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IMC Highlights

- The 2008 Edition of the Horizon Report http://horizon.nmc.org/wiki/Main_Page is posted on the homepage and in the resource section of the IMC website for your review.

The annual Horizon Report describes the continuing work of the New Media Consortium (NMC)'s Horizon Project, a five-year qualitative research effort that seeks to identify and describe emerging technologies likely to have a large impact on teaching, learning, or creative expression within learning focused organizations. The 2008 Horizon Report, the fifth in this annual series, is produced as a collaboration between the NMC and the EDUCAUSE Learning Initiative (ELI), an EDUCAUSE program.

- The Instructional Media Center would like to invite you to meet and discuss your thoughts concerning our services. You may join us in Hearnes 104 on Wednesday April 30, 2008 at 10:30 am or Thursday May 1, 2008 at 10:30 am. We have thrived on your input over the years and would like to continue that interaction. Communicating your needs and use of our services help us adapt more effectively in an ever changing technological environment. If you are unable to attend one of the meetings, please email your thoughts to imc@missouriwestern.edu or fill out a Customer Satisfaction Feedback Form at <http://www.missouriwestern.edu/IMC/feedback.html>

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Tip of the Month

- DVD's skipping, freezing or not playing at all in DVD players are often caused by the DVD being dirty or the DVD player being dirty internally.

To clean dirty DVD's use a soft lintless cloth:
(<http://www.expertvillage.com/videos/clean-cd-dvd.htm>)

To clean the DVD player use a cleaning kit designed for a DVD player:
(<http://www.expertvillage.com/videos/clean-cd-dvd-player.htm>)

Technical problems with DVD players and computer drives in classrooms can be reported to Classroom Services at 816-271-4395 or <http://www.missouriwestern.edu/IMC/Forms/cetr.asp>

Classroom Services, Cori Criger x5661 criger@missouriwestern.edu

- Classroom Services has recently begun the process of researching new Dell computers to replace the current Dell machines that are found on our teacher stations. The computers that will be replaced will be limited to those that are connected to the projection systems in classrooms and teaching labs. Department owned PC's and Apple computers are not currently being replaced. The basic make-up of software on the new Dell machines would include:

Windows XP Service Pack 2	Winzip	Microsoft Office 2007
Cyberlink PowerDVD Player	Microsoft Visio	Adobe Reader
CPS Software	CPS for PowerPoint	Macromedia Flash Player
Shockwave Player	Authorware Web Player	Real Player
Windows Media Player	Quicktime with iTunes	VLC Media Player
Mozilla Firefox	Netscape	Internet Explorer

- Although a basic outline of the hardware and software that will be purchased has been completed, we are hoping to include faculty in the assessment of any other components that would be essential to any given lecture style. We are planning two meetings, one on April 10, 2008 and one on April 11, 2008. Both meetings will be held in Hearnes 104 at 2:00pm. Your input would be appreciated and would help us supply the faculty with the best possible computing solution for the classrooms. If you cannot attend either meeting, please e-mail Eric Havens at esh3341@missouriwestern.edu with any requests you might have. Any department specific software, such as SPSS, Photoshop, etc., will still need to be purchased and installed through Informational Technology.

Educational Television Services, Danielle Hunt x4298 huntdr@missouriwestern.edu

- Have a need for your students to videotape themselves for a project you've assigned? We can help! ETS has one self-taping room within the IMC. It can be scheduled for student use during normal business hours. This room has been used for mock interviews, business presentations using PowerPoint and music conducting exercises just to name a few.
- Did you know that all programming seen on MWTV, Missouri Western Television, is also available via TV Guide? Up-to-date programming information is available on the TV Guide Channel locally via St. Joseph Cablevision or online at www.tvguide.com
- Annenberg / PBS programming is shown each week on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00 pm-4:00 pm. The series "Bridging World History" and "Growing Old in a New Age" are being shown throughout March. "Destinos: An Introduction to Spanish" begins the week of March 9, 2008 and "The Western Tradition" begins the week of March 23, 2008. For more up-to-date information on our Annenberg / PBS airings, go online to www.missouriwestern.edu/IMC/ETS/tvprogguide.html select the semester, then the appropriate week.

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- Class Climate, a survey creation and analysis tool, is available for all Missouri Western faculty/staff. Surveys can be created in paper/pencil or online only format. The process is set up to assure complete anonymity and the data can be exported and used in various formats. Access is available via the web, once individuals are set up as users. Please contact Cindy Wells, X4172, for any survey or data collection needs that may arise.
- Another online pedagogy course is being scheduled for the week following finals in May. Please contact Cindy Wells to be placed on the participant list. If there is enough interest, another session will be scheduled during the last part of May or first part of June.
- More Blackboard/WebCT tutorials are available for faculty and students at the IMC homepage. Just click on the Resources link, Instructor or Student Tools and choose WebCT Resources. Step by step instructions are available. Please contact Cindy Wells if there are questions or further assistance is needed.
- Want to save some time giving multiple choice, true/false, short answer, or even essay type finals? Would immediate, automatic grading of finals be helpful? Put finals in WebCT. If the tests are already typed, they can be easily converted by the IMC. If assistance is needed creating the tests, IMC can help with that as well. There is no course set up, as all courses already have a WebCT shell. Call Cindy Wells for guidance and get ready for finals now.