

# Technically Speaking

## Looking for love in the wrong places?

By Erin Jewell

Valentine's Day. This holiday can be met with either ecstasy or severe apprehension. Possibly, you have been unlucky thus far in the dating game. There is nothing wrong with that; there are millions of people around the world in the same position. Now thanks to the Internet, meeting singles has never been easier.



Since its creation in 2000, eHarmony boasts the slogan, "More marriages per match than any other dating service". Founder and dating expert Dr. Neil Clark Warren was motivated to create the online dating service in order to help people build happy and long lasting rela-

tionships. The website's belief is that by using the 29 Key Compatibility Dimensions, couples will be happier and in love longer due to increased similar interests. While matching tens of thousands of members, they have also celebrated over ten thousand marriages. Such an incredible service, however, must come with a price. Before deciding this is for you, make sure you check out pricing and payment methods.

Remember, not all that glitters is gold. Online dating services more often than not fail to offer immediate satisfaction regarding relationship status. It can take days, weeks or even months before you find that special someone. Try not to hold expectations too

high: that Hollywood dream date experience is often just that...a dream. Also, realize that these dating services are out to make money, just like any other company. Sure, they like hearing success stories, but they like money even more.

These types of services are becoming increasingly popular. According to the Online Publishers Association, U.S. residents spent \$469.5 million in the last year on online dating and personals. Probably the best advice would be to try it for yourself. You will never know if online dating provides the services you need or not if you refuse to try it. Have a little fun and you never know who you might meet in the future! 🐾

## On the Web!



### Fun Links

www.hallmark.com

- Need to send warm wishes? Use free hallmark ecards to convey your message to your dear ones in fun and interactive ways.

www.southparkstudios.com

- Includes unseen footage, games and downloads. You can even create your own South Park character in the games section!

www.collegehumor.com

- Has the biggest collection of movies, pictures, jokes and games.

www.iamnext.com

- The survival guide to college. Channels include academics, fun, living, profiles and spirituality.

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## Looking for a Job?

By Meredith Manning

### Make the Right First Impression

Employers don't read resumes, they skim them. So you have to make it look good. An eye-catching resume will catch the employer's attention and receive a more careful reading. Your potential employer's first impression of you is going to be your resume, so why not make yours look the very best.

These are a few steps to make a great resume:

- Always use short paragraphs—preferably no longer than five lines. Use bullets and numbering to shorten longer areas.
- Keep it concise and all on **one** page. In order to do this, you may have to change the margins (File->Page Setup), which will allow you to use more of the paper and leave less white space.
- A perfect copy with no typographical errors, punctuation

errors, misspellings, smudges, blotches, or any other imperfections is extremely important.

- Make your name pop off the page. Try using a different font or different effects like bold, shadowing, or underlining.
- Finally, an effective cover letter is just as important as an effective resume. The cover letter accompanies the resume and is usually the piece of paper that the prospective employer sees first. The letter should be no more than one page and written in a business letter format.

Some web sites can help you turn a good resume into a great resume.

Monster Jobs-www.monster.com  
 Yahoo! - hotjobs.yahoo.com  
 JobSniper - www.jobsniper.com  
 MSN Careers - careers.msn.com  
 JobWeb - www.jobweb.com 🐾

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### Help Desk Hours

M-T 8 am—10 pm  
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 Sun 1 pm—10 pm

### Notebook Support Center Hours

M-F 8 am—4:30 pm

### Library Lab Hours

M-T 7:30 am—11:45 pm  
 Fri 7:30 am—4:45 pm  
 Sat 11 am—4:45 pm  
 Sun 1 pm—11:45 pm

## Defrag Please!

Want a faster computer? Defragment your hard drive. A heavily fragmented drive can slow down your PC. Go to Start, All Programs, Accessories, System Tools and click on Disk Defragmenter. Because defragmenting a drive can take a long time, you should analyze drives before defragmenting them to decide whether or not it is worthwhile to take the time to run the defragmentation process. Click on Analyze. Review the results of the analysis after it is complete by clicking View Report. If the analysis tool recommends that the volume be defragmented, click Defragment to begin the operation.

## Computer Lingo



### Terms you should know

**Operating System**- the system software responsible for the direct control and management of hardware and basic system operations.

**Artificial Intelligence** - intelligent behavior, learning and adaptation in machines. It is concerned with producing machines to automate tasks requiring intelligent behavior.

## Computer Tips



- Is your screen sideways? Press Ctrl +Alt + up/down/left/right arrow keys to adjust it.
- To ensure smooth functioning of your Internet, disable your wireless connection. Go to Control Panel, Network connections, right-click on wireless and click on disable. When you want to access Internet in a wireless zone, enable the wireless connection.

## Mac or PC

What is the big deal with the difference between Mac and PC? They are both computers and, in fact, have many similarities. Mac is short for Macintosh, which is made by Apple. When you buy a Mac there is quite a list of software that comes with it, including Mac OS X Tiger, which is the latest operating system that comes installed on a Mac.



On the other side of the computer world is PC, which stands for Personal Computer, but has come to be known as any computer that is running Windows. There are many companies that make Windows computers including



Dell, Gateway and Hewlett Packard. When you buy a PC, you get a lot of software as well and the operating system Windows XP comes pre-installed.

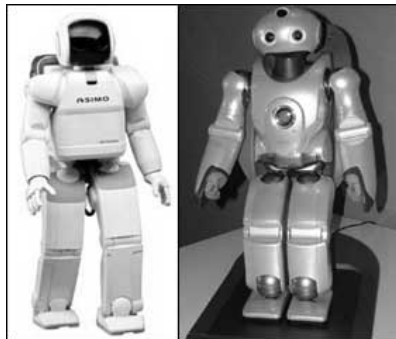
## Mr. Roboto

Do you remember the movies I, Robot or A.I.? Does the idea of robots and artificial intelligence make you feel excited or nervous? Believe it or not, the days when mechanical people are used for everyday activities are not too far away.

There are a handful of manufacturers currently working on creating humanoid robots with the three most popular and advanced models being Toyota's Partner Robots, Honda's Asimo and Sony's Qrio.

Toyota is working on three different versions of its robots: one for daily activities, another used mainly in manufacturing, and another that will specialize in assistance with elderly or disabled with the ability to carry its owner. For more information visit: <http://www.toyota.co.jp/en/special/robot>

The Asimo robot is one of the more advanced models. Honda recently released information boasting that their robot can now recognize and respond to moving objects and various postures/gestures of people, obstacles in its environment, different sounds and even facial



So now you may be wondering which one is better. Each platform has its own advantages and areas of specialization. Mac computers rarely get viruses since fewer people will be affected by them and, hence, hackers rarely target PCs because more computers will be infected. That makes PCs highly prone to viruses and, without anti-virus protection, a PC can get a virus within minutes of being on the Internet. However, when you go to buy any kind of software, far more titles are available for PCs because more people use them than Macs. So when you go to find a particular software title for a Mac, it could be a bit of a challenge.

Mac or PC? You be the judge. 🐾

By Chris Grandfield

By Allen Lode

movements. Asimo is the largest and bulkiest of the advanced robots and has an astronaut look to it. For more information visit: <http://world.honda.com/ASIMO>

Qrio, developed by Sony, is the most advanced of its kind. Standing at about 3 feet in height, it is extremely agile and highly capable of human interaction. Using wireless technology to connect with the Internet, it is constantly learning about new things and will try to help its owner in any way it can. Qrio comes standard with a vocabulary of about 60,000 English words and can answer many questions presented by humans. Qrio can also be used to stream video of a person's home while he/she is at work to help monitor children and pets or act as a mobile security camera. For more information visit: <http://www.sony.net/SonyInfo/QRIO>

These robots are not available for sale today, but there is a good possibility that within as little as five years these helpers might begin showing up in households across the country. 🐾

## Be safe - Use protection

### How to Protect Yourself from Online Fraud

By Daman Kapoor

There have been a lot of reports of students at Northwest receiving fraudulent emails and pop-ups promising them huge amounts of money in the form of lottery or prizes that they have won. These are instances of online fraud, also known as "Phishing". Phishing is a type of deception designed to steal your identity and attacks through spoofed email messages and fraudulent websites with the attempt to trick unsuspecting Internet users into divulging confidential personal information, such as credit card numbers, account usernames and passwords, and social security numbers.

To protect yourself from this mounting threat, implement the following steps when browsing:

- **Be skeptical:** Always be cautious. Unless you are 100% sure that a particular message is legitimate, assume it is not. You should never supply your username, password, account number or any other personal or confidential information via email and you should not reply directly to the email in question. Do not click on a hyperlink in the email message. Also, never enter personal

or financial information into pop-up windows.

- **Report suspicious activity:** If you receive email messages that are part of a phishing scam or seem suspicious, you should report them. Report suspicious messages to your PERT and also report them to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov).
- **Look for the lock:** Before you enter personal or financial information into a website, make sure the site is secure. In Internet Explorer, you can do this by checking the yellow lock icon on the status bar as shown below.



- **All that glitters is not gold:** Too many "phishers" are forging copies of company websites that look genuine. Open a new browser window and go directly to the company's web site by typing in the known URL for the company. Once at the site, determine if the company truly needs your information.
- **Kill the spy:** Run SpyBot weekly and do not forget to check for updates! 🐾

## I, N, S, T, A, L, L, I, N, G

Need to add some **Spice** to your documents, instant messages or blog posts? Then download and install some new fonts free from the Internet.

The first step is to find a good font to add. There are many websites with free fonts available for downloading. [www.DaFont.com](http://www.DaFont.com) is one of the best choices. The site has the fonts divided into categories, a search feature and all the fonts are free. Another good site for downloading famous fonts, like Oreos, Wheel of Fortune and many others, is [www.smackbob.com/famousfonts](http://www.smackbob.com/famousfonts).

Once you have located the font of your choice, download and save the file to your

## F, O, N, T, S

By Becky Rainford

desktop. The file will most likely be a .zip file and will need to be unzipped. To unzip the file, right-click on the file. Select *WinZip* and click on *Extract to Here*. Now several files have been added to your desktop. The most important one is the file with the .ttf (true type font) extension.

To install the font into your Fonts folder, open your Fonts folder by going to Start, Control Panel and then double-click on the Fonts folder. Go back to your desktop and select the .ttf files. Once your file is selected, click and drag it to the Fonts window. Once the font is installed, it will be available in all of your applications. 🐾

## Floppy Notebook?

Is your notebook screen extra floppy or hanging by a thread? If so, you need to take your notebook to the Electronic Campus Support Center to have it repaired. Pending the line is short, the process should only take about 15 minutes or less to complete. Pending the screen and notebook have not been permanently damaged, the repair is free of charge.

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Meredith is a junior from St. Joseph, MO. She has a double major in Chemistry and Biology. She is a member of SAACS, Sigma Society and Pre-Med Club.

She spends most of her life in Garret-Strong, but in her free time Meredith enjoys watching college sports, listening to all kinds of music, singing in the car, watching old movies, scrapbooking and hanging out with friends. Meredith comes from a long line of Mizzou fans and loves nothing more than watching Mizzou defeat Kansas in basketball.

After graduating from Northwest, Meredith plans to attend graduate school and pursue a career in medical research, specifically in the area of neurological disorders.

## Preview for Next Month...

Don't miss next month's edition to learn how wireless technology works

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