

Laptops required for students

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Staff Reporter

Third-year architecture students will shell out a few extra dollars this semester for another tool of the trade — a few thousand extra dollars, that is.

They now are required to purchase laptop computers, something College of Architecture officials say is necessary for the future of the field.

David Cronrath, chairman of the architecture department, said UNL was one of many schools in the nation that has hopped onto the computer highway to stay ahead of changing technology. Schools like Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Cornell University also require students to buy laptops, he said.

The laptop computers and software will cost students just less than \$3,000. Students eligible for financial aid will receive money to pay for the computers, Cronrath said.

Mark Donohue, who teaches design studio architecture, said the computers would only benefit students.

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Design studio architecture instructor

"Computers will have a tremendous effect on the way architecture is done in the future," he said.

That's how several architecture students see it.

"I kind of think it's an investment into my future," said Ryan Mimick, a junior architecture major.

A computer is just another necessary architecture tool like a pencil or triangle, he said.

Cleveland Reeves, another junior architecture major, said the laptops could be a great design tool.

"The cost is the only bad thing," he said. Reeves said he planned to use student loans to pay for the computer.

"By no means is it a simple profession," he said. Junior Rebecca Anderson, who

is taking interior design classes, said she didn't like the requirement, but said she realized the need for it.

"I'm not real excited about it, but in today's world you need them," she said, "and I don't want to be behind when I graduate."

Many students said they had not purchased their computers yet because they were waiting for an Aug. 21 computer fair at Architectural Hall. Students will begin using the computers Sept. 18.

The Computer Resource Center sells the required computers. Students may choose IBM or Macintosh computers. IBM computers cost between \$2,999 and \$4,599. Macintosh computers cost between \$2,480 and \$4,420.

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time for UNL's story," she said. "So people not only see the campus, but they see some additional stories about UNL that they might not normally have access to."

Interim Chancellor Joan Leitzel appeared Monday on the station's noon newscast. Other university-related stories are planned for the next few days, Mabie said.

While Leitzel's short interview appeared to go over without a hitch, Mabie said remote broadcasts took more work, which means more personnel to keep things running smooth.

As she prepared Monday for her first evening broadcast in the union, anchorwoman Deb Collins echoed that sentiment.

"On a location like this, the people behind the scenes are much more important," she said. "Those are the people, when we go live, who make or break the show."

Collins said her job would be easier at UNL than at other remote locations. The station brought its studio cameras to the union complete with TelePromTers, a luxury not usually available at remote locations.

After Wednesday's 10:00 p.m. newscast, engineers will strike the campus set and move it to the State Fairgrounds. KOLN-TV (Channels 10/11) will broadcast from that location from Thursday until Sept. 3.

After 15 days away from home, the show will go back to a refurbished studio at 40th and W streets.

Shaw

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Shaw, a theater major, said she was thrilled to be in front of the camera.

"It was exciting," she said. "I've been trying to get on TV for a long time."

A camera operator showed up at her door at 8 a.m. and sat in on her first class, Spanish. But Shaw said she didn't think he was a big distraction.

"He thought he was getting on my nerves," Shaw said, "but that wasn't the case."

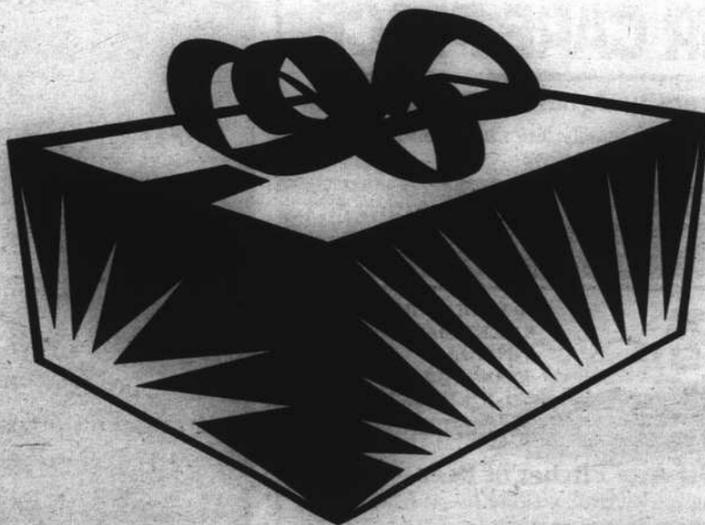
Shaw, who would like to make it on Broadway but will work to get a teaching certificate as a realistic backup, said members of her family also were interviewed for the segment. They made it through OK, she said, except "Mom was embarrassed because she didn't know what to say."

All in all, Shaw said her first day went well.

But she said, "I'm a little bit freaked out about my Spanish class. It's a little over my head."

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