

E-mail becomes a teaching tool

Professors using Internet to help inform students

By Erin Schulte
Staff Reporter

If one of George Tuck's typography students wakes up at 3 a.m. with a pressing question on typeface size, they can contact their professor that very moment.

That is, if he's awake and checking his e-mail account.

It is one of the many advantages of having mandatory class e-mail accounts, Tuck said.

Students don't always have a question during class time, he said, and some feel uncomfortable asking questions in front of a lecture hall full of students.

More classes at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln are requiring students to have class e-mail accounts. A class e-mail account allows professors and students to post e-mail to one person or the whole class.

Dave Spanel, systems coordinator for the Computing Resource Center, said there had been class account requests for more than 80 classes this semester, and requests were still coming in. Most classes have about 25 to 50 students who need e-mail accounts, and the University Foundations class

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GEORGE TUCK
Journalism professor

has requested 870 accounts.

One professor, David Hibler, is teaching two English 254 classes entirely through e-mail. The class will have its own web site.

Hibler is a graduate of a faculty workshop put on by Charles Ansoorge, a professor of health and human performance. Ansoorge conducts workshops for instructors interested in incorporating e-mail into their classes.

Ansoorge said he thought classes taught through e-mail eventually would replace some traditional classes. Ansoorge uses e-mail in his beginning statistics class to communicate with his students, including posting exam results within an hour and setting up smaller learning communities within his class.

Students get to know each other better talking through e-mail, Ansoorge said. At the beginning of the semester, students were asked to send out class greetings, telling the class about themselves.

Tuck also requires students to write paragraphs about themselves and post them on e-mail to him and the class. Tuck said his main use of e-mail was

to pull items of interest to journalism students off the Internet and copy them to students' accounts.

For Janet Wright, a geology professor, e-mail serves a different purpose.

Wright is on a list at the United States Geological Survey that constantly e-mails information on earthquakes around the world that are above five on the Richter Scale. During class, images from her computer are shown on a large screen to the students, who can track earthquake movements together.

But there are some setbacks to widespread use of e-mail for classes, Wright said.

"There's a large gap between the haves and the have-nots," Wright said. "You have to be able to afford all the new technology and have the training to feel comfortable using it. That's two big barriers."

Ansoorge said a drawback for him was the amount of time he spent writing responses to questions from his class and sorting and pulling information off the Internet.

All the professors using e-mail seem to agree on one thing. Widespread use of the Internet is inevitable, and everyone will have to learn how to use it.

"The students are the beneficiaries," Tuck said. "It gets them familiar with the technology that drives today's industry."

UNL won't investigate summertime 'sluts' list

By Julie Sobczyk
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The university has decided not to investigate a list of "UNL Summertime Sluts" that was distributed this summer, said James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs.

Griesen said the university had no way of finding out who was responsible for the list's distribution.

"We really had no way to investigate," Griesen said. "We had no idea who sent it."

The list contained names of 19 women and the names of their sororities. The students' names were blacked out, on the list shown to Griesen, but sorority names were left visible.

Griesen said he learned of the list after a copy was sent to Jayne Wade Anderson, director of Greek Affairs. Griesen also received a phone call from an angry mother of a student on the list.

A copy of the list also was sent to the Omaha World-Herald.

Griesen said he told the student and her mother that there wasn't much he could do as far as investigating the source of the list.

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"Frankly, I told the student we were best to ignore the darn thing and it would go away," Griesen said. "My hopes were realized."

Griesen said he heard no more complaints about the list, and nothing else was heard about the matter.

"If you give this kind of nonsense much attention, it will just breed more attention," he said.

And for that reason, Griesen said, the university decided to drop the issue.

"We just chose to downplay it and not give it any more publicity."

Absence of greenhouse is hot topic on campus

By Kelly Hansen
Staff Reporter

Students may have noticed something missing as they walked across campus to class this fall.

Larry Blake, UNL projects manager, said many students have been boggled by the disappearance of the greenhouse, east of Oldfather Hall.

Blake said the chancellor's office had been receiving e-mail messages and many phone calls since classes began asking what had become of the greenhouse.

The space, once home to glass walls and green, leafy plants, has been razed and covered with asphalt. A sign posted nearby assures passersby that the flat, black surface is only temporary.

Blake said the greenhouse was vacated because the biological sciences department no longer had use


for it. Early this summer, the department moved into four new, larger greenhouses south of the Beadle Center.

Blake said the new greenhouses would continue to be used for research and laboratory use, just like the old ones.

The advantage of the new greenhouses, he said, was that students would have better equipment and more space available for classroom and research purposes.

Blake said there was no plan to rebuild at the site of the old greenhouse. But plans to renovate Burnett Hall call for the space to be used as a parking and storage lot for the construction company.

Blake said that after the Burnett renovation was completed, the asphalt would be landscaped in some way. Possible additions to Burnett or Bessey halls could include expansion into the renovated space, he said.



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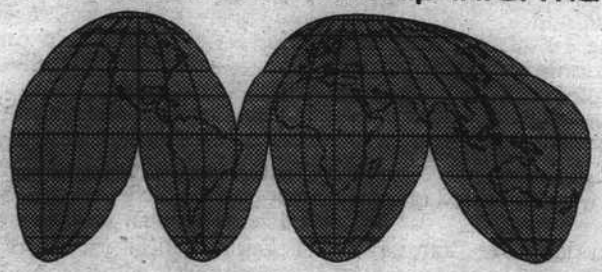







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