

# Classes Help Students Conquer Computers

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Amid several half-empty coffee cups and jumbled research materials, a small digital alarm clock reads 1 a.m. Hollow tapping sounds emanate from a rumpled figure hunched over the keyboard of a computer.

Page number nine. One more to go. The smile stretching across the student's haggard face refuses to be quelled.

"The professor will be so impressed," thinks the student, mentally tallying up an A for adding graphics on the cover page and employing various fonts to make the paper attractive. With a sigh of relief, the student keys in the concluding sentence and sends it to the printer.

In the middle of the second yawn—the writer mentally has climbed into a soft comfortable bed for the night—the student's eyes suspiciously pop open. A terrible silence fills the room.

The printer quietly stares at the student, poised halfway between the witty introduction and thought-provoking body. A deep pit of blackness looms from the computer screen. Attempting to get his masterpiece back on the screen, the student lists the files on the disk. It is blank.

Horried, the student stands anchored to the floor. Tales of computer agonies like this one regularly circulate through UNC's bustling computer labs, striking fear in some and making others stubbornly resolve to master the great computer beast, sometimes described as the job seeker's key to the future.

"This is the age of the computer," said sophomore Melissa Kurzenski. "I'll definitely need to be computer literate to suc-

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ceed in the work force."

Kurzenski intends to be exactly that. She has enrolled in one of the free computer classes offered by the Office of Information Technology—"Macintosh: Getting Started."

"This will be my first one," she said. "It's a prerequisite to the other (Macintosh) courses. From there, I'll just build on that knowledge."

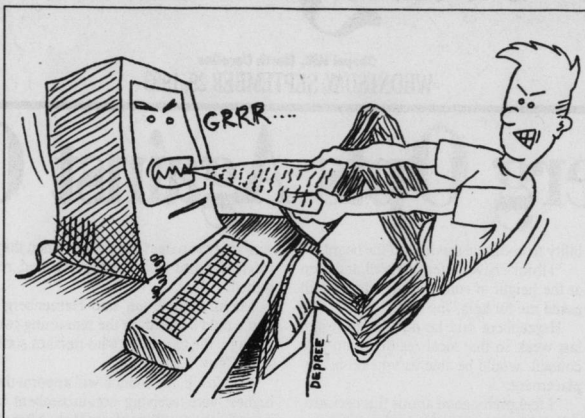
Kurzenski is a new student employee in OIT's training center in Hanes Hall. Citing the on-campus location, up-to-date computer equipment and software, and the lack of cost, this computer service is too good to overlook, she said.

OIT Educational Services Manager Sherry Graham said many students who took one of OIT's computer classes felt this way. In fact, with classes on E-mail, Pagemaker, Windows, Superpaint, Excel and many others, students often get hooked.

"All of our classes are very popular. We usually have a waiting list," she said.

About 1,000 graduate and undergraduate students make use of the classes each year, she said. "Our heaviest participants are the staff on campus," Graham added. "They use our facilities a lot, and I'm sure that is because they don't have class conflicts like students do."

To balance out the enrollment, OIT



offers classes from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. "We'll continue to do that as long as there is a demand for it," Graham said.

Classes fill up very quickly each month when the new schedule is issued, she said. Enrollment is limited, usually to 10 people for the hands-on classes and 30 people for the other courses. The investment of time in the courses—one-time, two-hour shots—is another incentive, she said.

Many UNC students peruse the OIT's class listings as if it were a menu, ticking off on their fingers which classes they would like to take.

"Anything to do with the Macintosh I would take," said Chris Watson, a sophomore from Hamlet.

Another student chose Windows. "That program is on the rise," noted freshman Lisa Marie Hallsey. "A lot of companies are using it."

Junior Eric Garnett has similar motivations. "I thought about taking the one on Excel. I thought it might be useful to know about a spreadsheet program," he said.

Amber Fewell, a sophomore from Wilmington, had more ambition. "I'd probably take Pagemaker, Lotus, the E-mail course and maybe Windows," she said. "I think Pagemaker is important. I was in newspaper and layout, and displaying an ad is important."

For further information on available classes or to register for a class, call 962-1160.

For those who cannot fit a class into their busy schedule or who find the class they want is full, handouts created to accompany the classes might be good substitutes. They range from an introduction to certain programs to the more advanced functions of specific software programs.

# Exhibit Displays Memories Of Past Student Generations

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Slimy watermelon seeds and juicy rinds littered the streets of the University's campus in the fall of 1859 as students scurried to retrieve watermelons from a wagon pulled by freshmen arriving from the local market. Upperclassmen rushed at the wagon in an attempt to carry as many watermelons back to their dorms as they could manage in what evolved into a contest.

This annual ritual, which was performed after freshman hazing activities, was called "Fresh Treat" and is included in a Bicentennial student life exhibit in Wilson Library called "200 Years of Student Life at UNC."

In honor of the University's Bicentennial Celebration, the Friends of the Library are presenting the exhibit, to be displayed on the third floor of Wilson library.

The exhibit will open Thursday with a speech by James Leloudis, assistant professor of history, commenting on the role students have played in shaping many facets of the modern University and its curriculum.

The material presented in Leloudis' speech is taken from student letters, diaries and manuscripts, some dating back to the late 1700s. Families and relatives of the authors donated the manuscripts to the University's manuscript department.

Lisa Tolbert, a history graduate student who compiled the exhibit, said it showcased the students' perspective of University life beginning in the late 18th century and continuing to the present. The Special

Collections Department wanted to focus on the students' view, as opposed to that of the administration, she said.

"The exhibit is illustrated with paintings and photographs from the North Carolina collection and artifacts from the University archives, including faculty meeting minutes and dialectic society records," Tolbert said. "Many of the letters focus on similar concerns of today's students: loneliness, shortage of money, hazing rituals," Tolbert said.

The journals tell of annual ice-skating breaks on local mill ponds dating back to the mid 1800s giving contemporary students an idea of climate changes over the years. Also included are reports made in 1797 of chinch (bedbugs), the small insects plagued students' bed sheets, forcing the students to sleep in the hallways or use creative methods of extermination, such as leaving pans of water out in hopes of drowning the insects.

Historical background is also a focus of the manuscripts, covering topics such as the first admittance of women in the 1870's and of African-American students in 1955.

One thing that has not changed is the students' favorite extracurricular activity: drinking. According to one journal, many students spent the University's annual observance of George Washington's birthday "completely inebriated."

In addition to literary manuscripts, there are several photographs on display, including an original daguerreotype photograph, believed to be the earliest picture of the University's students, dating back to the early 1850's. "We hope the exhibit will attract the interest of the students, considering it is material written by their preceding counterparts," Tolbert said. "The experiences of the students are similar, despite the difference in time period."

## Campus Calendar

### WEDNESDAY

12:50 p.m. The Loreleis will sing in the Pit.  
2 p.m. University Career Services will present Job Hunt 104, expanding your job search workshop, for seniors and graduate students in 210 Hanes Hall.

3:15 p.m. The Anthropology Dept. will present V.Y. Mudimbe, speaking on "Tales of Faith: African Religions as Political Performance" in 308 Alumni Hall.

University Career Services will present Job Hunt 101A, exploring your options: How to start from scratch in deciding which career field is best for you, for seniors and graduate student in 210 Hanes Hall.

3:30 p.m. University Career Services will

hold an introduction-of-internships workshop for underclassmen in 306 Hanes Hall.

4 p.m. Student Bicentennial Planning Committee will have a "Celebrating Carolina's Cultures" project meeting in Union 226.

5 p.m. The CUAB College Bowl Committee will hold a training meeting for volunteer readers and scorers for the on-campus tournament in the Union Great Hall balcony.

Women against Rape will meet in Union 210.

The Japan Club will meet in Union 220.

The Vegetarian Club will hold a free vegetarian dinner in the McCorkle Place.

The UNC College Republicans will meet in 105 Gardner Hall.

5:15 p.m. The Newman Catholic Student Center will have a picnic with English Professor George Lensing.

5:30 p.m. The Asian Student Association will meet in Union 208-209 to discuss East Asian marriage rituals and a dating game.

The Spanish House will meet at Papagayo for its weekly conversation program.

The Lutheran Campus Ministry will present service and dinner at the Lutheran Campus Center.

6 p.m. The Graduate and Professional Student Federation will hold a senators' reception in the Phi Chamber of New East. RSVP 962-5675.

6:30 p.m. The Marine Action Coalition will meet in the Campus Y lounge.

7 p.m. Campus Y HOPE will meet in the Campus Y lobby.

The Curriculum in Peace, War and Defense will sponsor Dr. Sergei A. Kondrashev, former KGB Lt. General, speaking on "Soviet Secret Services: An Insider's Perspective," in the Hill Hall Auditorium.

CUAB College Bowl will hold a mandatory meeting for captains of teams entered in the on-campus College Bowl Tournament in Union 212.

The BCC Cross Cultural Communication Workshop will present "Where Do We Go From Here? Community or Chaos?" in the BCC.

UNC Habitat for Humanity will meet to discuss the Fall Break building trip in the Union Auditorium.

7:30 p.m. The Golden Key National Honor Society will hold its first general meeting for new members in Union 220.

The Shag Club will meet in the Women's Gym.

SARR will meet in the Campus Y upstairs lounge.

The Senior Class is sponsoring a graduate and professional schools seminar in the George Watts Hill Alumni Center.

The Self Knowledge Symposium will meet in the Union Frank Porter Graham lounge.

9 p.m. WXYC 89.3 FM will feature John Oswald's "Plexure" on the inside track.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Spanish House has room for one more female. Applications will be accepted until Thursday. Contact the Spanish House.

Circle K encourages all UNC men to apply for the Mr. UNC contest by today. Applications can be picked up at the Union desk.

University Career Services will hold an International Careers Conference Oct. 30 at the George Watts Hill Alumni Center. The program costs \$15. Come by UCS, 211 Hanes Hall, for program information and registration form. Deadline Oct. 7.

Student Congress Funded Groups must contact Philip Charles-Pierre (932-9805) to sign up for the Pit exhibition of student groups.

## HERZENBERG

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done." Herzenberg said he expected that council members' reactions to his decision not to launch a write-in campaign would range from jubilation to unhappiness.

Matt Stiegler, a senior UNC history major who supported Herzenberg, was shocked by the announcement.

"I don't think the issue was ever about taxes. It was always about a progressive, effective town council member and an openly gay elected official," he said.

Stiegler also said he wasn't pleased with the way some council members had treated Herzenberg. "Julie Andresen publicly said he was hurting the council's credibility and doesn't deserve to be on town council. That is absurd because he is a superb coun-

cilman," he said.

Council member Joe Capowski, who signed the petition calling for Herzenberg's ouster, said he was happy with the decision of his former colleague.

"I, like the majority of the council, thought he should resign, and I am happy he did," Capowski said. "The healing process now begins for the council, and we have to gain the respect by the citizens for the council. I wish Joe well."

Herzenberg said he did not yet have any plans. "It's not that my life will be empty without this. It will be less full, but it won't be empty," he said. "I think I've been good at what I've been doing. The human mind is an incredible organ, and it can adjust."

Stiegler said Chapel Hill would lose a good council member. "It's a little bit of a dark day for Chapel Hill because Joe is something special."

## For the Record

Tuesday's article "Counseling Center Not Just for Careers Anymore" should have said that seven psychologists, not psychiatrists, work at the University Counseling Center. The DTH regrets the error.

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