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COMPUTING THE FUTURE

Daniel A. Reed, Vice Chancellor for Information Technology Services, Chancellor's Eminent Professor at UNC-Chapel Hill, and director of the Renaissance Computing Institute, will give a talk titled "Computing the Future: Release 2016." Reed will speculate on technology advances over the next decade and their potential impacts on everything from education to health care to entertainment. He will describe some visions of a technology-enriched future -- driven by new inventions, by national and international policies, and by global competition -- and their applicability to North Carolina.

When: 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 30, 2006

Where: Room 104, Peabody Hall, UNC-Chapel Hill campus

The one-hour talk will be followed by a question and answer session. It is free and open to the public.

WINDOWS VISTA PRESENTATION

The Campus Technology Consultants (CTC) is sponsoring a campus presentation on the next generation Microsoft operating system, Windows Vista. Kevin Dean, technology specialist for higher education for Microsoft, will demonstrate some of the key features and functionality of Windows Vista. For more information go to the Microsoft Higher Education - Mid-Atlantic website at http://blogs.msdn.com/hied_Mid-Atlantic.

When: 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 7, 2006

Where: Room 08, Gardner Hall

The CTC is a voluntary, cooperative effort aimed at professional computer support providers at UNC-Chapel Hill. 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/>.

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MRC'S DIGITAL MEDIA LAB CLOSED FOR RENOVATION

The UNC Libraries Media Resources Center's Digital Media Lab is closed for the summer for renovation. Six new editing stations will be added and the Lab's interior will undergo a complete make over before reopening in the Fall Semester. During the renovation the MRC will still continue to lend equipment. For more information about the MRC see <http://www.lib.unc.edu/house/mrc/index.html>.

For other campus locations that have digital media equipment available to faculty and students, either for check out or in-house use, see http://www.lib.unc.edu/house/mrc/mrclab/digital_resources.html.

PYTHON BOOT CAMP PLANNED FOR SUMMER

Following on the highly successful Plone Boot Camp series, UNC-Chapel Hill will host PyCamp, a new Python Boot Camp. In one week of training, PyCamp takes a programmer familiar with basic programming concepts to the status Python developer. The training is geared towards scientific and research computing. If you have previous programming experience and want to step into Python programming as quickly and painlessly as possible, this camp is for you. PyCamp covers XML processing, SOAP web services, matplotlib, gnuplot, NumPy, Scientific Python, SciPy, PyMat, RPy, and more.

When: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, August 7-11, 2006

Where: 332 Phillips Hall, UNC-Chapel Hill campus

Registration for PyCamp is now open. For more information and to register, go to <http://trizpug.org/boot-camp/pyc1/>.

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EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST IN A "TRIPWIRE FOR SERVERS" LICENSE

The ITS Software Acquisition office has been asked to investigate a volume license for Tripwire for Servers, a tool "for IT organizations needing change auditing and monitoring of servers and desktops. Able to detect and pinpoint changes to system and configuration files, Tripwire for Servers enables IT staff to determine what changed, when it changed, how it changed, who changed it -- and to roll servers back to a known and trusted state if the change was not authorized or desired." For more details see <http://www.tripwire.com/index.cfm>. Pricing will depend on the campus interest in this product.

If you are interested in the purchase of Tripwire for Servers, send email to software@unc.edu by Monday, June 5, 2006. Please include how many servers and machines you will be managing in your email.

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DOD FUNDING FORUM

The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development (OVCRED) at UNC-Chapel Hill invites faculty researchers to attend a Department of Defense (DoD) Funding Forum to learn about DoD funding opportunities for biomedical and bioscience research.

When: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 7, 2006

Where: Room 1131 (Auditorium), Bioinformatics Building, UNC-Chapel Hill campus

Advance registration is requested; there is no charge to attend. For more details and to register, go to http://cfx.research.unc.edu/res_classreg/browse_single.cfm?event_id=263.

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NEWS FROM IBIBLIO

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 all ibiblio collections, see <http://ibiblio.org/>.

The Spring 2006 issue of UNC-Chapel Hill's *Endeavors* features an article ("Streaming Flicks of Punks and Potters" by Margarite Nathe) on ibiblio's folkstreams.net project. The project gathers documentary films about American folk and roots culture and makes them available to scholars and students. The article is online at <http://research.unc.edu/endeavors/spr2006/folkstreams.php>.

WEB ACCESSIBILITY TIP: FUNCTIONAL ACCESSIBILITY EVALUATOR

The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign has produced a very handy accessibility evaluation tool called Functional Accessibility Evaluator (FAE). This tool allows you to check web pages -- and whole websites -- against a battery of functional (rather than technical) criteria. It looks for things in broad categories like navigation and scripting, each of which breaks down into best practice checklists. It can generate detailed reports or look at individual pages. FAE is easy to use and tremendously valuable in helping you make your website accessible to all users. To try out FAE, go to <http://fae.cita.uiuc.edu/>.

For assistance with web accessibility issues, contact Jason Morningstar, ITS Accessibility Specialist (tel: 843-5192; email: jason_morningstar@unc.edu).

For more computing assistance, contact the Information Technology Response Center, Undergraduate Library.

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

Submit a help request on the Web: <https://www.unc.edu/ar-bin/remedy.pl>

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

ITRC website: <http://help.unc.edu/>

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: Refresher

May 30

June 1

June 13

June 15

Web Authoring with HTML

May 31

June 20

Accessibility: Introduction

June 8

Web Authoring with Mozilla

June 13

PDA's: Useful Software for Your Palm

June 14

Conferencing Sharing: Software Developer Expo Best Practices

June 15

Accessibility: Evaluation

June 15

Web Authoring: Page Styling with CSS
June 21

Accessibility: Flash and Multimedia
June 22

Calendar (Oracle): Getting Started
June 27

Calendar (Oracle): Access and Designate Rights
June 27

PDA's: Getting Email and Calendars to Work
June 27

Conference Sharing: The Teaching Professor
July 12

Managing Spyware at Work and at Home
July 20

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/>.

2006 CITATIONS PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

January 13 & 27

February 10 & 24

March 10 & 24

April 7 & 21

May 12 & 26

June 9 & 23

July 14 & 28

August 11 & 25

September 8 & 22

October 6 & 20

November 3 & 17

December 1 & 15

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