

Take Five



PHOTO BY KENT MILLER

Denali in photos

People everywhere can enjoy views of the Alaskan wilderness from the comfort of home, thanks to journalism professor Kent Miller, who spent 10 days last summer at the 6 million-acre Denali National Park and Preserve, snapping photos of everything from grizzly bears to dogsledders and landscapes.

Denali officials are using the photos in park books, brochures, educational presentations and more. In all, Miller donated more than 1,400 photos. See more than 60 of them, including the moose and calf above, in the photos and multimedia section of the park's Web site, www.nps.gov/dena/index.htm.

Miller also helped establish a CMU internship program at the park. Junior Neil Blake will be the first intern next summer, working as an assistant to Denali's media specialist to maintain and create content for the park's Web site. •



Kent Miller



Jeffrey R. Caponigro

Journalism goes high-tech

By Lindsay Allen, '00

The future of journalism has arrived, and it's at CMU, where the new Caponigro Multimedia Lab opened this fall to prepare students for high-tech careers in the ever-changing journalism industry.

The lab's opening is closely tied to CMU's new major in new media/online journalism, which officially will launch in spring 2009. It will feature such courses as introduction to online journalism, advanced online journalism, computer-assisted reporting, multimedia reporting and an online journalism practicum, many of which will be taught using the lab and its arsenal of new-media tools.

A gift to the university's journalism department from CMU Board of Trustees Chairman Jeffrey R. Caponigro, a CMU alumnus who is president and chief executive officer of Southfield- and Tampa, Fla.-based Caponigro Public

Relations Inc., helped to fund the construction and equipping of the lab. The technology-laden facility has been named in his honor.

"The addition of this lab is indicative of CMU's commitment to the experience of its students," Caponigro says. "Newspapers have changed and are turning more to multimedia, and the lab will help our journalism graduates stay on top of the game."

Maria Marron, CMU journalism chairwoman, says Caponigro's vision and generosity have paved a path to success for her department, its students and its programs.

And the lab's future is secure, as Caponigro has established an endowment to ensure the facility can keep pace with changes in technology in perpetuity. •

Kent Miller (right), journalism faculty member, works with students in the new Caponigro Multimedia Lab.