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## 2008 UNC CAUSE CONFERENCE PROPOSALS DEADLINE

The theme of 2008 UNC CAUSE Conference is "The University of North Carolina Tomorrow: Striving for Excellence Through Technology and Collaboration." Proposals for conference presentations are currently being accepted through the conference website at http://www.uncg.edu/cause08/. Proposals will be accepted through Friday, August 15, 2008, with notification of successful presenters by the end of August.

At each annual UNC CAUSE Conference attendees learn about UNC campus technology initiatives, enjoy networking with colleagues, and share technical knowledge and insights. This year UNC-Chapel Hill is one of the conference hosts.

When: Monday-Wednesday, November 17-19, 2008

Where: Marriott Hotel, Greensboro, NC

For more details and to register, go to http://www.uncg.edu/cause08/.

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## MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR MULTIMEDIA CLASSROOM

If you have used one of the 159 technology/multimedia classrooms on campus, you've probably seen the red telephone that provides a direct connection to the ITS Classroom Hotline support center. These telephones are an emergency tool for rapid-response support when you have an unexpected problem with a room's technical equipment. However, when you're teaching a 50-minute class session, any delay can be critical. To head off problems and to avoid losing precious teaching time, prepare yourself in advance with a technology classroom orientation. Here's how:

After the Registrar assigns your class to a technology classroom, visit the Classroom Hotline website at http://hotline.unc.edu/. To familiarize yourself with your room's setup, follow the "Supported Rooms" link to find your specific classroom. The web page for each classroom features photographs of the room, a list of equipment in the room, and the date of the last preventative maintenance check for the room.

Next, click on the "Schedule a Demonstration" link. You'll be presented with a form to set up a time for ITS Classroom Hotline staff to give you an orientation demonstration. Demos can be scheduled Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., including during semester breaks. The demos take only about half an hour and are geared specifically to your actual classroom's setup. During the demo, you can bring and test your own laptop computer and class presentation materials in your assigned room. You can work out all the technical kinks and get comfortable with the equipment before your class meets. With the help of knowledgeable ITS support staff, you'll be able to take full advantage of your multimedia classroom.

For more information visit the ITS Classroom Hotline website at website at http://hotline.unc.edu/, call 962-6702, or send email to hotline@unc.edu.

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## LIBRARIES CATALOG GETS NEW INTERFACE

UNC-Chapel Hill Libraries has launched a new online catalog with a new user interface.

> [The] goal for the new catalog is to provide more intuitive searching and a better browsing experience. Many of the features are what you might find as common place on the Internet, such as tabbed navigation, sorting, built-in spell correction, and "Did You Mean..." Other features include:
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> - A new document delivery service, Carolina Blu (coming soon!).
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> -- Enriched content including book covers, Tables of Contents, and summaries.
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> -- Integration with Search TRLN, which allows you to expand your search to include materials from other Triangle research libraries.

Go to http://search.lib.unc.edu/ to try out the new catalog.

If you miss the old catalog, it's still available at http://www.lib.unc.edu/webcat/.

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## AMERICAN SOUTH ORAL HISTORIES ONLINE

"Oral Histories of the American South" (OHAS), a collection from the UNC-Chapel Hill digital library program, Documenting the American South, recently reached another milestone with the online publication of over 530 interviews. The collection of interviews offers unique, personal insights into a number of compelling historical topics, including civil rights, women's rights, politics, and environmental issues.

The OHAS, a three-year collaborative initiative of the Library with the Southern Oral History Program, the Center for the Study of the American South, and the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Education, started in 2005, thanks to a $505,232 award from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Documenting the American South main page:
http://docsouth.unc.edu/

Oral Histories of the American South main page:
http://docsouth.unc.edu/sohp/

Oral Histories of the American South Daily Podcast:
http://docsouth.unc.edu/sohp/about/podcast.html

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## JULY 2008 ISSUE OF TL INFOBITS

July marks the fifteenth year of the Infobits newsletter. The publication is an electronic service of the ITS Teaching and Learning division. Each month TL Infobits provides educators with brief notes on new and useful instructional technology resources. To subscribe go to http://mail.unc.edu/lists/read/subscribe?name=infobits.

Articles in the July 2008 issue (http://its.unc.edu/tl/infobits/bitjul08.php) include:

15 Years of Infobits: Looking Back
Stakeholders in E-Learning Success
Mellon Report on the State of Scholarly Publishing Initiatives
Web Science
Webcasting Tips
Online Learning Books Online
Learning Games Reviews

All back issues of Infobits are available on the Web and are searchable at http://its.unc.edu/tl/infobits/index.php.

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## NEW CBT WORKSHOPS

New courses have been added to the campus computer-based training (CBT) catalog:

Microsoft Office Pack:
Microsoft Word 2008: Level 1 for Macintosh

Office Productivity:
An Introduction to Tablet PCs
Microsoft Office Excel 2008: Level 1 (Macintosh)

Programming & Web Development:
C Programming: An Introduction (2008 Update)

Project Management:
Project Management Fundamentals: Second Edition

Web Development and Programming Course:
PHP 5: An Introduction

Security Course:
Security Awareness (Third Edition)

If you already subscribe to CBT, go to http://cbt.unc.edu/, log in as usual, and use the search box to find the course(s) you'd like to access.

If you don't already subscribe to CBT, go to http://cbt.unc.edu/ and follow the instructions for new users.

If you have questions about CBT, call 962-HELP or visit http://help.unc.edu/.

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## ITS LEARNIT WORKSHOPS

There are still spaces available in the following LearnIT workshops. To read a workshop description or to register for any of these workshops, go to http://learnit.unc.edu/workshops. For links to other campus training opportunities,

go to the LearnIT website.

If multiple dates are listed, the workshop is offered on each of those dates.

Blackboard: Introduction for Beginners
August 11

Blackboard: Introduction to the Blackboard Gradebook
August 12

Blackboard: Student's Work Collection Tools
August 18

Calendar (Oracle): Getting Started
August 13

Matlab: Introduction
August 20

Remedy Project Tracking System: Getting Started
September 4

Sakai: Assessment and Assignment Tools
August 13

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## 2008 CITATIONS PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

January 11 & 25
February 8 & 22
March 14 & 28
April 11 & 25
May 9 & 23
June 6 & 20
July 11 & 25
August 8 & 22
September 12 & 26
October 10 & 24
November 7 & 21
December 5 & 19

*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, or call 962-9287. The deadline for submissions is 11:00 a.m. the day before the publication date.

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