



# Media Musings

## Media Center News

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### Take Note: GrooveShark!

Want to create your own playlist containing just about any song you can think of? Try [www.grooveshark.com](http://www.grooveshark.com). It is an awesome way to control a playlist. If you like Pandora, you'll really like this website.



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### Media Center 2.0 By Johnnie Gray, Interim Director of Media Services

Although you have probably seen me around, I'm now the person in charge of the Media Center. Sharon Whitfield has moved on and everyone wishes her well. I have handed off my Interlibrary Loan duties to Rita Scrivener and will be focusing my attention on the Media Center's growth and maintenance in the interim. I am lucky to have a very capable student staff to help with showing students and faculty how to use what we have on the second floor of the Tribble Library.

We try to meet the media production needs of the students and faculty. We always welcome suggestions for future equipment purchases or constructive suggestions that may help us deliver effective ser-

vices. Scanning has become a necessity, so we recently purchased a large format poster scanner. It is a beast of a machine. People are no longer confined by the typical scanner format when they use this. As each year passes, we hone our computers into specialized machines that reflect the class projects we encounter. The editing suites really give any user an edge in video, audio or photo production. Our Canon GL2 prosumer video cameras have taken our video production to the next level. We expanded our inventory this Fall and it is truly something to be excited about.

The Media Center is in the process of developing and expanding the DVD collection this year too. Many of our patrons' sug-

gestions have been ordered. Many faculty requests have been filled as well. The collection should be a good balance of curriculum-pertinent material as well as videos that are simply fun to watch. I hope that everyone gets a chance to browse the collection and discover a new movie or even a classic that you've always wanted to watch, but haven't been able to find. Thanks to everyone who attended the Tournees Festival. All movies shown are now in the collection.



We would like to thank all who attended our past Media Matter sessions 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 [mediacenter@cnu.edu](mailto:mediacenter@cnu.edu).



### New Media

*Did you know that we are constantly obtaining new DVDs in? If you have any suggestions, please email us and we will keep it in mind when we buy more media.*

## Crazy Computing by Ben Howard, Student Technology Manager

The Media Center features five Macintosh editing suites. The newest Macintosh station is possibly the most powerful Mac machine on campus, which boasts two terabytes of memory and has an i7 chip. (That means it can hold a lot of stuff and is really fast!!!!) We are very excited for patrons to begin to utilize this new Mac computer as well as continuing to utilize our other editing stations.

On our stations we have some awesome and FUN editing software. We have iMovie, which is an easy to use video editor for beginners looking to create a simple yet professional video. iMovie can be used to complete a class project or to make a one million hit video on YouTube. For the advanced video editor, we have professional software such as Final Cut Pro, Final Cut Express, and Motion. These programs give the user much more freedom to create impressive effects, but require more technical skill and experience than iMovie!

Besides video editing our stations can function as a place to mix or create music, record dialogue, create or edit still images, or even learn Spanish through Rosetta Stone. On our music station we have a variety of software for patrons creating music! Programs available include Garageband, Finale, Logic Express, Audacity, and Soundtrack Pro. Our art station

has the full Adobe Suite, Adobe Photoshop Lightroom 2.0 with a 218.4 square inch Wacom Tablet and a scanner to facilitate your artistic needs.

If you would like to utilize our fabulous software come to the Media Center. Make sure you let us know whether you would like to use our video, audio, or artistic editing software, so we can place you at the station that is best suited for you! If you would like to set up a consultation with us to learn more about how any of our applications work, send an email to [mediacenter@cnu.edu](mailto:mediacenter@cnu.edu). Please include the program you would like to learn about as well as possible times we can consult with you.



## M. C. Efficiency by Petia Sotirova, Services Student Manager

*Need training on  
software or equipment  
we own? Make an  
appointment. We can  
help!*

The Media Center is a versatile technology center that exists to provide resources that CNU students need to complete their scholastic assignments, prepare for the technological skills their future careers will require, and just have fun exploring software they are curious about. I am the Services Manager and my position exists to make sure that everything runs smoothly and efficiently for our patrons. We have a wide range of equipment available to CNU students and faculty, but before you can check out these resources, you must fill out an Equipment

Loan Waiver so that you may be aware of the responsibility that accompanies borrowing resources. Part of my job is to process Equipment Loan Waivers in a timely manner and make sure the Service Desk Assistants are updating each patron's record as soon as possible. Also, the Media Center proudly possesses a collection of over 2000 items, including CD's and DVD's. It takes coordination and discipline for our team to keep the collection shelves

in proper order, and it is my responsibility to oversee this effort. Our website is maintained by our Media Center Director with my help in pointing out mistakes or suggesting improvements to the website. At the end of each month, I compile the Media Center statistics to review our service and look for ways to improve. I also maintain the supplies of printer paper, ink, informational documents, etc. We welcome complaints and praises, so let us know what you think of our services!

## Equip Yourself by Erin Butterfield, Equipment Student Manager

Since the Fall 2010 semester began, the equipment section of the Media Center has grown substantially. We have received several microphones, including five Lavalier microphones, a wireless microphone set, a condenser microphone, two podcast kits, and a shotgun microphone that should be circulating by the end of the semester. We also now have two CD players that will slow down any CD without distorting the sound – this is perfect for anyone who plays an instrument and wants to play along with the CD, but the recording is too fast. We also have three more Canon GL2 video cameras (for a total of five), several more tripods, and a reflector kit to enhance the lighting in your photography/videography.

Along with all of this new equipment there is documentation to show you step-by-step how to use all of the equipment. Our staff are all trained in how to use each piece of equipment that we have, so don't hesitate to ask us how to use it. There is a business card with the Media Center phone number and e-mail address in the front pocket of each equipment bag for easy access to our information. This is just a small description of all the total equipment that is in the Media Center. We are ordering new equipment weekly, so make sure to stop by and ask the Media Center staff what's new!



**Coming soon—100  
Years of Akira Kurosawa. 25 films from  
Criterion!**