

## **IT Enhancements and New Purchases**

Thomas made a variety of technology changes and upgrades on campus over the summer. In all, more than \$175,000 of new information technology items were installed or upgrades were completed. Some of those changes include: laptop and desktop computers and terminals were added to classrooms and faculty and staff offices; Apple MacBook computers and software were purchased for the Education Department; several servers, including the main administrative terminal server were upgraded; a second academic terminal server was purchased; the Internet T3 connection speed was tripled; the Exchange System was upgraded to enhance the use of Windows-based cell phones and personal digital assistants; ceiling-mounted LCD projectors were upgraded; sound systems were added to some classrooms and meeting rooms; the Microsoft Campus Agreement was renewed; Minitab and QuickBooks software packages were upgraded; the core network switch was upgraded; wireless antennas were added to boost wireless signals; and Microsoft's Forefront Client Security replaced the Symantec Antivirus as the College's security software.