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Virtual Private Network for All this Fall

What's VPN?
No, it's not the latest Cable TV station.
It's much better than that.
Virtual Private Network (VPN) is software that allows a verified user to connect to the campus network from any computer with an Internet connection.

What does this mean for faculty and students?
Dorm networks will require the VPN software to access the network.
This will prevent rogue use of our network, and reduce the impact of virus attacks.
Without VPN, networked software and folders (such as Moodle) cannot be viewed.

Faculty will not need to download the software when using a desktop or laptop computer that is on campus.
However, faculty can choose to download the software to a home computer or laptop in order to easily access online journals, research databases, Moodle, and even files stored on the College server, all while off-campus.

No need to type in a 14-digit barcode number
Faculty and commuter students who frequently do research from off-campus will find that the VPN software (a product of Cisco Systems) is much more user-friendly than using passwords and barcode numbers for authentification.
After the initial download and installation process, you should need to access a database at any point while working at your computer, just click: Start | All Programs | Cisco Systems VPN Client | VPN Client,

and a window will appear with the first icon being a Connect option.
Click it, and that’s it.
You’re in.
If you prefer, you can make a shortcut to VPN on your desktop, system tray, or Start Menu.

So you left it at the office.

No problem.
Access your U: drive from home, now that you have VPN set up.
Follow the simple steps below if you have a PC running Windows XP and VPN installed.

1. Open the "My Computer" window.
2. Click: Tools > Map Network Drive
3. Select a Drive letter (perhaps "U" to match the drive on which your files are located on the College server).
4. In the Folder box, type:
   \dfsservices.lakeforest.edu\facstaffhome\username\ 
   where "username" is your username.
5. Click the link for "Connect using a different user name."
   Type your username and password.
6. Click Finish.

As with the installation and set-up of VPN, you will only need to Map to the Network Drive the first time you access it from a computer.
However, you will need to re-enter your network (email) password if you have rebooted your computer since the last time you accessed your files on the College network from home.

If you need further assistance with setting up or using the VPN software or access to your networked files, just call the Help Desk at x3456 and a friendly voice will talk you through the process.

* For detailed instructions on downloading and installing VPN to a PC, download this MS Word document:
  vpn_install.doc

Or, for a Mac or a computer running Linux, use the links provided at lakeforest.edu/vpn/
Library Hosts 2nd Annual Lake Forest Literary Festival

Scope of the kaleidoscope of events
April 5 - 7 of this year, Level 2 of the Donnelley and Lee Library was transformed into "performance spaces" using "inventive and creative configurations" for activities such as shadow plays with screens. Davis Schneiderman, director of the the 2nd Annual Lake Forest Literary Festival, noted that 110 participants came from off-campus and were appropriately impressed with the ambience and technology of the Library's space, which reflected very positively on the College as a whole.

An exponentially larger event than was held last year, the footprint for this year's program increased at least four-fold, expanding from one room on the Lower Level of the Library last year, to four classrooms and hallways on the bright upper level. This occurred primarily because this year's event enfolded Notre Dame University's own second literary festival, &Now, which also seeks to "showcase contemporary conceptual art."

Pay no attention to the man behind the curtain
Participation by a variety of players was essential for a successful melding of media. Along with English professor Davis Scheiderman, Art professor Tom Denlinger was at the heart of this interactive book fair, and both were aware of the technologies to be employed. LIT's Academic Technology Specialist, Karen Blocker, is not only the Manager of Media Services, but also conveniently holds an advanced degree in English, thus allowing her to be particularly sensitive to the overarching goals for the three days.

Karen saw the festival as a "celebration of contemporary aesthetic practice in its most inventive forms: writing, visual, and multimedia art. The bringing together of these innovative writers and artists also brought up issues of presentation equipment for 100 presenters with 49 individual technology setup requests."
Two months previously, the planning began with Tom and Karen, continuing with almost daily communications regarding 16mm projectors, data projectors, duel projectors, slide projectors, DVD and VHS players, Karaoke equipment, microphones, extra speakers, boom boxes, laptops, channel speakers, and a portable PDA system with Flash, Java, QuickTime, Shockwave and Internet access for simultaneous presentations in different locations over the three days. Karen, together with Ray Closs, Media Services Assistant, oversaw 20 student employees who assisted with this massive outlay of technology resources.

**Future Fest**

Next year’s Literary Festival will be a little less stressful for Media Services, as it will be scaled back to one day and will not have participation from Notre Dame. However, as Karen recalls, "And then three days later we went right into the Symposium," which most likely will be the case again next year.

If you are interested in planning an event in one of the Library's classrooms, contact Linda Day at x5210 to reserve a room. Contact Media Services at x5070 to arrange for the use of equipment or technology.
According to data in the College's Press Release, the ninth annual Student Symposium drew more than 300 participants, an increase of about 20% over last year. Students reportedly submitted 164 topics covering all academic disciplines studied at Lake Forest College, roughly half of which were presented in the Donnelley and Lee Library on Tuesday, April 11, 2006.

More from LIT

Much credit for the event rests rightfully with Shubhik DeBurman, Associate Professor of Biology and Chairperson for the Symposium Committee. Kudos have also gone out to teaching faculty who mentored the students involved. But valuable too was LIT’s participation. Reference Librarians and the Library's Archivist provided research assistance over a period of many months. Absolutely essential to a smoothly run Symposium was LIT’s Media Services. Without having time to catch a breath following the Literary Festival, Media Services managed to meet the technology needs of this even larger event.

Karen Blocker, Manager of Media Services, modestly attributes this success to the presenting students, who accepted responsibility for requesting appropriate technology in a timely manner. Also to be applauded are the approximately 10 LIT student employees who quickly moved from building to building and room to room in the Library, performing set-ups according to individual specifications. Beginning Monday night in the Chapel and Meyer Auditorium, they weren't finished until after 3:30 Wednesday in the Library when the last presenters had left. Throughout, Ray Closs, Media Services Assistant, shepherded the student employees through the labyrinth of set-ups, while staying attentive to the unanticipated needs of presenters as they arose.

More Technology

Set-ups in the Periodicals Reading Room and the Reference Room required podiums, laptops, projectors, screens for PowerPoint presentations, and sound systems. Additionally, in the Reference area, 4x4 posters with easels were set up for 54 poster sessions presented by 87 participants, half in the morning, and half in the afternoon in the same space. Even the 4 media-equipped classrooms required the addition of slide projectors and document cameras.

Mambo magic

Still further backstage, Academic Technologist Diane Snedden, who had been on the Symposium committee since 2001, sponsored a group of students who used Mambo (an open source content management system) to create a
user-friendly interface for a complex database that kept track of nominations, abstracts, sponsors, titles, and participants. These LIT student employees devoted countless hours to the project, which itself became a faculty-selected "best" presentation at the Symposium.

If you are interested in planning an event in the Library, contact Linda Day at x5210 to reserve a room.
Contact Media Services at x5070 to arrange for the use of equipment or technology.
The Lake Forest College LIT Department is pleased to have acquired Donnie Sendelbach as our newest Academic Technologist, filling the position vacated by Diane Snedden. Among her diverse talents, Donnie is Mac computer proficient, which will be appreciated by a number of the faculty on campus for whom she will be the IT liaison.

Donnie previously taught Russian language and literature at several colleges and universities before riding the wave of new technologies into the new millennium. Recently she has been engaged in the digital manipulation of text to enhance faculty and student scholarship. She has also been exploring the ways technology can aid foreign language learning. At Lake Forest College Donnie plans to support Moodle, blogs, wikis, and other tools to build students’ writing and communication skills.

When not at work in academia, Donnie likes wine tasting and traveling. She hopes to return to Hawaii, a recent vacation destination. But having grown up in Ohio, Donnie is no stranger to midwestern winters. And her experiences at various academic institutions have led her to conclude that she appreciates the "close interaction" at a small liberal arts college.

Most recently Donnie was Director of Humanities Computing at Lawrence University, which, like Lake Forest College, is a member of Associated Colleges of the Midwest. Prior to that, she served as the Mellon Technology Fellow in Writing at Bard College. Donnie received her B.A. from Grinnell, another ACM school, and she earned her M.A. and Ph.D. from The Ohio State University. We are very fortunate to have her as a member of the LIT staff.

Donnie may be reached at x5113. Her office is in room 233 of the Donnelley and Lee Library.
Welcome Connie

This summer LIT welcomes Connie Corso to the staff. Connie was recently Manager of Certified Technology Training at Harper College in Palatine. She is now the newest Academic Technologist on staff at Lake Forest College, filling a gap left by Stephanie Askeland’s departure two years ago. With an undergraduate degrees in Chemistry and History from the University of Cincinnati, and a graduate degree in Business Administration from Olivet Nazarene University, Connie will be right in step with the varied technology needs of a liberal arts college.

Connie is knowledgable about HTML as well as the entire suite of MicroSoft programs, including Access and Publisher. She is A+ certified by CompTIA (a vendor-neutral trade association), which indicates her proficiency in working with computer hardware and software installation.

Connie's recreational interests are no doubt shared by others at the College. When not touring Frank Lloyd Wright houses, Connie is an avid reader with a fondness for Hemingway as well as the tongue-in-cheek series of Amanda Cross Mysteries. She still enjoys studying history, especially from the Ante-Bellum period to the present. When Connie is not working to meet the technology needs of faculty and students, she can take advantage of her location in the Donnelley and Lee Library to peruse the new book shelf in the Reference area.

Connie may be reached at x6124. Her office is room 235 in the Donnelley and Lee Library.
Fond Farewell

Students, faculty, and staff will all miss Rebecca Miller, Reference Librarian, who has left Lake Forest College for other opportunities. Rebecca has accepted a position as Instruction and Web Librarian at Trinity International University in Deerfield. There she will be able to pursue a Masters degree in Christian Thought. Eventually she hopes to go into missions or ministry work.

In case you didn't already know...

Rebecca has been at Lake Forest College since October of 2001. She has been library liaison to the departments of History, Political Science, English, Foreign Languages, Economics, and Communications. She has instructed many classes in research strategies and in the evaluation of reference source materials.

During the past five years she has given presentations on the teaching of information competency at three professional association meetings. Rebecca has also served on the College’s First-Year Studies Committee and has given presentations at the Interact session on Academic Honesty. Together with Reference Librarian Nancy Bohm, Rebecca co-authored a chapter, “Start at the Beginning: Your Job Responsibilities and How to Accomplish Them,” in the book, The Academic Librarian, published in 2005. Looking at all Rebecca has done for the College, it is obvious that she was uniquely qualified to write this chapter.

During the summer of 2005, Rebecca redesigned the Library’s website to conform to the College’s new website design, while still maintaining the depth of functionality required of a portal to thousands of sources of scholarly information. Having worked with both the backends and interfaces of the hundred-plus databases to which the Library subscribes, Rebecca was able to streamline the Library’s website at the same time that its look was altered.

Rebecca’s capabilities and cheerfulness will be greatly missed by her colleagues and many students.
Diane Departs

After 8 years of employment on the Lake Forest College campus, Academic Technologist Diane Snedden leaves behind a large body of completed projects.

Grand finale

Never one to be anything but fully engaged in one or more endeavors, Diane was tirelessly giving to Lake Forest College through her last semester here. Her work with the Student Symposium in the spring of 2006 will facilitate organization of the event for years to come. The creation of a managerial database and website, which Diane spear-headed and then oversaw, became a faculty-selected "best" presentation at the Symposium.

Diane writes:

As a member of the symposium committee since 2001, I had opportunity to see the massive manual labor involved in nominations, acceptance, communication with participants, organization of venues and schedules, as well as the presentations of the event via both website and printed program. At the conclusion of Symposium 2005 I suggested we should put all our effort for 2006 into creating an online application and display for the event. This involved creation of both a front and back end for the Symposium website whereby all nominations, abstracts, sponsors, titles and participants would be entered into a database that was searchable and easy to manipulate and change in format and display. With the help of very talented students, and an incredible number of hours devoted to project management, we created our own content management site for the Symposium.

Another Symposium project Diane worked to implement was the History Department's Enchanted Forest image-intensive website, "A Student History of Lake Forest College."

Technology tapped for teaching

Diane also participated in the development of a number of other projects across the curriculum such as the Labor in the American Economy Econometrics Module for online learning in an ACM (Associated Colleges of the Midwest) information competency project. She additionally facilitated the integration of software into courses by data mining and manipulation using Excel spreadsheets for a History class on urban America, as well as through the use of GIS (Geographic Information System).
Information System) software in the study of Biology and Economics. Working with Religion professor Kathy Benton and LIT systems librarian David Levinson, the online Image Database to Enhance Asian Studies was created and then shared among small liberal arts colleges. Other technology-enhanced projects in the departments of Education and Foreign Languages were brought to fruition by Diane’s expertise.

Moving on
No doubt Diane Snedden leaves behind some shoes that will be tough to fill, although new Academic Technologist Donnie Sendelbach looks forward to completing some equally ambitious projects. Hopefully others are filling the gap Diane left as an active member of the Lake Forest High School PTO. Meanwhile, she is off to new adventures in the foothills of Tucson. We wish her well.
Goodbye Class of '06

LIT student employees gone but not forgotten

On May 4th LIT staff and student employees gathered in Glenn Rowan for a delicious send-off feast organized by Alie Smit, Head of Circulation, and prepared by Lake Forest College's Aramark food service. What better way to show appreciation for years of dedication to the library and technology of the College than with tiramisu?

After repast

After feasting, student employees were honored in a more enduring way with the presentation of books from the Library's collection. Each selection has a bookplate of dedication to a student worker whose interests lie in the subject covered by the text. Future faculty and students will see the bookplates when using the books. This tradition at the Donnelley and Lee Library has been in place for 5 years now.

More homage

All graduating seniors who chose to write a Senior Thesis were honored by a display of theses laid out in the Library's Reference Room for friends, parents, and faculty to peruse.