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Anschutz Library, next to the service desk
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New KU Web Template Offers Flexibility, More Tools for Web Developers
By Sarah Kanning
There’s a new KU Web template coming this summer, and it will offer departments more design flexibility and more tools to help them build sites and pages. KU Web Services, University Relations (UR) and Instructional Services are teaming up to offer a two-hour, hands-on workshop, “KU Web Template – Hands-on,” to get campus Web authors started using the new template and tools.
“We’re launching a central toolkit for departments that will provide code and design elements that they can reuse on their sites,” said Robin Bedenbaugh at UR, associate Director for Digital Media Services.
Departments will be able to choose between several header options for their pages, and can contribute their own elements to the toolkit, with a goal of “collaborating to build a world-class overall university Web presence,” Bedenbaugh said.
Matt Garrett of KU IT says the changes will give more options to Web developers, including more server-side include (SSI) variables. The template’s cascading style sheets (CSS) will be simplified and easier to use, and “a compatibility ‘patch’ will allow folks using the current style sheets to more easily migrate to the new template,” Garrett said.
Three sessions of “KU Web Template – Hands-on” will be held this summer, with more to be offered in the fall. Look inside for workshop listings, and visit www.infotraining.ku.edu to register or learn more.

Xythos is Now Hawk Drive
Hawk Drive (formerly known as Xythos), is available now to KU employees and to KU students this fall. It will allow for better collaboration by giving you the power to share files, drafts of papers, presentations, spreadsheets, images and more with anyone at KU or beyond. Key features include:
• access to your documents anywhere, anytime
• secure and encrypted file storage
• versioning, tracking and subscribing (alerts)
• a built-in wiki for comments and discussion
To learn more about Hawk Drive, visit http://hawkdrive.ku.edu. Workshops and custom training on Hawk Drive will be available this summer and into the fall. Check inside for available workshops, or to request custom training, call 785-864-0410 or e-mail training@ku.edu.

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