

Information Services News

From the Interim Associate Vice President for Information Services: Felice Maciejewski

This is our first issue of an irregular newsletter for Information Services. You will find, I hope, some interesting tidbits of information concerning information technology, libraries, media, computers, and anything else that may strike our fancy. The staff in Information Services has been working hard in putting this newsletter together. We would appreciate your feedback and hope you enjoy our news.

Review of the Month by Karen Mand

Gore, Al. *The Assault on Reason*.
New York, Penguin Press, 2007

A must read for anyone concerned about the direction our country is taking, especially since the rein of George W. Bush. Gore lays the foundation for the book by looking back at U.S. history and the founding of a democracy based on fact-based reasoning and critical thinking. Once radio and television came on the scene, much of this ability to dialogue with others was lost since those media are not conducive to two way conversation. He talks about how the 30 second television commercial is the most powerful force shaping voters' thinking. The present administration has abandoned any attempt to be truthful with the people and has used the tragedy of 9/11 to prey on emotions and usurp the rights and freedoms so important to our founders. Our present political and social environment is headed on a dangerous course which must be reversed if we are to survive as a democratic society.

From the Director of Information Technology: John Beck Wireless Networking at St. Norbert College

One of our better kept secrets is the amount of wireless network access available at St. Norbert College. We began by making it available in common areas like the Campus Center and the Library. This was extended to include study rooms and lounges in the residence halls and the lobby lounge in JMS. Our next area of expansion was to cover meeting rooms in the Union and Bemis International Center. Then we began to include classrooms. By the end of this summer (2008), we will have the bulk of the classrooms, meeting rooms, and common areas on campus covered.

These will include:

Abbot Pennings Hall of Fine Arts: Webb and Walter Theatres, smart classroom

Admission: all Alumni: all Bemis: all areas Cofrin: all

Library: all Union: all

Boyle: 1st and 2nd floors, 4th floor conference room

Bush Art Center: computer labs and classroom

Campus Center: common areas and meeting rooms

JMS: classrooms in basement, 2nd floor lounge and tech areas, 3rd & 4th floor

Main: 1st floor classroom, 3rd floor meeting room

PAC: 2nd floor, south side of basement

Residence halls: lounges and study rooms

Schuldes: smart classroom

We will continue to expand wireless on campus in years to come. Please let us know if there are any areas that are particularly important to cover.

Keep track of our wireless at: <http://www.snc.edu/techsupport/docs/wireless.html>

Mulva Library News



Some *Miriam B and James J. Mulva Library* Factoids

- The Curriculum and Children's Literature Library will have compact shelving.
- There will be a fireplace in the third floor reading room.
- Some of the flooring on the 2nd and 3rd floors will be made from bamboo and cork, both renewable resources.
- Use of duct tape will be prohibited in the library ☺
- Check out progress on the Mulva Library at: <http://www.snc.edu/webcam/>

Questions? Comments? Suggestions? Input?
Contact sally.cubitt@snc.edu.

Spotlight on Staff: Connie Meulemans, Interlibrary Loan Specialist

1. What is your favorite book? **Winter Solstice by Rosemond Pilchard**
2. What is your favorite film? **anything w/ Audrey Hepburn...Breakfast at Tiffany's**
3. What software turns you on? **what?!**
4. What was your first computer? **a Dell, I think?**
5. Which do you prefer, computer geek or nerd? **Geek**
6. Best technology ever invented? **caller id**
7. Do you Facebook or MySpace? **Facebook**
8. What is your favorite database? **e-bay**
9. Favorite website? **amazon.com**
10. Mac or PC? **PC**

From Technology Support Services**New Versions of Windows & Office****Microsoft Office 2007**

This summer we will begin moving to Microsoft Office 2007. This move will be very gradual and we will continue to support Office 2003 for the foreseeable future. Over the summer, all Windows computers in the computer labs and classrooms will be updated and Office 2003 will be replaced with Office 2007 (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Access). Office 2007 is already available for use on office computers, but it's important to note that the new version is very different from the old version and saves files in formats that are not compatible with older versions of Office. Smart classroom users shouldn't worry, as the new version will open files from the old version just fine. Because of the differences, careful consideration should be given before upgrading. We recommend consulting with the Help Desk for further advice before installing Office 2007. We're currently developing workshops and handouts for Office 2007 and will be ready to fully support it by fall. See our workshop schedule at <http://www.snc.edu/techsupport/workshops.html> for Office 2007 workshops later this summer.

Windows Vista

If you're wondering why we haven't moved to Windows Vista on College-owned computers yet, it's because there is still no compelling reason to do so, and there are plenty of reasons to stay with Windows XP. We're not the only ones. Lots of colleges & universities as well as companies have chosen to stay with Windows XP for a number of reasons:

- Some software still does not run on Windows Vista.
- There are still no Windows Vista drivers for some hardware.
- Windows XP is very stable, Windows Vista is less so.
- Windows Vista has very high system requirements. Many of our current campus computers would not provide acceptable performance for running Windows Vista .
- Windows Vista comes with Internet Explorer 7, a browser that does not work well with all web-based applications (Banner, Cascade, etc.).

We will probably move to Windows Vista eventually, but not until there is a compelling reason to do so.

As always, if you have any questions, feel free to call the Tech Support Help Desk at xHELP (4357).

From Library Public Services by Sally Hansen

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Users can browse, e-mail, print, and download any piece of content (including reviews, bibliographic essays, forthcoming title lists, and Outstanding Academic Titles).

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Please welcome our newest staff member: Paul Waelchli, Information Literacy Librarian.

Spotlight on Research by Kim Boldt

Have you seen JSTOR's new interface?! Check out <http://www.jstor.org> to see the new streamlined look of JSTOR.

The home screen of JSTOR includes a simplified, easy-to-use basic keyword search, though you continue to be able to perform advanced boolean searches as well. Also new in this release are: MyJSTOR, simplified viewing and printing of articles, and an option to limit by discipline when performing a basic search.

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For assistance, please see a reference librarian in person at the library or visit <http://www.snc.edu/library/askalibrarian.html>.