

## **Forestry Media Center**

The Forestry Media Center was established to: 1) work with faculty to improve teaching and learning within the college, primarily through the application of effective and innovative teaching techniques and technologies, and 2) to extend forestry-related information beyond the university via audio-visual communication techniques. Four separate physical facilities within the college fall under the jurisdiction of the FMC: 1) FMC Central Office, 2) Self-Learning Center, 3) Lundeen Communication Lab, and 4) Peavy Darkroom Complex.

### **Forestry Media Center – Peavy 248**

The Forestry Media Center helps faculty in the college analyze, design, develop, implement, and evaluate instructional materials and programs. Many, but not all projects, involve the innovative use of audio-visual or electronic media (including computer-assisted instruction). Here are a few important features of the FMC:

- Most services are provided on a project basis, with each project receiving approval from the appropriate department head and the Associate Dean for Instruction. Projects for resident instruction are funded by the Dean's office. Projects involving Extension, Continuing Education, and research must be funded from other sources. Projects that result in publishable materials (audio-visual, electronic, or printed) may be advertised and distributed internationally via the FMC's distribution system.
- FMC staff members are trained in instructional and communication techniques, and are pleased to share their knowledge with faculty, staff, and students. Consultation can be as formal or informal as needed.
- The FMC has a variety of audio-visual and electronic equipment available for use both inside and outside of Peavy Hall (e.g. slide and video projectors, tape recorders, laser pointers, voice amplifiers, comb binding machines, lettering machines).

### **Self-Learning Center – Peavy 252**

The purpose of the Self-Learning Center (SLC) is to get forestry learning materials into the hands of students. The SLC's primary focus is on audio-visual programs, with over 1400 video programs and slide-tapes, but it also handles plant specimens, wood samples, stereoscopes, planimeters, and many other items. The SLC also serves as a reserve reading room for forestry classes. Approximately one dozen audio-visual learning carrels, numerous study tables, a slide-sorting area and two video carrels are available almost 80 hours per week during the school year. Student aides supervise use of the

equipment and library materials, but all activities are coordinated through the Forestry Media Center.

**Lundeen Communication Lab – Peavy 254**

The purpose of the Lundeen Communication Lab is to improve the oral communication skills of students in the College of Forestry. The facility consists of: 1) a small classroom (seats 15), fully and professionally equipped for presenting and videotaping student presentations, 2) a small production studio, complete with ½” video editing capabilities, and 3) computer graphics workstation and film recorder. Access to the lab is available to students, faculty, and staff of the college, and is scheduled through the Self-Learning Center. The FMC monitors lab use, provides training on equipment operation, and arranges for special access (e.g. seminars, regular class use, Continuing Education). In addition, FMC staff conduct a one credit course on Presentation Skills for Foresters, incorporating the tools of the Lundeen Lab, as well as numerous seminars on communication skills.

**Peavy Darkroom Complex – Peavy 030**

The darkroom complex in Peavy Hall contains a color darkroom (030F,G), a professional format video/film edit bay (030C,D), and a photographic copystand (030E). The copystand and the darkroom are available to faculty, staff, and students, and are scheduled through the FMC. Access to the professional video edit bay is restricted to FMC personnel except under special circumstances.