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CHANGES TO CAMPUS CBT SERVICE

Information Technology Services (ITS) is in the process of changing the Computer Based Training (CBT) vendor for our campus. The new vendor provides user interface enhancements, offers more courses, and some of their courses will offer the opportunity to learn with an industry expert in the online environment. We have contracted for two course catalogs with the vendor: "Design and Media" and "Microsoft Office Pack." Although a few courses are offered under both catalogs, most are unique. The total number of courses offered under the new contract will be just under 500 compared to 300 courses under the old contract. For a list of the specific courses under the two catalogs in our contract go to <http://www.elementk.com/catalog/htm/default.asp> and select "Design and Media" or "Microsoft Office Pack."

Access to the new vendor's CBT offerings will be available in mid- to late-January. Our current CBT contract with the old vendor expired on December 31, 2004, but courses may currently still be accessed. If you are in the middle of a CBT course that you want to complete on the old vendor's site, please do so as quickly as possible.

More details regarding the transition will be available as soon as possible. In the meantime, if you have questions, please send them to learnit@unc.edu.

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

NEW TRAINING AND EDUCATION GROUP SEEKS SUGGESTIONS

The newly-formed ITS Training and Education group welcomes your ideas for IT learning activities. If you have suggestions for information technology classes and workshops that should be offered on campus to faculty, staff, and/or students, send them to learnit@unc.edu.

-- Elizabeth A. Evans, Manager, ITS Training and Education email: evans@unc.edu

JANUARY SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION MEETING

The Scholarly Communication Working Group's January brown bag lunch meeting will feature a presentation on "Usability Studies and Website Design." Usability studies were undertaken as part of the recent redesign of the

Documenting the American South website. Lisa Norberg, University Library Coordinator of Instructional Services, and Natasha Smith, Digitization Librarian, will talk about how usability was incorporated into the design changes and the presentation of the scholarly materials on the website.

When: Tuesday, January 11, 12 noon - 1:00 p.m.

Where: 2nd Floor Conference Rooms, Davis Library

All area faculty, staff, and students are invited. Please invite your colleagues to the meeting.

The Scholarly Communication Working Group is sponsored by the Odum Institute. For more information about the group, go to <http://www.unc.edu/schol-com/>.

VIDEO CONFERENCING USERS GROUP MEETING

The next UNC-VCUG (Video Conferencing Users Group) Lunch-N-Learn Munch will feature the director of Sharp LCD sales for North America, Jim Wilson. Jim will discuss the latest LCD technology, including Sharp's new 45-inch display. Participants will have the opportunity to see side-by-side comparisons with large LCD and plasma displays. A variety of display-related issues will be discussed, including manufacturing techniques and soon-to-be released larger displays. The North Carolina video integrator group Video Systems will co-sponsor this event. As a bonus, lunch will be provided for the event.

When: Wednesday, January 12, 2005; 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Where: 08 Peabody Hall, UNC-Chapel Hill

Please RSVP to Tim Poe (timpoe@email.unc.edu) no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 11th if you would like to attend.

-- Tim Poe, ITS Center for Instructional Technology
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CHANGES IN WEB FORMS TOOL SUPPORT

For many years ITS has been using a web application called gform which allows users to develop customized web forms. The gform application has had no development for many years, and the application never fit very well with our campus infrastructure. Therefore, ITS has developed a replacement called mailform. The functions are similar to gform with several enhancements. Effective immediately, ITS will no longer accept new requests for gform. ITS will continue to support existing users of gform through May 15, 2005. Users may continue to use gform until December 18, 2005. After that time ITS may remove the gform service.

If you have web forms written in gform that you want to convert to mailform, see "Going from gform to mailform: Quick Reference" at <http://help.unc.edu/?id=4975>. Questions about gform or mailform can be directed to the ITRC at 962-HELP.

Faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences who need assistance in converting forms to mailform can contact the Office of Arts and Sciences Information Services (OASIS) [<http://oasis.unc.edu/>] for a consultation. All other faculty can contact the ITS Center for Instructional Technology at 962-6042 for a consultation.

JANUARY DUKE UNIVERSITY MACROMEDIA USERS GROUP MEETING

The next meeting of the Duke University Macromedia Users Group will feature a demonstration by Rick Root of Flash Streaming Video using Flash MX 2004 Professional and Progressive Video Streaming -- a method that does not require a Flash streaming server. Part of the demonstration will include reading video clip data from an XML configuration file. All area university faculty, staff, and students are welcome to attend the group's meetings.

When: 5:30 p.m., Monday, January 10, 2005

Where: Alumni Affairs Office, 614 Chapel Drive, Durham, NC

The office is at the corner of Chapel Drive and Duke University Drive. Go to http://www.dumug.com/show.cfm?what=/custom/dumug_map.gif&HIDE_TEMPLATE=1 for a map.

For more information, contact Rick Root at rick.root@duke.edu.

NEWS FROM IBIBLIO

2004 was a year of many accomplishments at ibiblio. For a review of ibiblio's activities for the year go to <http://ibiblio.org/pjones/wordpress/index.php?p=177>.

New resources of local interest include:

Mental Health Association in Durham County

<http://www.mhadurham.org/>

The Mental Health Association in Durham County (MHA/Durham) is a volunteer-run organization which was established in April of 2002 with support from the Mental Health Association in North Carolina (MHA/NC).

Probing the Man Behind the Mahatma: Analyzing the Life and Works of Mohandas Gandhi

<http://www.ibiblio.org/gandhi/>

A UNC-Chapel Hill course exploring the life, works, and acts of Mohandas Gandhi.

Link to <http://ibiblio.org/collection/collection.php?second=n> for a list of all recent additions to the collections.

ibiblio is a collaboration between the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and the Center for the Public Domain. For more information and links to the ibiblio collections, see <http://ibiblio.org/>.

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://atncalendar.depts.unc.edu:8086/>.

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