Periodically the Information Technology (IT) Division will provide items of interest to inform and assist college personnel with IT matters.

1. New Operating System from Microsoft to be released!

In the next few months you will see more and more information about Microsoft’s replacement operating system for Windows XP. It will be called Windows Vista and should come out on new computers the first few months of 2007. These are the MINIMUM requirements to run the new OS:

**A Windows Vista Capable PC includes at least:**

- A modern processor (at least 800MHz).
- 512 MB of system memory.
- A graphics processor that is DirectX 9 capable

Faculty, staff and students should NOT upgrade any college owned PC’s to the new Windows Vista without coordination with the College Network Administrator, (Gregg Laird). Problems with existing applications, firewall software, anti-virus software and VPN's are anticipated until new versions are available.

2. Anti-Spam

Here are some graphs showing statistics of what our anti-spam equipment (Barracuda) is doing. As you can see the daily amount of actual email allowed in comparison to blocked is quite high. As with any system there will be false-positives and false-negatives.

**Daily Mail Statistics**
3. Faxing on Campus
When faxing across campus, or to FWB, you need only enter the 4 digit extension and not the off-campus number.

4. Nextel Cellphone Users

If you are calling any college employee with a Nextel cellphone you can use Direct Connect (Push-to-talk) and save the college minutes. THE SAME APPLIES TO OTHER LOCAL non-college NEXTEL cellphones you call. (e.g You can call a friend in Pensacola, that also has Nextel, using push-to-talk and it won’t count against either one’s minutes.)

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