

Distance Learning provides classes via internet

Many learn from
comfort of home

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Distance learning has proven a success at ECU. Distance learning involves either the internet or teleconferencing, and often a combination of the two.

"For 1997-1998, we (ECU) have

had 103 distance learning classes," said James Byrd, distance learning specialist.

These classes are offered to help make education more convenient.

Byrd said the development of the distance learning program was established by the adult learner; 98 percent of the students enrolled in distance learning classes are nontraditional students (24 years or older).

Every course offered through a distance learning program is also offered on campus.

Classes offered on campus are also benefiting from the distance learning programs. Teleconferencing and the internet allow students to communicate with others worldwide without leaving the classroom.

"It exposes students to people and technology they otherwise wouldn't be exposed to," Byrd said.

Such technologies as CUSeeMe video cam, listservs and chat rooms are incorporated in these classrooms. Students have the opportunity to use this technology through ECU, an opportunity many universi-

ties do not offer. Experience with such technology makes ECU students stand out when applying for jobs, enhancing job opportunities.

The use of cutting edge technologies in the classroom also challenges faculty.

"It requires on the part of the faculty, to always be looking for a better way," said Barry DuVall, professor in the department of industrial technology. "It takes professors that can admit that they can learn from their students."



Students can attend university classes from home due to developments in distance learning.
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Fall semester brings student publications via internet

Helped to gain status
as "25th Most Wired"

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With the start of fall semester, student media will be available both in an out of cyberspace.

The student publications include The East Carolinian newspaper, the literary and arts magazine The Rebel, minority student magazine Expressions and the campus radio station, WZMB-FM 91.3.

Junior Bobby Tuggle is an instrumental part of the student media online. Along with student media adviser Paul Wright, Tuggle has managed to bring student publications online.

"I wanted to leave something behind at ECU," Tuggle said.

The development of The East Carolinian web site helped ECU gain recognition as one of the

top 25 "most-wired" universities by Yahoo! Internet Life magazine.

Wright said ECU student publications were brought online, following the trend of commercial and student newspapers.

Publications are updated as hard copy publications are released, allowing students, faculty, staff, alumni and Pirate fans to stay in touch with Pirate life wherever they travel.

The East Carolinian site not only contains contents of the paper, but also contains enhanced information relating to stories, a weekly poll concerning campus events and student interests, hot links to sites related to campus events, and a thorough calendar of campus-wide events. This site is visited over 3,000 times per day.

"It's a great way to inform students about issues that involve them," said Tuggle.

Beginning in the fall, student media will host a second web site for student organizations. There are over 250 registered organizations

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WWW.TEC.ECU.EDU

WWW.REBEL.ECU.EDU

WWW.EXPRESSIONS.ECU.EDU

WWW.WZMB.ECU.EDU

WWW.CLUBHOUSE.ECU.EDU

on campus and beginning in the fall, each of those organizations will have free access to this web site where they can post their own web pages.

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