

CIE faces new year with improved service

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Campus Information Exchange will face many self-imposed changes during the new school year.

Revampment of the University's computer-based conferencing system that allows people to send messages to one another via the computer terminal is expected to take place by late June, said Steven Van Devender, CIE internal director.

The installment of a \$13,500 Masscomp 5400 computer will offer program members better services, and achieve program goals, he said.

It also will provide greater accessibility to the University community. Under the current program, operated from the Computing Center's DEC 1091 mainframe system, people interested in logging on to CIE have limited program access.

According to Van Devender, only eight people can simultaneously log on to CIE at any given time. The installment of the new computer will provide larger disk storage and offer additional users access to CIE.

More than 800 people have signed up and of that number, about 250 of them are active users who access CIE at least once a week, Van Devender said. The others log on at least once a month.

According to Richard Beers, CIE director elect, people use CIE to exchange messages with others within the University community.

Through CIE, students can discuss issues of interest, send personal messages to one another and even conduct extensive discussion sessions on the screen. Use of the system can cut down on the time a person spends at meetings, provide a wider range of topics and provide answers to a user's questions.

CIE provides a forum where people can discuss various topics of interest from politics to personal relationships, Beers said. It also provides a place for people to post messages to one another for at least a week at a time.

Messages placed on this electronic bulletin-board allow people to catch up on what's happening at the University. Messages normally are retained for a month at a time or until the maximum load is reached.

New messages will then replace old ones. Currently, the recycling rate for messages has been reduced from one month to a week, said Beers.

With the installation of the new computer, members are hoping that the system's larger memory accessibility will enable a longer retention of user messages. This largely depends on the number of users accessing the system, Beers cautioned.

The coming of a new school year also marks a change in CIE's managerial system. According to Beers, next school year's management staff will consist of a director, four managers appointed by the director, and nine council members who are elected by the users.

The change in system also called for a refinement in CIE's managing structure, said Van Devender. With the implementation of a revised constitution and by-laws, a system of checks and balances will be established within the organization.

The revampment of the governing system also include rules governing computer use.

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Cami Swanson, the current student government reporter and Greg Hough, a regular freelancer for the Emerald.

Mike Drummond also will return as the higher education and administration associate editor. He will be assisted by newcomers Chris Bouneff and Denise Clifton, both of whom were editors and reporters for their high school newspapers.

"I expect big things from this beat next year. Its role as watchdog for student interests will

be tested by a number of important issues in the coming months," Knox said.

Frale De Guzman, current general assignments reporter, was selected as the student government/activities associate editor. Brian Bloch will assist her with student government issues, while Polly Campbell will report on student activities. Bloch is a freelancer for the Emerald, and Campbell is a reporter for Newsgreek.

Current entertainment editor

Angela Muniz was selected as the associate editor of the newly created politics beat. Muniz will work as an intern at the state capitol this summer. She will be assisted by Brad Robertson, a sophomore joining the Emerald staff for the first time.

Christopher Blair, current student activities reporter, will assist Lamberson as the news reporter next year.

Jack Millikin and Kevin Allen were chosen as sports reporters.

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