

University of Massachusetts

Marantz PMD570 offers College Professor a solution to recording classroom lectures

At the Boston campus of the University of Massachusetts, a Professor contemplated how he could record his lectures and then give his students access to hear them at any time. His lectures were presented in the Lipke Auditorium, which seats approximately 500 students. He approached Jeffrey Wade, the A/V Technical Coordinator of the Media Service Department at the University, in hopes of finding a solution. Wade has been working at the University for over three years, with a strong background in Broadcasting and audio and video equipment.

Media Services supports the University by servicing the students and Professors with equipment such as computers, projectors, DVD players, camcorders and digital cameras. Students can either borrow the equipment or use one of the 16 Technology Enhanced Classrooms (TECs) provided by the Department. They also supply the media support for non classroom special events. Therefore, it is crucial that the Media Services personnel stay on top of all the latest technology and provide equipment that is efficient and reliable.

"At first I thought I could provide the students these recorded lectures by using an audio cassette recorder/player and then converting it to MP3 through an extremely time consuming process." Wade explained, "I also realized that this method would result in poor audio quality." He knew there had to be a better solution.



Jeffrey Wade uses the Marantz PMD570 to record lectures in the Lipke Auditorium.

In June of 2004 Wade attended a pro-installation trade show held in Atlanta, Georgia. He was immediately sold on Marantz Professional's latest product, the PMD570, Professional Installation Solid-State Recorder. "I was ecstatic to hear that the Marantz PMD570 recorded and converted directly to MP3," says Wade. "Everything was recorded in real time so there were no delays; I just knew the Marantz PMD570 was the solution I needed for a quicker recording process."

Wade realized that he was not only going to save time, but he would also be able to record over 50 hours on one inexpensive Compact Flash card. Now with the Marantz PMD570, Wade has the ability to record either one lecture or an entire 8 hour day worth of lectures without changing media.

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Professors at the University of Massachusetts can now record over 8 hours a day without changing media.

On top of that he would be giving the students the best possible sound quality due to the selection of Assignable Quality Selections, 32-384 Bit Rate Selections and 16-48 kHz Sample Rate Selections.

"When I got the Marantz PMD570 to the University I was astonished at how easy it was to set up. The owner's manual was clear and easy to follow, within five minutes I had the recorder up and running," described Wade, "and when I did have a question a Marantz representative assisted in a warm and friendly manner." Wade felt as if the representative was eager to help and took the time to make sure he understood thoroughly.

With the variety of equipment Wade uses daily, he was delighted to discover that the Marantz PMD570 had no moving parts and security for the media door.

Its low profile, single space rack saves crucial space in the Media Services Department. Through its RS-232c controller, the Marantz PMD570 would allow Wade to setup and control multiple PMD570s from one PC. Wade was quickly learning that there was no other product on the market quite like the Marantz PMD570. "I was always a big fan of Marantz Professional products, but now I am blown away at how advanced they are with technology."

Eventually Wade plans to purchase more Marantz Professional products for Media Services and his own personal use. "I was so impressed with the functionality of the Marantz PMD570 that I recommended it to all of my colleagues and friends," explains an excited Wade.

The students of the University of Massachusetts especially thank Wade and the Media Services Department. Because of the implementation of the Marantz PMD570, students are now able to quickly access, through a convenient website, high quality MP3 recorded lectures that take place at the Lipke Auditorium.

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