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Department Priority (3):

Scope of Remodeling: UWF Libraries Media Centre (350K)

A media centre should be built in John. C. Pace Library to accommodate traditional and non-traditional media materials for both borrowing and open access viewing. The media centre would comprise an open audiovisual area so students and faculty can view, listen and borrow audio-visual materials (DVD's, audio books, VHS), use various learning technologies requiring audio (language acquisition) and be able to browse the libraries various media collections with open easy access. The media centre would be tied with other current proposal initiatives (i.e. Digital Literacy Laboratory, Library Learning Commons) to provide a new set of twenty first century services for the libraries.

Justification of Need:

Most academic libraries have larger dedicated media centers for student/faculty research and viewing that openly house the larger libraries visual/audio collection.   This is not the case with UWF libraries. The libraries media holdings are hidden in an inaccessible place behind circulation. There are also no dedicated media viewing/audiovisual areas. Currently, the library is being approached to acquire and provide access a wide variety of media formats (language CD's, DVDs) for which it is ill-equipped. The wider university also possesses neither a dedicated campus media centre or language lab. As the libraries have recently embarked on a media acquisitions budget line, a traditional media centre should be developed to segway with other digital initiatives. While this would be a catch-up initiative (media centers are not new in academic libraries), this would be adding an essential service area to UWF libraries and wider UWF university community.

Strategic Planning Priority: Goal No. __1_____ Priority: ___**4**_____

Goal One: Promote learning and living environments that encourage the development of communities of learners and individual potential in students, faculty, and staff.
4. Enhancing the Quality of the Learning Environment, Academic and Student/Faculty Services
8. Acquiring and Utilizing adequate Space to Foster Learning and Living Environments.

Desired Project Completion Date: Summer 2008

Signature: _____
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(Additional Media Centre Budget Proposal/Equipment Needs would be developed upon request)