

# Stitch by Stitch



Spring 2002

## Spring for Success This Semester

Throughout spring semester 2002, Project THREAD will continue to support the COE faculty by providing resources and instruction to facilitate technology integration. Our staff is prepared to help you with one-on-one or group assistance at your convenience. We are focused on your success!

In addition to staff support, there are a number of new technology resources at your disposal. The labs in CEB 211 and 212 have been upgraded to provide state-of-the-industry tools for instructional modeling.

To tour the new facility, contact a Lab Monitor at 895-3778.



The Project THREAD Technical Assistance office in CEB 399i now features a fully functional, digital media editing instructor station. This PC workstation is loaded with Windows and Office XP, Dreamweaver, Timeliner, Inspiration and more. Internet access is provided as well as peripherals including speakers, scanner, color printer, and Sony Digital Media Converter. It also has a CDRW, DVD, Zip drive and IEEE 1394 (firewire) card. This system is available for checkout by calling 895-2513. When you make your reservation, please specify whether you will need a Technical Assistant to provide support and instruction.

Our new equipment for checkout from CEB 211 includes a mobile, wireless PC Lab with a projector, instructor station and ten student notebook systems.

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## In Your Own Words



Feedback is a valuable resource with any project. We especially love to hear from those of you we work with on a daily basis. Thank you for your continuous support and ingenuity!

"Project THREAD's support of ICE 450 made it possible for me to improve my teaching capabilities and to continue my research in the area of preservice teacher education. The multi-media examples of teaching that my students created were made possible through the personalized technology support from Neil and Theodore. Without THREAD, I would find it extremely difficult to expand the use of technology in the courses I teach."-Dr. Linda Quinn

"The support I've received from Project THREAD personnel (e.g., workshops, technical assistance, minigrant support, etc.) has been terrific! I'm learning to integrate technology into my teaching in ways I never would have thought about without the influence of Project THREAD. Who said you can't teach an old dog new tricks? Thanks to all who have contributed to the success of this worthwhile project!"-Dr. Susan Miller

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This system can be combined with the Apple Mobile Lab to provide a class with over twenty wireless stations! A new Gateway PC 9550 Notebook system with wireless card and IEEE 1394 card is also available for checkout in its own protective case. As always, with the notebook, you can also checkout a projector and digital still or video cameras.

Currently the CML houses over 150 CD-ROM programs covering many subject areas in the PreK-12 curriculum. Two iMac computers are available solely for the purpose of CD-ROM preview and programs can be put on reserve for courses or checked out for 3-week increments. To access the database of titles, click on "Library Catalog" from the UNLV Library web page ([www.library.unlv.edu](http://www.library.unlv.edu)), click on "course reserves" (either course name or professor/instructor name) and type in "cml cd". Both PC and Mac platforms support most of the CD-ROM programs.

For more information on support and resources available, please visit us on the Web at <http://www.unlv.edu/projects/THREAD/development/TechResources.html#>.

#### Upcoming Events

- **January 30**-Tom Snyder Productions will present "Critical Thinking and Cooperative Learning"
- **February**-RFP for summer mini-grants will be distributed. Future planning process will begin to assist faculty one-on-one with technology integration
- **March**- RFP for summer mini-grants will be due
- **April**-summer mini-grants will be accepted and Project THREAD will meet with the mini-grant teams to for plans of action
- **May**-Workshops will be held for summer mini-grant projects

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#### What can I Do?

Sometimes the hardest part of integrating technology and education is deciding where to begin. With so many available opportunities, things may seem a bit overwhelming. Here is a list of ideas that have been successful in the past in getting the ball rolling:

- Use Email to communicate with students
- Use your PowerPoint presentation with a notebook and projector rather than and overhead and transparencies
- Use a Palm Pilot to keep track of your students grades, your schedule, and classroom notes
- Explore the online courseware provided for your selected text books
- Bring your students to a lab to conduct Internet research
- Learn to determine the validity of Internet sources
- Take digital photos of classroom experiences to develop a digital portfolio

Contact Project THREAD for help with any of these projects: 895-2513.