

NEWS FROM BRIAN GREENE

If you have any questions or would like more information about any class, feel free to e-mail me at bgreene@pcwolves.net. As always, thank you for what you do to help our students!

PUBLICATIONS

It's difficult to believe that our seniors will be leaving in less than a month! It's an extremely busy time for many of them in publications. By their last day, seniors in this class must finish all yearbook pages in addition to write and design one final Howler, our school newspaper.

INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS

I believe our students have seen a different side of credit over the past couple of weeks as we have spent considerable time discussing the real cost of credit. Students also are continuing to enjoy learning more about the stock market via our online Stock Market Game and the various lessons that have been introduced regarding the market.

BUSINESS LAW

We just finished our second major test of the semester dealing with contracts. It was a difficult test but our students came through like pros. As a way to do things slightly different and a way to keep all students, especially the five seniors in this class, actively involved in our material, I opened up the rest of the semester to the students. The class voted on four chapters they would be most interested in learning more about ... the winners: Marriage Formalities and Restrictions (Chapter 25), Renting a Place to Live (Ch. 27), Buying a Home (Ch. 28), and Wills and Intestacy (Ch. 40).

ADVANCED COMPUTERS

We have finished the Advanced Microsoft Office 2003 textbook (unless you're one of our two sophomores ...!) and have moved ahead to learning basic Web design through exploration of FrontPage 2002 software. The students are obtaining a better feel for Web design vocabulary and concepts. It's a fun way to end a great year in this class!

COMPUTER APPLICATIONS

We wrapped up Microsoft Access work a little early and now have started Microsoft Outlook, which is the final instructional unit in our Introductory Office 2003 textbooks. In the remaining weeks of this school year, we will watch a film series entitled *Triumph of the Nerds*, which outlines the birth of the computer industry. Finally, we will start an all-encompassing Office 2003 project which (hopefully) will bring all the applications into a clearer focus and count as the students' second semester final exam for this class.