

WebCT Vista training sessions available

Information and Instructional Technology will offer training sessions starting this week for faculty and staff interested in learning more about WebCT Vista and Respondus.

Vista is a Web-based course management tool for faculty to develop online courses and to manage their classes.

Training sessions will target individual Vista tools and features, including demo classes to view an online course from a student's perspective, and how to develop a course template. Respondus training will focus on how to use the software to develop online quizzes for Vista.

"In the coming semester, IIT also hopes to offer additional Vista training, as well as classes for other applications, including Dreamweaver, Microsoft Office, and possibly GroupWise," said Judy McHan, IIT Web manager and WebCT institutional administrator.

Faculty members who are currently teaching or planning to teach this fall may contact McHan to discuss specific training needs. Visit www.ngcsu.edu/trainme to register for an instructional session. 🏠

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With the likelihood of extended operation times for the center, students may be able to come and enjoy conveniences at the building when the rest of campus is otherwise closed.

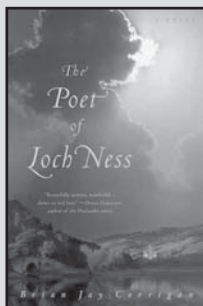
"The center will be designed and built to allow computer labs and other resources to remain open for extended hours," said Lord. He emphasized that many of the decisions are still in the planning stages.

The Board of Regents requested that the total construction cost of the facility, approximately \$22 million, be funded. It received the governor's and legislature's recommendation but was not included in the final state budget.

A total of four USG projects received facility design funding for fiscal year 2006, totaling \$7 million. Construction on the NGCSU Library & Technology Center may tentatively start in 2006 pending fund approval. 🏠

In the News

"I just felt like I had to write something," Brian Corrigan said in a newspaper interview. "[My wife] had spent a year abroad in Scotland studying ... and she had some wonderful stories. I really wrote it so I would memorialize her. ... She was given two years to live."



Corrigan, NGCSU professor of renaissance literature, recently returned to North Georgia on a national book tour for his debut novel, "The Poet of Loch Ness," written for his wife, Damaris, who was diagnosed with a rare illness, but who has survived.

After newspaper and television interviews in Kansas and Georgia, Corrigan continues touring through mid-October.

The full story published by the Kansas City Star may be read online at www.ngcsu.edu/digest

Perdue visits NGCSU

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"I know that because you have come through difficult times, you have learned some things even in your young lives that many adults and many people much more mature than you have not had the opportunity to learn," Perdue said. "And those are the things that will carry you forward as you move into the true adulthood of your life."

During the day the foster children attended different panels at NGCSU starting with a time management lecture by Amanda Lammers. They learned from Dr. Bob Laird about physical therapy and Nancy Stahl gave a presentation on the nursing field. Dr. Joe Jones took them on a journey to the stars in the planetarium and the visitors finished the day with a team-building exercise on the ropes course at Pine Valley with Mindy Bruce. 🏠

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