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2006 TLT CONFERENCE

The 2006 UNC Teaching and Learning with Technology Conference will be held at the Hilton North Raleigh on March 15-17, 2006. "Vision, Leadership, and Collaboration" is the 2006 conference theme.

This annual conference, held since 2000, provides professional development for UNC personnel who are interested in the effective use of technology for teaching and learning (TLT). The term TLT means teaching methods and learning environments that incorporate computer-based technologies. TLT can take place in traditional classrooms or online.

For more information about the conference or to register to attend, visit the TLT Conference website at <http://conference.unclt.org/>.

FACETOP DEMO

ITS Teaching and Learning's LearnIT is sponsoring a demonstration and discussion of Facetop. Facetop is a collaboration tool for people working together remotely. It features a transparent image of the person with whom you're working (so you get to see facial expressions), a way to share desktops, and a way for each person to point to the screen and have the pointing location appear on the remote desktop. (So one person can say to the other, "Look at this word," instead of having to describe where the word is on the screen.)

Who: David Stotts, associate professor, Dept. of Computer Science

When: 4:00 p.m., Monday, March 6, 2006

Where: 115 Sitterson Hall

2004 *Endeavors* article on Facetop:

<http://research.unc.edu/endeavors/spr2004/facetop.html>

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LIBRARY EXTENDS AVAILABILITY OF GIS MACHINES

It has been the policy to provide access to the four public GIS (Geographic Information System) machines in Davis Library Reference only when the Reference Department is open. Due to popular demand, we are now going to leave these machines on when the Reference Department is closed. So now when Davis Library [<http://www.lib.unc.edu/libinfo/hours.html>] is open, the GIS machines will be available. However, please note that printing from the GIS machines will be available only when the Reference Department is open.

-- Amanda Clarke Henley, Geographic Information Systems Librarian
Davis Library
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CAMPUS WEBMASTERS MARCH MEETING

The March meeting of the Webmasters peer-support group will be an opportunity for attendees to share Web tips and techniques they find useful. There will also be time to ask general questions that other attendees may be able to answer.

When: 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Thursday, March 2, 2006

Where: 207 Alumni Hall

Anyone who manages Web servers or sites is invited to join the group. You can join the mailing list by pointing your Web browser to http://lists.unc.edu/read/all_forums/subscribe?name=webmasters.

INFORMATION ARCHITECTURE PRESENTATION

You are invited to attend the March SILS Research Colloquium. Abe Crystal will present on "Facets Are Fundamental: Rethinking Information Architecture Frameworks."

"It's time to develop frameworks that put information architecture practice on a sounder footing, and help us to identify challenges that can push the field forward. In this presentation, [Crystal] will explain the problems with existing frameworks and outline an alternative framework based on faceted classification. [He] will ground this framework in information science theory, illustrate its application to typical IA problems, and outline the possibilities it offers for IA practice and research."

When: 12:30 p.m., Thursday, March 9, 2006

Where: 214 Manning Hall

NEW MAILING LIST FOR TRACKIT USERS

All campus TrackIT users are invited to join a new mailing list, trackit@listserv.unc.edu. People on campus are using Numara's (formerly Intuit's) TrackIT for a variety of functions, including helpdesk, inventory, and purchasing. The mailing list will help users share their experiences and their expertise. To subscribe to the list, link to <http://mail.unc.edu/lists/read/subscribe?name=trackit>.

-- Benjamin Rogers, IT Support Specialist
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EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST IN A CAMPUS STRETCHWARE LICENSE

The ITS Software Acquisition office has been asked to investigate a volume license for StretchWare: "The Software That Reminds You to Stretch."

"To address and combat the growing problem of workplace injuries, experts have recommended taking stretching breaks--a simple activity that can make you feel better. However, most people will not make the time to take a stretching break--they need to be reminded to stretch. . . . StretchWare is the ergonomic software that reminds you to stretch, developed by stretching expert Bob Anderson, author of the best-selling fitness book, *Stretching*." For more information on StretchWare go to <http://www.stretchware.com/>.

If you are interested in the purchase of StretchWare or if you have any other questions regarding StretchWare, send email by February 28, 2006, to software@unc.edu.

-- Kimberly Middleton, ITS Software Acquisition
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ANCIENT MAPS SOON TO GO ONLINE

Thanks to a \$390,000 grant from National Endowment for the Humanities to the UNC-Chapel Hill's Ancient World Mapping Center, a comprehensive, open-source database of ancient maps will soon be available on the Internet. The project, "Pleiades: An Online Workspace for Ancient Geography," will assemble an international community of scholars, teachers, students, and enthusiasts to update information assembled for the "Barrington Atlas of the Greek and Roman World." For more information see:

UNC News Release
<http://www.unc.edu/news/archives/jan06/ancientmapping012506.htm>

The *Herald-Sun* article
<http://www.herald-sun.com/orange/10-703770.html>

2006 NCSU UNDERGRADUATE ASSESSMENT SYMPOSIUM

You are invited to attend the North Carolina State 4th Annual Undergraduate Assessment Symposium. Energize your passion for assessment as you enrich your understanding of assessment practice and share new ideas with faculty, administrators, and professionals from around the country. Invited speakers include: Dr. Trudy Banta, Vice Chancellor, Planning and Institutional Improvement, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis as the Keynote Speaker; Dr. Randy Swing, Co-Director and Senior Scholar for the Policy Center on the First Year of College, Brevard College, and Dr. Bill Becker, Professor of Economics, Indiana University, Bloomington, as Plenary Speakers. Participants new to assessment are invited to join the Assessment 101 workshop the morning of April 6th to get up to speed on common assessment concepts and practices. Multiple session tracks ensure the symposium will fit a variety of needs. Topics will include institutional competencies, library and information literacy, scholarship of teaching and learning, student learning and development, academic discipline, community college, and technology (covering technology used for assessments and the assessment of the impact of technology use on student learning).

When: Thursday, April 6, 2006 - Saturday, April 8, 2006

Where: Embassy Suites, 201 Harrison Oaks Blvd., Cary, NC

Advanced Registration Deadline is March 10, 2006.

For more information, go to <http://www.ncsu.edu/assessment/symposium/symposium.htm>.

NCSU LIBRARIES ROLLS OUT NEW INTERFACE

NCSU Libraries recently announced a new interface to its online catalog. Although the new interface has only been available for a few weeks, librarians see that students now find it much easier to discover the information resources they need. The new library catalog interface provides completely new functionality for keyword searching.

By combining search and browse techniques in a single interface, this new catalog helps both faculty and students adapt their searches based on their specific research needs and determination of relevancy. By exposing large results sets more transparently, NCSU Libraries hopes to provide better access to the full range of its collections.

We invite you and your students to explore the new library catalog at <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/catalog/>. Let us know what you think.

-- Kim Duckett and Emily Lynema
NCSU Libraries

CALL FOR PAPERS ON THE NET GENERATION

Terry Calhoun of the Society for College and University Planning and Chris Davis of Baker College, guest editors for a special issue of *Innovate* have issued a call for papers on the implications of the Net (echo boomer) generation for teaching and learning. For more information go to http://www.innovateonline.info/index.php?view=special_issues and scroll down to "The Net Generation" section.

-- James L. Morrison, Editor-in-Chief, *Innovate*
Professor Emeritus of Educational Leadership
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MARCH 2006 INNOVATE-LIVE WEBCASTS

Innovate-Live webcasts offer an opportunity to synchronously interact with the authors of the articles in the February/March 2006 issue of *Innovate* (<http://www.innovateonline.info/>). If you wish to participate in the webcasts, register at <http://www.uliveandlearn.com/innovate/>.

Teachers' Perceptions of Video Games: MMOGs and the Future of Preservice Teacher Education
Tuesday, March 7, 2006, 1:00 p.m.

P. G. Schrader, Dongping Zheng, and Michael Young
<http://innovateonline.info/index.php?view=article&id=125>

Using Games to Promote Girls' Positive Attitudes Toward Technology

Thursday, March 9, 2006, 2:00 p.m.

Richard Van Eck

<http://innovateonline.info/index.php?view=article&id=209>

Neverwinter Nights in Alberta: Conceptions of Narrativity through Fantasy Role-Playing Games in a Graduate Classroom

Thursday, March 9, 2006, 3:00 p.m.

Sean Gouglas

<http://www.innovateonline.info/index.php?view=article&id=172>

If you cannot attend a webcast, note that it will be archived within the *Innovate* features section of the article itself shortly after the webcast.

-- James L. Morrison, Editor-in-Chief, *Innovate*
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LISTSERVER TIP: WEBSITE ADDRESS FOOTER

Do you administer a listserver for a group that also has a website? Do you want to remind list members where the website is? One possibility is to configure your list so that the website is appended to the end of every message sent to the list. All campus lists, by default, have the following information appended (i.e., a footer) to messages:

--- You are currently subscribed to <listname> as: <your address>.

To unsubscribe click here: <URL to unsubscribe> or send a blank email to <address to unsubscribe by mail>.

To add a line to that footer:

-- log onto the list you administer

-- select the "Utilities" tab

-- select "List Settings"

-- select "Email posting settings and Moderation"

-- in the box labeled "Append to end of every message," add the text you would like included. (For example, "Task Force for Better Cycling Web Site: <http://url.goes.here.>") We recommend that you retain the statements about unsubscribing to the list.

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.

Web Authoring with Mozilla

March 15

March 24

Calendar (Oracle): Getting Started

March 23

Calendar (Oracle): Access and Designate Rights

March 23

PDA's: Useful Software for Your Palm

March 29

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/>.

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

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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