



## Information & Communication Technology

### **New GPNA Distance Learning System**

Texas Wesleyan's newly dedicated \$2.4 million Graduate Program of Nurse Anesthesia (GPNA) facility houses a new, leading edge, interactive distance learning system which connects remote sites in Texas, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, North Dakota and Oregon. Featuring the newest Polycom distance learning technology, the spacious lecture hall can house up to 190 students. Student can connect their personal laptops directly to the lecture hall tables or can access the internet via wireless capability anywhere in the building.

The sophisticated, yet easy to use, instructor's console allows immediate access to full compliment of audio visual support devices allowing the presenter a wide range of support options. Classes can be recorded digitally for later recall via the internet by using the University's new video streaming capability. In the past, classes were recorded using video tape and sent via mail for those students who might have missed a session. Now the digitally recorded class is streamed in real time to a centrally located streaming server and posted on the University's web site where it may be accessed via password.

Texas Wesleyan's new GPNA facility is now equipped with the latest in technology to serve the growing professional health services community.