

Instructional Services has films on file

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One of the best kept secrets on campus is that the Instructional Services Department provides access to a library of educational films for all students.

According to Instructional Services Director Michael Kalbaugh, any full time student can view films, video tapes, and slides just by gaining verbal approval from their course professor, ordering the film, and waiting about ten working days.

Joanne Meinsler, Film Coordinator, said the procedure is easy: "Just come to Room W319 and choose a film from the many catalogs any time from 8:00 a.m. to noon, and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekdays."

Meinsler will write up the request and send it to University Park or any other film library connected to Capitol Campus. Most of the films housed on campus are for use by Elementary Education students. The films borrowed from University Park are free to PSU students; the ones from other film libraries often

have a rental fee from \$11 on up.

"If a student gives our office advance notice," said Meinsler, "we can have the audio-visual equipment and the film ready in a reserved room. All you have to do is turn the equipment on."

Capitol Times conducted a random survey by presenting the educational film catalogs to students.

Humanities/Business major Judy Cadieux said, "I was not aware this service was available to me. I am still in a career planning stage and I would like to view these films on career development, especially **Women in Management.**"

Mark Melnyk, a Computer Science major, was surprised to learn educational films were available for his use. He noticed while leafing through the catalog on math and sciences that films on **Binary Bits** and **Basic Computer Terms** were of interest to him.

"An educational film might prove helpful in doing a research paper," said Melnyk.

"I think more advertising from the Instructional Services Depart-

ment would have kept us all better informed on resources available to us," Melnyk said.

Another Computer Science major, Lois Middleswart found a 1982 film about a computer that learned to play tic-tac-toe until it

that books still provide most of the specific information on course subjects.

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was unbeatable.

Don Miller, Assistant Professor of Engineering, uses the Instructional Services films as a way of providing field trips without leaving the classroom.

"I use the films that can provide current information on issues like air pollution and energy," Miller said.

Miller was not aware the students could view the educational films on their own. He does caution students that most films are of a general nature and

"The students use the films during their student teaching internship," said Associate Professor of Education Roy Allison.

Other services offered to Education students are also available to the rest of the students. The Instructional Services Dept. will make transparencies for those who provide blank acetate film bought from the book store along with a finished product to be reproduced.

Instructional Services Director Kalbaugh offers his technical experience to those who make presentations and need advice on audio-visuals.

"I wish the clubs would use the film library more," said Kalbaugh. "There are a number of good film in which I think the Black Student Union would be interested."

Black Student Union President Pamela Samuels was looking for some films to complement Black History Week celebrations in February.

She said, "I had no idea these films were available. It would be nice if all the clubs got this information in their club boxes at the beginning of the year."

Only educational films are offered through Instructional Services; not current feature films. Also, one might want to consider that Instructional Services only provides equipment, staff and room during business hours and only in the Olmsted Building.

Upon hearing the Capitol Times survey results Kalbaugh said, "The fact that students can borrow these educational films was not meant to be a secret. We order around 1500 films a year for the teachers and Education students. However, maybe we should spread the word more to the rest of the student body. From now on the student clubs will be informed of educational film viewing services."

Kalbaugh also said he would make arrangements to put the film library information in the student handbook.



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Instructional Services Director Michael Kalbaugh looks over materials available to students. Instructional Services can order films for students' viewing.