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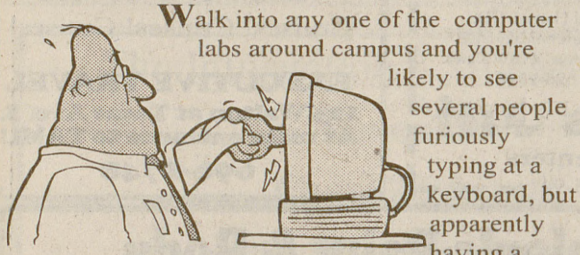
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# Computing Toolbox

A weekly column dedicated to computing at Texas A&M



Walk into any one of the computer labs around campus and you're likely to see several people furiously typing at a keyboard, but apparently having a good time. If it seems that using a computer and having a good time contradict each other, then you probably haven't been introduced to the wonderful world of electronic mail.

Electronic mail, or e-mail, is a program running on a computer that is connected to other computers. When using electronic mail, you to send a message to another person much like you would send a letter via the U.S. Postal Service.

Electronic mail has several advantages over traditional paper mail. First, it doesn't cost you a stamp. All you need is a logon-ID on a computer that runs an e-mail program. All students at Texas A&M pay a computer access fee as part of their class registration, and almost all of the multi-user computers at Texas A&M are on a network with an electronic mail program. Getting started with electronic mail is simply a matter of setting up your Logon-ID. For instructions on how to set up a Logon-ID, drop by one of the Computing and Information Services (CIS) Help Desks.

Secondly, the electronic mail message is delivered quickly. It doesn't matter whether you're sending the message across campus or across the ocean; in most cases, your message is delivered within seconds.

Third, since the other person doesn't have to be

currently using their computer when you send mail, you can avoid playing the telephone "tag" games. When you send someone a message, it's stored in their incoming mail box until they read their mail.

Electronic mail has numerous advantages in the classroom. The quality of your learning experience is very much dependent upon the quality of your communication with your teachers and with other students outside the classroom. Electronic mail can not only expand existing channels of communication inside and outside the classroom and the class meeting time but open new ones as well. From computers in their office, home, or lab, instructors and students can conduct extended dialogues. You can use electronic mail to send class or research notes to other people when convenient. Because you don't have to be logged on when mail arrives, students working on a project can communicate back and forth without having to coordinate their schedules.

Through the file sending capabilities of electronic mail and networking in general, an instructor can make a wide variety of materials available to students. Syllabi, class notes, assignments, instructions and study aids can be sent to students instantly. Students can also use the network for submitting assignments. Instructors can receive student papers, save them to files, make notations, and return them quickly and relatively painlessly.

In addition to these advantages, there is another feature of electronic mail that might interest you. You can subscribe to mailing lists and electronic bulletin boards and be in contact with a world of people discussing an endless number of topics. For more information on using electronic mail and subscribing to electronic mailing lists and bulletin boards, contact your nearest CIS Help Desk.

## Need Help?



**Computing and Information Services (CIS)** has Help Desks around campus to help you with general as well as specialized computing. Let us help you at:

**CIS Help Desk at Bio/Bio**  
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M-R 8 am- 10 pm; F 8 am- 4 pm;  
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862-4684

**CIS Help Desk at Teague (TCC)**  
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010 Teague (Ground Floor)  
845-8300

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845-1365

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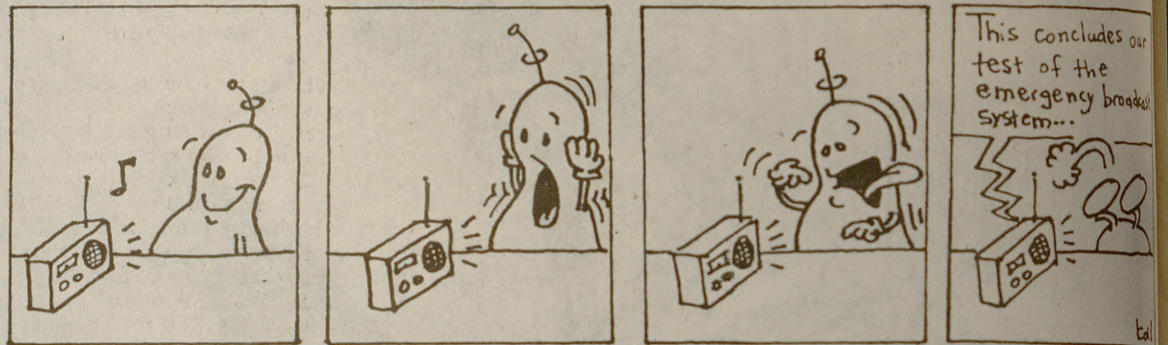
## Tubularman

By Boomer Cardinale



## Bartholomew

by Kalvin



## Eisenhower

By Alex



## What's Up

- Monday**
- Career Center:** Career decision making help in 301 Rudder at 5:30 p.m. Call Bryan or Pat at 845-5139.
  - Catholic Student Association:** St. Mary's Youth Retreat Team in the St. Mary's Student Library at 9 p.m. Call Joyce at 696-8116.
  - International Studies Society:** Cheri Zaziarski will speak on financing study abroad and election nominations for next year in 108 Blocker at 7 p.m.
  - Aggie Lutherans:** Bible study in 352 MSC from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Call Heather at 847-0631.
  - TAMU Scuba Club:** Guest lecture in 308 Rudder at 8:30 p.m. Call Michele at 846-4566.
  - Texas Environmental Action Coalition:** Speaker on environmental jobs, meeting on earth day, Mark will hold the earth day garage sale meeting after the regular meeting- all in 202 Francis at 7:30 p.m. Call James at 693-7281.
  - Financial Management Association:** Elections and general meeting in 156 Blocker at 8:30 p.m.
  - Career Center:** Resume writing assistance in 302 Rudder at 3 p.m. Call Bryan or Pat at 845-5139.
- Texas A&M Interdisciplinary Program in Religious Studies:** Public lecture entitled "Early Christians and Early Jews" in 158 Blocker at 7:30 p.m. Call Professor Want at 845-8303 or 845-3452.
- NAACP:** Civil Disobedience in 230 MSC at 8:30 p.m. Call Lovely at 847-7373.
- Audubon Field Trip:** Join Ned Fritz for his annual celebration of East Texas Woods. Friday and Saturday at Ratcliff Lake-camp. Event at East Texas Pow Wow April 16-18. Call Bert at 846-9042 or 693-3214.
- Honors Student Council:** Spring '94 Honors scheduling consortium in 201 MSC from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Call Genevieve at 847-0013.
- TAMU Roadrunners:** We meet every Sunday through Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in front of G.Rollie White Coliseum for group runs. For more information contact Steve at 823-1334.
- Special Health Services:** Free and anonymous HIV testing is available on campus. Call 775-3064.
- Tuesday**
- Alcoholics Anonymous:** Open, non-smoking meeting at noon in MSC. See monitor at MSC for location.
  - Breakaway:** A weekly non-
- denominational Bible Study at 9 p.m. at First Baptist Church in College Station. Call Gregg at 693-9869.
- Student Counseling Service:** African American support group in Henderson Hall from 5-6:30 p.m. Call Dr. Williams at 845-4427.
- Graduate Women's Business Network:** Guest lecturers from local manufacturing company will discuss entrepreneurship in 114 Blocker at 7:30 p.m.
- Institute of Industrial Engineers:** General meeting with officer elections in 342 Zachry at 7:30 p.m.
- Catholic Student Association:** Daily mass at All Faith's Chapel at 12:05 p.m. Call Tonya at 846-5717.
- Aggies for Ann Richards:** Organizational meeting open to all students, faculty and staff, planning for the Governor's campaign in 212 MSC at 8:30 p.m.
- The Society for Conservation Biology:** Guest lecture, Dr. Kirk O. Winemiller "Conservation Biology from Genes to Ecosystems, Ethics to Economics Where's the Road Map?" at 7:30 p.m at 104 Nagle. Call Liz at 693-3917.
- TAMU Waterski Team:** Discuss SouthWest Texas Tournament in 501 Rudder. Call Todd at 696-3843.

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