How to use the EAST212 newsgroup

Getting Started:

First, you will need to decide what software you will use. You have two basic options:

- a) a dedicated reader, such as NewsWatcher for the Macintosh. You can download a copy from the “get NewsWatcher” link on the EAST 212 homepage:
  
  `<http://www.facstaff.bucknell.edu/elofgren/EAST212-s00/E212Home.html>`

- b) an integrated piece of software such as Netscape Communicator or Microsoft Internet Explorer (although I have not checked the latter).

Once obtained, you will need to configure the software. The pieces of information you will need are:

  - News Server (or Groups Server) Address: `news.bucknell.edu`
  - Mail Server Address: `mail.bucknell.edu`
  - Your e-mail address: `<username>@bucknell.edu`

Accessing the Newsgroup:

Now, how do you access the newsgroup? From a dedicated reader, it is simply a matter of launching the application, and navigating to the group `<bucknell.course.east212>`. From an integrated application, you can either open the newsgroup window and navigate to the appropriate newsgroup, or go to the EAST212 homepage and click on the `<EAST212 newsgroup>` link. If everything is configured properly, that should take you to the correct place.

Posting a Message:

There are two basic types of posts:

- a) new messages
- b) reply to old messages (which then form threads)

For our purposes, I shall post a message each week something like this:

  WEEK ## Questions: <Title of the Work>

Since these questions will remain on the list for the entire semester (unless you delete them, which I request you do not), you will want to make sure that other readers know: a) who posted the message, and b) to which novel they pertain. It is this latter requirement that makes me strongly suggest that you post your messages as a reply rather than a new thread.

NOTE: According the “the Powers that Be,” you will not be able to access this newsgroup from an account other than one associated with Bucknell University (i.e., no way to post or read from AOL or Sunlink, say).