

Spring Courses Introduce VAX E-Mail

During the first week of April, the Center will be introducing new VAXcluster users to electronic mail communications with a repeated one-hour course, "Introduction to E-Mail on the VAXcluster." The course covers basic procedures for sending and receiving electronic mail messages, using VMS's MAIL utility. It will be offered each day of the week at 1:25 pm in the Training Room in Oregon Hall. Participants meet at the west end of the second-floor foyer.

No fee is charged for the class, but those who wish to attend must have an active VAXcluster account. Communi-

cations accounts with no monthly charges are available for those who just wish to use the MAIL program. Accounts may be opened at the Computing Center's Accounting Office (Room 107) at least one week in advance of the class.

Participants must pre-register and are urged to memorize their username and password before attending class. To register, drop by the upstairs reception counter or call x64394.

Flyers describing the course are available at the Center's reception counters. If you have further questions, call Andy Doremus at x64394.

Introduction to E-Mail on the VAXcluster
(Pre-registration and a VAXcluster account required)
Monday - Friday April 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
1:25-2:30 pm
Training Room, Oregon Hall
(meet at west end of 2nd floor foyer by 1:25)

New Faces in New Places

The Computing Center recently announced some changes in its microcomputer services staff: Linda Fernandes has been assigned the position of Microcomputer Support Specialist and Cindy Ramey takes over Linda's former position as Microcomputer Purchase Plan Specialist.

As Support Specialist, Linda will serve as a microcomputer consultant to campus users and offices. She will help with using application packages,

accessing network resources, and selecting equipment, and will act as a liaison to other Center staff who can provide additional assistance in specialty areas. Linda will also coordinate University microcomputer software license agreements and information on other microcomputer educational discounts.

As Purchase Plan Specialist, Cindy will oversee order processing and inventory management of the dis-

Virus Alert: Look Out For New Macintosh Virus WDEF

Computer viruses, the destructive, self-replicating programs that invade and contaminate computer files, continue to be an unfortunate fact of life in the computing world. Early this year, a new Macintosh virus called WDEF plagued users at numerous sites around the country. WDEF can be spread simply by inserting an infected disk into a machine. It tampers with the window definition resources for the Mac, producing aberrations when windows are closed or opened. The virus doesn't directly destroy data, but

it can cause machine crashes, particularly in the Mac IICI.

To guard against WDEF and other viruses, Mac owners and users may copy one or more remedies from the Computing Center's Public Domain Software disk on the AppleShare network. The Virus Software folder on this disk contains Disinfectant 1.6, VirusDetective 3.1.1, and GateKeeper Aid, all of which are effective against WDEF. It's important that all instructions included with this software be read before it is used. Users should



Dial-up Telephone Numbers Change

On February 10, all University telephone extensions were changed, affecting those who dial in to UOnet or the VAXcluster from a modem:

Gandalf modems -

1200/300-Baud: 346-4391
2400/1200/300-Baud 346-3565

To dial from a campus extension -
Note that an extra digit, "6," is now required for all campus extensions:

ext. 64391 instead of 4391
ext. 63565 instead of 3565

PC users with auto-dial modems -
Remember to change the phone numbers in your auto-dial communications software to the numbers shown above.

counted microcomputer products offered through the Purchase Plan.

For specific information concerning microcomputer support services, call either Linda or Kathy Heerema, Microcomputer Support Coordinator, at x64394. Questions about Purchase Plan products or prices should be addressed to the Microcomputer Support Lab (Room 202, x64402). Lab hours are 9 am-5 pm, Monday - Friday.

note that Disinfectant will detect and remove WDEF, but only works if the program is run under Finder, not Multifinder.

If you have questions about virus contamination, or need help with virus detection and eradication, contact Hervey Allen at x64412. Hervey is the Center's specialist in file and disk transfer, disk repair, and virus protection. He is available Tuesday and Thursday, 1-4 pm in the Microcomputer Services Center (Room 207).

WHAT'S NEW

New Guides Aid VAXcluster Users

VAXcluster users seeking to make their computing lives easier can avail themselves of four new reference guides in the Computing Center Documents Room (205). The new books, all published by Digital Press, cover a variety of VAX-related topics, from non-technical basics to programming with DCL commands and using electronic communications networks:

- *VMS User's Guide*, by James Peters

Described as "the comprehensive guide to the VMS operating system for non-technical users," this book provides an overview of system commands and functions. It takes the reader from logging in to creating command procedures, with a thorough discussion of files and directories. Each chapter includes learning aids, such as tables of commands, exercises, and review quizzes.

- *VMS Internals and Data Structures: Version 5, Volumes 1 and 2*, by Ruth Goldenberg

These timely volumes provide a compact review of new VMS features and supplements existing VAX documentation available in the Documents Room.

- *VAX/VMS: Writing Real Programs in DCL*, by Paul Anagnostopoulos

This book will help you to determine how and when to use DCL commands, VMS's Digital Command Language, to write programs. The benefits and weaknesses of programming in DCL are covered objectively, along with assistance in developing and modifying DCL procedures.

- *The Matrix: Computer Networks and Conference Systems Worldwide*, by John Quarterman

This comprehensive reference work provides an excellent introduction to the ever-expanding world of communications networks. Readers are guided through the maze of international, national, local, and metropolitan networks, including BITNET, UUCP, and the Internet. The author also covers layers and protocols, standards, and user communities.

E-Com Guide Reprinted

A new printing of *E-com on the VAXcluster* is now available in the Documents Room. It incorporates accumulated changes and additions through January, 1990, including the new telephone access numbers for dial-up users and keypad maps for IBM PC's. All changes in this printing of the Fall 1989 edition are relatively minor. Holders of earlier editions may exchange their copies for new ones at no charge.

EVE Reference Card Arrives

Those who use, or are learning to use, VMS's EVE editor may wish to pick up an *EVE Reference Card*, now available to VAXcluster users at no charge in the Documents Room. In it are instructions for creating a file and moving around in it, some basic EVE how-to's, a summary of common EVE editing commands, and keypad maps for VT terminals, Macintoshes, and IBM PC's.

Check Out the VAX Book

Ever wish you could have a VAX consultant at your side 24 hours a day? A new VAX handbook compiled independently by Computing Center staff member and consultant Joe St Sauver, may be the closest thing you'll find to a live-in consultant.

The *VAX Book* is a collection of information many VAX/VMS users may find quite helpful. It uses annotated examples to teach new VAX concepts, and covers everything from common VAX commands and basic editing techniques to VMS "tricks" and network topics.

Among a vast array of VAX/VMS topics, the *VAX Book* includes information on

- compressing text files by up to 50%
- sending mail to outside networks, such as CompuServe, MCIMail, and FIDOnet
- connecting to over 50 online library catalogs
- using DECALC, a Lotus-like spreadsheet
- customizing the EVE editor and using multiple buffers and multiple on-screen windows
- translating common error messages into English

Copies of the 326-page book are available for purchase at Kinko's and the EMU Copy Center. The Documents Room also has copies for reference and check-out.

While the Computing Center has no official involvement in either the publication or maintenance of the *VAX Book*, early comments from consultants and users indicate that it fills a documentation gap and should be a valuable tool for the committed VAX user.

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