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IMPORTANT DATES FOR SPRING SEMESTER 2003 CAROLINA COURSE EVALUATIONS

Each semester, the Center for Instructional Technology facilitates course evaluations through the Carolina Course Evaluations (CCE) program. To participate in the Carolina Course Evaluations program, each department must identify one Course Evaluations Subject Coordinator to start the evaluations process. Important dates for this semester's process are:

March 21 -- Last day to select courses.

April 14 -- Evaluation forms available for pick-up by Subject Coordinators.

June 11 -- Evaluation forms for Spring Semester 2003 scanning are complete. Forms can be picked up, and results will be available.

For more information about the CCE program, go to http://www.unc.edu/cit/cce/.
If you have any further questions, contact Billie Lindley at 962-5283 or bcl@email.unc.edu.

ERIC RAYMOND AND GLENN OTIS BROWN TO SPEAK IN FEBRUARY

ibiblio.org is sponsoring two talks this month. The talks are free and open to all.

Eric S. Raymond
Raymond is an observer-participant anthropologist in the Internet hacker culture, editor of *The New Hacker's Dictionary*, and author of *The Cathedral and the Bazaar*.
Date: Monday, February 10 at 3:30 p.m.
Place: Pleasants Family Room, Wilson Library, UNC-Chapel Hill

Glenn Otis Brown
Brown is Executive Director of Creative Commons, a non-profit organization founded on the notion that some people would prefer to share their creative works (and the power to copy, modify, and distribute their works) instead of exercising all of the restrictions of copyright law.
Date: Wednesday, February 19 at 3:30 p.m.
Place: Pleasants Family Room, Wilson Library, UNC-Chapel Hill

NC SYSTEM ADMINISTRATORS MEETING

The February meeting of the North Carolina System Administrators organization (NC*SA) will feature a lecture by Eric S. Raymond on "Freedom, Power, and Software: What the Internet Teaches Us about Ethics and Politics." The meeting is being co-sponsored with the Triangle Linux Users Group (TriLUG).

Date: Monday, February 10, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. (hall opens at 6:30 p.m.)
Location: General Assembly Hall, John Friedrick Educational Technology Center, North Carolina School of Science and Math (NCSSM)
For directions go to http://www.ncsysadmin.org/ncssm.html.

NC*SA meetings are free and open to anyone with an interest in the topic of the evening and/or system administration. For more information about the meeting and the organization, and to get directions to the meeting site, visit the NC*SA website at http://www.ncsysadmin.org/.

For more information about TriLUG, visit their website at http://www.trilug.org/.

FEBRUARY SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION MEETING

The UNC-Chapel Hill Scholarly Communication Working Group's February Brown Bag Lunch Meeting will feature a talk by Michael Waltman, Communication Studies. Waltman will discuss his research that involves an analysis of racist cartoons on the Internet. He is exploring ways the cartoons are used to advance ideology and culture. All faculty, staff, and students are invited.

Date: Tuesday, February 11, noon-1:00 p.m.
Place: 2nd Floor Conference Rooms, Davis Library

The Scholarly Communication Working Group is sponsored by the Odum Institute. For more information about the group, go to http://www.unc.edu/schol-com/.

FEBRUARY CIT CLASSES

To enroll in any of these sessions, go to http://help.unc.edu/tracs/ and click on the title of the course you're interested in. Then click on the [enroll] link for the session you want.

Introduction to Blackboard 5.5
This course is designed for instructors, teaching assistants, and IT support staff interested in learning the basics of 1) posting content to Blackboard sites, 2) using Blackboard's communication tools, 3) customizing sites, and 4) controlling access to them. Blackboard's strengths and limitations as a courseware platform will also be discussed. No previous experience using Blackboard is necessary. Attendees are encouraged to bring their course materials with them on disk.

Blackboard: Online Gradebook and Assessments
This course comprehensively explores Blackboard's Online Gradebook and Assessment Manager tools. The course is designed for instructors, teaching assistants, and IT support staff who have a good working knowledge of Blackboard but want to learn more about the strengths and limitations of these tools.

ITRC TIP: TIPS FOR SECURING YOUR COMPUTER

There are a number of ways to easily maintain the security of your computer. Here are three fast and easy ways to lock your computer:

(1) Automatically lock computer after a designated time period

1. Right click anywhere on the screen and select "Properties."

2. Select the "Screen Saver" tab.

3. Check the "password protected" box. Select a time period when you want your screen saver to activate and lock you computer. This time should not be too short otherwise you'll constantly be logging in. Now every time your computer screen saver kicks in, your computer will be locked until you log in again.

(2) Create a Shortcut on your Desktop so you can lock your computer by simply double-clicking on an icon

1. On an empty space on your desktop, right click and select "New."

2. Next select "Shortcut." You will then see the "Create Shortcut" wizard screen.

3. In the "Type the location of the item" box, type: %windir%\System32\rundll32.exe user32.dll, LockWorkStation

4. Click on the Next button.

5. The next dialog box will ask for a name for this shortcut. Type in "Lock Computer" or something that will make sense to you.

6. Click on the "Finish" button. You will then see a shortcut on your desktop that you can use to lock your computer without having to hit the Ctrl Alt Delete key combination.

(3) Windows XP lock machine shortcut

You can lock your desktop in Windows XP by selecting the Windows button (the key with the Windows logo) plus the L key.

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Email: help@unc.edu
ITRC website: http://www.unc.edu/atn/itrc/

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The ITRC, CBT, and Lyris tips published in *CITations* are archived on the Web, so you can locate tips without having to search through all the back issues. The tips archive is at http://www.unc.edu/cit/citations/tips.html.

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stay informed about technology conferences with the CIT's "Education Technology and Computer-Related Conferences" at http://www.unc.edu/cit/guides/irg-37.html and "Calendar of World-Wide Educational Technology-Related Conferences, Seminars, and Other Events." The calendar is at http://confcal.unc.edu:8086/.

2003 CITATIONS PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

January 10 & 24
February 7 & 21
March 14 & 28
April 11 & 25
May 9 & 23
June 6 & 20
July 11 & 25
August 8 & 22
September 12 & 26
October 10 & 24
November 7 & 21
December 5 & 19

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