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BEEP's Greatest Hits – Part 1

On June 30, 2003, the first phase of Project Eagle, the Federal grant responsible for the funding of this newsletter, will come to a close. What a perfect time to review BEEP's previous issues and select some of the best sites, as unique and useful today as they are now or were a year - or two or three years- ago.

Part 1 includes free informational sources, important technology-related sites, and useful resources for e-structors. Next month, Part 2 will list important e-learning organizations, good sites for administrators, and links to the many accomplishments at St. Petersburg College made possible by Project Eagle.

Free Sources of Information

- [Libraries on the Web: USA Academic Libraries](#). Web site maintained at the University of California, Berkeley, that lists and links to all academic libraries that offer online services. (27)*
- [Infomine: Scholarly Internet Resource Collections](#). Searchable database with more than 40,000 academically valuable e-sources. (26)
- [Martindale's - The Reference Desk](#). Incredibly exhaustive and award-winning Web site authored by one individual, Jim Martindale, and hosted by the University of California, Irvine. (26)
- [Ask an Expert](#). Links to hundreds of volunteer experts, from astronauts to zookeepers. (26)
- [The Freebie Directory](#). Just about anything that can be obtained for free via the Internet. (26)
- [Virtual Hospital](#). Vast digital health sciences library created at the University of Iowa, designed for medical professionals and patients. One example of many excellent Web sites of its kind. (21)
- [TimeLit](#). More than 50,000 items on the subject of medical education collected by R. M. Harden, Centre for Medical Education at Dundee, Scotland and maintained by Neil McManus. (21)
- [Selected E-Sources for Online Learners](#). *Best Educational E-Practices* (BEEP), 7/1/01. Remarkably, most of the more than three dozen links to free or nearly free e-sources are still active. The pricing structure for some, like [Britannica.com](#) and [eBrary](#), has changed, and the [Occupational Outlook Handbook 2002-2003](#) is now available online. (10)

Sites Related to E-Learning Technologies

- [Imagination at Work](#). An amazing and free Web-based writing and sketching tool sponsored by GE. Users can create script or images free-hand and in color, then preview and email their completed work to others. (31)
- ["Sun Microsystems Will Give Its Software to Students and Faculty Members Free."](#) Nearly 100 software products, including programming tools, are part of a free licensing program students and faculty. Includes information on how to participate. (31)
- [Wireless.com](#). A Web site that covers everything about the wireless industry. (28)
- [Internet2](#). Official and comprehensive Web site of the University Corporation for Advanced Internet Development (UCAID), the I2 leaders. (27)
- [Original Response-O-Matic Free Form Processor](#). Advertiser-supported Web site that allows the creation of forms of any kind, which can then be downloaded to the user's Web site. (26)
- [Learn the Net](#). Premier, multi-lingual site offering instruction on every aspect of Internet use. (26)
- [CNET.com](#). Ongoing source of evaluation of new and existing technologies of all kinds. (18)

Valuable Sites for E-Structors

- [“A Basic Guide to Writing Student Learning Outcome Statements.”](#) A step-by-step guide to writing learning outcomes. Created and maintained by the University of Western Australia. (30)
- [Learning Outcomes: Bibliography of Internet Resources.](#) Web site with links to broad issues maintained by Malaspina University-College (Canada). (30)
- [Learning Style Web Sites.](#) Rated list of sites, with more than just tests, maintained by Athabasca University (Canada). (30)
- [Learning Style and Self-Assessment Tests.](#) Click on Learning Tests in the left frame list of topics to see common and uncommon tests gathered by About.com. Includes the [Keirsey Temperament Sorter](#), the [VARK Guide to Learning Styles](#) and tests of all kinds. (30)
- [Catalyst.](#) University of Washington. A series of e-learning resources that includes action plans for setting up various elements of a Web-based course, including audio and video components. (26)
- [Developing and Teaching an Online Course: A Faculty Handbook, May 2000.](#) Grant MacEwan College, Alberta, Canada. An 88-page manual on online course development. (26)
- [Free Assessment Summary Tool \(FAST\).](#) Simple online tool for instructors to assess students' impressions of their courses and their teaching. (26)
- [Teaching Goals Inventory.](#) University of Iowa. Web tool that allows instructors to evaluate their own instructional goals. Originally developed by Patricia Cross and Thomas Angelo. (26)
- [WWW4teachers.org.](#) University of Kansas. A “must” for e-structors at all levels, with reproducible tools, plus links to material for professional development, a site of the week, and much more.
- [Math Courses/Tutorials.](#) Examples are [Cool Math Sites](#) and the student-produced [Math for Morons Like Us](#), both of which can be adapted for student use at all levels. (26)
- [Writing Courses/Tutorials.](#) Included are [Paradigm Online Writing Assistant \(POWA\)](#); [Purdue University Online Writing Lab \(OWL\)](#); and Darling's [Guide to Grammar & Writing](#). (26)
- [Courses and the Web.](#) University of Idaho Center for Teaching Innovation. Suggestions from Web developers to e-structors planning an online course. (24)
- [Educating with New Technologies: Networked Learning Communities.](#) Developed at Harvard (MA) to help educators use effective ways of using new technologies. (24)
- [Facilitating Online Learning.](#) Tips from Australia on the skills needed for online teachers and students, plus advice on getting started and keeping the momentum. (24)
- [Instructional Strategies for Online Courses.](#) Illinois Online Network. Suggests the effective use of learning contracts, online lectures, discussion, self-directed learning, mentorship, small group work, projects, collaborative learning, case studies, and forums. (24)
- [Online Teaching Tips.](#) Curtin University (Australia). Links to tip sheets assembled from interviews with teachers, responses to student surveys, and observation of online units. (24)
- [Strategies for Teaching at a Distance.](#) University of Idaho Engineering Outlook Guide #2. One of a series of twelve e-learning guides. (24)
- [Teaching Tips Index.](#) Honolulu Community College. Impressive collection of tips for college teaching, both face-to-face and online, that covers 18 topics related to successful instruction. (24)
- [Tips and Techniques for Teaching Online.](#) University of Denver (CO). Includes course development, student assessment, community building, e-structor's role, and more. (24)
- [Higher Education Online Teaching/Learning Resources.](#) National Education Association. (24)
- [Virtual Campus Faculty Resources.](#) Randolph Community College (NC). Covers all facets of e-struction, including community college information. (24)
- [How People Learn: Brain, Mind, Experience, and School.](#) A free, 346-page, online book in HTML format by John D. Bransford, Ann L. Brown and Rodney R. Cocking. (12)
- [What Do You Want to Use Technology for?](#) Collection of links to teaching/learning activities using technology created by the University of Maryland University College. (12)
- [Learning and Teaching in Cyberspace.](#) A personal Web report/site with many relevant links designed by Greg Kearsley, Instructional Designer for Walden University (MN). (4)
- [Guide to Online Teaching.](#) University of Minnesota College of Continuing Education. Designed for online instructors at the university, but filled with useful links and ideas for anyone. (4)
- [Online Teaching Tips.](#) Extensive list by Karla Embleton, Iowa State University. The tips apply to any courseware package, but are particularly useful for those using WebCT. (4)

*The number in parentheses is the BEEP issue in which the site appeared.