

Personae



Elizabeth is a 19 year-old freshman in the Engineering School. She is a year older than most of her class-mates since she spent the year after high school traveling across the United States with her older cousin. She was born and raised in Maryland. Her father works for the State Department and her mother is an Asian Studies professor at the University of Maryland. She has two older twin brothers who study Physics at Stanford University. She loves studying at the University of Michigan, however she misses many of her high-school friends. Most of them are in their second year of college, so they have already adjusted to college life. She is very neat and was nervous with living with a roommate, so she opted to live in a single her freshman year. Elizabeth now wishes that she had chosen to have a roommate because she does not have as many friends as she would like. All of her high school friends already have large networks of friends at their colleges. However, Elizabeth has talked to a few hall mates about possibly living off-campus in a house together. She is a die-hard Macintosh enthusiast. She took her PowerBook on her cross-country trip and uploaded journal entries and photos along the way. She uses AOL instant messenger to chat with friends all the time. She also checks her email about twenty times a day. She is taking Computer Science, Chemistry, Microeconomics, and Early European History. She is considering majoring in computer science while at UM. She is currently taking an introductory Java class and is doing very well. She has a homework average of 94 and received a 99 on the midterm.



Stanley is a 38 year-old professor of English Literature. He was born in San Francisco, CA. He studied History as an undergraduate at USC. He has held a variety of jobs including magazine editor, freelance writer, and organ repairer. At age 28 he decided to go back to school to obtain a PhD. He studied at University of California, Santa Cruz. He is not married, although he is currently dating a 30-year old graduate student in his department. He is very serious about the relationship; however, his girlfriend is not willing to make a commitment yet. He is interested in permanently staying in Ann Arbor, whereas she would like to move to the East Coast after completing her degree. He is good with his hands and enjoys woodworking and rebuilding car engines. He is currently working on a Fiat from the 1970's. He had planned to have the engine completely rebuilt last summer, however, his mother fell ill and the project has taken longer than expected. He has been using a computer for over twelve years. He owns a Windows laptop, but became proficient on Macintosh while working in the magazine industry. Since coming to UM in 1999 he has become interested in using technology, specifically the web, to assist in teaching his courses. He is currently teaching an undergraduate course in 19th century English Literature and would like to create a website that will allow his students to easily discuss the novels.