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IT AWARDS NOMINATION DEADLINE

You are invited to recognize someone who has given you outstanding technical support by nominating an individual or team for a 2005 Information Technology (IT) Award. This award honors any type of information technology support on campus, from individuals who provide PC support, write code, or administrate a network; to teams that work together to provide specific technology services for a department or the University. This is an excellent way to let your IT support staff know you appreciate what they do.

A nomination should include the nominee's name(s), department, telephone number, email address, and an explanation of why this individual or team deserves to be recognized. The nomination should also include the nominator's name, the relationship to the nominee, campus address, phone number, email address, and an indication of whether the information can be shared with the nominee. Please submit your nomination by 5:00 p.m., Monday, March 21, via the IT Awards website at <http://itawards.unc.edu/nomination/index.html>. Winners will be announced at the IT Awards Banquet on Wednesday, April 13 at the Carolina Club.

Please provide specific information that will tell this year's committee how the nominee stands out. This may involve an important project they have been working on or specific challenges they have overcome to get the job done. It should be clear to the committee that this individual or team is making a strong effort to improve the technology environment in their department or the campus.

-- 2005 IT Awards Committee Co-Chairs
Dianne Gonzalez, School of Medicine
Alan Forrest, Computer Science

JESSAMYN WEST TALK

Librarian Jessamyn West will give a talk "Postcards from the Other Edge of the Digital Divide: Political Choices and the Information Poor."

When: 2:00 p.m., Monday March 21, 2005

Where: Freedom Forum Conference Center, 3rd floor, Carroll Hall

While we read blogs, tag content, and swap lifehacks, people in rural areas are still learning to type. Public libraries are making many more technological choices just to provide basic information and Internet resources nowadays, yet the paradigm for learning to work well with technology differs dramatically from learning to work well with books.

Jessamyn West will be talking about being a tech-savvy librarian in a profession struggling into the 21st Century. West is wrapping up her job as an outreach librarian at a rural public library in Vermont. She has worked in public, special, and college libraries and done stints of on-the-fly reference at Burning Man, the WTO, and the Democratic National Convention. Since 1999, she has maintained <http://librarian.net/>, a weblog for radical librarians, and other interested parties.

MARCH/APRIL ITS WORKSHOPS

You can view and enroll in upcoming IT workshops sponsored by ITS by pointing your Web browser to <http://help.unc.edu/tracs/>.

Digital Camera: Sharing Digital Pictures Effectively

March 22

Do you already use a digital camera and want to share your work with others? What are the methods you can use and how well do they work? Should you send photos by electronic mail? Burn a CD and mail them? Make them available on a Web page? And how do you keep track of your growing collection of digital photos--both yours and those others send to you? This workshop will describe some of the different ways you can share and organize digital photos and will give you information to help make a better decision about what method(s) you should use.

Video Conferencing: A Hands-On Introduction

March 23

This class provides a comprehensive introduction to the fundamentals of video conferencing over the internet (referred to here as IMC or internet multimedia conferencing). Topics covered include: Why IMC?, History of IMC, Limitations of IMC, Requirements for IMC, Endpoints, What is on the Network, ViDeNet, Installing an Endpoint, Configuring an Endpoint, IMC Etiquette, Basic Dialing, Multipoint Calling, Gateway Dialing, Troubleshooting, and Additional Resources. Visit <http://www.unc.edu/video/training/imc.pdf> to view or download the PDF document used with this course. Please email the instructor at Tim_Poe@unc.edu with any questions that you may have.

Calendar (Oracle) for Faculty

April 7

Learn how to use this online calendaring system to keep up with your personal schedule and maintain your to-do lists, as well as schedule meetings with colleagues and students. This workshop will focus on faculty use of the calendar.

Calendar (Oracle) for Staff

April 25

Learn how to use this online calendaring system to keep up with your personal schedule and maintain your to-do lists, as well as schedule meetings with colleagues and students. This workshop will focus on staff use of the calendar.

PDAs: Useful Software for Your Palm

April 14

This workshop will demonstrate a few third-party applications to make greater use of, and be more productive with, a PalmOS PDA. Applications will include Documents To Go, DateBk5, SuperNames, Plucker, HappyDays, and a few accessories and utilities. If you bring your Palm and equipment to sync, you can follow along as the applications are demonstrated. If you don't bring your Palm and equipment to sync, hands-on time will be minimal (but you're still likely to benefit from the workshop).

SAS Programming Introduction 1 April 1

This first course of Introduction to SAS Programming focuses on the following key areas using SAS 9.1: getting familiar with the SAS programming environment and SAS data sets, reading raw data files and SAS data sets, and writing simple SAS programs.

SAS Programming Introduction 2

April 15

This second course of Introduction to SAS Programming focuses on introducing some useful SAS Procedures and where to find help with SAS.

XML: The What, Why, When of It

April 21

This workshop is an introduction to XML, a data markup notation that allows information to be shared between applications and environments. You will learn what the difference is between HTML and XML, between XML and file formats that are also used to share data (like tab-delimited files), and most importantly, how XML is being used in the

arts and sciences. This workshop is not for programmers.

Questions and comments about these workshops can be sent to learnit@unc.edu.

-- Elizabeth A. Evans, Manager
ITS-TL Training and Education

APRIL CONSIDERIT ON ADAPTIVE ONLINE TUTORING

The next CIT ConsiderIT with Colleagues session is "Adaptive Online Tutoring Teaches Flexibly & Improves Reading Comprehension."

Who: Prof. David Eckerman, Psychology; and Prof. Roger Ray, Psychology at Rollins College, Winter Park, FL

When: Friday, April 1, 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.

Where: 404 Hanes Hall

Professors Eckerman and Ray will discuss their use of and development within MediaMatrix, an adaptive tutorial software system that delivers artificially intelligent tutoring services. The character of these services constantly adapts to each student's personal needs for support and intellectual challenge. It adapts the display of text, prompts, and even the question format to address personal needs by making a constant comparison between a student's developing semantic network and a reference expert's semantic network. A recent study of an introductory psychology class using this system as an alternative to a traditional textbook found an average 20% increase in SAT/GRE types of reading. Join Professors Eckerman and Ray for a demonstration and discussion.

"ConsiderIT with Colleagues -- Teaching with Technology at UNC-Chapel Hill" is a series sponsored by the Center for Instructional Technology. Faculty, TAs, and staff are invited to share and discuss selected teaching and learning issues related to technology. For descriptions of previous talks in the series, see <http://www.unc.edu/cit/considerit/>.

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UNC-VCUG LUNCH-N-LEARN ON H.239

The next UNC-VCUG (Video Conferencing Users Group) Lunch-N-Learn session will feature a presentation by Tandberg (<http://www.tandbergusa.com>) on H.239. The H.239 standard allows video conferencing devices (codecs) to send two video channels within a single video call. This gives the user the ability to show not only people but also data such as a PowerPoint presentations and spreadsheets. Depending on the vendor implementation, the users will see a picture within a picture on a single monitor or separate information on two different screens (typically one screen for video and another for data).

When: 12 noon - 1:00 p.m., Thursday, April 7, 2005

Where: 08 Peabody Hall, UNC-Chapel Hill campus

Lunch for this event will be graciously provided by Tandberg. If you wish to take advantage of this opportunity, go to <http://www.unc.edu/video/unc-vcug/lnl.html> and use the online form to RSVP for this event.

If you have questions, contact Tim Poe.

-- Tim Poe, ITS Center for Instructional Technology tel: 260-5556; email: timpoe@email.unc.edu

UNC-CHAPEL HILL'S CONSIDINE FEATURED IN COMPUTERWORLD ARTICLE

Last year, Toby Considine, Technology Officer, UNC-Chapel Hill Facilities Services, became Chair of oBIX, the Open Building Information Exchange [see "Considine Heads International Committee on Smart Building Standards," *CITations*, July 9, 2004, <http://www.unc.edu/cit/citations/citations123.html#1>]. As a result of Considine's involvement in our campus's embedded control systems and his involvement in oBIX, he was interviewed for and quoted in the March 14, 2005 issue of *Computerworld*. The article is available online at <http://www.computerworld.com/networkingtopics/networking/story/0,10801,100318,00.html>.

THE TECHNOLOGY SOURCE SLATED TO CLOSE

As you may know, *The Technology Source (TS)* at <http://ts.mivu.org> has been archived at Michigan Virtual University (MVU) since the November/December 2003 issue. Kirby Milton, the chief technology officer at MVU, recently contacted the editor, James Morrison, to inform him that MVU receives no tangible benefit for continuing to host *TS* and yet has real costs in doing so. Milton concluded: "MVU has decided to discontinue the hosting of *TS* at the end of March, unless someone externally steps up and provides us with the \$400 per month of hosting fees. We are open to a month-to-month agreement, with monthly hosting fees paid one month in advance. Absent any interested parties to fund the continuance, we will take the servers off line on April 1st. The content rights will remain available for purchase after we backup and then remove the database content from our servers in early April."

The copyright provisions of *TS* are that any article may be distributed freely for educational purposes. If you have linked to a *TS* article from your own or from your organization's web site, you should acquire it before March 31 and post it on your server. Please forward this note to colleagues who may have linked to a *TS* article on their websites.

-- James L. Morrison, Editor-in-Chief Emeritus, *The Technology Source*
Editor-in-Chief, *Innovate* (<http://www.innovateonline.info>)
Professor Emeritus of Educational Leadership
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CITations Tips Archive

The ITRC, CBT, and Listserv 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/>.

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February 4 & 18
March 4 & 18
April 8 & 22
May 13 & 27
June 10 & 24
July 15 & 29
August 12 & 26
September 9 & 23
October 7 & 21
November 4 & 18
December 2 & 16

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