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The Web's taking off; get aboard

More and more, people are finding out about the Internet and getting on-line.

Don't expect that to stop anytime soon. Make no mistake, the Internet — and more importantly interactivity — will rewrite the way we do things in the future.

But it still will be a while before people tuck in their children from thousands of miles away, or attend business meetings in sandals, or any of those things Tom Selleck says we'll do. But we are getting close.

When I got my first e-mail account, about 2 1/2 years ago, I thought I was pretty cool.

I could send and receive mail to and from my friends at other colleges. I could read newsgroups, where I could learn all sorts of things about nearly anything I wanted.

But I was missing the World Wide Web, and I was missing a lot.

The Web is the fastest growing part of the Internet, with innovations left and right. It seems that every day someone is doing something new on the Web.

UNL is touting its "bigred" e-mail accounts for students. They're good accounts, they're free. You can't beat that.

But you also can't get on the Web with bigred, because you need a graphical interface.

Students living in residence halls are in luck, because most, if not all, of the dorms contain labs with ready-and-willing computers.

In Lincoln and outside of the dorms, there are a few options for getting on the information superhighway (a term that's no longer hip, by the way).

Of course, one can sign up with one of the big three on-line services: Prodigy, America Online and CompuServe.

These companies offer more than just the Internet, like a variety of chat rooms and interest groups. That's a plus for some people.

However, these on-line services charge an arm and a leg, often a monthly fee of \$10 or \$20 for five to 10 hours of access. If you're on for more than that, you can face charges up to \$5 an hour.

Internet Nebraska has a handful of different pricing plans, from a \$29 a year fee plus per-minute charges to a \$29 a month, flat rate for unlimited use.

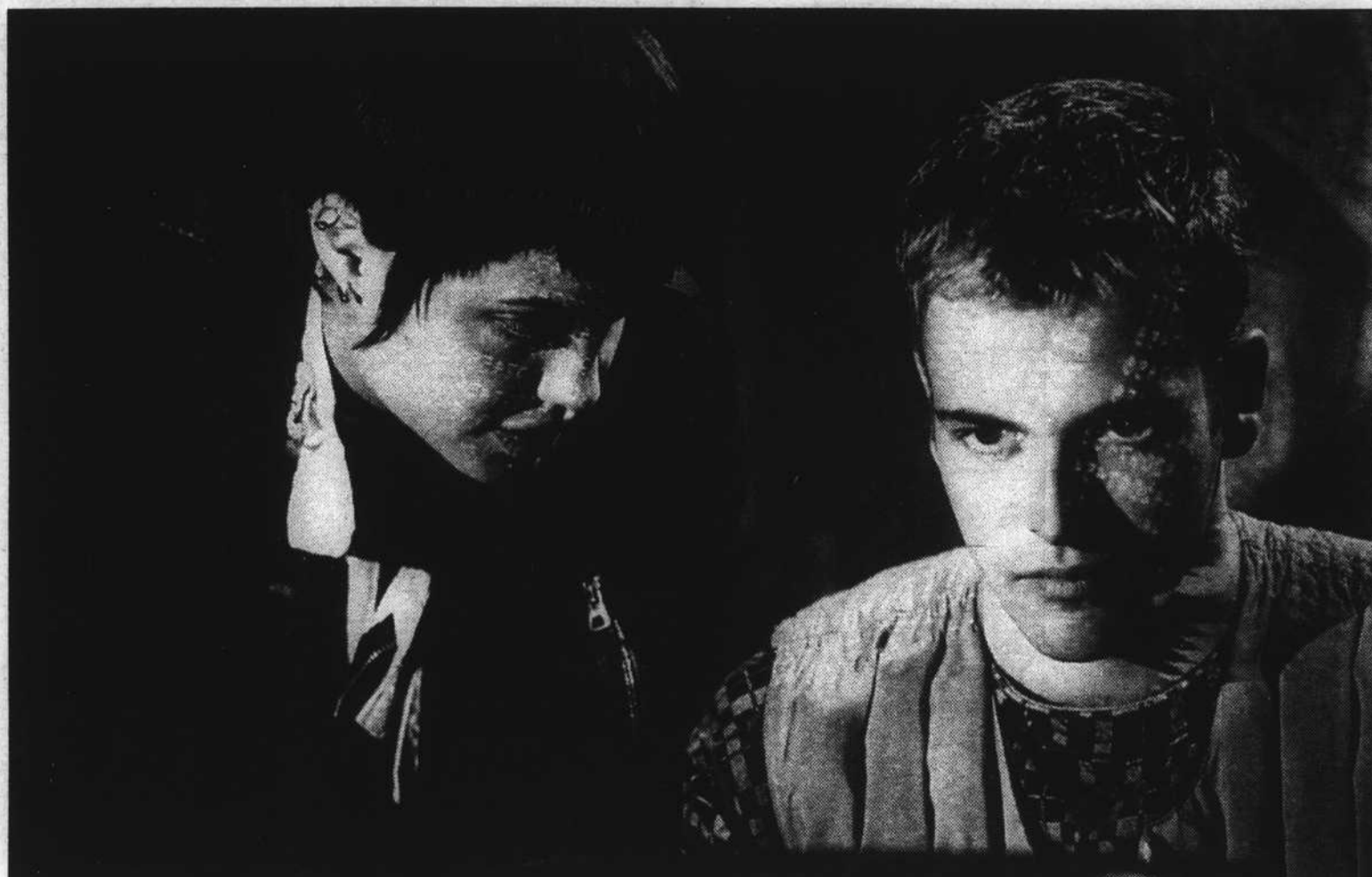
Lincoln Telephone's Navix charges \$17.50 a month for 40 hours. It's five cents a minute for each minute above that.

But Navix is a great deal for students. Through UNL Telecommunications, students can get Navix accounts for only \$10 a month, plus additional-minute charges.

The best thing to do is figure out how much on-line time you'll need, do some research and go from there.

The worst thing to do is watch everyone else.

Cyberscape is a weekly column focusing on computers, with a heavy emphasis on the Internet. Send ideas, questions or comments to Matt Woody at <dn@unlinfo.unl.edu>



Courtesy of United Artists Pictures

Kate (Angelina Jolie) and Dade (Jonny Lee Miller) are renegade computer geniuses involved in a high-stakes industrial conspiracy in the fast-paced "Hackers."

'Hackers' offers cyberpunk thriller

By **Brian Priesman**
Film Critic

Iain Softley, who explored the youth-counterculture movement of the '60s with "Backbeat" is now trying to do the same thing for the '90s with "Hackers."

A fast-paced cyberpunk thriller, "Hackers" examines the power available at the fingertips of the world's techno nerds.

The movie focuses on the life of Dade Murphy, played by newcomer Jonny Lee Miller. Murphy, or Zero Cool, as he is known on-line, is somewhat of a legend among fellow hackers. When Murphy was 11 years old, he single-handedly crashed 1,507 computers on Wall Street, creating worldwide havoc.

On record with the FBI and forbidden to touch a computer until an adult, Murphy — now 18 — is free to own a computer and hungry for a "byte."

Kate Libby, played by Angelina Jolie, prefers to be called Acid Burn. When Murphy enters her cyberturf, the computer battle of the sexes begins.

Brought along for the ride are Murphy's new friends Joey, Cereal, Nikon and Phreak.

But a truce is called when Joey inadvertently hacks his way into an industrial virus created by a corporate hacker known as The Plague.

Murphy and Libby must put their differences aside long enough to clear Joey of an industrial sabotage charge and avoid being arrested by the FBI.

The Plague, played with zeal by Fisher Stevens, provides a worthy adversary to the talented group of hackers. Stevens, who has been seen in such films as "Short Circuit" and "Reversal of Fortune," brings a much needed sense of lunacy to the character of The Plague.

Academy Award nominee Lorraine Bracco plays The Plague's partner in crime, Margo. Bracco, who has been seen in the films "Goodfellas" and "Someone to Watch Over Me," brings a sultry sexiness to the role of the computer-inept Margo.

Iain Softley, who produced and directed "Hackers," tried to bring an art-deco feel to the film.

The most stunning and visually exciting aspect to "Hackers" was the computer world cre-

The Facts

Film: Hackers
Starring: Jonny Lee Miller, Angelina Jolie, Fisher Stevens
Director: Iain Softley
Rating: PG-13
Grade: B-
Five words: Techno nerds of the world unite.

ated to show the paths of the hackers. As Murphy and his friends begin to hack, the audience is brought with them into the cyberworld. Interestingly, in a film about computers, very few of the effects were done with computer animation.

"Hackers" is an action-packed cyberpunk movie, a "Breakfast Club" for the techno generation.



Courtesy of Capricorn Records

Cake members, from left, John McCrea, Victor Damiani, Greg Brown, Vince Di Fiore and Todd Roper.

Cake slicing through Omaha's Ranch Bowl

By **Jeff Randall**
Music Critic

If you've been wondering how to afford a rock 'n' roll lifestyle, you might want to travel to Omaha tonight and find out.

Modern rock band Cake will be the headliner in an all-ages show at the Ranch Bowl. The show is the band's first Nebraska appearance.

Since the release of its debut album, "Motorcade of Generosity," Cake has gradually increased its following through a combination of live performances, word-of-mouth and the breakthrough hit single, "Rock and Roll Lifestyle."

Consisting of five members — guitarist/organist Greg Brown, bassist Victor Damiani, trumpet player Vince Di Fiore, vocalist/guitarist John McCrea and drummer Todd Roper — Cake is a band with a

sound all its own. Songs such as "Comanche," "Haze of Love," and "Jolene" are remarkable pop tunes that grab the listener instantly and without mercy. The entire album oozes with attractive tunes and lyrics that may not be sheer poetry, but complement the eclectic music perfectly.

With the band's reputation for strong live performances — which are rumored to feature covers such as Gloria Gaynor's "I Will Survive," — and its spectacular first release, Cake's show tonight should be one of the better ones to pass through Nebraska this year.

Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$7 at the door. The opening acts are Gauge and local band Heroes and Villains, which is coming off a performance at Edgefest on Sept. 9. Doors open at 8; the music starts at 9.