

# Students look to computers to take effective class notes

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As laptop computers become more portable and affordable, they have replaced standard pen and paper note-taking methods for some University students.

"That can be extremely effective because many people type more quickly than they write," Academic Learning Services instructor Amy Nuetzman said. She added that computer notes are more legible than hand-written notes, and computer note-taking works best for students who are visually and verbally minded.

"People can take notes in any number of styles and be really successful," Nuetzman said. "Engaging is really the key. Some students are helped by not taking notes at all."

Senior psychology student Ero Ruef said he became interested in computer note-taking when he met someone on a train who said he had all of his class notes from his entire college career saved on his computer and could link notes from classes he was taking at the time to classes he had taken in previous terms.

"He's the one who got me going on it; so I got a computer and did it," Ruef said.

Ruef said the ability to edit notes as his professors speak and easily find and search through notes are positive aspects of the computer note-taking experience.

"The main thing that got me doing

that is I can't fit more than one piece of paper on this desk," he said, referring to small classroom desks.

Ruef said in his finance class the teacher doesn't allow computers in the classroom, but he is also taking a psychology class in which, instead of using a textbook, the readings are posted on the Internet and computer use is allowed in the classroom.

"That saved me a couple hundred dollars," Ruef said.

Some software companies have designed programs to help students take notes on computers.

SubEthaEdit, available for free download at [www.codingmonkeys.de/subethaedit](http://www.codingmonkeys.de/subethaedit), is a program that works with wireless capabilities on Macintosh computers so users can edit the same document on many computers at the same time.

OneNote is a note-taking program made by Microsoft. In addition to standard typed text, OneNote allows users to add input from Web sites, audio-recording devices and handwritten notes from Tablet PCs to their computer notes, according to the Microsoft Web site.

Ruef said he usually uses TextEdit, a simple word processor, but that Inspiration, a program that organizes information into flow charts and outline formats, is useful for his more conceptual classes.

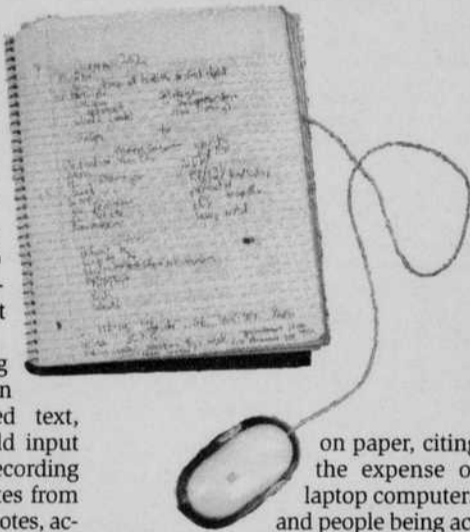
However, computer note-taking

may not work for all students.

"Some people remember better when they have actually formed the letters rather than just hitting a key," Nuetzman said.

Ruef said it is sometimes difficult for him to spatially organize computer notes in his mind, and he is considering returning to paper notes for some classes next term.

Nuetzman noted that most students she encounters still take notes



on paper, citing the expense of laptop computers and people being accustomed to handwriting notes as possible reasons.

"I think there are some people who would hesitate to leave the notebook," Nuetzman said.

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supplies to the food drive. One dozen cookies sells for \$5, so he brought in the equivalent of 4,590 pounds of food.

The Lundquist College of Business hosted its fourth-annual silent auction to raise money for the food drive on Feb. 24. Among the items up for bidding were dinner at the Excelsior Restaurant, signed artwork,

baby-sitting services and a private tour and studio session at the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art. The College of Business brought in 31,926 pounds of food, the largest total of the drive.

The Psychology Department came in second with 22,245 pounds of food. Psychology Department business manager Becky Goodrich brought in \$3,700 for the department by collecting checks from faculty

members. The Computer and Information Science Department came in third with 10,535 pounds of food.

"I am just amazed at what the people pull off," Scheeland said. "What they do to get other people to give is amazing. They do it willingly and come back each year. What they will do next year, I haven't got a clue."

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## Tuition: Full refunds during week one under policy

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the elimination of the tuition "plateau" for full-time students. The plateau allowed students to pay the same amount for a 13- to 16-credit term.

Although credits in full-time course loads are still subsidized, students now must pay extra for each credit.

"(The plateau) allowed students to do all kinds of dropping and adding," Chereck said. Students are currently charged per credit, which means the penalty is more of a factor.

"One of the things I worked on with Anne Leavitt and Adam is a schedule that would allow students to drop and add with no penalty," Chereck said.

Currently, students receive an

85-percent refund for dropped courses during the first two weeks of a term if those courses result in a lower credit load. Students receive a 50-percent refund during the third week, a 25-percent refund during the fourth week and no refund after the fourth week.

The proposed policy would establish a 100-percent refund during the first week of classes and a 75-percent refund during the second week. It would then follow the existing schedule. The proposal stipulates that individuals who withdraw completely from the University would be granted a 90-percent refund during the first week, then follow the same model as the policy for other students. Students would only be allowed to enroll in up to 18 credit

hours until two weeks before classes begin under the new policy.

Administrators and ASUO representatives said they are interested in working toward making information about classes more available to students prior to registration in order to make it less necessary for students to rearrange their class schedules.

Chereck said the new policy would likely result in tuition revenue loss for the University, but the institution will benefit from students having another tool to complete their degrees in a timely manner.

"I think it will be good for students," he said.

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