

Electronic mail offers alternative to traditional letter writing

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Do you ever get tired of paying expensive long-distance phone bills? Do you ever find yourself ready to put a letter in the mailbox, only to discover you've run out of stamps? If so, electronic mail may be just what you're looking for.

Electronic mail, or E-mail, is a computer-based mail system in which the computer acts as the post office.

"You log into your mail account, compose a mail message and send it. Then the computer delivers it to the next computer down the line or to the other person on your computer whose mail

address you send it to," said Thomas Rutledge, computing consultant in the information technology department.

Anyone who has a computer connected to an E-mail network can receive messages through electronic mail.

Scott McCrickard, a senior from Greensboro, uses E-mail to write letters to his parents. "My folks are professors at UNCG. They have accounts over there, and they send me letters also. It saves 29 cents," he said.

Kirk White, a senior from Shelby, said, "I talk to friends at Duke (University) and I've gotten information about jobs through E-mail."

Anyone associated with the University can use E-mail for free. The Uni-

versity picks up the charge for the connection to be part of the mail system.

E-mail originated in educational institutions and in government, but commercial enterprises are using it more and more to access these institutions, Rutledge said.

The technology of electronic mail has been around for quite a while, Rutledge said. E-mail came to UNC about five or six years ago, he added.

"Companies still use Federal Express for some items, regular U.S. mail for some items, but for general correspondence on a campus, E-mail is the way to go," Rutledge said.

Through E-mail, McCrickard can also set up appointments with his computer

science professors without having to go on campus or pick up a phone. He receives information about his classes from his professors or his teaching assistants through E-mail.

Papermail, which is similar to E-mail, is another system UNC uses. This system allows one to send a message by electronic mail to the campus post office, where it is printed and addressed and mailed on campus. It is free to everyone with an E-mail I.D. user number.

Rutledge said he could type a letter on his personal computer and have it end up in the letter recipient's mailbox. ("Papermail") is not necessarily available everywhere, but we do have it

here." There are at least three major networks through which E-mail can be sent, Rutledge said. "These used to be stand-alone networks, but because more and more people were using them to communicate, they in effect are merging," he said.

"There's almost virtually one network even though they have different names," Rutledge said.

In addition to networking throughout the United States, E-mail extends to Europe, Israel, China, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Australia and most recently to former Communist countries, he said.

Graduate students at UNC have known about E-mail and used it for

some time, but more and more undergraduates are using it, Rutledge said.

Students who want to use E-mail should go to the user service office in Phillips Hall where they can obtain a free I.D. number and a 38-page document on how to use E-mail.

With the document provided by the user service office, E-mail is usable, but not a breeze.

Complications may arise upon trying to edit letters or use some of the fancier commands. But with the user service office located next to the computer lab, students can easily ask for help if difficulties arise.

"You don't have to understand it to be able to use it," White said.

Parking

\$50 depending on the violation, he said. "Most of the citations issued are for people who park in the fire lanes and in the spaces that are always reserved," he said.

"I would guess that about two cars are towed at a game. Those violations are usually in the married students' parking spaces. People pull up in a reserved

space, and we have to tow them out." The cars are towed to a compound or are moved to a legal parking space, Garrett said.

Mayo said many people park illegally during basketball games, often endangering other people's cars.

"People will park up on the islands in the lots, double-park, block people in, and small cars will try to slide in between cars," he said.

Mark Lavender, a senior from Marion, said although the parking problem was a nuisance, the parking permits were good only for certain times. "Until you get the permit policy changed,

people shouldn't complain."

Residence hall parking lots are monitored until 9 p.m. during the week, and

Faculty

Pierre Morell, biochemistry professor, suggested an amendment to the resolution specifying the reason faculty members should contribute to the Graduate School.

Other faculty members said they were concerned that Salemi's motion would not raise enough money to help over an extended time.

Stephen Bayne, dentistry associate

employee parking lots are patrolled until 5 p.m. week nights. The lots are open to the public after these times.

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Campus Calendar

MONDAY
11 a.m. Asian Students Association will be selling Oriental food in the Pit until 1 p.m.
2:15 p.m. "Just Do It: Maximizing Your Career Openings," a seminar for undergraduates, will be held in 210 Hanes.
5 p.m. American Advertising Federation will have a meeting in 203 Howell to discuss how to get your resume noticed.
5:15 p.m. Organization of Study Abroad Students will meet in the basement of Caldwell Hall to plan a party.
5:30 p.m. Dinner Discussions will sponsor a speech by Masankho Banda, a human rights activist from Malawi. Sign up at the Campus Y or the Union desk. Questions? Call 929-0829.
7 p.m. Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity will have Julie Hess and Mike Phelps of Wallace Computer Service speak on "Sales and Developing Relationships."
N.C. Fellows/Leadership Development Office will sponsor a skills workshop on public speaking in 101 Greenlaw. Questions? Call 966-4041.

Any resident of Whitehead-Carmichael Area interested in applying for a fall 1992 resident assistant position should attend an informational meeting in Carmichael's first-floor lounge.
UCPPS will sponsor a presentation by NCNB in the Carolina Inn.
The Black Pre-Professional Health Society will sponsor a speech by Carolyn Mayo in the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center.
The English Department Writing Center will sponsor a workshop on researching research papers in 222 Greenlaw.
7:30 p.m. Sexually transmitted diseases workshop will be held in 226 Union, sponsored by Student Health Services and Planned Parenthood.
8:15 p.m. A question-and-answer forum on being an RA will be held in Craigie's Green Room.
8:30 p.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes will meet in Kenan Field House. Topic: Buzz Groups.

ITEMS OF INTEREST
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The doctrine of "faith only" for instance, may be very full of comfort to some "healers," but it is anathema to God. God said that "...by works a man is justified, and not by faith only." (James 2:24) Yes, one may sincerely believe that this bromide may save, but God's medicine has been prescribed and it, and it alone will bring salvation from the curse of sin. To learn more about this, come and worship and study with us at:

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