Tech Fee Expands Communication Journalism Curriculum & Student Media Production Resources

**EZ News**, professional Newsroom Management software, gives students a centralized tool to create scripts, show line-ups, and time programs. Students now have the flexibility to create their programs at computers with the client installed in Rowland Hall, Grove Television Studio, and the SUTV office in the Ceddia Union Building.

**Compix Television Graphics System**

The existing graphics generator in the Grove Television Studio was upgraded with the latest **Compix** graphics software and hardware. This new system is dual channel and has expanded students’ ability to insert multiple graphics for live or pre-produced videos. The software includes multiple templates for news, weather, sports and entertainment. This system adds flexibility for students to customize the look of a program as done in the television industry.

**AutoCast** software integrates the existing **EZ News** (Newsroom Management Software with **Compix** (Television Graphics Software). Scripts that are created in EZ News have selectable embedded cues that can be inserted into a script by the user. The cues entered will automatically recall graphic templates in Compix for specific programs. This user interface enables student content creators to select a template, customize text, images, and then control the “On Air” graphics all in one view. Scoreboards and weather information can be updated in real time. This software completes the “LIVE” television studio environment for students, giving them real world experience in show production.

**Compix and AutoCast. Students can install and download the full version of Compix software on to their own computers. Graphics can be created at home, saved, and imported into the Grove Studio Compix system for class or student productions.**
Campus Information System Happenings

- Fall 2011 semester processing, including admissions, registration, financial aid, bill payment, graduation checks, class lists, and grade submission, has been successfully completed using the Banner software for Ship’s Campus Information System (CIS).
- Get your CIS questions answered! CIS FAQs have been created for Faculty/Staff and Students and are available in myShip – https://myship.ship.edu.
- Admissions, Financial Aid, Bursar, and IT staff attended the Pennsylvania Banner Users Group November 21st and 22nd. Participants heard about new functionality being developed by Sungard Higher Education, including: final grade submission via Excel spreadsheet upload; early warning alert reporting for better student retention; online event management; proxy access to student bills and grades; and pictures on class lists. Ship will incorporate new functionality into the CIS after it is released by Sungard and reviewed by Ship staff.
- A Student Detail Report was implemented to allow academic department and Deans’ office staff to pull information on students in their departments and colleges.
- The CIS Users Group, a forum for academic department and Deans’ office staff to preview new CIS functionality and to share tips, tricks and best practices for their use of the CIS, met twice during the Fall 2011 semester. The group previewed new report functionality. Additional meetings will occur during the Spring 2012 semester.

SU’s Little Red Schoolhouse on Television

The Pennsylvania Humanities Council (PHC) produces Humanities on the Road, a television series that airs on the Pennsylvania Cable Network (PCN). In 2006, SU Archives & Special Collections Librarian, Karen Daniel, received an email from Jonathan Zimmerman, a professor of Education and History at New York University. He was writing a book about the history and legacy of the one-room schoolhouse and was interested in the history of the schoolhouse on our campus. In 2009, SU was selected by the Pennsylvania Humanities Commission from more than 75 organizations that applied to be the site for Jonathan Zimmerman’s program on one-room schoolhouses. The episode was taped before a live audience in April and was broadcast in November 2011. The DVD will later be available for viewing on campus.

Annual Student Library Research Awards

Since 2010, the Lehman Library has sponsored the annual student Library Research Award. The purpose of this award is to honor and recognize excellence in undergraduate library research. This award has become an integral part of the University’s Celebration of Student Research Conference and its programs in support of undergraduate research. Full details concerning the Library Research Award are available at: http://research.library.ship.edu/lra.

Last year’s First Prize winner was Joey Sauthoff, a Senior Criminal Justice and Interdisciplinary Arts Major, for his research projects “Scenic Designs of ‘Expecting Isabel’” and “Directing ‘An Inspector Calls.’” Joey was advised in his research by Ship faculty members Prof. Paris Peet (Music and Theatre Arts) and Dr. Michael Pressler (English). Last year, along with almost 500 other students or student teams, Joey presented his research in a poster at the Celebration for Student Research Conference.

These awards have been generously funded by Berk Laite, Professor Emeritus and former Chair of the Library Department, and his wife Carol. Berk, in fact, was the Master of Ceremonies at the Inaugural Award in 2010. Lehman Library is proud of its contribution to the scholarship and future success of our students.

Joey Sauthoff, 2010-2011 Student Library Research Award winner, is pictured with one of his advisors, Prof. Paris Peet.