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Web site

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ous businesses abroad.
"What we're really trying to do is create something that is totally unique," Bleakney said.

After traveling throughout Europe, Bleakney became frustrated with the outdated information in his guidebooks. As an avid Web surfer, he made a connection between his need for current information and the ability of the Internet to do just that.

A year and a half later and a lot of hard work have found Bleakney and the other eight full-time staff members at Wherenext.com watching their project take off.

"I think it's pretty cool that we're jumping right in and trying to do something," Knudson said. "It's a great opportunity to do something like this right now. We're full of enthusiasm ... [about] adding a new category to the possibilities that are out there."

Wherenext.com's primary goal is to simplify the traveling process for young travelers.

"We're trying to be different with our content," Bleakney said. "It's fun to read. It's funner to read than just the standard guidebook."

All this is in "real time," which means that the information is updated continually. Cyber cafés — restaurants that provide Internet access — are more popular in Europe than in the United States. These make the method of seeking travel information on-line even more convenient for travelers, Bleakney said.

Also, the information comes directly from city representatives who are living abroad and know the hot spots young travelers would want to see. They act both as guides and marketing representatives with local businesses.

"The real advantage is just getting the inside ... [on] the other side of the street," French said.

Six cities are currently being covered, including Paris; Flo-

rence, Italy; Amsterdam, the Netherlands; Prague, Czechoslovakia; Dublin, Ireland; and Berner Oberland, Switzerland. Every two weeks, Wherenext.com will launch a new one, with Vienna, Austria, the next to arrive. Eventually the number of cities will grow to 50.

The city representatives are not the only ones checking out

“It's a resource that I think a lot of people have been looking for for a while.

Kaarin Knudson
Wherenext.com
editor in chief

the world; Wherenext.com has hundreds of intern contributors around the globe who offer their perspectives as well. Traveling students who choose to participate in Wherenext.com in this respect have the opportunity to earn intern credit through their universities, Bleakney said.

In addition, people may become members of Wherenext.com and receive special benefits such as a discount card that provides deals at businesses in the represented cities. The card offers discounts for things such as car rentals and skiing.

The Web site is also trying to build a network of communication through which travelers may connect with each other abroad. What this means for college students destined abroad is that they now have a wealth of information at their fingertips. They can pick and choose which information is relevant to their trips, place it in a "shopping cart," and print out their own personalized guidebooks, Bleakney said.

"I think what the Internet allows people to do is really build a community," Bleakney said. It will "allow someone to meet other people while they're traveling ... Experience individually but travel communally."

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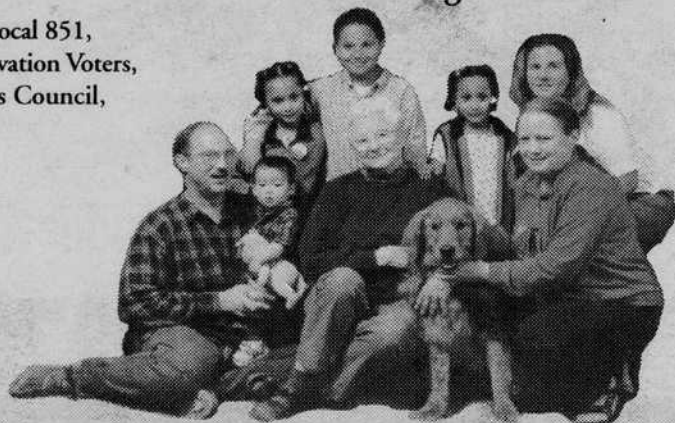
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tend the meetings, which happen twice a year and have been going on for three to four years, said Linda King, director of human resources.

Cox was invited on this occasion because much of the contract negotiations that affect classified employees, who are members of the

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Knight Library staff

Oregon Public Employees Union, take place at the system level.

Other audience members were also offended by Cox's remarks.

Jane Poe, a management analyst in the office of resource management, said that she thought Cox was comparing himself to a wagon train leader to explain his role and duties as chancellor.

"I thought it was in poor taste,"

she said.

Debi Baker, an Orbis technician in the Knight Library, said Cox's comments may have represented a lack of understanding of classified employees.

"It appears that our chancellor has maybe not thought through what classified employees mean and the array of people we represent on this campus," Baker said. "I understand where the chancellor was coming from, being raised white."

Baker is part North Carolina Cherokee Indian, though she only discovered her heritage when her mother died, she said.

"I was embarrassed for the chancellor, and I was offended for my brother," she said.

Not everyone in the audience shared these views.

Cox's comments "certainly did not offend me," said Jean Pickering, a secretary in the admissions office. "I personally didn't read into it what [Clark] did."

Clark, who walked out of the meeting in disgust, said if his grievance was not successful he would seek redress of his complaint through other labor agencies or legal recourse.

"I am shaken," he said. "It's going to take me a long time to recover."

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