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TAC News

Contractors will begin remodeling work in Ingersoll Hall, Room 151 on **Monday, 3 May 2004**. The **Technology Assistance Center (TAC)** will close on Friday, 30 April 2004, to **move into Room 157**, where the TAC will operate until the renovation of 151 is complete. Signs will also be posted in the area of IN-151 directing users to the temporary location in IN-157. Public Works estimates a completion date of 2 weeks.

ERN Update

March 30 heralded the public debut of the **NPS Home Page** at http://www.nps.edu. This redesign as part of .edu will clearly identify NPS as a university to the global community. At the same time, nps.navy.mil **e-mail addresses** were supplemented by nps.edu. username@nps.edu is the new campus standard. A FAQ with answers to common questions is available at http://www.nps.navy.mil/itacs/ERN-FAQ.htm.

DTS

Travelers will need common access cards and card readers to use the new Defense Travel System. **ITACS** continues to install PKI for everyone who will use DTS. **Call the TAC at 656-1046** if you need to update your PC software or get a smart card reader. Updates to your CAC card (PIN numbers, e-mail address changes) will be handled at the **Office of Student Services** by **ET2 Kym Brzyski**, NPS' Pass Liaison Representative. Appointments hours are from 0800-0930 and 1300-1600 and may be scheduled by calling extension 3972. ET2 Brzyski will make a daily run to PSD at 1000. If you require courier service please ensure you drop off your paperwork before 0945.

NMCI

VADM Rodney P. Rempt, Superintendent of USNA, **RADM Ronald A. Route,** President of NWC, and **RDML Patrick Dunne** met on April 8 to review analyses prepared by CIOs from their campuses. The university leaders agreed to a consortial approach and will meet again in August. A VTC with **Admiral Charles Munns**, Director of NMCI, was held on April 27. The NMCI Committee, chaired by **Dr. Peter Denning**, completed its work and briefed the **IT Task Force** on April 20, 2004. The **Faculty Council** will be briefed at its May meeting.

Educational Computing Anniversary

20 August 2004 will be the celebration of the **50th anniversary** of educational computing at NPS. The commemoration will include a keynote speaker, exhibits and displays drawn from our history, and a reception. Caroline Miller is still soliciting computer-related historical artifacts or anecdotes for the anniversary.

IT Support for Local Conferences

ITACS is defining a standard process for coordinating IT support for conferences at NPS. Requests should go to the NPS **Event Manager, Chris Walla**, the liaison to the TAC for accounts, wireless access, etc.

VIP Visits

- **Professor Doug Williams**, former **Director of the W. R. Church Computer Center**, senior military affairs journalist **Barbara Hoenneger,** and **LCDR Dave Nunnally** of the **Public Affairs Office** selected ten images most descriptive of the past 50 years of educational computing at NPS for an article in the upcoming flagship magazine *NPS Year in Review*.
- **Cray Henry, Kathy McDonald,** and **Larry Davis** of the **Department of Defense High Performance Computing** group provided a presentation about HPC strategy planning DoD-wide on 31 March; **Dr. Julie McClean**, head of the HPC Committee at NPS, hosted the meeting.
- **Jodie Dodge, Kurt Ankeny-Beauchamp** and **Dr. Christine Cermak** attended the **WASC** annual conference in San Jose April 14-16, presenting a paper about the impact of universities on their neighboring communities. The study was described in the context of assessment: that a study such as this bridges the gap to address the "culture of evidence" question to the community at large and shows our value in a broader sense beyond outcomes and program assessment.
- **DoN CIO Dave Wennergren** spent 21 April at NPS meeting with faculty members and students, exploring areas of IT-related research, as part of NPS' strategic partnership with DoN CIO Office.
- **Tom Halwachs** and **Don McGregor** attended the annual **Internet2 Conference** April 19-21 and will brief the IT Task Force at its May meeting.