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MAY 2002 BLACKBOARD CLASSES

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.

Dates and times:

Thursday, May 16; 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.; Course #CI06-018

Wednesday, May 29; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Course #CI06-020

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.

Date and time:

Thursday, May 23; 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.: Course #CI07-007

To register call the ATN Training Center at 962-1160 and give the registrar the following information: your complete name, department, affiliation (faculty, staff, or student), daytime phone number, and the course number.

LIST SERVICE FORUM'S POWERPOINT PRESENTATION AVAILABLE ON THE WEB

ATN held a meeting on May 9 to preview the new electronic mailing list service software that will be put in place this summer. If you were unable to attend the meeting, you can view the presentation materials on the Web at http://www.unc.edu/atn/messaging/lists_052002.pdf

If you have any comments or concerns about the change, you can email them to: list-comment@unc.edu.

LAUNC-CH ANNUAL RESEARCH FORUM

LAUNC-CH (Librarians' Association at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) will hold its Annual Research Forum on Wednesday, May 22, 2002, from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in Toy Lounge, Dey Hall. This year's program features:

"New Directions for Biomedical Information Professionals: Informaticists and Informationists"
W. John MacMullen, 2001-02 Bioinformatics Library Fellow, UNC at Chapel Hill Health Sciences Library

"Maximizing Metadata: Exploring the EAD-MARC Relationship"
Katherine M. Wisser and Jennifer O'Brien Roper, NCSU Libraries

"A Comparison of Locally Collected and Vendor-Provided Usage Data for Web Resources"
Joanna Duy, NCSU Libraries, and Liwen Vaughn, University of Western Ontario

For more information about LAUNC-CH, link to <http://www.unc.edu/lib/launcch/index.html>

APRIL 2002 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 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>

Back issues are available on the Web at <http://www.unc.edu/cit/infobits/index.html>

The latest issue is at <http://www.unc.edu/cit/infobits/bitapr02.html>

Articles in this issue include:

What Makes a Successful Online Educator?
Faculty Copyright Ownership Policies
Do Online Course Drop-Out Rates Matter?
EDUCAUSE Review Announces New E-Content Column
Scientific Inquiry in Education
2001 U.S. Education Statistics
Learning Technology Standards and SCORM

3RD ANNUAL RTPNET "DIGITAL DIVIDE" CONFERENCE

RTPnet's 3rd Annual Conference "Bridging North Carolina's Digital/Human Divide: What's Working; What Must Be Done" will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2002, from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., at The William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education in Chapel Hill.

Some people are benefiting from new technology and some are not. This conference addresses the gap between those people in North Carolina who have access to technology and the means to develop information skills and those who do not. While the focus of the conference is on initiatives in North Carolina, the conference will benefit anyone interested in community technology centers and issues associated with bridging the digital divide.

Participants will include organizations that provide computer access and training, social and direct service organizations whose clients would benefit from learning to use the Internet for job and personal development, corporations that provide funding, and individuals, such as educators, librarians, and computer specialists, who want to learn how they can contribute.

The conference fee, which includes lunch and materials, is \$50, due on or before May 14, 2002; \$75 after May 14. A limited number of full scholarships and partial scholarships are available. For more information, see <http://www.rtpnet.org/rtpconf/>

The conference is sponsored by RTPnet, a community network for Research Triangle Park area communities (including Raleigh, Durham, Cary, and Chapel Hill). For more information about RTPnet, link to <http://www.rtpnet.org/> or contact Judy Hallman, Executive Director, at hallman@rtpnet.org.

NC SYSTEM ADMINISTRATORS MEETING

The next meeting of the North Carolina System Administrators organization (NC*SA) will be on Monday, May 13, at 6:00 p.m. at Dreyfus Laboratory, Research Triangle Institute, Research Triangle Park, NC. Jim Fulton, of the Zope Corporation, will speak on "Building Content Management Systems with Zope."

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/>

LIVE AUDIO EVENT ON MOBILE COMPUTING AT WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY

CREN TechTalk presents a free, live, streaming audio interview: "Mobile Computing for Teaching and Learning at Wake Forest" Thursday, May 16 at 4:00 p.m. <http://www.cren.net/know/techtalk/events/mobile2.html>

"Wake Forest University has chosen an evolutionary path that puts it on the leading edge of higher education institutions adopting mobile information technology on campus. Our guest experts are information technology leaders at Wake Forest who are leading that evolution: Vice President and Dean of the International Center for Computer Enhanced Learning David G. Brown and Chief Information Officer Jay Dominick. Join the CREN Tech Talk Co-Hosts, Howard Strauss and Judith Boettcher as they explore with David and Jay about what they've learned about how campus teaching and learning is changed and how it is not and how IT support is also evolving."

CREN's mission is to support higher education and research organizations with strategic IT knowledge services and communication tools. For more information, link to <http://www.cren.net/>

ITRC TIP: RESTRICTING WEBSITE ACCESS

The PROTECT program is a utility in place on the campus web server that allows you to control access to personal, departmental, and organizational web space.

Here is how you can use PROTECT:

1. Connect to isis.unc.edu via SSH or telnet.
2. Go to the command prompt.
3. Change to your `public_html` directory.
4. Type `protect` and press the Enter key.

From there, the program will give you step-by-step instructions on how to password protect your directory. Note that PROTECT can also be used to restrict access to specific subdirectories as well as your top-level directory. For more information about this program, refer to the Restricting Access to Web Pages section in the ATN document "Putting Your Page on the Web" at <http://help.unc.edu/?id=110>

For more computing assistance, contact the Information Technology Response Center, Wilson Library, Suite 300.

Walk-in Hrs: 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Phone: 962-HELP -- 24 hours/7 days a week

Email: help@unc.edu

Web: <http://www.unc.edu/atn/itrc/>

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>

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/>

2002 CITATIONS PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

May 24

June 7 & 21

July 12 & 26

August 9 & 23

September 13 & 27

October 11 & 25

November 8 & 22

December 6 & 20

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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