UNL microprocessors and computers available

UNL students this fall don't have to arrive on campus with their own personal computers, says Gerald Kutish, coordinator of user services at UNL.

"A lot of parents ask that question," Kutish "We tell them it's better to see what's happening at the university first, particularly in the field in which the student plans to study. Microcomputers in the College of Business Administration, for instance, differ from those favored in the College of Engineering and Technology or Teachers College.'

Even without a personal computer, students have easy access to computer facilities all over campus, in classroom buildings, residence halls and the Nebraska Union.

This fall, a new terminal site will be available in the Abel-Sandoz Residence Complex, joining a similar facility installed in the Neihardt Residence Complex last year.

Terminals in most campus locations connect to the university's mainframe computers in the Walter Scott Engineering Center and provide a wide range of programs and services, some of which are being introduced for the first time this

The site in Selleck Hall houses both Macintosh and IBM microcomputers, and includes a sophisticated array of software for each, including word processing, spreadsheets, and programming languages, according to Kathryn Alderman, UNL computer support specialist.

The Selleck site is known as the MILLI lab. MILLI stands for Microcomputer Laboratory for Innovative Instruction.

MILLI opened last fall, says Alderman, who provides periodic "MILLI-Mania" workshops for students eager to learn how to make use of the facilities. "It's become so popular that even keeping it open longer every day of the week isn't enough to satisfy demand. For that reason, we're adding a second microcomputer lab in the basement of Andrews Hall this fall.

"The Andrews Hall facility" (named WILLA for Writing Laboratory for Liberal Arts) she says, "will offer more than 20 MacIntoshes and a new series of writing aid programs which students can use to check spelling and grammar and even look at ways of improving sentence structure and the overall quality of their writing."

Nearly all computer services provided to UNL students are free. Users of microcomputers provide their own floppy disks, but computer time, year.

programs and the services of computer consultants on duty in both MILLI and the Andrews Hall facility throughout the 10 to 12 hours per day the facilities are open, are offered at no cost

This is in keeping with the "basic philosophy" of the Computing Resources Center at UNL, according to Kutish.

"Our goal is to provide resources for students. to use computers in today's society," he said, in regard to computer capacity available at the

"The university has made a big investment in computers and computer services," Kutish said. "And it provides this department with a base level of budgetary support to provide facilities and support services and staff to assist both faculty and students."

Several services will be available to students and faculty that are either new this fall or were initiated during the spring semester.

"Computer terminal users, for instance, will be able to print papers and class assignments on a printer in the Nebraska Union from more than 250 terminals throughout campus," Kutish said.

"All a student will have to do is call up the printer from a remote terminal and then walk over to the union to pick up his finished work on white computer paper." The white paper, provided at no charge, is more suitable for term papers, essays and other projects that the wide, green-lined paper available at most terminal sites, Kutish said.

Kutish added that laser printers, offering even higher quality printouts of finished materials, are also available for a nominal fee in the Selleck microcomputer facility.

Also available this fall, according to Kutish, will be an "electronic mail" package enabling students to communicate with each other from terminal to terminal, or with instructors and other students in a particular class or with fellow members of student clubs and organizations.

All of these services can be at a student's fingertips - from computer terminals throughout campus - by contacting the Computing Resource Center in the Administration Building on the UNL campus.

And to make sure that every student has an opportunity to learn about computers and microprocessors, the Center offers special workshops and training programs throughout the

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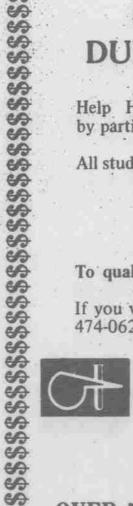
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