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BernieD joined the room.
BernieD: Greetings, amigos y amigas!
BernieD: Good sized crew tonight.
JudiF waves (I'm Judi if we're doing intros.... TI community person)
BernieD: OK... are Judi or BJ going to kickstart us?
JudiF: We usually start with intros... and that's what I just did....
JudiF: I'm not sure what Bernie's topic is today so I can't introduce him "officially"....so feel free to launch us off today Bernie.
BernieD: I'm Bernie Dodge, a professor at San Diego State University.
Jan_NS: I am part-time faculty in C and I Studies at Univ. of Akron - also a doctoral candidate in science education.
ElizabethR: I'm a technology teacher in Maryland.
GaryNB: Hi Bernie, I teach fourth grade in Oregon.
JenW: I'm Jennifer -- techcoord in Corona, CA -- on summer break and made it my goal to add webquests to my site www.technospud.com
BJ: Bernie is going to unveil his new WebQuest Portal!
MicheleCM: Hi I am a student in 570 at SDSU.
RebeccaF: I'm a full time student at University of Central Florida. But I'm no kid - 20 years in the public schools before that.
KarenKC: I'm teaching a tech workshop for teachers in VA
ColleenM: Hi Bernie! I'm Colleen - and emINTS teacher in MO
JodiF: I am a special education teacher in Peoria, Arizona.
SusanE: Hi, everyone, I was a middle school librarian in DE, recently relocated to Seattle area
JoyC: I'm also a student at SDSU
DonnaMS: I'm a language arts teacher in Virginia at a tech conference at JMU in Harrisonburg, VA
AdrianneH: I teach at McNeese State in Lake Charles LA, using WebQuests in one of my classes.
BeeD: I am an EFL teacher at the Lycee Pasteur, the Franco-Brazilian school in Sao Paulo, Brazil
HeidiM: I'm a corp trainer and currently a student at SDSU enrolled in 570 with Bernie
ClarissaW: Hello all, I teach third grade in DePere, Wi and am enrolled in my masters program IT class
AndreaWi: I'm an edtec 570 student at SDSU
KatieC: Hey y'all...I'm Katie, and I provide professional development to teachers in the area of technology, and I'm a doc candidate in instructional technology, as well.

BruceM: I'm a master's student in CSUS's IMET program and recently back in the job market from teaching high school independent study for five years.

BernieD recognizes Barbara Dieu under her nom de plume

BeeD waves discreetly to Bernie

BernieD: Is that everyone?

BernieD: OK... first an announcement.

BernieD: I'm proud to say that today I got the Editor's Choice award from MERLOT!

GaryNB applauds Bernie.

BernieD: http://taste.merlot.org/classics_and_editors_choice/2003/

MicheleCM: Congrats!

BruceM: about time!

BernieD: Unlike the usual plaque stuff, this one actually comes with $500.

JenW: dinner on Bernie

BeeD: This is even better! How about some wine tasting?

BernieD: So that good news counterbalanced the fact that North Dakota's statewide conference is stiffing me for $700 because I didn't send an invoice in in time.

BernieD: So it all evens out.

BernieD: OK...on to tonight's business.

BernieD: The WQ page at SDSU is over 8 years old now and its shortcomings are apparent, at least to me.

BernieD: It's a good place to go shopping for materials and examples, but it could be so much more.

Jan_NS agrees!

JenW: but I do like the mondrian look

BernieD: I've been wanting for some time now to make it more interactive and participatory and have been working on ways to do that.

GaryNB . o O (do I hear a drum roll...)

BeeD thinks it has served its purpose

BernieD: So.... today I'm rolling out an early alpha version of the new WQ Portal.

BernieD: You all are the first to see it.

BernieD: There, what do you think?

BeeD thinks this is an honour

BernieD is just kidding.

Jan_NS . o O (we will get to make constructive comments, I assume?)

MicheleCM: I can't wait.

BernieD: OK... before I give you the URL, let me forewarn a bit.

JenW chewing her nails in anticipation

KatieC: is thinking Bernie is teasing us!

JodiF: I'm really curious to see what you've put together.

BernieD: First... the looks aren't done yet. The new portal will continue the Mondrian look from the old site.

JoyC: me too

JenW: YEAH!!!!! Open Open Open!!! please!!!

GaryNB is left on the edge of his seat...

BernieD: Second, there's no content yet. Some of that will be provided by everyone else, and no one else has been there yet.

Jan_NS is ready to pass out from the suspense!

AndreaWi: thinks you should show it

BernieD: OK... I don't want to get you too hyped up.

BeeD: He's warning us not to be disappointed...lol

Jan_NS: Too late!

BernieD: Here we go:

BernieD: http://www.webquest.org

BJ: clicking on that hyperlink will open a new web window for you

KatieC: It's a blog!!

BernieD: Welcome, Regina.

JenW: you have a blogger!!

JenW yippee!!!

BernieD: The news is done with Blogger, but that's just for openers.

BernieD: Let's go through it one tab at a time.

BeeD: this looks good!

BruceM joined the room.

BernieD: Click on Forum, if you would.

JenW: TOO COOL

MicheleCM: Awesome so far!

JenW: will this eliminate the yahoo group???

BeeD: Wonderful idea!

JodiF: Looks good to me! When will it be up and running?

BruceM: Nice look!

BeeD: I guess it is already

HeidiM: Easy to find things....

BernieD: It's open now. In fact, let's kick it off by you all registering yourselves on the forum. Click on Register and fill out the form.

MicheleCM: I like the topics created on the Forum page.

JoyC: it's set-up like our ed 570 site discussions

GaryNB: When we click on the page are we registered as guests? ... I see twenty are on right now?

JenW: LOL -- I'm registered

BernieD nods to Gary.

JenW: but I am awaiting activation :)

ReginaK: We're supposed to be registering on the webquest page now, right? Where it says Webquest Portal?

BernieD: I'll activate you, Jen (but don't quote me out of context)

JenW: I am activated

JenW: <-----TechTchr on WebQuest Forum

JodiF: I tried to log on but it won't accept my username and password

BernieD: Jen, click on http://www.webquest.org and then click on Forum

JenW: alls well, Bernie.........I am in

KatieC: I'm BamaGrd2000

BeeD: What do we do to register?

GaryNB: Do we need anything special to log in...or does it create our name on the fly?

JenW: gosh -- BeeD already signed the book -- :)

BernieD: I dunno, Gary... this is my first experience with users other than me!
JoyC: forum
MicheleCM: My login name and password is not being accepted. I will try again.
BernieD: You have to register, Michele... your Tapped IN or 570 names don't work here.
JenW: I'm using this same format for an Online Project -- so you can give me tips on how it works!! :)
JenW: its a mySQL database == right??
BernieD nods in the affirmative to Jen. PHPBB is a combo of PHP and mySQL.
JenW jumps with joy
MicheleCM: I did register. It is a different user name than Tapped In.
BernieD: So... I based the categories for the sub forums based on the questions I get via email. Can anyone think of any additional categories I might add?
BeeD: I have just found it...will do it later...takes too long to fill in (Bee is in a lazy mood tonight)
ReginaK: Sorry, which sub forms are you referring to Bernie?
AndreaWi: Bernie, maybe a troubleshooter category?
BeeD: There is the problem section
BernieD: Regina.. I mean the categories of messages: General, New WQ, Announcements, etc.
AndreaWi: Oh I didn't see that
BernieD: I'm especially eager to get the Research forum going. I get lots of email from doc students wanting to know about existing research.
MicheleCM: Thanks.
JenW: I like the area to post your webquests!!!
BernieD: Yes... another major clump of mail I get is from people wanting feedback on their WebQuest.
JenW: Could you add WEB QUEST IDEAS --
JenW: smiles -- sometimes I need an idea to run with
BernieD: Hmmm...good thought, Jen.
JenW: or WEB QUEST CHALLENGE
JenW: that could be fun
BernieD: Sort of like "WebQuests I wish existed"
DonnaMS: Today is the first day I've seen the website and I'm fascinated!
ReginaK: Oh, I see - What about a link to templates as well?
JenW: exactly, Bernie
KatieC: I was thinking about maybe a "quest in progress" type category JoyC: is there one on what a webquest is?
SusanE: and how about asking the submitter of the idea to tie it to a state standard. then it could be linked/researched via standards
JoyC: good idea Susan
HeidiM: maybe an area where people could link and get feedback
BernieD: Links to templates and definitions are elsewhere on the site. This part is primarily for interaction.
BernieD: OK... shall we move on?
JenW: I like the idea of Work in Progress -- to get feedback
KatieC: that's what I meant...

JenW: yup -- great idea
KatieC: a place where we could post and get feedback
JenW: excellent idea
BeeD: yes...this would definitely help
JodiF: I think that the new site is more user friendly for those that are just learning about webquests.
BernieD: Great input, people! I'll add Work in Progress and WQ Ideas
JoyC: ok Bernie I'm ready to move on
BeeD: I think it complements it
JenW: what's next???
HeidiM: I like the new format too
BernieD: OK... click on the WebQuests tab at the top of the page.
KatieC: ditto to Heidi
BernieD: This one isn't open yet, but it will be a blockbuster!
KatieC: That one is going to be SOOO useful!!!!!
BeeD: I saw the search engine...have you put all on a data base?
ClarissaW: A great teacher resource
GaryNB: Will you be moving over everything from the old site, or starting from scratch?
RebeccaF: I love the ideas of the comments!
BernieD: The matrix of examples as it stands now is a set of 65 static pages generated by a FileMaker database that sits on my PowerBook.
Jan_NS: Ah, good old FileMaker!
JenW: really -- people can leave comments about quests??? hmmm, can that be screened
BernieD: In this section of the portal, you'll have access to all of the 650 existing WebQuests and be able to search them.
MicheleCM: I like the Website Challenge.
ReginaK: Are they all from the San Diego Area, or all over the US?
BernieD: Good point, Jen... that's one of the reasons this part isn't done yet. I may launch it without screening and see what happens.
BeeD: I love the layout of the site...clean and functional
BernieD: All over the world, Regina. Very few from San Diego. (The shoemakers children go barefoot!)
MicheleCM: thinks it looks very easy to use
BernieD: One problem I'm hoping to solve is this:
JenW: will you have the same format as in the past
ReginaK: So, those that we do in class are rarely published outside our class?
JenW: meaning -- by grade/subject
ReginaK: EDTech 570, I mean
BernieD: Right now I have a backlog of 500 WebQuests I haven't had time to look at.
HeidiM: wow...that's a lot
JenW: goodie -- we can we webquester ....hmmm whats the word.............guinea pigs
JenW: I'll help go through some for you!
Jan_NS is beginning to wish Bernie was her Doctoral Advisor!
SheilaW: That means mine will never make it to the site :(

BernieD: I'm going to make those available immediately and let participants in the site look them over and rate them. Once the ratings hit a certain level, they'll be in the matrix. I'm eliminating (a little) the middle man.

JenW: that is a great idea

HeidiM: so do you get to give them a star rating

JodiF: I like that idea and it will be much easier for you.

AndreaWi: Sounds cool

MicheleCM: likes the ideas of rating sites.

BernieD nods to Heidi.

ReginaK: good idea

JenW: it should be easy to set up

JenW: 10 stars and you make it to the BIG TIME

AndreaWi: kinda like a survey

SheilaW: Is the matrix the "grid" where you see all the webquests? GaryNB: Might be nice to know if the rater just read the quest, or tried it.

DonnaMS: Will they be available to all or only to your students?

Jan_NS: Include The content standards and the NETS for students as a requirement, Bernie

JenW: yes, some of the old webquests have outdated pages now

BernieD: I think that evaluating WebQuests is a good way to learn about them, so I'm hoping that other ed faculty will send their students here to hone their crud detectors.

JodiF: That's a good idea also.

BernieD: Good thought, Gary.

JoyC: that's what we did on Linman's class

BernieD: Available to all, Donna, like all my stuff.

HeidiM: would make a good project for 570...but please don't add it this semester ;)

BeeD: Yet...the good thing of seeing all the webquests together is that it gives you ideas

JoyC: ed 470, we evaluated the wq sites

JenW: my students could evaluate some of the quests they did in the past <evil grin>

BernieD: Time is flying... let's move on. Click on Events.

JenW: I think that -- IN TOTAL SINCERITY -- having a rating scale would be a FANTASTIC IDEA

KathrynV: Is there a rubric established for the evaluation of webquests?

BeeD: Calendars are a good idea

BernieD: Yes, Kathryn. It's on the Training Materials page of the SDSU site. SheilaW: Bernie I am looking at events

JenW: Kathryn there is a rubric for webquests

ReginaK: Very Nice format for adding announcements to calendar

HeidiM: I like the rubric idea...make sure the feedback is constructive

JoyC: what are all those symbols on the top right?

KathrynV: so would you use it to "rate" them?

AndreaWi: looking at events...

BernieD: This would be open to anyone to post conference presentations, workshops, etc.

HeidiM: calendar views

BernieD: Right now, the only event is the one you're all in at this moment, MicheleCM: Great idea to be able to add events

ReginaK: is this a free service, the calendar design?

SheilaW: what are the icons on top right?

BernieD: I'll be adding the 10 WebQuest sessions at NECC in Seattle next week later today.

AndreaWi: what is the+ symbol for?

JenW: COOOL -- I am gonna be there!!!

SusanE: Me too!!

KathrynV: could anyone add to the calendar?

BernieD: The calendar is a free script called Calendarix.

BeeD wishes she could be there

JenW: Susan -- where are you from??

MicheleCM: Caledarix is an excellent feature to have in this site.

JoyC: i like the categories where you arranged them by subject

BernieD: Try them, Sheila. You can't break anything.

SusanE: I live in Sammaish WA now...we relocated from Delaware BernieD: Is that the Twim Peaks town?

JenW: ahhh -- I love WA

SusanE: Close, I think ;-)

SheilaW: Bernie I think it would be so much easier to follow if everyone was focused on the subject of webquests...

SusanE: sorry

BernieD: So... the remaining two tabs will use the same sort of engine as the WebQuest tab. Click on Articles.

JoyC: great for grad students!

JodiF: I really like the format of the new site. I need to sign off for now. I look forward to seeing and using the new website. Thanks!

KathrynV: And teachers

HeidiM: I think this will be very cool when it's all done

BernieD: I've started collecting documents that aren't published yet. I was on a panel at SITE in Albuquerque and will be adding those papers as PDF's you can download.

MicheleCM: This site would be useful to SDSU students and many more.

JoyC: will it be ready for the fall?

Jan_NS: awesome to have pdf's

JenW: difference between Materials and Articles???? -----???

BernieD: It will be ready for NECC next week.

KatieC: I love the training materials tab..helpful for those of us who are training teachers on webquests!

ReginaK: Quite a lot of work! It's nice to see people so excited about this!

JoyC: what's necc?

BernieD: Click on Articles.

BernieD: Sorry... click on Materials.

AndreaWi: Bernie, for the Materials section---you could have instructions for creating the complicated techie stuff, that we all get hung up on.

BernieD: The Training Materials page on the existing site has a good starter set, but I know there's lots more out there. I'm inviting other trainers to contribute links to what they've done so that we can all benefit from them.

SusanE: Excellent resource. What a asset having support materials readily available.
MicheleCM: likes Andrea's idea.
DonnaMS: I really appreciate the templates!
HeidiM: I do too
JenW: so articles are more testimonials -- writeups -- etc
JenW: ??
BernieD agrees and empathizes with Andrea.
MicheleCM: Great resource!
Jan_NS: consider including a reminder about copyright and proper citation of discussions, etc.
ReginaK: good point - we sometimes forget that
AndreaWi: good call jan
JenW: especially about using images!!!
BernieD: Articles are published how-to's and testimonials and concept papers and research papers and unpublished conference presentations. Materials are teaching materials.
JenW: thanks
BernieD: Good idea, Jan.
BernieD: So... that's the tour.
JenW: so exciting!!! Can't wait to see it done
ReginaK: Thanks!
AndreaWi left the room (signed off).
Jan_NS: Seems you have your work cut out for you!
DonnaMS: I look forward to using it this year.
JoyC: thank you for showing it to us
MicheleCM: Excellent creation Bernie. Good start.
KatieC: Did you mention earlier that there's more, Bernie? Not that this isn't enough...:)
GaryNB: I like your design, it pulls you in to the material you need.
ElizabethR: Great job! I love it!
ReginaK: This was a lot easier to follow than I expected - signing off now...
Jan_NS: Blogger is more flexible than I realized!
JenW: hope you have a great webteam to get this done by Sunday --
BernieD: Come back to the site a week from today. My NECC presentation is at 1pm Pacific time and there will be lots more done by 12:59.
BeeD: Great!
BernieD: The team is me.
RebeccaF: This is nice. How will submissions be handled?
JenW: really?? do you need help??
KatieC: Go Team!!
SusanE: On which day are you presenting?
GaryNB: This whole site is under Blogger, or just the forum?
BernieD: Don't have time to have the conversation with any helpers.
JenW: LOLOL
BernieD: No... only the news is on Blogger.
MicheleCM: I hope everything goes smoothly with the final developments.

BernieD: I'm using Blogger so that down the road I can invite guest bloggers to contribute their insights.

JenW: well, if you need help -- I'm local -- and work quietly -- and can code :)

BeeD: This is a good idea...but the blogger page sometimes does not open down here

BernieD: Thanks, Jen. I'll keep you in mind.

SusanE: Bernie, when is your presentation?

JenW: but look forward to seeing it in Seattle -- yippee!

BernieD: 1pm Tuesday.

SusanE: thank you

KathrynV: Thanks for the presentation Bernie. And all of the great ideas...see you next time. Wish I could be at NECC!

BeeD: 1pm Seattle time?

BernieD: Yup

BeeD: Will there be anything online?

BernieD: Any other questions, comments generally about WebQuests (not specific to 570)

JenW: Will the old site be down??

BernieD: It's going to be webcast, actually.

JenW: as soon as this new site is up?

BernieD: No, the old site will stay put.

SusanE: thanks, everyone.

MicheleCM: Thanks for the tour.

Jan_NS: What will happen with the yahoo groups Webquest forum?

BeeD: Thanks Bernie for all ...and hope to see you here in Brazil one of these days

JenW: yes, Jan, I wondered that as well

BernieD: I'll keep it up but encourage members to move over to the forum.

KatieC: Can you give us info on the webcast?

Jan_NS . o O (sensible idea)

BernieD: Hope so to, BeeD... haven't been there since 2000.

JenW: I see nothing on NECC site about the simulcast

BeeD: you are always welcome

BeeD: ciao

BernieD: It might be that it won't be webcast live, but instead streamed on demand later. I dunno.

RebeccaF: Jen - try the ISTE site....I think I saw something there

Jan_NS: Never a dull moment in the world of Webquests

JenW: k -- running there

Jan_NS: thanks, Bernie!

AdrianneH: Thanks for the tour! I'll be at Necc to learn more.

GaryNB says thanks to Bernie, as he slips out the back door. Great tour!

AdrianneH left the room.

BernieD: Hope to see some of you in Seattle face to face.

GaryNB left the room.

BernieD: With that, I move we adjourn.

KatieC: Thanks for the info. Take care.

HeidiM: thank you for showing us your baby

BJ applauds wildy...thanks, Bernie
RebeccaF: Thanks, again Bernie
CynthiaLM: Thanks, Bernie
DonnaMS: Thanks and good night!
JenW: night, BJ -- good luck with your page Bernie
ClarissaW: thanks Bernie. It was an honor to meet you.