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CIT OFFICES MOVED

On Friday, December 19, the ITS Center for Instructional Technology staff who were located in the basement of Smith building moved their offices to the 4th floor of Hanes Hall. Exam scanning and course evaluation services are now located in 402A Hanes. The CIT video services staff remains in Peabody Hall.

If you have questions, contact Kathy Thomas at 962-6042.

CAROLINA COURSE EVALUATIONS SPRING 2004 DEADLINES

February 16 -- Registration for Subject Coordinator and selection of courses for which you need forms begins.

April 2 -- Last day to select courses.

April 14 -- Evaluation forms available for pick-up by subject coordinators.

August 1 -- Evaluation forms for Spring 2004 scanning are complete. Forms can be picked up, and results will be available.

If you have any questions, contact Billie Lindley at 962-5283 or bcl@email.unc.edu.

JAWS FOR WINDOWS 5.0 ARRIVES

The CIT and the Department of Disability Services are pleased to announce the new campus screen reader standard, JAWS for Windows 5.0. The upgraded application provides a number of substantial improvements, as well as new features users have been clamoring for.

The entire application in 5.0 is more flexible -- users can now customize settings for individual Web pages, for example, rather than relying on global settings. Assigning custom sounds and voices to specific content types is also much easier. Noteworthy new features include automatic language detection in HTML, additional navigation quick keys, and support for accessible Java-based applications. In addition to numerous bug fixes, JAWS 5.0 also updates existing functionality. Form handling has been dramatically improved, and positional information is now provided for radio

buttons and combo and list boxes.

For a complete list of changes, see: http://www.freedomscientific.com/fs_products/software_jaws5fea.asp

If you have questions about screen readers or other accessible technology, contact Jason Morningstar, the CIT's accessibility specialist. He can be reached at 843-5192 or jason_morningstar@unc.edu.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION SPONSORS TECHNOLOGY IN EDUCATION LECTURE

On Thursday, January 29, Chris Dede, the Timothy E. Wirth Professor in Learning Technologies at Harvard, will discuss 21st Century Tools for Today's Classrooms. He will address the use of emerging technologies to create distributed-learning communities that bridge distance and time to aid both student outcomes and the preparation, induction, and professional development of teachers. Dede is also chair of the Technology in Education Program at Harvard. His special areas of interest within the field of education technology include teacher education virtual learning communities, multimedia and virtual learning environments, and leadership in educational technology policy. His fundamental interest is the expanded human capability for knowledge creation, sharing, and mastery that emerging technologies enable.

When: Thursday, January 29 at 4:30 p.m.

Where: R. D. and Euzelle Smith Middle School Auditorium, Seawell School Rd., Chapel Hill

For more information or to register, contact Laurie Norman: email: Laurie_Norman@unc.edu or tel: 919-843-6979. There is no fee for attending this lecture; however, because space is limited, advance registration is requested.

IDENTITY ABUSE SYMPOSIUM POSTPONED UNTIL FEBRUARY

The date for the symposium on Identity Abuse that the Internet and the Social Sciences Working Group (aka Internet Impact) is sponsoring has been changed to Friday, February 20, in Dey Hall's Toy Lounge. To receive announcements about the speakers and agenda, subscribe to the symposium mailing list at http://mail.unc.edu/lists/read/subscribe?name=ii_symposium.

Internet Impact serves as a forum for interdisciplinary investigations on two fronts: how the Internet and associated technologies are applied in social science research and what impact the Internet is having on institutions and the lives of individuals. For more information, see <http://www.unc.edu/internetimpact/>.

CHECK THE CAROLINA CALENDAR FOR COURSE RESOURCES

In 1997, the campus underwent an extensive review of our intellectual climate. That review (available online at http://intlife.unc.edu/orig_report/toc.htm) resulted in many recommendations for better publicity for campus events that faculty might tie to classroom activities. These recommendations resulted in the creation of the Carolina Calendar, a central clearinghouse for campus events.

As you finish your preparations for your spring classes, please review events in the Carolina Calendar for those that might be appropriate to encourage your students to attend. Events are added to the calendar year-round, but campus units have made a special effort to enter events in time for the next semester. To access the Carolina Calendar, point your Web browser to <http://www.unc.edu/calendar>.

-- Elizabeth A. Evans, Carolina Calendar Project Manager

NEW CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND INFORMATICS

The School of Dentistry has announced the creation of the new Center for Educational Development and Informatics. The Center will be responsible for the development and deployment of educational and research materials that support, most particularly, the teaching/learning mission of the School of Dentistry. For more details, link to http://www.dent.unc.edu/news/current/2003-11-26_NewCenter.htm.

NEWS FROM IBIBLIO.ORG

You can view all about what's new on ibiblio at <http://ibiblio.org/collection/collection.php?second=n>. Recent North Carolina-related additions include:

President Emeritus William Friday

Website for the office of President Emeritus of the University of North Carolina, William Friday. Includes contact information as well as links to President Friday's current work and abiding interests.

More Than Math

Integrates the visual arts into the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade mathematics curriculum using works of art from the collection of the Asheville Art Museum. This Asheville Art Museum project, with the support of the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Education, uses the North Carolina Standard Course of Study goals and objectives.

ibiblio.org is a nonprofit Internet collaborative at the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill. For more information about ibiblio.org and links to all ibiblio collections, see <http://ibiblio.org/>.

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/>.

2004 CITATIONS PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

January 9 & 23
February 6 & 20
March 5 & 19
April 2 & 16
May 7 & 21
June 11 & 25
July 9 & 23
August 13 & 27
September 10 & 24
October 8 & 22
November 5 & 19
December 3 & 17

CITations welcomes announcements from all UNC-Chapel Hill campus organizations involved in instructional and research technology. To have an announcement considered for publication in *CITations*, send email to Carolyn Kotlas, kotlas@email.unc.edu, or call 962-9287. The deadline for submissions is 11:00 a.m. the day before the publication date.

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