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### BLACKBOARD AND WEB ACCESSIBILITY

In Blackboard's CourseInfo 4.10, text-only versions of course sites are created automatically, along with their graphical counterparts. These sites can be accessed via the text-only version of the Course Gateway, <http://blackboard.unc.edu/textonly/>. However, the Discussion Boards and Virtual Tutor cannot be accessed from the "text-only" sites, and Assessments and the Control Panel retain their graphical format.

In Blackboard 5 and beyond, Blackboard has designed their products to follow a variety of standards, including the World Wide Web Consortium's Web Accessibility Standards. By version 5.5, which UNC-Chapel Hill will be using in the fall, Blackboard expects their products to be 100% ADA compliant. Version 5.5 is due out in May, and the CIT plans to begin testing its accessibility features over the summer.

To read more detailed information on Blackboard and Accessibility, see Blackboard's FAQ at <http://company.blackboard.com/products/orientation/AccessibilityFAQ.doc>

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### FACULTY COMMITTEE OFFERS TECHNOLOGY ADOPTION RECOMMENDATIONS

The Faculty Information Technology Advisory Committee (FITAC) recently submitted a report to the Faculty Council that offers both a broad vision and specific recommendations for integrating information and communication technology (IT) into academic life at UNC-Chapel Hill. It is available on the FITAC web site at <http://www.unc.edu/fitac/>.

The report offers recommendations in five key areas: (1) strategic leadership, planning, and coordination; (2) faculty incentives and recognition; (3) professional development; (4) IT infrastructure and support; and (5) funding for IT initiatives. Specific resolutions outlined in the report will be considered by the Faculty Council this fall.

FITAC is encouraging discussion about the report and its recommendations, and will likely host an open forum early next semester. In the meantime, comments and discussion are welcome via a web forum that can be accessed through

the FITAC website.

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#### KNOWLEDGEWORKS @CAROLINA

knowledgeWorks @Carolina supports the development of multimedia learning materials. The institute investigates, manages, and provides for multimedia creation activities, partnering with UNC-Chapel Hill faculty to produce quality educational resources for use at UNC-Chapel Hill and beyond.

knowledgeWorks @Carolina is accepting proposals to create interactive multimedia learning tools (mediabooks) on a pilot basis during the 2001-2002 academic year. All proposals will be reviewed by the Faculty Information Technology Advisory Committee (FITAC) and a funding decision will be made on or about June 22nd. For more information, see the knowledgeWorks @Carolina website at <http://www.unc.edu/knowledgeworks/rfp2001/>

For proposal submission information, contact Lori Casile at 962-1230 or [lori\\_casile@unc.edu](mailto:lori_casile@unc.edu).

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#### ATN TRAINING CENTER CLASSES FOR JUNE 2001

The June 2001 ATN Computer Training Class Schedule is now available. ATN's computer classes are open to all UNC-Chapel Hill faculty, staff, undergraduates, and graduate students. To register, call 962-1160. Complete schedules and registration information are available at <http://help.unc.edu/training/schedule/schedule.html>

New classes offered:

Dreamweaver: Creating a Web Site

Prerequisite: Internet Essentials and word processing experience.

Thursday, June 14; 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.; Course #DW01-007

Monday, June 18; 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.; Course #DW01-008

Dreamweaver: Tables, Frames, & Styles

Prerequisite: Dreamweaver: Creating a Web Site

Monday, June 25; 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.; Course #DW02-004

Thursday, June 28; 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.; Course #DW02-005

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#### ONLINE PHOTOSHOP INSTRUCTION

The Health Sciences Library has posted a new instructional module "Introduction to Photoshop" on their website. The module covers basic imaging concepts and techniques, including the Photoshop user interface, scanning, editing images, and preparing images for online presentations. "Introduction to Photoshop" is available at <http://www.hsl.unc.edu/hsl/es/psmodulnew/index.htm>

-- Robert Ladd, Curriculum Support Specialist  
Health Sciences Library

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#### CPSR FORUM ON PERSONAL PRIVACY

On May 23 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Computer Professionals for Social Responsibility (CPSR) will hold a "Forum on Personal Privacy" in the Kamphoefner Hall auditorium on the NCSU campus. This public event will focus on privacy issues, namely the capture, sale, and use of private information. It is geared toward the high technology sector and is expected to be of interested to policymakers, technologists, and others interested in privacy issues. Speakers include: Brock Meeks, Washington, DC bureau chief for MSNBC; Wayne Crews, Director of Technology Policy at the Cato Institute; and Robert Ellis Smith, attorney and publisher of the *Privacy Journal*.

If you plan to attend this free event, register online at <http://www.rtp.nc.us/register.htm>

UNC-Chapel Hill's School of Information and Library Science is one of the event's sponsoring organizations. ibiblio will be streaming this event live from NCSU. For more details, link to <http://www.rtp.nc.us/events.htm>

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#### APRIL 2001 ISSUE OF CIT INFOBITS

*CIT Infobits* is an electronic service of ATN/CIT. Each month the CIT's Information Resources Consultant monitors and selects from a number of information technology and instructional technology sources that come to her attention and provides brief notes for electronic dissemination to educators. To subscribe link to <http://mail.unc.edu/lists/read/subscribe?name=infobits>

The latest issue is available on the Web at <http://www.unc.edu/cit/infobits/bitapr01.html>

Articles in this issue include:

Online Debate on Scholarly Publishing  
Online Course on Online Courses  
New NISO Standard Aids in Locating Conference Proceedings  
Library in Alexandria Rebuilt  
Education Resource Organizations Directory  
New York Times' Education News Online

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#### THE TECHNOLOGY SOURCE MAY/JUNE 2001 ISSUE

The May/June 2001 issue of *The Technology Source*, a free refereed Web periodical by UNC-Chapel Hill and sponsored by SCT, SmartForce, and Compaq, is now available online. The purpose of *The Technology Source* is to provide thoughtful, illuminating articles that will assist educators as they face the challenge of integrating information technology tools into teaching and into managing educational organizations. Issues include commentaries, case studies, reports on faculty and staff development, articles on the virtual university, and links to higher-education websites. You can read *The Technology Source* at <http://horizon.unc.edu/TS/>

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#### CTC PROGRAM ON THE ONLINE CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR

At the next meeting of Carolina Technology Consultants (CTC), Libby Evans of ATN will update the group on the status of the Campus Calendar. The program will be on Wednesday, May 16 at 2:00 p.m. in 08 Gardner.

The CTC is a voluntary, cooperative effort aimed at professional computer support providers at UNC-Chapel Hill and is backed by the resources of the office of Academic Technology and Networks (ATN). Any permanent EPA/SPA member who provides computer support to a University school, department, or center is eligible to become a full member of the CTC program. For more information about the CTC, go to the CTC website at <http://www.unc.edu/ctc/>, or contact: Elaine Tola, CTC Services Coordinator, Academic Technology & Networks; tel: 962-9434; email: [elaine\\_tola@unc.edu](mailto:elaine_tola@unc.edu).

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#### COMPUTER VIRUS UPDATE

The following are the most recent viruses, which pose a threat to the UNC-Chapel Hill campus:

##### W32.Magistr

a worm virus that infects the Outlook email client. For more information see:

[http://www.sarc.com/avcenter/venc/data/w32\\_magistr.24876@mm.html](http://www.sarc.com/avcenter/venc/data/w32_magistr.24876@mm.html)

##### W32.Badtrans

a worm virus that replies to all unread messages in email folders and drops a backdoor trojan Hkk32.exe virus in the system files. For more information see: [http://www.sarc.com/avcenter/venc/data/w32\\_badtrans.13312@mm.html](http://www.sarc.com/avcenter/venc/data/w32_badtrans.13312@mm.html)

##### VBS.VBSWG2.X@mm

an encrypted VBS script worm that uses a known exploit to send itself to all recipients in an infected user's Microsoft Outlook address book. It also has the payload that opens a website that contains pornographic contents. For more information see: <http://www.sarc.com/avcenter/venc/data/vbs.vbswg2.d@mm.html>

The Symantec Corporation has protection and repairs available for these viruses and other viruses at <http://www.sarc.com/>

You can call the IT Response Center at 962-HELP if you have questions or problems with computer viruses.

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#### RAM SHOP NEWS

The SiPix Pocket Printer is a new product for Palm customers. The printer weighs approximately 9 ounces and sells for \$149.95.

Adobe has greatly reduced the price of Premiere 6.0 from \$349 to \$249.

Handspring has reduced the price of the Visor Deluxe from \$242.95 to \$189.00. The RAM Shop offers academic discounts on Handspring Visors and Visor accessories.

-- Sue Wexler, Assistant Manager / Software Buyer  
UNC Student Stores - RAM Shop

## CITATIONS TIPS ARCHIVE

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>

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## CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Keep 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 on the Web at <http://confcal.unc.edu:8086/>

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## 2001 CITATIONS PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

May 25  
June 8 & 22  
July 13 & 27  
August 10 & 24  
September 7 & 21  
October 5 & 19  
November 2 & 16  
December 7 & 21

*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](mailto:kotlas@email.unc.edu) or call 962-9287. The deadline for submissions is noon the day before the publication date.

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