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Lab computer usage increases; resource center seeks more room

By Tim Borchers
 Staff Reporter

More University of Nebraska-Lincoln students are using microcomputer labs across campus, making expansion a necessity, said Kathryn Alderman of the Computing Resource Center.

"There's been such an explosion of use of computers on campus," she said. "We're looking for space."

Pete Castellano, computer consultant for the resource center, agreed that more rooms for the labs are needed.

Castellano, a UNL senior, said there were consistently at least three students waiting Wednesday to use a computer in Selleck.

Until the Computing Resource Center finds more space, its three computer labs and 91 computers will have to do.

The labs, located in Andrews and Henzlick halls and Selleck Quadrangle, are open six days a week. A fourth lab in the basement of the College of Business Administration, with 55 computers, is open seven days a week and operated by CBA.

The four labs, with software and consultants, are open to all students and faculty.

The lab in Andrews has 24 Apple Macintosh computers; the Selleck lab has 16 Macintoshes and 16 IBM PCs; and the lab in Henzlik, acquired by the resource center last spring, has 23 Macintoshes and 12 Apple II computers.

Alderman said this is the same number as last year, after the acquisition of the Henzlik lab.

John Harms, co-director of the CBA lab, said, "We see a lot of traffic every semester."

CBA's lab has 43 IBM computers and 12 Macintoshes.



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Amy Mitchell, a sophomore special education major, works on a paper in the computer lab in Selleck.

"The labs are getting fuller and fuller all the time," Alderman said. "We always encourage students not to wait until the last minute. We urge them to plan ahead so they can get on a computer when they need to."

Also, more instructors are encouraging students to use computers. Classes often are taught how to use computers in the labs.

Colette Kraemer, a resource center trainer, said, "A lot of professors are introducing their students to work processors, especially in business communications, university foundations and English."

Alderman agreed.

"They're doing a lot more training in classes," she said. "If even half of these students would use the computers,

that would be a lot of new people using them."

The Computing Resource Center has a long-term plan to add about 66 more units at a cost of about \$250,000 as space and resources become available. The extra units would cost about \$80,000 annually to maintain, Alderman said.

Now there are 12 consultants on the resource center staff to check software and help users.

"This is more than last year because of the new lab and increased hours," Alderman said.

So far, vandalism hasn't been a problem and certain precautions are taken to discourage potential thefts or vandals.

"We have electronic eyes in every room and there are safety kits on every computer," Alderman said.

Henzlik's lab is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The labs in Andrews and Selleck are open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday. Selleck is open from 2 to 10 p.m. Sunday, and Andrews is open from 6 to 10 p.m. Sunday.

"There is a good possibility of Saturday hours also," Alderman said. "People have been asking for them."

CBA's lab is open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday. It is open Saturday from 9 to 12 a.m. and Sundays from 1 to 6 p.m.

Financing for the computer labs comes from the resource center's budget. The CBA lab is financed by a donation by James C. Coe.

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