

Language Media Center

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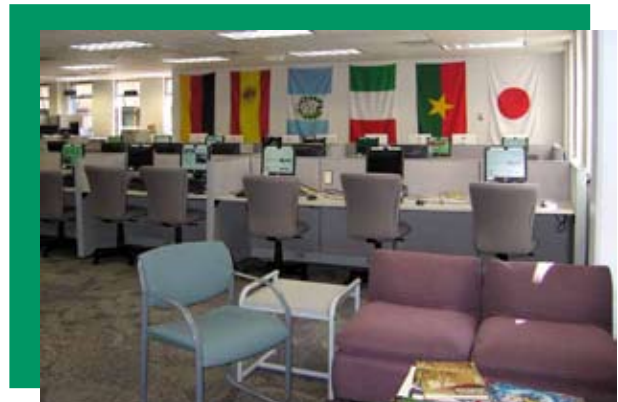
Outstanding Staff Award for Carolyn Goddard

Carolyn Goddard has been awarded a University of Iowa Outstanding Staff Award for 2005. This is a richly deserved honor, and we are very pleased to share this good news. Carolyn has been instrumental in planning and setting up the digital audio classroom in 17 Phillips Hall, and she has trained all the instructors who use the classroom. Besides the audio classroom, her duties include supervising the circulation of Language Media Center materials in 120 Phillips Hall and much more. There was a reception in Carolyn's honor on October 28, and we were pleased to see many of you there.



Renovations in the LMC

If you have not yet stopped by to visit the Language Media Center since this summer, please do! We have new carpet, new paint, new chairs, and even some new flags on our walls. Another improvement is that all of our six small group rooms now have computers in addition to video-viewing capabilities. We have two Dell's (in 120D and 120H) and Macintoshes in the other four rooms. All six have wireless capability so users can log on to the Internet for research or projects, although there are no printing privileges. We hope the expanded possibilities are helpful to our student and faculty patrons.



Virtual ITC is a brand-new feature for student computer users offered by Campus Services of ITS (Information Technology Services) since the beginning of this semester. Students (and staff and faculty by request) may now use some of the software programs offered in the campus ITCs (Instructional Technology Centers) in their dorm rooms or home. The Web site to visit is: <http://virtual.itc.uiowa.edu>. The user must download a Citrix client for either PC or Mac, but then just log in with a HawkID, and the programs available will appear. Instructors who wish to know more or have specific packages added to Virtual ITC should contact Becky Bohde for information.

Featured Service: SCOLA

SCOLA is a non-profit broadcasting company supplying authentic foreign language programming to educational organizations for the purposes of supporting current events, world culture, travel, foreign language instruction, regional studies, and improving global understanding. The University of Iowa is a current SCOLA affiliate and offers SCOLA programming on Channel

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4 of UITV. The Language Media Center can record programs and have them on reserve for student use. SCOLA also allows affiliates to access Insta-Class transcriptions supplemented by vocabulary, quizzes, grammar exercises and/or topics for discussion in many languages; we can give you the username and password for use. Please try out this service to see if it could help in your classes.

Other televised services on UI cable TV include Japanese programming from NHK on Channel 5 and Chinese programs through a satellite hook-up with the Phoenix Chinese Channel on Channel 6.



The Multimedia Studio

The Multimedia Studio on 6th floor, Phillips Hall, now has more gadgets for enhancing video editing capabilities. We have acquired a DVD recorder for saving video and video projects to DVD, and there is also a multi-standard VCR for viewing PAL or SECAM video. The LMC has another digital camcorder, a Panasonic PV-GS150 MiniDV, as video



projects become more and more popular. To make it easier to work on large video projects, there are now four external hard drives that we can loan out to graduate students.

Three of the drives have 160 GB space each, and one has 300 GB of storage. Please inquire in 116 PH if you would like more information.



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New Acquisitions

Nirgendwo in Afrika (Nowhere in Africa), DVD, g0404a. This critically acclaimed, Academy-Award-winning (2002) film is a story about love, about family, about leaving one home to create another. Spanning two continents, it's the true tale of a Jewish attorney and his family who flee the Nazi regime in 1938 for a remote farm in Kenya. As the war rages on the other side of the world, his relationships with his wife and daughter become increasingly complicated; they struggle between resisting and embracing their new life, while reaching out to each other.



The Bronze Screen, 100 Years of the Latino Image in Hollywood, DVD, s0722. This documentary honors the past, illuminates the present, and opens a window



to the future of Latinos in motion pictures. From silent movies to urban gang films, stereotypes of the *Greaser*, the *Lazy Mexican*, the *Latin Lover* and the *Dark Lady* are examined. Rare and extensive footage traces the progression of this distorted screen image to the increased prominence of today's Latino actors, writers and directors.



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Fall and Spring Semester Hours:

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| Monday - Thursday | 8:00 am - 7:00 pm |
| Friday | 8:00 am - 5:30 pm |
| Sunday | 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm |

La dolce vita (The Sweet Life), DVD, i0176a. This film, a piece of cynical, engrossing social commentary from 1960, stands as Federico Fellini's timeless masterpiece.

A rich, detailed panorama of Rome's modern decadence and sophisticated immorality, the film is episodic in structure but held tightly in focus by the wandering protagonist played by Marcello Mastroianni: a tabloid reporter trapped in a shallow high-society existence.



Did you know ...

- * The word "news" did not come about because it was the plural of "new." It came from the first letters of the words North, East, West and South, because information was being gathered from all different directions.
- * More than 1,000 different languages are spoken on the continent of Africa.
- * There are approximately 172 million English speakers and 163 million non-English speakers online.
- * The most difficult language to learn is Basque, which is spoken in northwestern Spain and southwestern France. It is not related to any other language in the world and has an extremely complicated word structure and vocabulary.
- * In 1945 a computer at Harvard malfunctioned and Grace Hopper, who was working on the computer, investigated, found a moth in one of the circuits and removed it. Ever since, when something goes wrong with a computer, it is said to have a bug in it.
- * Victor Hugo's *Les Miserables* contains one of the longest sentences in the French language - 823 words without a period.