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University of Pittsburgh GSPIA Educates Working Adults in Macedonia / Europe via the Internet

See the website <http://www.mk.pitt.edu/dislearn.html> for a live demonstration !

(Pittsburgh, PA) When Pitt's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs needed to offer its Masters Degree to 18 students in Skopje, Macedonia, they asked Xec to evaluate the Distance Learning technologies. "The usual eLearning alternatives were too costly," recalled John Voytko, manager of the project. "They were intended for hundreds of paying students." And the digital video technologies over the Internet were not what they seemed. "We in the U.S. assume that every country has our broadband capability," offered lead consultant Leon Edelsack. "I spent 12 years with Frame Relay, ISDN and so forth around the world with Westinghouse. The practical battle is trading off the minimum required kb/second of streaming video, so the students can see it and hear it properly, versus the local (in this case Skopje) communication limitations."

Significance:

1. Pittsburgh-to-Skopje **travel costs** were saved, as well as the scheduling of the professors.
2. The class sessions were offered live once and then were **available on-demand** on the website.
3. Look at a class session. The **quality of video and sound** is excellent. And you can repeat portions of the session as needed. Plus the presentation slides are there too.

Opinion:

The time is near for online education to emerge for working adults. But the early eLearning alternatives must give way to much less costly, new alternatives... similar to how Lotus 123 was surpassed by Excel.

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window titled "MediaSite Live (On-Demand Presentation) - Microsoft Internet Explorer". The main content area displays a presentation slide from the University of Pittsburgh titled "Retail Consumer Leasing". The slide features a diagram with the following components: "Customer", "Dealer", "Manufacturer?", "Finance Company", "Funding Source", "Retail Lease Contract", "your Car", "Asset", "Consumer Credit Act", "Insurance", and "Registration". A star icon is placed next to "Consumer Credit Act" and "Finance Company". A legend indicates that a star icon represents the "Owner of Asset". The Xec logo is visible in the bottom left corner of the slide. The browser window also shows a "Poll" button, "Ask" button, "Slide Show" button, "Slide List" button, "Options" button, "Help" button, and "Close" button. The status bar at the bottom of the browser window shows the URL "http://www.xec1.com" and the date "11/24/2003".

We inserted captured video from a leasing session done using the same technology for illustration.

