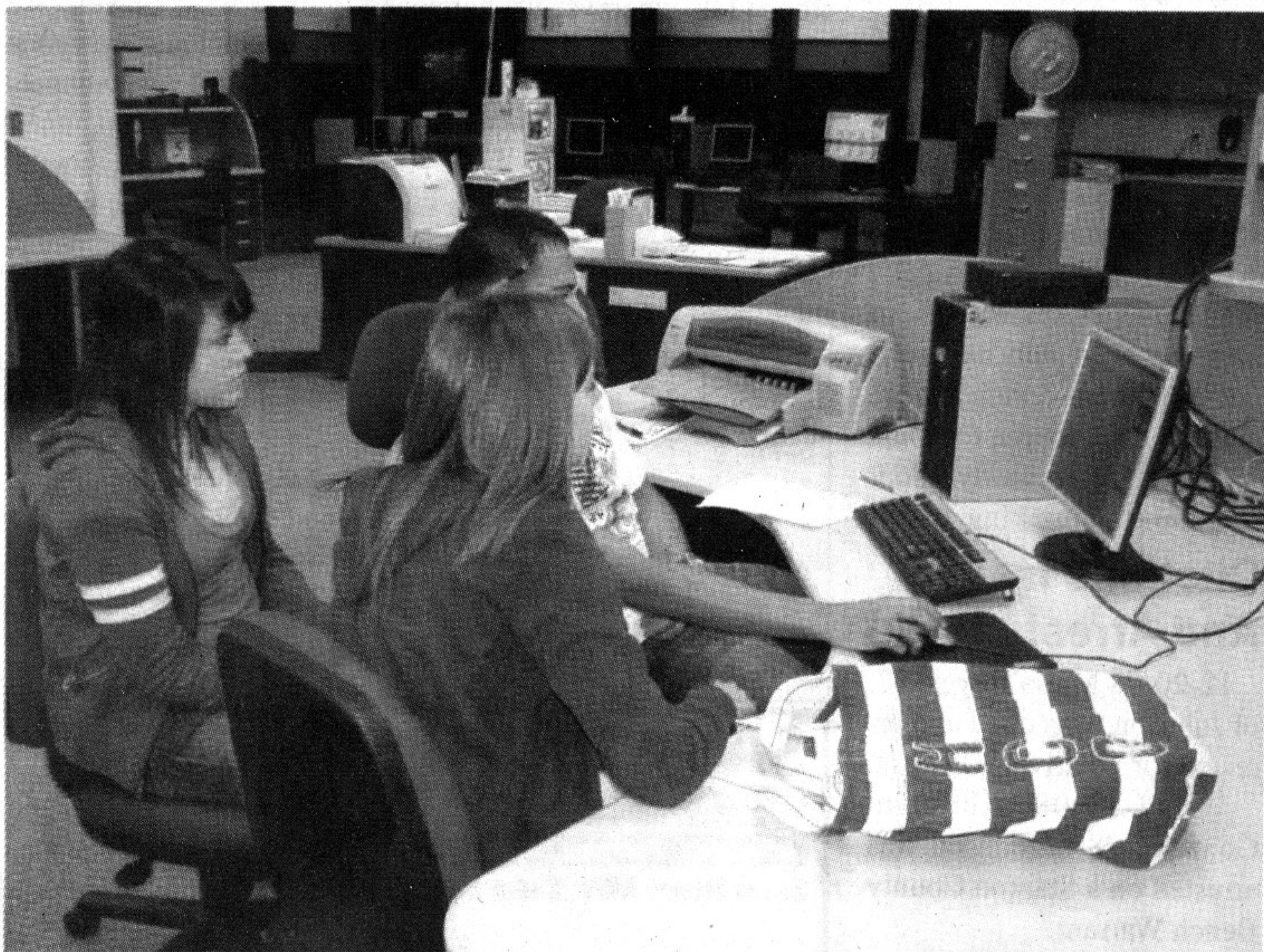lation to date for 2009 is 0.00 inches of moisture and 0.00 inches of snow.

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# Students And Teachers Make Advancements In Technology



**By Carissa Nelson**

Technology has become an essential tool to learning at Stanton County High School.

During his first year at SCHS, former English teacher Jerry Janes has implemented a curriculum that focuses on Web 2.0.

"Web 2.0 is not about reading. It's about getting online and creating," Janes said. "We try to combine current technology with new technology."

In classes that focus on Web creation, Janes has students use a combination of sources from the Internet and software provided by SCHS to create projects.

"I think it's fun that I'm learning how to do all the coding," sophomore Kasey Erskin said. "I never thought I'd be able to do that kind of stuff."

Erskin is a student in Janes' Web Page Design class. Students created Web sites then picked their top three favorite sites. Erskin's design was one of the designs picked. After critiquing the sites, Janes and the students will pick the best design that Janes hopes to launch in mid March.

In November, students aired the first newscast on Channel 12, SCTV.

According to Janes, students in his inproduction class write, edit and perform the programs on the channel.

"I think anything we can do to promote the students to the community is a positive," Principal Bruce Bolen said.

According to Janes, his curriculum is provided by the state, but he has added stuff here and there because it's not as current as it should be.

Although he follows the curriculum, Janes wants his assignments to help students after they leave SCHS.

"It definitely prepares them for the real world, be it academic or the work place," Janes said.

Students aren't the only ones learning about technology from Janes. Janes is a facilitator for TTT, Teacher Teach-ing with Technology. According to Janes, he is trying to help them get comfortable integrating technology into their classrooms.

"The teachers are doing a good job, but it takes a lot of time," Bolen said. "We have to do a better job of using the computers as a learning tool."

According to Janes, he teaches students about public domain and plagiarism and focus on the importance of spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Janes also hopes to build on what students know from their time spent on sites like Myspace and Facebook.

"I hope that I help shape their technical skills," Janes said. "I'm already aware that they bring advanced technology skills into my class."

To learn more about Janes and his curriculum visit: www.usd452.org/staff/jjanes

To see the student's newscasts visit: www.usd452.org/video/

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