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HANDOUTS FROM TECH EXPO KEYNOTE ADDRESS

The CIT has copies of the handouts from Michael Dolence's Tech Expo keynote address, "Emerging 21st Century Strategies for Higher Education." The 24-page handout shows all the presentation's slides along with any URLs for Web pages that were cited in the talk. To get the handout, give your name, department, campus box number, and the number of copies you want to Carolyn Kotlas; tel: 962-9287; email: kotlas@email.unc.edu

CIT SEEKS YOUR INPUT TO IMPROVE OUR WEBSITE

We need your help in revising the Center for Instructional Technology's Website at <http://www.unc.edu/cit/>. We want to expand the content we provide to faculty. Is there a document, guide, or how-to that you would like to see on our site? Have you hunted in vain for something on our site that we should have? Are there new features that you would like us to add? Please let us know how we can improve the site's content. Send your comments and suggestions to kotlas@email.unc.edu

NEW INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA NEWS WEBSITE

The Health Sciences Library's new Instructional Media News Website is up! This site is intended to help people understand and use instructional media, and to help facilitate collaboration in the academic community. Please visit us at <http://www.hsl.unc.edu/mk/medianews/index.htm>

Instructional Media News includes:

- news about people and events in the UNC-Chapel Hill Division of Health Affairs and elsewhere,
- tips and examples that describe techniques for using instructional media tools,
- information about developments in the field of instructional media, and
- links to important instructional media resources.

Thanks to Robert Ladd, Curriculum Support Specialist, Health Sciences Library, for sharing this information with *CITations* readers.

SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION WORKING GROUP MEETING

The topic for the March 14, 2000, Scholarly Communication Working Group meeting is "Distance Learning in the UNC System." Diana Oblinger, Vice President for Information Resources & CIO for UNC General Administration, will provide a "big picture" overview on what is happening in distance education and what is being planned at the university system level. Diana's article, "The Nature and Purpose of Distance Education," appears in the March/April 2000 issue of *The Technology Source*. It's available online at <http://horizon.unc.edu/TS/commentary/2000-03b.asp>

For more details about time and place for the meeting, see <http://ils.unc.edu/schol-com/programs.html>

The UNC-Chapel Hill Scholarly Communication Working Group is sponsored by the Odum Institute for Research in Social Science (IRSS). Meetings are open to all faculty, staff, students, and others from the university community. See <http://ils.unc.edu/schol-com/> for more information.

THE TECHNOLOGY SOURCE MARCH/APRIL 2000 ISSUE

The March/April 2000 issue of *The Technology Source*, a free refereed Web periodical, is now available online. The purpose of *The Technology Source* is to provide thoughtful, illuminating articles that will assist educators as they face the challenge of integrating information technology tools into teaching and into managing educational organizations. Issues include commentaries, case studies, reports on faculty and staff development, articles on the virtual university, and links to higher-education Websites. You can read *The Technology Source* at <http://horizon.unc.edu/TS/>

Some of the articles included in this issue:

"The Nature and Purpose of Distance Education," by Diana Oblinger, Vice President for Information Resources and the Chief Information Officer, University of North Carolina system

"Carving a New Path for Distance Education Research," by David P. Diaz, Cuesta Community College

"Academic Scholarship in the Digital Age," by Joseph Moxley, Professor of English, University of South Florida

"World Campus 101: Orienting Students to Penn State's New 'Campus'," by Ann Luck, Senior Instructional Designer, World Campus, Center for Academic Computing, The Pennsylvania State University

"JavaScript *inter scientiam artesque antiquas*: Using JavaScript to Provide Resources for Teaching the Humanities," by Jean Alvares, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Classics and General Humanities, Montclair State University

The Technology Source seeks illuminating articles that will assist educators as they face the challenge of integrating information technology tools in teaching and in managing educational organizations. Please review the call for manuscripts at <http://horizon.unc.edu/TS/call.asp> or contact James L. Morrison, Professor of Educational Leadership, UNC-Chapel Hill School of Education; email: morrison@unc.edu

DATA STORAGE AND BACK-UP TECHNOLOGIES DEMONSTRATIONS

Carolina Technical Consultants (CTC) is pleased to offer you an opportunity to talk to pioneers in the field of data storage and back-up technologies. Fibre Channel, Storage Area Networks (SAN), Network Attached Storage (NAS), and hi-speed tape back-up will be demonstrated. Representatives from Dell will be on campus to demonstrate and discuss these technologies from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on March 15 in Gardner 08.

This is an open forum so that you can stop by to talk with them at your convenience between those hours and stay as long as you like. Though you do not need to be specific about when you will stop by, we do need to know how many people are interested in this so the folks at Dell will have enough literature on hand. If you are interested attending, send email to Elaine Tola, CTC Services Coordinator, at elaine_tola@unc.edu
You do not have to be a member of CTC to attend.

FEBRUARY 2000 CIT INFOBITS

Infobits is an electronic service of ATN/CIT. Each month the CIT's Information Resources Consultant monitors and selects from a number of information technology and instructional technology sources that come to her attention and provides brief notes for electronic dissemination to educators. The latest issue is available on the Web at <http://www.unc.edu/cit/infobits/bitfeb00.html>

Articles in this issue include:

Students' Distress with a Web-Based Distance Education Course
Lots of Copies Keeps Stuff Safe
Short Online Course on Web Searching
Learning Technology Publication
Building Websites for Science Literacy
Cambridge History of English and American Literature Online

Back issues of Infobits are available on the Web at <http://www.unc.edu/cit/infobits/index.html>
To subscribe to *Infobits*, contact Carolyn Kotlas, kotlas@email.unc.edu

ITRC TIP: EXCEL 97/2000 SHORTCUTS

Graphical objects can be inserted into an Excel 97/ 2000 worksheet anywhere. If you're having a difficult time aligning objects on a worksheet, try holding down the [Alt] key when dragging a chart or graphic, and the object's frame will snap to the cell.

You can use the keyboard to navigate through sheets in an Excel workbook. Just press [Ctrl]+[Page Up] to activate the previous sheet in the workbook and [Ctrl]+[Page Down] to activate the next sheet.

Thanks to Bryan Ayers in the Information Technology Response Center for making ITRC Tips available to *CITations* readers.

For more computing assistance, contact the Information Technology Response Center, Wilson Library, Suite 300
Walk-in Hrs: 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Phone: 962-HELP - 24 hours
Email: help@unc.edu

SAVING URLS OF ARTICLES FOUND IN INFOTRAC WEB DATABASE

InfoMarks is a new function in the InfoTrac Web database. The InfoMark logo at the top of any InfoTrac page indicates that the URL of the page persists even when your session is over. Persistent URLs can be bookmarked for future reference, copied into an electronic mail message, added to your WebCT or CourseInfo pages, or pasted into a Web page. Students who have access to the InfoTrac Web database can then link directly to the article.

For more information on "InfoMarks":

1. link to the UNC-Chapel Hill Libraries Website at <http://library.unc.edu/>
2. click on "E Indexes and databases" menu item
3. select the I link on the alphabet list
4. select InfoTrac Web
5. click on the "Start searching this collection" link under the "Expanded Academic ASAP" section
6. select "Help - Search"
7. click on the "InfoMark" link in the box at the right-hand side of the screen for details on this function

Thanks to Joel Schwartz, Political Science Department, for sharing this information with *CITations* readers.

CHANGE TO /HOME/USERID DIRECTORY ON WWW.UNC.EDU

Recently all the UNC-Chapel Hill Web services at <http://www.unc.edu/> were moved to a new computer. This move included moving the faculty and staff personal Web pages at UNC-Chapel Hill. If you do NOT have any scripts or forms that refer to your personal homepage, you will NOT be affected by this change; and you can skip the rest of this article.

The directory structure for <http://www.unc.edu/> was also changed during the move. This change will affect scripts or forms that include links to your personal Web pages.

On the old server we had a structure where users had a link off of a directory named /home. For example, for user Joe Morris the URL <http://www.unc.edu/home/morris/> would take you to Morris' homepage. Unfortunately, this /home structure had become completely unmanageable and had to be cleaned up. When we moved to the new system, /home became a thing of the past -- it will not return. However, users may still access their homepage via the /home/userid method or /~userid. Either URL for Morris' homepage -- <http://www.unc.edu/home/morris/> OR <http://www.unc.edu/~morris/> -- will still work.

However, if you run any scripts or forms, you CANNOT use the /home/userid format any more. You will have to rewrite all scripts and paths in internal forms to reference ~userid (for example, <http://www.unc.edu/~morris/>).

Confused? Please call 962-HELP if you have any questions about this change or to determine if you need to revise your scripts or forms.

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Looking for professional development opportunities? Check out the recently-updated CIT resource guide, "Education Technology and Computer-Related Conferences" at <http://www.unc.edu/cit/guides/irg-37.html> and the "Calendar of World-Wide Educational Technology-Related Conferences, Seminars, and Other Events" at <http://confcal.unc.edu:8086/>

2000 CITATIONS PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

March 24
April 7
April 20
May 12
May 26

CITations welcomes announcements from all UNC-Chapel Hill campus organizations involved in instructional and research technology. To have an announcement considered for publication in *CITations*, send email to Carolyn Kotlas, kotlas@email.unc.edu, call 962-9287, or fill out a [news submission form](#). The deadline for submissions is noon the day before the publication date.

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