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implement the infrastructure necessary to increase information access and create classes to train faculty and students.

According to Moseley the Knight Library has tripled the number of workshops that teach the newly-introduced technologies and the number of Internet accounts has gone from approximately 1,000 to 5,000.

The committee was formed in February to assess the technological needs of the University. The creation of the committee was separate from the technology resource fee proposal. However, once the fee was approved in July, the committee was able to make recommendations on how the money should be spent.

Funding for education technology comes from many places, Farley said. The University has set aside money to match funds for possible grants. It also comes from the technology resource fee.

With the budget cuts from the state, the University was in a tough position to launch a program of this expense. Moseley said that it was necessary to charge students the fee to arm them with tools to compete in an information-based economy.

Mark Rhinard, ASUO vice president, said, "The idea is good, but any time we increase fees, we have to be careful that we see tangible results."

Those tangible results include free use of computer labs, free printing and extended lab hours, Rhinard said. He is one of two students on the educational technology committee.

Rhinard said, "Ideally that money should be coming out of the general fund."

However, Gerald Kissler, senior vice provost for planning and resources, said, "Even if we go to the state to cover the

Resource fee opens many computer labs for students

Robbie Reeves
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The technology resource fee has made a number of computer labs and the technology in them available to students on campus free of charge.

The labs, available at various locations on campus, contain a mix of Macintosh and DOS-compatible computers for student and class use.

The computer lab in the EMU basement contains 81 Macintosh and 37 IBM computers, including 16 Power Macintosh terminals.

The Knight Library has a lab that offers students 21 Power PCs. The lab is used primarily for students to access the Internet, according to Tori Orr, a lab monitor at the Knight Library.

Other labs on campus are restricted to students in certain classes or majors. The Computing Center supports a lab that has 21 Dell 486 computers for class use.

A lab in Klamath Hall offers three labs to students. Two labs of Macintosh terminals are available for class use,

while a third is open for students in those classes to complete class work, according to Mary Bradley, microcomputer lab support manager.

The Social Science Instructional Lab offers students 24 computers, including 18 Pentium-based PCs, said Cathleen Leue, director of the SSIL. Leue said that the lab is mostly used for word processing and Internet access, as well as some advanced statistical work.

She also said that it is not yet used to the full potential. "It's going to take a while" for people to find the lab, Leue said, adding that many of the people who find the lab hear about it from word of mouth of current users.

Some of the computer labs are used heavily, such as the EMU lab. Students waiting to use computers at the lab described the wait to use a computer at the EMU as bothersome.

"I have to wait to use a computer at the lab," said Emiko Ogami, a University student.

resource fee, we're still going to have to deal with tuition increases because taxpayers aren't willing to subsidize it."

Moseley said he understood the complaints of some students who feel they aren't getting their \$50 worth, especially students preparing for graduation.

Moseley said students from the law and architecture schools who are urged to purchase computers

benefit more from the implementation of information access.

"It enhances the access to the computer that they (the students) buy," Moseley said.

Cleven Mmari agreed that those kinds of requirements will benefit students in the long run. But he did say that supporting those students with network and printing support should be high on the list of priorities.

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