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IMC Highlights

Adaptive Technology joins the IMC.

- Don Winkie, Adaptive Technology Specialist, and his student assistants are now part of the Instructional Media Center. Adaptive Technology provides services and equipment to assist students and faculty with functional limitations (e.g., visual and auditory limitations). For example, Adaptive Technology can convert textbooks to Braille, to digital files that can be displayed on monitors with large fonts, and digital files that can be converted to speech. Adaptive Technology has speech to text and text to speech software and hardware. Computers that can convert Web pages into enlarged text and/or speech are available. The foregoing are merely examples of the various services and equipment that Adaptive Technology can provide to assist faculty and students to achieve their instructional goals. The relocation of the Office of Adaptive Technology to the IMC enhances services to students and faculty by providing the Office with the significant technical support represented by the IMC staff. The relocation also provides the Office with a substantial increase in space for staff and equipment.

IMC's assumption of responsibility for academic computer labs.

- The IMC is in the process of assuming responsibility for the monitoring of academic computing labs. While IT will continue to be responsible for maintaining lab hardware, the IMC will assume the role previously held by departmental lab coordinators who were responsible for supervising student monitors, maintaining lab supplies, scheduling lab hours, and configuring lab software. The goals of centralization include overall increased lab availability, increased hardware and software effectiveness, and more uniform support. The process of the IMC assuming responsibility for academic computer labs will be largely completed by Fall 2009.

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Tips of the Month

Take a Copyright Quiz!

- In this quiz you will be asked a series of 5 True or False questions. Select ANSWER and you will be shown the correct answer along with a brief explanation of why the answer is correct. To proceed to the next question select NEXT.

[Copyright Quiz on Television](#)

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Is only a portion of your image projecting on the screen? Try refreshing the switcher!

- Below the surface of the teacher-station desk, there is a box labeled "Computer Display Switcher". If you are currently showing the desktop image, press "Laptop" and then switch back to "Desktop Computer". This will refresh the image, and show its entirety.

If the problem persists, contact Classroom Services at 816-271-4395 for immediate attention.

Classroom Services, Cori Criger x5661 criger@missouriwestern.edu

In an effort to provide the best possible presentation support for classes and events on campus, Classroom Services has reorganized its support structure. In the future, there should be a clear contact point for each specific need you may have.

- **Eric Havens** (816-271-4396, esh3341@missouriwestern.edu) will be the support person for conferences, special events, and any non-classroom presentation needs.
- **Jesse Rice** (816-244-6425, jrice2@missouriwestern.edu) will be the point of contact for any classroom and classroom related presentation technology needs.
- **Kevin Walsh** (816-273-2463, kwash@missouriwestern.edu) is the support person for any technology needs for off-site campus locations, including the Northland and Downtown University Centers.
- **Cori Criger** (816-271-5661, criger@missouriwestern.edu) will be the contact person for special projects, such as construction and Audio/Visual design.

We hope this reorganization will help you solve any issues or problems that you may encounter in a more efficient manner.

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

- We're always looking for items to include on the Events Calendar seen on the hallway televisions and on MWTV. Contact Kevin McQuirter to get your event information listed, 816-271-5662 or kmcquirter@missouriwestern.edu. The Events Calendar airs daily on MWTV from 6:00am – 8:00am and 5:00pm – 6:30pm and on the hallway televisions 24/7.
- Summer is a good time to get a head start working on video segments you may need produced for your fall classes. Contact Danielle Hunt for more information, 816-271-4298 or huntr@missouriwestern.edu
- Interested in having your class view the last few N.A.S.A. Space Shuttle missions? Tune into MWTV during the month of May for coverage of the next mission, STS-125, as Space Shuttle Atlantis makes the fifth and final servicing mission to the Hubble Space Telescope. You can find N.A.S.A. viewing information for MWTV at www.missouriwestern.edu/IMC/ETS/tvprogguide.asp or online via TV Guide at www.tvguide.com
- Look for changes coming to "Western Reports" this fall...

Instructional Design & Web Development Services, Cindy Wells x4172 cwells5@missouriwestern.edu

- Summer and Intersession classes should now be listed in Blackboard/WebCT. Please notify Cindy Wells as soon as possible if there are any problems or questions at 816-271-4172 or cwells5@missouriwestern.edu.
- An Online Pedagogy course is being offered for Western faculty. Dates are May 11, 1:00pm-4:00pm; May 12, 9:00am-3:00pm; May 13, 9:00-3:00pm; and May 14, 9:00am-12:00pm. Participants will learn more about online learning/instruction as well as various software such as Camtasia/Snagit, Audacity, and Blackboard/WebCT. Various free online resources will be covered as well. All sessions will be held in Hearnes 105. Please contact Cindy Wells at cwells5@missouriwestern.edu or 816-271-4172 to reserve your spot and make sure there are enough handouts available.
- All classes taught on campus are listed in Banner are available via Blackboard/WebCT. The student roster is automatically placed in each course as well. The login information for both students and faculty is the same as the Western email login information. Even if faculty just want to make class files, such as syllabi, available to students, this is a convenient way to make sure course information is accessible at any time from any location with an Internet connection.
- Class Climate is available for all faculty/staff to create and disseminate surveys for course and/or research needs. Surveys may be conducted online or via paper/pencil. Paper forms are able to be scanned and the data retrieved in CSV, SPSS, or PDF report format. Data may also be merged with data from online surveys. To get this set up for use, please contact Cindy Wells at cwells5@missouriwestern.edu or 816-271-4172.