

UNL offers class over Internet

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Staff Reporter

For the first time ever, Nebraskans will be able to complete a course next spring without leaving the glow of their computer screens.

The University will offer a basic entomology course, including lectures, homework and exams, entirely over the Internet, said Leon Higley, an associate professor of entomology who will teach the course.

"We're on the edge of using a new technology," Higley said. "I'm sort of anxious to see how this turns out."

Because anyone with a computer and an Internet browser will be eligible to take the course, the course will reach an audience distance education could not reach in the past, he said.

The course, "The Good, the Bad and the Bugly," will cover the latest on entomology, including bug identification, insect treatments and the environmental impact of insecticides, he said.

Jim Randall, extension communications specialist for broadcast media at UNL, said the "very unique" course will broadcast lectures live over the Internet.

Students will be able to phone in questions during lectures as Higley teaches the course, Randall said. The lectures will be recorded and stored on the Internet so students who missed the live lecture can download and view it at a later time.

But students from UNL will not be the only ones taking bug basics, he said.

Randall said he expects many crop consultants and farmers to take the course and catch up on the latest in entomology.

"The big audience for the course will be non-students who want really current stuff," he said.

Students at Nebraska community colleges will also be able to take the eight-week course for three hours of credit at their schools, Randall said.

But Randall said the electronic course is still experimental. The live

video of lectures is sometimes difficult for the viewer to watch right now, he said.

"It's herky-jerky and the resolution is not very good," Randall said.

Although the course drastically reduces paperwork, Higley said he does not expect the electronic course to save him time.

But the course will save time for students, who will not have to leave their home or office to complete the course, he said.

It won't necessarily save students money, though. Students taking the course for credit must pay \$350; those participating for no credit will be charged \$325 for access to the lectures and materials on-line, which will require a password. Deadline for entering the class is Jan. 12, 1997.

Nevertheless, Randall expects the course to be popular.

"It's a growing area, and I think we'll see a lot more," he said. "The Internet's going to be playing a big role in courses."



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Judge gives Williams jail time, probation

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ment, a part of the pre-sentencing investigation, McGinn tried to soften a defense move to plead for probation.

Williams' attorney, Sean Brennan, earlier read that Bohac said she had forgiven Williams; McGinn, however, read from a different page.

"Watching a person in the rear-view mirror shooting at you leaves you with a chilling vision you will never forget," McGinn said, reading Bohac's words.

After the hearing, Brennan offered no comment whether or not Williams would appeal the sentence, saying only that he had to talk to his client.

Williams, now a starting player with the Packers, was granted a 14-day delay on the start of his jail time.

Lancaster County Attorney Gary

Lacey, who reduced the charges originally filed against Williams, said he was not surprised McGinn gave Williams jail time. He also said the sentence sent a message.

"It's a wake up call to Mr. Williams and to everyone else that may get it in their mind that it's OK to discharge guns into vehicles," Lacey said.

Williams' only words during the hearing were an apology to Bohac and her family for the incident.

"I am relieved and grateful that no one was hurt in the incident," he said. "I hope that they and the court accept my apology."

Brennan, during his comments before sentencing, asked McGinn to consider that Williams had no prior criminal record. The attorney also read from a long list of character references,

which stated that Williams was a quiet, passive person.

Alcohol was a major factor in the incident, Brennan said, and Williams has received counseling for alcohol abuse. He also said three other former Nebraska football players: Kareem Moss, Ed Stewart and Abdul Muhammed influenced Williams.

"Without the influence of these other men, Tyrone Williams would not be in the situation he is in today," Brennan said.

Lacey, who was not in the courtroom for the sentencing, said the sentence showed that laws apply to everyone.

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Garcia to give suggestions for making ASUN more inclusive

By TASHA E. KELTER
Staff Reporter

Senators will listen tonight to suggestions on ways ASUN can better represent all students on campus.

Ricardo Garcia, director of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Office of Affirmative Action and Diversity, will speak at the senate meeting.

Eric Marintzer, ASUN president, said Garcia will help the Association of the Students of the University of Nebraska make sure it is all-inclusive.

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He said senators were not going to debate affirmative action.

ASUN is also preparing for Rape Awareness Week, which will take place Feb. 24-28. The Campus Life Committee is raising money to bring Katie Koestner, an acquaintance rape victim, to speak on campus.

Amy Rager, Campus Life Committee chairwoman, said her committee will probably present a bill at the senate stating that ASUN supports Rape Awareness Week.

Law & Order



A look at crime on campus and in the community

ROBBERY

A man who robbed a Coastal Mart Monday night nabbed the cash without even displaying a weapon.

A clerk at the Coastal Mart, 1425 S. 17th St., told police a man walked into the store at 11:28 p.m. and demanded money, Lincoln police Sgt. Ann Heermann said.

The clerk asked if he was joking, and the robber answered by saying he would kill her if she didn't surrender the money, Heermann said. She opened the cash register and gave him an undisclosed amount of cash, Heermann said.

The man left the store and walked east-bound across 17th Street, she said.

The clerk described the man as white, about 22 to 35 years old, about 5 feet, 9 inches

tall and weighing 130 to 140 pounds. He had blond hair and was wearing a black baseball cap and gray and white speckled jeans.

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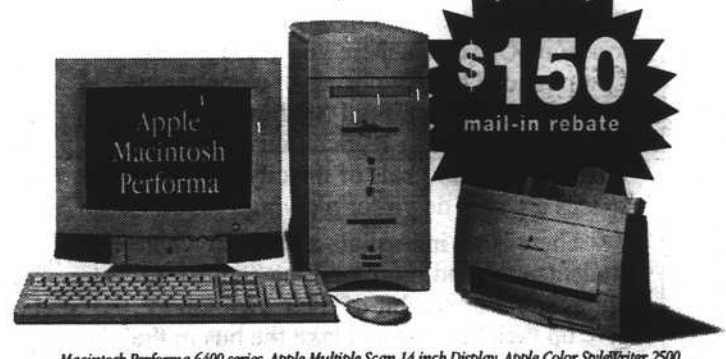
Police arrested a 28-year-old man in connection with a burglary at an elementary school last month.

A crimestoppers tip led police to serve a search warrant at the home of Anthony Smedley, Heermann said.

Officers found a computer, TV and VCR that had been stolen in October from Fredstrom Elementary School, 5700 NW 10th St., Heermann said.

Smedley was arrested for theft by receiving stolen property and jailed.

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