

Technology creates computer shortage

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"It's a very rapidly changing technology," Gale said. "The operational costs continue to go up and we don't have any money left in our budget to meet these demands."

Gale also said the computing resource center's existing hardware and software is incomplete. He said the memory requirement of the computers is more demanding.

The performance cost ratio, he said, is doubling every year. He said student and faculty demands for computer systems are rising faster than the computer center can supply.

Gale said the center has a "limited amount of resources" and tries to use what it has to meet the students and professor's demands.

"This is not a new problem," Gale said. "Students are always looking for more advanced technology."

Gale said the ongoing operational costs for the computer systems are high. He said most people aren't aware of these costs.

The base of the center's funding comes from the state, Gale said, but

the center is always applying for grants.

"Most of the computers we have purchased have been discounted from vendors," Gale said. "We have worked this area very aggressively."

Gale said that even though his department has received grant money for new computers, that money is not dependable. Like any other university department, Gale said his department needs more money from the university.

"There are a lot of things we would like to do if we had the money, such as a new facility," Gale said. "But the computer center isn't the only thing the Legislature has to worry about. The computers are just one small piece in the university."

He said the money the center receives every year from the annual budget already is spent. He said the money the center receives is used to pay for maintenance costs of the computers, and is set aside for other costs, which may occur later.

"The situation we are now in is what you see is what you get for the rest of the fiscal year," Gale said.

police REPORT

beginning midnight, Friday Nov. 11

12:29 a.m. — Window reported broken in Abel Hall, \$75.

12:37 a.m. — Drunken person reported at 17th and Q streets, person taken to detoxification center.

3:07 a.m. — Trash chute fire reported at Cather Hall, no damage reported.

8:25 a.m. — Two-vehicle accident reported in residence hall meter lot north of Selleck Hall, no injuries, \$100.

9:57 a.m. — Burglary reported at Abel Hall, clothes and answering machine stolen, \$930.

10:10 a.m. — Assault reported between College of Business Administration and Love Library, no injuries reported.

11:20 a.m. — Larceny reported in Love Library, two magazines were stolen and recovered, one person arrested.

11:23 a.m. — Bicycle reported stolen from Husker Hall, \$350.

12:45 p.m. — Recorders reported stolen from 1107 Oldfather, \$3,000, property was recovered and case was unfounded.

6:32 p.m. — Bicycle reported stolen from Nebraska Union bike rack, \$150.

8:48 p.m. — Fire alarm set off in Cather Hall, fire hose pulled off rack.

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