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October 29, 2003

Third Annual

Technology Fair

Bluebonnet Ballroom, Hereford University Center, 9:30am to 3pm.

http://www.uta.edu/library/techfair/

This year's fair has expanded to include technology vendors from outside the UTA community. Several of these companies are contributing a generous number of prizes and door prizes, including an **Apple iBook** and **iPod**, a couple of **Dell products**, and at publication time negotiations were underway for the donation of a **Microsoft X-Box**. An **Adobe Acrobat 6.0 Standard** edition and an **Adobe Photoshop Album/Elements Bundle** are also on the list, along with many smaller items such as executive-type file folders, baseball visors, cups, pens, and t-shirts.

9:30am to 1:30pm, Exhibits in the Bluebonnet Ballroom in the Hereford University Center. Exhibits are open to all UTA faculty, staff, students, and interested parties from off-campus. This year exhibits will include a mix of UTA booths and vendor booths.

10am-11am: Honors College will host a student session with **Dr. William A. Wulf** in the University Center's Rio Grande-A room. The session will be open to all students.

Noon–12:45pm: Lunch in the Bluebonnet Ballroom for faculty and staff. Reservations required; visit **http://www.uta.edu/library/techfair/reservations. html**

12:45-1:30pm Keynote Speaker: Dr. William A. Wulf, President of the National Academy of Engineering, Washington D.C. Dr. Wulf's comments will be drawn from a presentation delivered at the annual symposium of the Forum for the Future of Higher Education held in Aspen, Colorado, in October 2002. Open to everyone.

1:30-3pm: Reception for vendors, faculty, staff, and guests. Students are encouraged to come to the exhibits, the student session and the keynote presentation by Wulf in the Rosebud Theater. Faculty, staff and students have an opportunity to learn about new technologies that are impacting teaching and learning in the disciplines. Off-campus individuals are welcome to attend and view the exhibits and meet the vendors.

Editor's Note: Prior to last year's Tech Fair, I happened to visit with a faculty member (no names, but you know who you are!) who said "I don't have time to fool with all of that stuff!" He felt that pedagogy was not improved with these technological innovations and that the technology involved was the whiz-bang high-tech time-consuming "oh-my-gosh-another-layer-of-work-in-my-busy-day" kind of devices. **That is not the intent of this technology fair!** The main focus of this fair is to heighten awareness among fair attendees on how UTA departments, academic and otherwise, use or plan to use technology innovatively to enrich the experience for students, to broaden the resources available to them, to make the job easier, and/or to at least familiarize oneself with the

technological world in which students travel. And, according to OIT's Li-Chih Fan, "It's supposed to be fun!"

For the first time, not only will technology companies and vendors promote and showcase their latest products/services to fair attendees but also they will meet with faculty, staff and invited guests to exchange insights/ideas on the innovative use of technology. For more information contact Tommie Wingfield at **wingfield@uta.edu** or call 817-272-2658.

This Year's Keynote Speaker:

Dr. William A. Wulf is a member of the National Academy of Engineering, a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a Corresponding Member of the Academia Espanola de Ingeniera, and a Foreign Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences. He is also a Fellow of four professional societies: the ACM, the IEEE, the AAAS, and AWIS. He is the author of over 100 papers and technical reports, has written three books, holds two US Patents, and has supervised over 25 Ph.D.'s in Computer Science.

The Technology Fair is sponsored by the Office of the Provost, the Center for Distance Education, the Office of Information Technology, the UTA Libraries and the Honors College.

Social Work Electronic Library (SWEL) Grand Opening

Tuesday, November 18

Noon to 2pm.

The newly established School of Social Work Electronic Library is celebrating its grand opening on Tuesday, November 18, 2003, 12:00-2:00, Room 111 of the School.

Dr. Santos Hernandez, Dean of the Social Work, and Tom Wilding, Director of the Libraries, will do the

ribbon cutting shortly after 12:00 with refreshments following. The reception is open to anyone. Please join us to celebrate the grand opening of the third satellite library. The other two libraries are Business Electronic Library, located at the College of Business, and the Fort Worth Library, located at the Fort Worth Riverbend campus.

The newly remodeled electronic Library has three pubic use computers and printer to allow students to do their homework or research right next to their classrooms. The Library is staffed by **John Dillard**, Social Sciences Librarian, and it's open 10:00-6:00, Monday through Thursday. Reach Dillard at **dillard@uta.edu** or by phone at 817-272-7518. The SWEL web page is at **http://libraries.uta.edu/swel/** and you can reach the School of Social Work web page at **http://www2.uta.edu/ssw/**

Focus On Faculty

Wednesday, November 19, 2003

Dr. Sharma Chakravarthy, Professor of Computer Science and Engineering and Recipient of the Outstanding Research Achievement Award, 2003

Meet from 12:15 to1:15pm in the Central Library, 6th floor Parlor for this talk, which is free and open to all. No reservations are required and a light lunch (finger food and drinks) is provided

Dr. Chakravarthy's web site is at **http://itlab.uta.edu/sharma/home.html**

For more information about the Focus on Faculty speakers' series, visit **http://www.uta.edu/library/faculty/index.html** or call Tommie Wingfield at 817-272-2658.