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JANUARY 27 POWER OUTAGE WILL AFFECT SOME ITS SERVICES

On Saturday, January 27, beginning at 7:00 p.m., all computing systems housed in ITS Franklin will be offline for an estimated 4 hours to allow a reconfiguration of the electrical power distribution in building. Affected systems include CBT service, all mainframe applications, UNC-Chapel Hill websites, the Topsail research computing cluster, and mass storage. Email will remain available throughout this maintenance.

DEADLINE FOR LENOVO BATTERY RECALL

Faculty, staff, and students with CCI laptops affected by the Lenovo battery recall are asked to bring their recalled battery for exchange to the ITS Response Center in the basement of the Undergraduate Library by Friday, February 9. Replacement batteries are free and have a one-year warranty.

Replacement batteries will still be available after the Feb. 9 deadline, but will not be on-site at the ITS Response Center and will have to be ordered from Lenovo.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Lenovo battery recall, please contact the ITS Response Center at 962-HELP.

EXPANDED AVAILABILITY OF IRON MOUNTAIN BACK-UP SERVICE

Iron Mountain is an online data back-up and recovery service that gives users on-demand data retrieval 24 hours a

day, seven days a week, over any Internet connection from anywhere in the world. This easy-to-use, efficient and reliable back-up solution protects data through secure automatic backups. Previously available only for UNC-Chapel Hill departmental purchases, Iron Mountain is now offered to faculty, staff and students for use on their personal Windows-based computers.

Iron Mountain is available at a cost of $120 per year -- less than 33 cents per day -- and can be purchased at the ITS Response Center (ITRC) in the lower level of the R.B. House Undergraduate Library with the UNC One Card.

Purchasers who bring their laptops to the ITRC can have ITS staff install the program and do the initial backup for them. The ITRC suggests that the installation and the first backup be performed on-campus because the UNC-Chapel Hill network offers optimum speed and efficiency.

To learn more about Iron Mountain, visit http://software.unc.edu/IM or call the ITRC at 962-HELP.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES OFFERS ARTSTOR CLASSES

ARTstor is a digital library of images (including art, architecture, and archeology) and a suite of software tools that enable the active use of the images. University Libraries is offering a "Teaching with ARTstor" class. The class will cover how to:

-- search and browse the ARTstor collection of images
-- create and manage shared folders
-- create and manage image groups
-- add instructor commentary
-- upload your own images into the Personal Collections space
-- download and use the ARTstor Offline Image Viewer

For more information and to register for one of the class sessions, go to http://www.lib.unc.edu/instruct/artstor/schedule.html.

FEBRUARY IAIG MEETING

The focus for the February Instructional Applications Interest Group (IAIG) is the uses of social software (e.g., instant messaging, blogs, wikis, Facebook, MySpace, Flickr, YouTube, and Google's raft of applications) in supporting instruction. We'll have an open discussion among all the attendees, so come prepared to share your thoughts and experiences.

When: 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 7, 2007

Where: Room 404, Hanes Hall

The Instructional Applications Interest Group (IAIG) is sponsored by the ITS Teaching and Learning division to provide a venue for networking and sharing among University staff and administrators who work with, support, and represent instructors engaged in enhancing teaching and learning with technology. Monthly meetings include time for peer support, discussion of instructional technology topics, and occasional presentations by outside speakers.

For more information see the IAIG website at http://its.unc.edu/tl/aoe/iaig/.

To receive meeting reminders and reports, join the mailing list at http://lists.unc.edu/read/all_forums/subscribe?name=instructapps or send email to Carolyn Kotlas at kotlas@email.unc.edu.

2007 HORIZON REPORT ON EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

The 2007 Horizon Report is a collaboration between the New Media Consortium and the EDUCAUSE Learning Initiative that seeks to identify and describe emerging technologies likely to have a large impact on teaching, learning, or creative expression within higher education. The complete report is available at http://www.nmc.org/pdf/2007_Horizon_Report.pdf.

CTL OFFERS ACCESS TO NATIONAL TEACHING AND LEARNING FORUM

The Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) has purchased a site license for UNC-Chapel Hill to the National Teaching and Learning Forum. Each bi-monthly issue addresses some aspect of teaching and technology.

Currently, access to the Forum is limited to computers in the UNC domain, but CTL hopes to make it accessible through the library's proxy server to broaden its distribution. To access the publication (and its archives), click on this link on the CTL website: http://ctl.unc.edu/rt.html and scroll down to the Forum banner under "teaching resources."

-- Center for Teaching and Learning
316 Wilson Library
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RENCI LECTURE DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES LAUNCHES

Irving Wladawsky-Berger, vice president for technical strategy and innovation at IBM, will launch the Renaissance Computing Institute's (RENCI) Distinguished Lecture Series. A renowned technology expert who identifies emerging technologies and marketplace developments critical to the future of the IT industry, he will present a lecture titled "At the Threshold of a 21st Century Business Revolution." The event is free and open to the public.

When: 2:00 p.m., Thursday, February 8, 2007

Where: Redbud Room, Friday Center, Chapel Hill, NC

RENCI is a major collaborative venture of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Duke University, and North Carolina State University that combines the strengths of these three institutions with the social, business, and research opportunities of the Research Triangle Park and the state of North Carolina. For more information about RENCI, go to http://www.renci.org/.

ENTERPRISE BUILDING MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS (EBMS) FOR UNIVERSITIES

On January 11, 2007, UNC-Chapel Hill Facilities Services hosted the grand opening of its new Energy Management Control System Operations Center. If you would like more details on what this project entails and how EBMS benefits our institution, check out the white paper "Enterprise Building Management for Universities" at http://www.gridlogix.com/newsletters/Gridlogix%20University%20White%20Paper.pdf.

For more information about the EMCS Operations Center, see the Gazette article at http://gazette.unc.edu/file.2.html.

-- Toby Considine, Facilities Technology Office
Facilities Services

SCIENCE BLOGGERS CONFERENCE REPORT

The North Carolina Science Blogging Conference, held on January 20, was a forum for scientists, educators, students, journalists, bloggers to explore science communication, education, and literacy through weblogs. The event drew over 175 attendees to the Carolina campus. Details, recaps, and links to blogs and articles related to the conference can be found at http://wiki.blogtogether.org/blogtogether/show/Conference+Links+and+Liveblogging.

CBT SPOTLIGHT: FIRST LOOKS AT 2007 MICROSOFT OFFICE PRODUCTS

Users of Microsoft Office products can get a first look at Access 2007, Excel 2007, PowerPoint 2007, and Word 2007. Experienced users of the current products may find the previews of the new features useful.

If you are already subscribed to the CBT service, log in as usual. At the top of the resulting screen, type "First Look" in the box next to the Search button to locate links to individual courses for these products.

If you are not already subscribed to the CBT service, go to http://cbt.unc.edu/ and follow the steps to get started with CBT.

ITS LEARNIT WORKSHOPS

There are still spaces available in the following LearnIT workshops. To read a workshop description or to register for any of these workshops, go to http://help.unc.edu/tracs/. For a list of other workshops, point your Web browser to http://LearnIT.unc.edu/ and select the link to "Current Schedule of Workshops."

If multiple dates are listed, the workshop is offered on each of those dates.

Remedy Project Tracking System: Getting Started
February 2

Web Authoring with Mozilla
February 9

Calendar (Oracle): Getting Started
February 20

Calendar (Oracle):Access and Designate Rights
February 20

ConsiderIT: A Virtual Environment for Education: Second Life
February 21

Web Authoring with HTML
February 23

Web Authoring: Page Styling with CSS
March 2

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

2007 CITATIONS PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

January 12 & 26
February 9 & 23
March 9 & 23
April 13 & 27
May 11 & 25
June 8 & 22
July 13 & 27
August 10 & 24
September 7 & 21
October 5 & 19
November 2, 16 & 30
December 14

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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