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Welcome! By Sharon Whitfield, Multimedia Librarian

The spring 2008 semester was the inauguration of the Tribble Library Student Media Center. Despite early challenges, the Media Center Staff created a comfortable, easy-going atmosphere where CNU students can receive assistance with their media technology questions and projects, view and listen to media items on our viewing stations or 55" plasma television, and work on group projects.

In February, the Tribble Library Media Center circulated over 700 media items to the CNU Community. During this academic semester, students utilized our editing suites, which are equipped with scanners (flatbed, slide, & auto document feeder), video editing software (Finale & Adobe Premiere), com-

puter programming software (Maya PLE, NetBeans, Eclipse & relational database planning software), music software (such as Photoscore & Finale-coming soon), Office and Internet, over 200 times. Although these circulation statistics are evidence of our new services' success, we also realize that there is room for new growth and services.

We will be creating new services including more instructional sessions on how to use scanners and camcorders, we will start laptop lending in the Media Center area and be on the lookout for new media in our collection. We hope that these new services in combination with existing services will leave the Tribble Library Student Media Center poised for

a bright future.

I would like to thank both the CNU Community and our Multimedia Student Assistants who have shown themselves to be eager, creative professionals who are willing to learn and share their knowledge.



New Media

Did you know that we now have Fahrenheit 9/11, Beavis and Butthead: Do America and Murderball in our media collection? Stay informed! Receive periodic updates on New Media in the Tribble Library Media Center by signing up at: <http://library.cnu.edu/media/newmedia.php>



We would like to thank all who attended our Media Matter sessions this semester and hope we can continue to offer technology sessions that interest you. Currently, we are looking for new session topics and would like your suggestions. To suggest a Media Matter topic, please send an email to mediamatter@cnu.edu

Growing and Changing by Johnnie Gray, ILL Supervisor

What's so different about the Media Center in the Tribble Library? It's not just a good place to hang out, it's a great place! The media center is located upstairs in the Paul and Rosemary Tribble library. We are here to support the media needs of students, whether it incorporates a computer, viewing/listening area or finding music/movies that are needed. We are striving to enhance the current DVD collection to not only meet curriculum needs, but also to incorporate some leisure movies that can be checked out for pleasure. Several major changes have occurred that (we hope) facilitate the ease of use of the media center. All music compact discs are now able to be browsed and will circulate. This is the same for all DVDs, so feel free to go to the media collection and see what is on the shelf. In order to check an item out, you simply take it down stairs to the circulation desk. Since the media desk does not handle circulation, this leaves media staff free to better assist you, the student, with questions or equipment.

Media student assistants are constantly being

trained on how to use and support the software. They are also available to show you how to use any of the equipment that is available for check-out or use in the media area. As always, we are open to constructive suggestions on how we can improve service and offer more to you, our patron.



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Something Free and Cool by Michelle Lewis, Multimedia Student Assistant

As a member of the Tribble Library Multimedia staff, I love getting my hands on new and exciting software. Among the best I have found (for free!) is Post-it's Photo Organizer. On your first sign-in after installation, the program will scan all of your computer's folders and automatically organize your photos for you. In addition, every time you scan thereafter, it will continue to scan for new photographs to organize.

This program can also help you keep track of where your photographs are located on your hard drive. Through a simple right click of

your mouse, you can command the program to "locate on disk" and find the picture if you don't have time (or patience) to go searching for it yourself.

There are lots of other nifty features on this program. You can make collage pages for binders and notebooks through the "create" button located near the top. You can make photo cards for any occasion (also located under the "create" button). You can even make your photos part of what looks like old home movies.

You can also load music behind your new video and sync the pictures to match. Overall, this product is very user friendly, it only took me a few hours to figure out how it works, including the editing of photos. The best thing about it though, it that the software is free! To get it, simply go to www.post-it.com and click the "Digital" button located at the top right-hand corner of the screen. From there, you will find "Post-it Photo Organizer." Once you click on that, the steps will lead you through installation. Trust me, it's fun and cool!

Digital Camcorders by Kate Brickley, Multimedia Student Assistant

The Paul and Rosemary Tribble Library's Media Center now has digital video cameras available for circulation to CNU students! The Canon HV20 cameras record in high-definition onto mini-DV tapes. These mini-DV tapes can then be transferred onto a VHS tape or DVD using equipment in the Media Center (see a Media Student Assistant for additional details or assistance). If you are interested in checking out a video camera, please approach a student assistant at the Media Center desk. Before being permitted to check out the camera, you must take a short, ten to fifteen minute class, (basically an instructional session from an MSA) followed by the successful completion of an online quiz, derived from information given during the informational session. The cameras are circulated from the Media Center, and can be returned at the Media Center desk. Cameras are circulated for one day (a single 24 hour period). Please take advantage of this exciting new service offered by the Paul and Rosemary Tribble Library's Media Center! Please see any MSA or the Media Center Librarian, Sharon Whitfield, with any questions.

