

WHAT'S **new**

The **Nova5000** from Fourier Systems combines tablet computing with scientific probeware functionality. The Nova5000



weighs 1.8 pounds and includes a software suite for Internet access, word processing, spreadsheets, and e-mail, as well as probeware software and a multimedia data analysis tool for graphic manipulation and data collection reporting.

The device has USB and Ethernet ports, microphone, speaker, and four sensor sockets, as well as a color touch screen measuring 9.7" x 5". Pricing for the Nova5000 ranges from \$399 to \$599.

MORE INFO: Fourier Systems Inc.
<http://www.fourier-sys.com>

The **TetraData Analysis Suite Version 5.2**

for data warehousing, analysis, and reporting organizes a school's student information. According to the company, the software can pinpoint factors influencing successes and challenges, as well as measure and track progress toward goals and benchmarks. Reports are available through an online Web portal, and can be rerun with new parameters embedded within the report. Predefined reports can also be available on the portal. Reports can provide a course history for a single student, and draw information from Microsoft SQL Server or Oracle 9i or 10g database. Contact the company for pricing.



MORE INFO: TetraData Corporation
<http://www.tetradata.com>

Authors Mark Gura and Bernard Percy ask the question of why academia is the last remaining institution to keep 21st-century technology at arm's length in ***Recapturing Technology for Education: Keeping Tomorrow in Today's Classrooms***. They address how technology can enrich and enhance traditional approaches to instruction, and what actions need to be taken to successfully transform schools into technology-supported learning environments. The book includes interviews with and quotes from experts in the

field, as well as references, reviews, and recommendations of resources available to educators. The book costs \$23.95, and there is a 15% online discount.

MORE INFO: R&L Education
1.800.462.6420, <http://www.rowman.education.com>

Cable in the Classroom is accepting applications for **Cable's Leaders in Learning Awards** from December 1, 2005, until January 31, 2006. This second annual award program recognizes classroom and community program teachers, administrators, community leaders, and policy makers, as well as others who have affected youth education both in and out of the classroom. The five categories include: Enhanced learning through traditional and non-traditional approaches; partnerships with the cable industry; redefining education through use of cable technology or cable content; contributions of state and local officials; and leadership in advancing media literacy skills. Winners will receive a \$3,000 cash prize and an all-expenses-paid trip to the gala awards ceremony in Washington, D.C., in late spring 2006.

MORE INFO: Cable in the Classroom
<http://www.leadersinlearningawards.org>



The **Das Keyboard** is an

enhanced keyboard for, as the company says, Über-geeks. The 104-key USB keyboard is equipped with five levels of force for individually weighted key switches that correspond to the strength of the finger that touches the key. The USB keyboard is compatible with all PC and Macintosh operating systems and has three Windows applications keys, including a Windows menu key that also works under Linux. The most distinct feature of the keyboard is that none of the keys is labeled, encouraging touch typing and increased speed. The keyboard costs \$79.95.

MORE INFO: Metadot Corporation
1.512.346.0360, <http://www.daskeyboard.com>

Hewlett-Packard will award grants totaling \$8 million in cash and equipment to K–12 public schools and two- and four-year colleges and universities in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. According to HP, successful applications to the **HP Technology for Teaching Grant Initiative** will propose a specific technology integration project with a theme or focus that unifies the efforts of teachers and their classroom with common goals and outcomes. The grant is designed to support K–16 educators who use mobile technology in innovative ways, and to help identify K–12 schools and higher education institutions that HP might support with future grants. Grant RFPs are to be submitted online between January 2 and February 15, 2006. Recipients will be announced by May 1, 2006.

MORE INFO: Hewlett-Packard
<http://www.hp.com/go/hpteach>

PrintEZ software provides direct printing from palmOne handhelds. Using the print driver on the desktop, the software detects the default printer, even if it's networked and not attached to the desktop, and queues files automatically. The application saves room on the handheld and eliminates the need to select and install print drivers. PrintEZ can print Word and Excel documents, Memo Pad items, contacts, pictures, and text copied to the clipboard. The software is currently available for Windows. A Macintosh version will be released soon. The software costs \$39 for a CD with a manual or \$29 for a Web download.

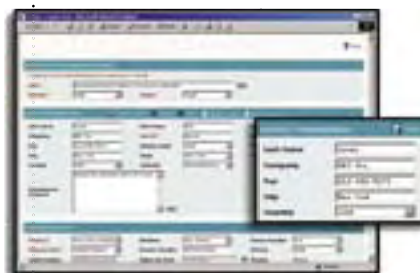
MORE INFO: TriBeam Technologies Inc.
<http://www.tribeam.com>



Interactive American history videos and resources are available from **Find the Fun Productions**. “The Civil War: American against American” and “American Colonies—American Revolution” are each three-part DVDs that support National History Standards for grades K–8. The DVDs include study guides, and the Web site features free study guides and activity plans to encourage discussion of the videos, as well as downloadable sound and video clips and lyrics for the songs. The DVDs start at \$100 for a set, and purchase of both sets includes a free Civil War cap.

MORE INFO: Find the Fun Productions
 1.707.812.2422, <http://www.findthefunproductions.com>

Combine service desk automation with IT asset management automation with **FootPrints 7.0** software. According to the company, Footprints is Web-based support that enables help desk and customer support teams track every



step in solving user IT problems. The interface is customizable, and both service desk and users need only a standard Web browser to access it. The software features asset management

that identifies the hardware and software on users' PCs, deploys software and patches, and manages and tracks IT assets. FootPrints supports Microsoft XP, NT, 2000, and 2003, Linux, and UNIX. A 30-day no-cost evaluation version is available. Contact the company for pricing.

MORE INFO: Unipress Software
 1.800.222.0550, <http://www.unipress.com>

The U.S. State Department and Global SchoolNet Foundation are accepting entries for the **2006 Doors to Diplomacy** awards competition. The program will recognize the student-created Global SchoolNet Web projects that best teach others about the importance of international affairs and diplomacy. Projects must be created by small teams of middle and high school students with a teacher-coach, and must be completed by March 17, 2006. Winners will receive a \$2,000 scholarship per student on the team, and the coach's school will receive a \$500 cash award. Winners will be announced in May, 2006.

MORE INFO: Global SchoolNet Foundation
<http://www.globalschoolnet.org>

The updated **iMac G5** from Apple features a 17" or 20" screen, DVD drive, and a slimmer profile. The computer has a 1.9 or 2.1 GHz G5 processor, ATI X600 Pro or XT graphics processor with 128 MB of



dedicated video memory, and the Mac OS X Tiger operating system. Standard software includes the iLife 05 suite, Photo Booth, Front Row, and iTunes. All systems include a built in iSight camera, USB 2.0 and FireWire 400 ports, composite

and S-video outputs, and audio in and out ports, as well as an AirPort Extreme Card and Bluetooth 2.0 for wireless connectivity. The system starts at \$1,299.

MORE INFO: Apple, <http://www.apple.com/imac>



Palm Inc. integrates Wi-Fi and Bluetooth technologies in the **Palm TIX**. The handheld device has 128 MB memory, a high-resolution 320 x 480 color screen, and the ability to switch between portrait and landscape screen orientation. It includes Palm OS v5.4, a 312 MHz Intel processor, a 3.5 mm headphone jack, and weighs just more than 5 ounces. The Palm TIX costs \$299.

MORE INFO: Palm Inc.
1.800.881.7256, <http://www.palm.com>

Eleven study guides to classic literature are available from **SparkNotes** for download onto iPods. The study guides include context guides, plot overviews, summaries and analyses, themes, motives, key facts, and quizzes. The guides also feature audio content and hyperlinks to context, audio plot overview, and audio analysis of major characters. Current titles include *The Catcher in the Rye*, *Hamlet*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Pride and Prejudice*, and *The Odyssey*. Downloads cost \$4.95 per guide, and require a third generation or newer iPod and iTunes v4.6.

MORE INFO: iPREPpress
<http://www.ipreppress.com/Pages/studyguides.htm>

Integrating Technology: A Practical Guide, by James G. Lengel and Kathleen M. Lengel, is a step-by-step guide for elementary to university teachers to use computers and the Internet in their classes. The book focuses on commonly used technologies, such as word processors, spreadsheets, the Internet, presentations, and multimedia. It also includes real-world examples from teachers who have integrated technology into their teaching. The book addresses students first and then moves on to teachers and classroom needs in an educational context, and succinctly covers the why's of using technology



before more fully explaining the how-to's. There are lists of additional online resources at the end of each chapter that feature related topics, online examples, and free resources. The book costs \$26.

MORE INFO: Allyn & Bacon, <http://www.ablongman.com>



Ball State University and Pearson Digital Learning have joined with Garfield the Cat to offer an interactive online learning environment for students in grades K–8. The **Professor Garfield Web site** features education games and activities, including a selection of standards-based lessons and material from Pearson's KnowledgeBox digital learning system. The Web site is a portal to materials that focus on mathematics, social studies, art, science and health, and reading. A Teachers' Lounge contains downloads of resource materials, lesson plans, and links to other Internet-based educational sites. There is no fee for using the site.

MORE INFO: Professor Garfield
<http://www.professorgarfield.org>

Art history takes on a modern perspective in **Digital Art History: A Subject in Transition—Computers and the History of Art Volume I**.

The editors approach the history of digital art as its own medium that is not a discrete practice separate from other art forms. The book looks at the transformation that art and art history are undergoing because of the digital revolution, the new tools that change existing practices, and the unprecedented activities and modes of thought. A collection of papers by art experts, the book details how technology expands art education through online museums, digitization, visual analysis, reconstruction, and the flexibility of the digital image. The book costs \$39.95.

MORE INFO: International Specialized Book Services
1.503.287.3093, <http://www.isbscatalog.com>



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