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IMPORTANT DATES FOR SUMMER SESSION II 2004 CAROLINA COURSE EVALUATIONS

June 24 -- Registration for Subject Coordinator and selection of courses for which you need forms begins

July 8 -- Last day to select courses

July 14 -- Evaluation forms available for pick-up by subject coordinators

September 1 -- Evaluation forms for Summer Session I 2004 scanning are complete. Forms can be picked up, and results will be available.

If you have any further questions, contact Kathy Thomas (tel: 962-6042; email: kathy_thomas@unc.edu) or Billie Lindley (tel: 962-5283; email: bcl@email.unc.edu).

SECURITY OFFICE OFFERS VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENTS

For the third summer in a row, the ITS Security office is offering our services to interested schools, departments, or IT professionals responsible for multiple systems. We would like to visit your department and discuss campus network and system security issues that are currently impacting UNC-Chapel Hill, and those issues that we feel are on the horizon. We usually perform a vulnerability assessment and provide recommendations on ways to improve your security posture. If you are interested, this year we are also offering a brief presentation to your end users on computing security awareness.

During these visits we take feedback on what you would like to see regarding the service that ITS Security provides. In the past we have found that this is one of the best outlets for us to identify and understand your needs, and to prioritize our action items for the next few months. Gathering your input and perspectives has been a big help to us in the past.

We are scheduling times on a first-come, first-served basis for Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout June and July. If you are interested in a visit, send email to security@unc.edu.

-- Jeff Bollinger and Douglas Brown
ITS Security

WEB ACCESSIBILITY DEVELOPER'S TOOLBOX

"Accessible Electronic Content" is the ITS Center for Instructional Technology's website that provides a central place for campus web developers to locate web accessibility resources. The site includes accessibility guidelines, tools for making your web pages accessible, and links to readings and tutorials. The site is at <http://www.unc.edu/webaccess/>.

A new area, "Developer's Toolbox," has been added to the website. This section is a place where Web developers on campus can share code snippets and examples of effective accessible design that others can examine, borrow, and modify. The toolbox is at <http://www.unc.edu/webaccess/toolbox/>.

You are invited to submit well-designed pages or pieces of code that illustrate an accessibility-related technique. The code should validate to an established grammar (such as XHTML 1.0 transitional), work with campus-supported browsers, and address a specific challenge. Some examples that we are looking for include:

- Handling complex tabular data
- Explaining/describing graphs and formulae (through the use of LONGDESC or mathML)
- Elegant implementations of online forms
- Multimedia examples, particularly those using Flash
- User interface control using Cascading Style Sheets (CSS)
- Alternate skip navigation schemes

Send your examples to Jason Morningstar, UNC-Chapel Hill Accessibility Specialist (email: jason_morningstar@unc.edu).

SUMMER WORKSHOPS ON SETTING UP YOUR BLACKBOARD SITE(S)

Get ready for the Fall Semester with the CIT's workshop, "Setting Up Your Blackboard Site(s)." Several sessions of this workshop are scheduled in July and August. See <http://www.unc.edu/cit/workshops/index.html#bbsetup> for workshop description and prerequisites.

See the ITS Training calendar at <http://help.unc.edu/tracs/> for dates and times and to enroll in a class.

NEWS FROM IBIBLIO

This June ibiblio (<http://www.ibiblio.org/>) recognizes the open-source development methodologies that have trickled down into shared information projects outside of the world of software. ibiblio hosts and encourages a number of these projects, which are examples of vibrant, lively information-sharing communities.

The Open Video Project
<http://www.open-video.org/>

-- collects and makes available a repository of digitized video content for digital video, multimedia retrieval, digital library, and other research communities. Researchers can use the video to study a wide range of problems, such as testing algorithms for automatic segmentation, summarization, and creation of surrogates that describe video content; developing face recognition algorithms; or creating and evaluating interfaces that display result sets from multimedia queries.

The Creative Commons
<http://creativecommons.org/>

-- project has gained rapid acceptance in the intellectual property world by developing a Web application that helps people dedicate their creative works to the public domain -- or retain their copyright while licensing them as free for certain uses, on certain conditions.

Etree
<http://wiki. etree.org/>

-- has become one of the most popular online music trading sites by dealing exclusively with live recordings by artists that allow taping and/or free trading of their performances.

Hyperwar

<http://ibiblio.org/hyperwar/>

-- a contributor-maintained history of the Second World War in which the participants are able to write the history as they actually saw it.

The sites featured in June represent a small sample of the types of open source information sharing projects that ibiblio has supported since its inception.

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/>.

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/>.

2004 CITATIONS PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

January 9 & 23
February 6 & 20
March 5 & 19
April 2 & 16
May 7 & 21
June 11 & 25
July 9 & 23
August 13 & 27
September 10 & 24
October 8 & 22
November 5 & 19
December 3 & 17

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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