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Academic Computing Newsletter

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Prime Replacement Plans

1998-99 promises to be an exciting year for Academic Computing Services. Plans are underway to replace the Prime mainframe, which has been a mainstay on the Brockport campus since 1978. Since Prime is no longer manufactured, replacement parts are becoming scarce and software is not being updated. A replacement Sun server is being purchased. Plans call for running both systems for at least the fall semester and migrating existing applications to the new server. The Prime must be retired before Fall 1999, due to possible problems with Year 2000 compliance.

Student e-mail is the biggest application still running on the Prime. Recommendation for a new IMAP compliant e-mail system is being planned by a campus-wide e-mail committee. We are working with individual faculty who still have applications on the Prime and are hoping for as smooth of a transition as possible.

We will keep the campus fully informed as we proceed with this upgrade via campus mail, this newsletter and the WWW. The proposal to replace the Prime with a Sun Enterprise 4500 server was funded from the Student Technology Fee. Tentative dates for the upgrade are shown below to help faculty know what to expect and plan for fall 1999.

- Summer 1998 Purchase Replacement Server
- Fall 1998 Prime will continue to run for fall semester; all students received Prime e-mail accounts; faculty are encouraged to migrate applications to PCs, Sun or IBM. The new server will be installed and tested. 2400 existing Sun accounts plus student web pages will be migrated from Starfish to the new server.
- Spring 1999 No new accounts will be accepted for the Prime. Prime is de-commissioned.
- Fall 1999 All students will automatically have accounts on the new server for as long as they are enrolled at Brockport.

New PCs

Students returning in the Fall will be greeted with new PCs on the first floor of Dailey. The character-based ASCII terminals are slated for replacement just in time for the fall semester. This change will provide additional accessibility for drop-in users who can use the first floor for the same PC and Sun applications used throughout the rest of Dailey. The Pentium PCs will be connected to the WWW for Internet access. This upgrade is being funded through the Student Technology Fee.

The PCs will be connected to 10/100 mbps ethernet network and enable access to PC application such as MS Office, SPSS, MINITAB, and Netscape.

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Color Laser Printer

A new HP color Laser Jet 5M printer is available Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., in the SHEL Lab, room 211, Dailey Hall. This printer is intended for academic use only; it may not be used to print WWW pages, advertisements or club flyers. We will be monitoring use during the first semester to better gauge demand for color printing on campus. Users are encouraged to use the existing lasers for general purpose use and reserve color printing for final output of graphs, charts, or other specialized output. Due to the cost of color printing, this service is available for \$1 per page, cash only; sorry no check or P.O.s.

Did You Know?

Drake Library has a new Electronic Reserve Service that makes traditional course material (e.g., articles, Power Point presentations, links to other web sites, and color images) used via the WWW. This service allows materials to be available by more than one person at a time for longer than a two hour period.

You can learn more by visiting the E-Res homepage at:

<http://eres.drake.brockport.edu/eres/>

Or contact Drake Library at 395-2277 or 395-2123. The electronic reserve project is a welcome addition to Drake's growing list of on-line full text journal databases and reference CDs.

TopClass

TopClass 2.01 is now running on an NT server in Dailey Hall. You can access TopClass either from the ACS home page or directly at the following URL:

topclass.acs.brockport.edu

If you are planning to use TopClass in your course this fall, you will not have to supply student names and social security numbers for TopClass accounts. Just return the fall ACS resource request forms and check off the box for TopClass, and we will pull student information from Eagle to create accounts. Additional forms are available by calling 2368.

TopClass userids and passwords will follow the same conventions as other student accounts, (all in lower case) i.e.,

Student Userid - first init of first name, first init of last name, last 4 digits of SS#. Example:

Jane Doe SS# 123-45-6789

Userid: jd6789

Password: j12345

Faculty Userid - first init of first name, first seven letters of last name.

Contact Reddy Anugu ext. 2463 if you would like a copy of the TopClass manual or for additional training.

You can also apply for a TopClass account by clicking on the red pen icon at the login screen. It will prompt you for another screen with a list of courses. At this point click on user registration and you will get a form. For userid field, conventions shown above.

Software Update

ACS has annual renewable site-licenses for a limited number of software products for faculty and staff use.

Borland products

C++ and Turbo Pascal for DOS, Windows3.x, and Windows95 systems.

Mathematica for Suns

Mathematica is a full featured mathematical software package and is available for use on all campus Suns.

Microsoft

MS Office97 (Word, Excel, Access, and PowerPoint) suite for Windows95 and MacOS have been purchased for faculty and staff offices through a volume license.

SPSS

SPSS 8.0 for Windows95 is available on Dailey Hall PCs. It is also available for Win3.x and Macs.

Requirements for obtaining the above products are as follows:

- Fill out a site license agreement form.
- Send appropriate number of disks for the software.
- Software on CD-ROMs will be loaned out for a maximum of one day.

For more information, contact ACS at ext. 2368 or send e-mail to

staff@acs.brockport.edu.

Fall 1998 Workshops Schedule in Dailey Hall

Basic Information Technology (BIT)

Orientation Sessions for students

Sixty minutes of hands-on help

Learn how to:

- Log on and use e-mail
- Access the World Wide Web with Netscape
- Connect to Drake Library's on-line catalog system
- Check your records with the Student Information System
- Explore future career options with Choices
- Find the right software to use
- Use the campus computing resources that are available to you
- Get more help if you need it

Monday, August 31

12:00 - 1:00 pm 2:30 - 3:30 pm
7:00 - 8:00 pm

Tuesday, September 1

10:00 - 11:00 am 1:30 - 2:30 pm
4:30 - 5:30 pm

Wednesday, September 2

8:15 - 9:15 pm 1:15 - 2:15 pm
7:00 - 8:00 pm

Thursday, September 3

8:30 - 9:30 am 11:30 - 12:30 pm
3:00 - 4:00 pm

Friday, September 4

9:30 - 10:30 am 10:45 - 11:45 am

Sessions are held in Room 203. Seats are filled on a first come basis. Reserve your space by signing up on sheets that are available on the 2nd floor Dailey Hall.

The following hands-on introductory training workshops are open to faculty, staff, and students.

MS Word -Room 203

Tuesday, September 8 11:30 - 12:30 pm

Wednesday, September 9 7:00 - 8:00 pm

MS Excel -Room 203

Thursday, September 10 7:00 - 8:00 pm

SPSS on PC -Room 203

Tuesday, September 8..... 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Wednesday, September 9 10:45 - 11:45 am

Using the SUNs -Room 213

Tuesday, September 8..... 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Thursday, September 10..... 3:00 - 4:00 pm

TopClass* -Room 203

Thursday, September 10..... 11:30 - 1:00 pm

Friday, September 11..... 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Minitab on PC -Room 203

Friday, September 11..... 12:00-1:00 pm

Creating a Web page -Room 203

Friday, September 11 9:00 - 10:30 am

* For faculty and staff only.

Introduction to MacOS

The following introductory training workshops will be conducted in Hartwell Hall's Mac Lab (Room 14). Call ACS for more information.

Monday, September 14.....12:00-1:00 pm

Friday, September 18.....12:00-1:00 pm

Calendar of Events

Diane White from UB Micro will be conducting the following workshops in Dailey.

October 23, 1998

Introduction to Access and Excel

Excel: 9:00 - 12:00 noon
Access: 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Where: 203 Dailey Hall
Contact: ACS ext.2368

October 30, 1998

Intermediate Access and Excel

Excel: 9:00 - 12:00 noon
Access: 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Where: 203 Dailey Hall
Contact: ACS ext.2368

November 5, 1998

Developing Courses for Web-Based Delivery

This teleconference is sponsored by the Division of Continuing Education and Distance Learning and Academic Computing Services.

Thursday, November 5th,
1998 2:30-4:00 p.m.

It will be broadcast from Seymour Union Room 220-221. Please call Pam Turner to reserve a space - 395-5726.

**If you are unable to attend, this broadcast will be videotaped for later viewing or use in the classroom. Open to faculty, staff and students.

How to Forward E-Mail

To forward mail from the Prime

Follow the steps below:

At the OK, prompt, type: MAIL

At the main Mail Menu, type: U (for Utilities)

Then type: X (to set Automatic Mail forwarding)

You will see the following:

'X' sets the Prime mailer to automatically forward mail to another Internet address.

Forward mail to: (enter the address here, e.g., jdoe@aol.com, ab2345@frontiernet.net, smith@brockvma.cc.brockport.edu)

-More- <press enter>

Type: Q (to go to the previous screen)

Note that the X option shows that mail is being forwarded to the address you've indicated. X is a toggle switch and typing it again will disable mail forwarding.

To forward mail from the Sun

Follow the steps below:

Create a ~/.forward file, in your home directory.

This file should contain one or more e-mail addresses to forward the mail to.

After the file is created, typing the following command at the shell prompt:

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chmod 644 .forward command
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will make sure the UNIX mailer can read the file.

If you want to stop forwarding the mail to a different address, simply remove the file .forward.

If you still experience problems in forwarding your mail to a preferred address, please contact ACS staff.

Computer Labs Across the Campus

Department	Location	Systems	Phone	Operating Hours
Academic Computing Services	Dailey Hall	PCs, Macs, Suns, Prime	2247	Mon.- Thu. 8 am - 11 pm Fri. 8 am - 8 pm Sat. 10 am - 8 pm Sun. 1 pm - 11 pm
Library	Drake Ground floor	20 Pentiums	5199	Mon.- Thu. 8 am - 11pm Fri. 8 am - 7 pm Sat. 10 am - 7 pm Sun. 1 pm - 11 pm
Student Learning Center	B - 10 Cooper	26 Pentiums	2293	Mon. & Wed. 9 am - 5 pm Tue. & Thu. 9 am - 9 pm Fri. 9 am - 2 pm
Education	C - 6 Cooper	20 Pentiums	2423	Limited by classes. Open afternoons during week.
Health Science	14 Hartwell	24 Macintoshes	2643	Mon. & Thu. 11 am - 6pm Tue. 11 am - 2:30pm
Business	103 Hartwell	24 - 30 Pentiums	2623	Check Schedule on door or call for current hours.
Communications	103 Holmes	24 Macintoshes	2511	Check Schedule on door or call for current lab hours.
Biology	101 Lennon	24 Pentiums	2193	Call for current lab hours.
Chemistry and Physics	121A Smith 241 Smith	6 - 10 PCs	2182	For majors only. Call for current lab hours.
Nursing	231 Tuttle North	15 PCs	2634	For majors only.
Physical Education	166 Tuttle South	24 Macintoshes	2724	Mon. - Thu. 9 am - 12 pm
Earth Sciences	317 Lennon	Suns and 12 Pentiums	2582	For Earth Science students only. Call for current lab hours
SUNY Metro Center	Class Rooms A16 and A19 A14 Public	2 Pentium Classrooms 1 Public	232 - 7313	Mon. - Thu. 9:00 am - 8:30 pm Fri. 9:00 am - 3:30 pm Sat. 9 am - 4:30 pm when classes are in session.

Hours of operation subject to change.

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On-Line Forms

The following forms are available on the WEB. You can access them through the ACS WEB page or directly using the URLs shown below.

- ACS Resources Request Form
<http://www.acs.brockport.edu/request.html>
- Faculty/Staff/Student Accounts Form
<http://www.acs.brockport.edu/accounts.html>
- ACS Student Employment Application Form
<http://www.acs.brockport.edu/employapp.html>
- Workshop Evaluation Form
<http://www.acs.brockport.edu/evaluation.html>
- Faculty/Staff Survey Form
<http://www.acs.brockport.edu/survey.html>

Telephone Numbers

Dailey Hall 2nd Floor Desk	395-2247
Dailey Hall 1st Floor Desk	395-2479
Computing Status Phone	395-2390
Dial Access Lines	395-2180
Fax	395-2399

Hours of Operation

Monday - Thursday	8:00 am - 11:00 pm
Friday	8:00 am - 8:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Sunday	1:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Computer Labs in Dailey

202	Pentium PC Teaching Lab (28)
203	Pentium PC Teaching Lab (28)
205	Pentium PC Teaching Lab (32)
211	SHEL (8 PCs + 3 PowerMacs)
212a	SUN Lab (6)
212b	Macintosh Lab (16)
213	Sun Lab (25)

SUNY Brockport WEB Servers

Official Campus Web Server

<http://www.brockport.edu>

Academic Computing Services Web Server

<http://www.acs.brockport.edu>

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