NETCHE Completes Three Productions, Acquires New Programs

NETCHE has completed two 30-minute video programs, “Coming Out In Rural Nebraska” and “Sheila Hicks’ Soft World,” and a multimedia CD-ROM, “Communities on the Prairie: Exploring Sustainability.” Copies of the video programs and the CD have been placed in the NETCHE Instructional Video Library. In addition, two copies of the “Communities on the Prairie: Exploring Sustainability” CD will be sent to each campus library. Also added to the library are three new programs from the ever-popular PERSPECTIVE series.

“Coming Out In Rural Nebraska” 30 minutes, 1999 Sociology, Gender Issues

A NETCHE production, closed captioned Martin, Scott, Kate, and Alex grew up in rural communities. Martin, Scott, Kate, and Alex are also homosexuals. In this interview with Alex, they relate the experiences of growing up and coming out to family and friends. While there are many similarities in their stories—feeling of isolation and fear of rejection—there are also differences in their coming-out experiences.

The DVD honestly and straightforwardly talks about myths and stereotypes about gays and lesbians, the societal structures of their hometowns and their experiences growing up there, as well as the tolerance and intolerance they have experienced since coming out. There is a heartwarming harmony regarding the important roles that family and allies play in the coming-out process, as well as the relief and feelings of freedom experienced after coming out. Also included are interviews with Kate’s father, Tom, who talks about his daughter’s coming-out; interaction with him and their subsequent closer relationship, and Paul Cohen, pastor of the Campus Lutheran Church at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, who talks about his open congregation.

“Communities on the Prairie: Exploring Sustainability” Multimedia CD-ROM History, Futurism

NETCHE Production

Learn more about the growing need for sustainable development, the trends and challenges for the 21st century and the systems—political, economic, social, production, technological and international—needed to sustain development. One way to consider new options for future community-making is to examine the history of today’s communities. This program allows users to explore some of the place-making history of Nebraska towns and cities within five community types—transportation, rural, urban, ethnic, native and institutional. Short videos, maps, photos, print resources and a quiz are available for each community type.

Users are encouraged to consider key sustainability issues as they review the history of each community.

“Sheila Hicks’ Soft World” 30 minutes, 1999 Art, Biography

Sheila Hicks is one of Nebraska’s premier artists with an international reputation and a pioneer of textile art. Hicks returned to Hastings, Nebraska, her birthplace, to install an exhibit at Hastings College. This documentary follows her as she shows and discusses her work, works with students and installs an exhibit. She revisits familiar landscapes and places, recounting the lasting influence that her Nebraska roots, both people and places, have had on her art.

PERSPECTIVE Peter Arnett

28 minutes Journalism, Political Science

Former CNN Correspondent Peter Arnett has covered wars from Desert Storm and Bosnia. In this interview, he talks about the ethics of war coverage, how media has changed public reactions to war, and how advances in technology and media coverage might change the ways war is fought. Mr. Arnett also discusses the need to balance preservation of African animals and lands against the agricultural demands of a growing population.

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The Organization

NETCHE is the Nebraska Educational Television Council for Higher Education, a consortium of postsecondary institutions devoted to the improvement of teaching and learning. Since its incorporation in 1966, NETCHE has become internationally known as a producer of high quality educational materials.

The consortium is governed by a board of directors composed of the presidents of all member institutions. Member institutions pay dues annually and have full access to all library materials.

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- University of Nebraska-Kearney, Tom Christensen
- University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Joyce Magorian
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NETCHE Announces Staff Changes

In May, two long-time staff members retired. Both made significant contributions to the services provided by NETCHE.

Beulah Ullstrom, NETCHE videotape librarian, known to many as the “voice of NETCHE,” was adept at suggesting the ideal video program to meet a faculty member’s instructional needs. Her knowledge of the Instructional Video Library and service to NETCHE faculty were unparalleled and will be sorely missed.

Paula Egbarts, Educational Telecommunications secretary, provided many services to NETCHE: arranging meetings, preparing and assembling materials for various events and registering participants for conferences and workshops. She could be counted on to cheerfully answer the countless calls that came in on her ever-ringing phone.

We are grateful to both Beulah and Paula for their years of dedication and service, and wish them well in their retirement.

Responsibility Changes

Dr. Gwen Nugent has served as interim executive director of NETCHE since Lee Rockwell’s retirement in 1998. At the NETCHE annual meeting in May, the members commended Dr. Nugent for her fine performance and unanimously voted to name her executive director.

Barbara Retsch, part-time secretary for NETCHE for the past year and a half, has been responsible for entering, maintaining and updating the database for the print and online catalogs. For the past year, she has also been handling registrations and fielding questions about NETCHE workshops. More recently, she has taken on the responsibility of managing orders for programs from the videotape library. She will answer questions about programs and will receive and verify your videotape requests. Barbara’s hours are from 8:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Monday-Friday. She can be reached by e-mail at netche@unl.edu or phone at 402.472.9333, ext. 269. John Vondracek, GPN staff member, will maintain the physical library and ship and receive all NETCHE videos.

New Staff Member

Amy Turek joined the staff in July as Educational Telecommunications full-time secretary. Amy comes to us with experience in both the public and private sectors. Most recently, she was with the Gallup Organization. In addition to assisting with schedules, meetings and materials preparation, Amy will provide library and workshop services when Barbara Retsch is out of the office. We welcome Amy.

Calendar of Events

September 30 Video/Multimedia acquisition requests due
October 18-20 NETCHE Interactive Online Instruction, Online II Workshop
December 1 New video and multimedia production proposals due