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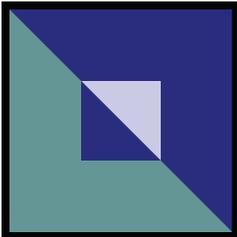
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What's New at e-ATS?

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The New ITDC We're Here to Assist

In previous newsletters, the lower left corner contained a training schedule for various MS applications and other software. Now that Bonnie and Robin have brand new offices in the library adjacent to the Instructional Technology Development Center (ITDC) we invite you to contact us with your training needs. Individual instruction is often the best way to achieve training goals. So if you have a project in mind or are curious about a particular technology, please do not hesitate to give Bonnie and Robin a call. They will do their best to assist you in finding effective

ways to use technology to meet your needs. We particularly encourage faculty to look at new and interesting ways to integrate technology into their curriculum. The ITDC is equipped with both Macs and PCs with many types of software. Often it just takes a little guidance to familiarize yourself with something new. Bonnie and Robin will put your mind at ease and guide you through whatever steps you need. So don't be shy. Give them a call or feel free to stop by their new office located on the first floor in the rear of the library.

Blackboard Enhancements

Blackboard has added some new functionality called Learning Objects, for faculty to enhance their courses. Blogs, Wikis, search and PodCasts can now be added. For the uninitiated here are some brief descriptions:

Blog - a blog will allow students and instructors to create a web based diary or journal in which they can add content at regular intervals.

Wiki - A wiki provides the instructor with a tool for creating group projects and assignments as well as an editable knowledge base (a digital collection of knowledge and information) to support the course materials.

Search - Search is a powerful tool that enables full text searching on all content in the Blackboard System.

PodCast - This feature allows users to instantly create and subscribe to audio and video feeds.

Software Assistance in the ITDC can be obtained for the following:

- MS Office Suite
- MS Outlook/Scalix
- Datatel
- My RWU
- Blackboard
 - Learning Objects
 - iTunesU
 - Discussion Board
 - Virtual Classroom
 - Assessment
 - Grade Book
- Adobe Master's Collection
- Apreso
- Camtasia
- Final Cut Pro (video editing)
- Pinnacle
- WordPerfect
- Dragon Naturally Speaking
- MAC - Sound Style
- MAC - iLife
- MAC - Office 2004 Pro

Did You Know? Did you know that the Library has undergone extensive renovations this summer? ATS and the ITDC are happy to join the Library staff in the new Learning Commons – a dynamic learning environment that offers students and faculty integrated research and technology services.

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ITDC Hardware:

- Digital Camcorders
- Tablets
- iPods
- Web cameras
- Clickers
- Video camera
- Scanner
- Classroom podium
- MAC & PC

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