

Two viruses infect geology lab

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Senior Reporter

The computers in the geology labs are hungry, and they want to eat your files.

Students who open Word or Excel files on the computers there risk being unable to reopen any files on their disks, the geology department announced late last week.

Carol Dicks, a staff assistant for the department of geology, said the department is working on curing the virus. Information Services computing staff members are working with virus-detecting software to find in-

fecting documents and debug them before they become a problem, she said.

So far, Dicks said she has seen two different viruses: One turns normal documents into templates with an auto-close function; the other puts password protection on documents.

Dicks said Information Services computing looked up information about the virus on the Internet and found out the password was "help." Anyone having trouble getting into a document should try that password. The department has also figured out a way to open the templates and delete the auto-close, she said.

"Instead of being a disaster, it's

more of a huge nuisance," Dicks said.

No students have lost entire documents yet, Dicks said.

The virus was probably picked up from documents downloaded from the World Wide Web. Viruses can be transmitted between computers on campus, so students should watch for similar problems and alert computer lab staff if they see anything. The virus has also been seen in the Sandoz computer lab and in several businesses around Nebraska.

A virus protection program will be developed and installed on campus computers soon, Dicks said, but she was unsure of an exact date.

ASUN to vote to help involvement office

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ASUN senators at tonight's meeting will vote on a bill that supports assisting the Student Involvement Office in promoting its new project — a Student Organization Orientation.

The role of the Association of the Students of the University of Nebraska will primarily be to inform student organizations of the orientation, which will be next fall.

ASUN senators are required to attend various student organization meetings throughout the year. Senators can relay information about the orientation there, ASUN president Eric Marintzer

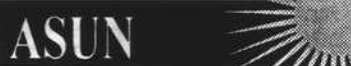
said. "They'll support and assist us as we plan and implement the project," said Kim Hobson, student organization consultant for the SIO.

Marintzer said there would be no penalties for organizations that do not choose to participate in the orientation.

"We want to make sure that there's no negative ramifications should they choose not to participate," he said. "Student organizations shouldn't be mandated to do lots of different things."

Also tonight, senators will vote on the Outstanding Educator legislation, which was delayed last week because of a technicality.

ASUN will operate a booth and



give a short presentation on running effective meetings at the University Leadership Conference on Saturday in the Nebraska Union. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

Marintzer also reported that William Merrit, student body president of Grambling State University in Louisiana, visited UNL last weekend. Marintzer said Merrit was impressed by the hospitality he was shown by students and faculty.

"This is a direct reflection on the students and the university as a whole," Marintzer said. "I'm really proud."

Report lists options to attract vacationers

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Industry Development Plan.

The industry's value has increased by nearly 500 percent over the past 20 years, making tourism the state's third-largest industry, the plan said.

Agriculture and manufacturing rank first and second.

The plan identifies I-80 traffic as a key asset to the tourism development.

Anthony Dworak, coordinator of the plan, said more than 60 percent of visits to Nebraska tourist attractions are made on impulse.

Nebraska is a "pass-through state," Dworak said. People travel through Nebraska on their way to a different destination.

"We've got to be realistic that we

will probably not be a primary destination," he said. "We can focus on being a place where tourists like to stop."

Tourists should continue to come through Nebraska in record numbers. The plan said the overall traffic volume on Nebraska highways increased 41 percent in the last decade and 55 percent since 1975.

Dworak said traffic on I-80 was predicted to continue climbing through the first part of the 21st century.

He credits the increase in traffic through Nebraska to stable gasoline prices, the efficiency of car travel on Nebraska highways, and the growing popularity of short, weekend vacations.

The plan made several recommendations to divert this new traffic from the interstate and onto other Nebraska byways.

But it is difficult to predict which attractions will convince tourists to leave the highway, Dworak said.

For example, Carhenge, Nebraska's mockery of Stonehenge, brings more than \$500,000 annually to Alliance. It was privately constructed using old cars during six families' reunions in 1987.

The attraction would have been laughed out of a public tourism planning meeting, he said. But Carhenge now is so successful that people drive more than 80 miles off of I-80 to see the half-buried vehicles.

The Carhenge project proves that tourism planning must remain flexible and responsive to the interests of tourists, Dworak said.

"We realize that the best ideas may still be out there."

Dental record helps police identify body

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around 110 W. Q Street.

Investigators do not know where or how True was employed, Wagner said.

Lincoln police contacted True at least once in the past three years, Wagner said. He would not say why they contacted her.

Investigators narrowed the victim's identity down from 65 possible leads called in from across the state, Wagner said.

Dental records were used to confirm True's identity, Wagner said. Officers then notified True's sisters in Fremont and Omaha Tuesday, Wagner said.

Last week, the sheriff's office expanded the investigation nationwide by putting a physical description of the body on an interstate law enforcement computer network.

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Greeks work to meet fire code criteria

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University campus on Oct. 5. No one was hurt in the fire, but the house, built in 1929, suffered heavy damage.

Schoen said while houses showed improvement, he still had the same bad feeling about what could happen at a house if a fire were to break out.

"If we had a fire in certain houses, it would be ugly," he said.

Inspectors find the chronic violations in certain houses frustrating, Schoen said, and things won't change until disaster strikes.

Fire codes were made around a theory, he said, called the "catastrophic theory of reform." It means that society tolerates something until life is lost or property destroyed.

"If we had a fire here, there'd be

crap coming down everywhere," he said. "Why wasn't this up to code? You'd better fix this."

"But because there hasn't been a major catastrophe, we've allowed (problems) to exist."

But Griesen said tragedies at other universities have an effect on UNL.

"It's impossible to have these national tragedies and not respond locally," he said.

And there has been some local response, Schoen said. Violations that once were practically a given — such as smoke detectors with dead batteries — were almost nonexistent in the last inspection.

And that, he said, is encouraging.

"Slowly, things are starting to come around."

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