



TCC Hotline



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Free Disk Quota Increased to 100MB

Effective August 01, 2004, the amount of free disk space available to each regular user has been increased to 100MB. If you need more than 100MB of disk space, you can fill out a form at the desk of the User Consultant (UC) in Speare room 5 to get up to 250MB. Note that you pay \$0.01 per megabyte per day only for disk space that you **actually use** above the 100MB. If you need more than 250MB, please come to Speare room 117.

G5 Mac Computers

Three new G5 Macintosh computers have been installed in Speare room 5 for public use. They and the Macintosh computers in Speare room 137 have been upgraded to run OS X v10.3 (Panther). They were integrated with the LDAP authentication and auto-mounting file systems. All users will now be able to log in to a Mac with their current password.

Close the Mac Lab?

Because of limited use, we are considering closing room 137 of the Speare building, which is the Mac Lab. The new G5 Macs in Speare room 5 will replace room 137. If this poses a hardship in teaching a class, please call x-5735 or email mtopliff@nmt.edu to discuss the issue.

Mac Beowulf

We have configured some of the Macintosh computers in the Speare building to function as one Beowulf computer for parallel processing. The Campus Computing Committee will award access to both the old 24-node PC based Beowulf and the new six-node Mac Beowulf cluster based upon research proposals. The proposal forms can be obtained in room 117 of the Speare building. There will be no charge for this service.

Restrict Erdas and ArcGIS?

The software packages Erdas and ArcGIS have grown to the point that they will no longer fit in the disk partition with the other Microsoft software. Therefore, they will only be available on the computers in MSEC room 187. If this causes problems for your class, please call x-5735 or email mtopliff@nmt.edu to discuss the issue.

Speare 5 "Special Use" Machines

Many of the machines in Speare 5 are "*special use*" machines (primarily for: scanning, CD burning, DVD authoring, or photo editing). If you are just doing ordinary things (like: reading email or web browsing) please use the machines in Speare 4, 9, 14, or 15.

User Area Food and Drink

There has been an increase in the garbage left lying around in the user areas, labs, and classrooms from eating and drinking. Another problem is that food-related waste is ending up in the paper recycling bins (instead of the trash cans). In light of this growing problem, we will be reviewing our policy of allowing food and drink in those rooms.