

3Com grants \$100,000 to UO

The donation will be used to upgrade the Internet connection on campus

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Sending e-mail or researching the Internet from a campus computer is about to get a little easier and a lot faster thanks to a \$100,000 gift to the University from the national computing firm 3Com.

The donation will finance an increase in the core speed of the campus computer network and allow the University to connect to the Abilene Network, a nationwide fiber-optic system used by researchers in high performance computing and in developing new Internet applications.

A consortium of 150 research universities banded together to form the network because the standard Internet was not providing the speed and access needed by researchers. With help from corporate partners such as 3Com, member schools developed the associated Internet2 program.

Joanne Hugl, director of the University computing center, said the donation, in the form of an open order for \$100,000 worth of 3Com products, will greatly improve the existing core network's speed and efficiency.

"It allows the campus to operate on Internet2, the high-performance network, which is better than a standard connection."

Traffic on Internet2 is restricted to participating universities and federal agencies, which ensures the characteristically fast connection and downloading times. Facilitated by the University Corporation for Advanced Internet Development, the project strives to create leading-edge technology for the higher education community.

"Just as today's Internet arose from the academic and federal research networks of the 1980s," reads a statement on the UCAID Web site, "Internet2 is helping to develop and test new technologies that will enable a new generation of Internet applications."

University campus computing will be upgraded from current ethernet speeds of 100 megabits per second to gigabit speeds of 1,000 megabits per second. A gigabit ethernet is approximately 18,000 times the speed of a desktop modem that connects personal computers to the Internet.

Industry partners involved with the project include AT&T, Microsoft, Cisco Systems, Inc., IBM and MCI Worldcom among others.

The University's participation in the network is funded in part by grants from the National Science Foundation, Oregon Joint Graduate Schools of Engineering and Cisco Systems, Inc.

For a detailed description of Internet2 goals and participants, visit the project Web site at www.ucaid.org.

Individuality pinpointed by tattoos

Several people have unique reasons for bearing such artwork

By Edward Yuen
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Inge Teiwes said she doesn't want to be considered too conservative. So, she got matching tattoos.

Teiwes, a business administration and environmental studies major, has "arm band" tattoos on both of her arms and a small spiral pattern on her left wrist.

Tattooing has existed for centuries in different cultures. Some ancient Chinese got tattoos on their bodies to identify themselves as a group. Some Japanese mafia members would have tattoos as identifying marks. However, students who have tattoos may have them for beauty or fun.

Sally Forry is a student who made a tattoo on her body by herself. Forry, a biology major, said she wanted to have a tattoo on her body "just for fun." She used a straight-pin and some Indian ink and marked herself five years ago.

Rose Lucey, a psychology and Spanish major, has two tattoos on her body — a flower on her stomach and a butterfly on her back.

Lucey got her first tattoo three years ago in Medford.

"It's a birthday present," Lucey said. "And one of my friends helped pay for it."

Lucey got a second tattoo six months ago during a "girl's night out" with a group of her friends. They all got tattoos together.

Lucey said she wanted to see what it would be like to have tattoos on her body.

"I guess you won't know how permanent it will be until they're on your body," she said. "By no means do I regret getting it, but I am kind of wondering how they will look when I am 40."

Some people may get tattoos because of a belief. Teiwes said people should not judge a person with tattoos just on his or her appearance.

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Teiwes said there are some precautions to maintain the color of tattoos. She received written instructions about safety procedures, such as not going to spas and swimming pools for three months to prevent infection. She also has to apply sunscreen on the tattooed area.

Betsy Miskimins, a journalism major, has a ring of flowery vines around her ankle.

Miskimins said having a tattoo is not just "a sign of beauty," but also an "individual expression."

Torture victims

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"It's a healing center," Nieto-Maquehue said. "But survivors suffer not only in physical ways but psychological ones as well. We address both."

He said the Eugene center is also the only member of the Amigos network that has a staffed residence where two refugee families may live for up to a year. During that time, professional counselors, teachers and medical personnel from the community donate their time to help them integrate into society in a healthy, productive way.

"When people are tortured, it affects the individual, the family and the community," Nieto-Maquehue said. "To have a healing process we need to work in re-establishing all of these by helping people and supporting them as they move into this community."

Torture is defined on the group's Web site as "the deliberate mental and physical damage caused by governments to individuals in an effort to intimidate and control them."

The memorial event will feature a special Latin American meal, the music of Lo Nuestro and

dance performances by Juvenil Azteca and Group of Flamenco, all local acts. An exhibit of oil paintings titled "Serio of Chiapas" by artist Trilce Navarrete will be on display as well.

Professor Daniel Goldrich will present a talk on the subjects of torture and international intervention as guest speaker for the event. Juan Epple, professor of literature, will also read from his

own poetry.

A sliding scale donation of \$6-\$30 is suggested for the evening's entertainment and dinner. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door Friday.

The benefit will be held at United Lutheran Church, located at 2230 Washington St. beginning at 5 p.m. For more information or for tickets, contact Amigos de los Sobrevivientes at 484-2450.

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