Looking back at the past four years of Word of Mouse,
we can see how far our technology has come.
Tags such as Podcasting, Google, Social Network may now seem commonplace,
while others like Web 2.0, Tweet and Augmented Reality
may seem unfamiliar. As we look back on the past four years of Word of Mouse,
keep in mind the far-reaching changes in technology that have taken place
since issue #1 and imagine where we may be headed over the next decade.

Way back in 2006, when the first Word of Mouse was published,
the hot topic was the launch of Internet2 on the DeSales campus. By the Fall of that year,
DeSales was introducing Elluminate, its first LMS (Blackboard),
podcasting, blogging, and VoIP. Although DeSales no longer utilizes Internet2,
we here in DEIT are still actively promoting the use of Elluminate! and other collaborative technologies
such as blogs and podcasts as effective teaching and learning tools.

By the winter of 2007, Distance Education was heating up as an exciting and effective means of course delivery.
At that time, what was simply known as the Instructional Technology Department advocated synchronous and
asynchronous tools for content delivery. In the Fall 2008 issue, the new DEIT Department and staff was introduced
to the DeSales Community, along with the introduction of Smart classrooms and all of their capabilities. The
most influential change was yet to come, and by the next year ANGEL 7.3 replaced Blackboard as the campus-wide LMS.
Currently, ANGEL is due for an upgrade, which will arrive here at DeSales as version 7.4.

Where are we headed? The increased use of video conferencing, Panopto and Elluminate!,
the expansion of our media server, Web 2.0 applications, the emergence of cloud computing,
and the continued dedication of DEIT to these emerging and cutting-edge technologies all point to an exciting new decade of teaching and learning for the DeSales community.
Eye on DEIT
Current Trends

DeSales faculty members, would you like to be able to quickly and easily record your lectures? DEIT is currently completing a pilot of the Panopto CourseCast software. Stay tuned for more details as we complete the pilot and look to roll out this solution campus-wide early in 2011.

WEB 2.0
Monthly Picks

gradeguru.com - Knowledge sharing network where college students can share and find class-specific notes
prezi.com - Create astonishing presentations live and on the web
tumblr.com - Share anything with this easy to use (and free) micro-blog
wiziq.com - Online learning resource. Enroll and take part in live, online classes.
wolframalpha.com - Answer engine developed by Wolfram Research

Don’t forget! All students have access to Google Apps (Gmail, Docs, Sites, and Calendar). Simply sign in to your student e-mail account at gmail.desales.edu, and use the links at the top to access other programs in Google Apps.

Who’s Got Talent? ANGEL Edition

Lights, camera...ANGEL! On a brisk October evening, with the breezy whisper of jazz wafting through the room, a lively group of DeSales faithful gathered under the tranquil blue lights of Café McShea. The event, spearheaded by Prof. Katherine Ramsland, featured a diverse mixture of faculty teaching in ACCESS along with traditional day and graduate programs’ faculty and DEIT staff. The crowd enjoyed some haute hors d’oeuvres and shared some innovative ideas; Panopto videos, Flip Books, HTML pages, and Tweeting ANGEL Announcements were some of the highlights of the Who’s Got Talent? ANGEL Edition open mic session hosted by DEIT.

During the relaxed yet engaging evening an informal poll was held and Cheryl Leuthe’s Flip Book presentation was voted as the featured tech of this year’s Technology Fair, hosted jointly by Trexler Library and DEIT. This enlivening event will be held January 12th at the Trexler Library with the theme Learning on the Go. More details can be found on the DEIT blog @ blogs.desales.edu/deit.

Here’s what some of the participants had to say:
“Impressive! DSU has some talented faculty and staff.”
“The event reminded me of the seemingly unlimited digital offerings out there…even better, we had a lot of fun learning!”

Will your colleagues see you starring in the next edition of Who’s Got Talent? such as the upcoming Elluminate Edition or even the Web 2.0 Edition? Stay tuned, there is always something exciting happening at DEIT! WoM

ANGEL 7.4 Almost Here

The ANGEL Learning Management Suite (LMS) 7.4 offers a host of new features designed to enrich the teaching and learning experience for faculty and students, and will be coming to DeSales University December 27th, 2010. New functionality includes:

- Enhanced support for rich media content
- New lesson plans
- Enhanced surveys
- New grading rubrics
- New gradebook interface
- Learning object repository enhancements
- Assessment updates
- Enhanced content exchange

Members of DEIT are holding workshops on the changes in ANGEL 7.4. Visit us at www.desales.edu/workshops to find out more.
This month we are featuring Katherine Ramsland Ph.D., Forensic Psychology Professor here at DeSales, prolific author, and an inspirational leader who has championed the use of technology in the classroom. She holds graduate degrees in forensic psychology, clinical psychology, and philosophy, and has written nearly three hundred articles about serial killers, forensic psychology, and forensic science. We asked Professor Ramsland 5 questions about her philosophy with regard to the effective use of technology in the classroom.

WoM: How do you stay abreast of new technology implementations for teaching and learning?

KR: I take courses offered by DeSales DEIT personnel, as well as look at instructional technologies online, on YouTube, at Apple, and other places.

WoM: What advice would you give to other faculty who are interested in improving their teaching and learning with technology, but who may feel overwhelmed by the various tools?

KR: Attend technology sessions or participate in the “Who’s Got Talent?” event, because this is a fun, relaxed venue for seeing what other people are using that works for them. WoM

WoM: What are some of your favorite technology tools?

KR: Wikispot, ANGEL, ISSUU, blogs, websites, communication links, Panopto, Wordle, open discussion forums

WoM: What is the catalyst for your using technology in your courses?

KR: To make them more interesting and diverse for students, as well as easier for me to post from more places than just on campus. I also believe that this is the wave of the future, and the more aware I am of how to do it, the more likely it is that I can contribute to the educational evolution.

WoM: Describe a recent technology innovation or enhancement you made to a course.

KR: I made an introduction and a PowerPoint presentation via Panopto, and I created a nicer impression for posted documents via ISSUU.

WoM: What are some of your favorite technology tools?

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Upcoming Events

• 2011 Technology Fair: Learning on the Go!
  Hosted by DEIT and the Trexler Library, the 2011 Tech Fair will focus on mobile learning and mobile learners. Come hear local, national, and international leaders and see the various displays and presentations on January 12, 2011, from 8:30-2:30. Registration online @
  deit.desales.edu/techfair

• New Faculty Orientations
  New faculty orientations are held online via Elluminate the first Thursday of every month at noon and again at 7pm. The last new faculty orientation for 2010 will take place on December 2. For more details please visit
  www.desales.edu/workshops

• New Student ANGEL Orientation.
  New students will be automatically enrolled in the ANGEL Student Orientation. If you are a new ANGEL user, be sure to take a look. Information can be found @ http://www.desales.edu/studentworkshops. Also: The next Graduate Winter

Workshops

Be on the lookout for new workshops monthly!

• ANGEL 7.4 is coming!
  Be sure to check out the upcoming workshops:
  ANGEL 7.4 Fundamentals
  Teaching with ANGEL 7.4
  ANGEL 7.4 Open Sessions
  Features of ANGEL 7.4
  Visit the Workshops calendar on the DEIT blog @ blogs.desales.edu/deit/about-2/

Collaboration Opportunities

Connect with Other Members of the Teaching & Learning Community

LinkedIn’s Technology-Using Professors: www.linkedin.com/groups?home=&gid=934617&trk=anet_ug_hm
AECT’s SecondLife Island: www.aect.org/Secondlife/default.asp
ISTE’s Community Links: www.iste.org/connect/communities.asp
ANGEL Faculty Orientation Discussion Forums are available inside the Distance Education Faculty Orientation course in ANGEL, located under the Communicate tab.