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Expanded Support for Off-Campus Access to Digital Resources

Members of the NC State community frequently study and work at locations away from campus. The NCSU Libraries has long provided the capability to access digital resources from off-campus locations if the Libraries purchased and loaded the resources onto computers operated by NC State. Unfortunately, many valuable and important databases and other resources provided by the library are not actually loaded at NC State, but instead are provided directly from the publisher over the Internet. Until recently, computers accessing these resources were required to be located on the NC State University network in order to access these digital resources.

The Libraries is pleased to announce that it now provides access to digital resource materials for any NC State University user regardless of the user's physical location or Internet service provider (ISP). Through its new proxy services, the library supports use of these resources literally from anywhere in the world. All a user needs to connect is a Unity

account and password and any ISP. When a researcher visits the Libraries' Web site and requests access to a database or other digital resource, the Web server checks to see if the computer in use is located on or off campus. If the computer is off campus, the user will be asked for a Unity account and password. Next, users will receive instructions on how to configure their Web browsers to use the proxy services. For detailed information on this service, go to URL:

http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/proxy/proxy_description.html

Questions or concerns can be sent by e-mailing the library at libref:

<http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/libraries/risd/libref/libref-form.html>

They also can be answered by calling the reference desk at ext. 5-2935. ♦

Electronic Resources in Agriculture and Life Sciences

The library's Research and Information Services Department is offering a workshop that will discuss electronic resources available in the subject areas of agriculture and life sciences via the NCSU Libraries and the World Wide Web.

Time: Wednesday, December 2, 1998, 9:00 to 11:00 A.M.
Place: D. H. Hill Library, ITTC MAC Lab, second floor, East Wing

To register, please call Alesia McManus at ext. 5-2936 or send an e-mail message to alesia_mcmanus@ncsu.edu. ♦

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The NCSU Libraries has received a plaque from the Chemical Abstracts Service recognizing its ninety-one-year commitment to the provision of *Chemical Abstracts* for its users. A comprehensive chemistry bibliographic database, *Chemical Abstracts* contains abstracts of all scientific and technical papers with information of interest to the chemical and chemical-engineering communities. Online searching of the electronic version of *Chemical Abstracts* is also provided on a for-fee basis by the Research and Information Services (RIS) Department in the D. H. Hill Library. If you are interested in having a search performed or would like more information, please call Barbara Hedges or Karen Collins at ext. 5-2936. ♦

Roofing project



The East Wing of the D. H. Hill Library has experienced numerous roof leaks during the last year, so the roofing project now underway is urgently needed. Because this is a cold-tar project, library users and staff may detect some unpleasant odors. Staging is being handled at the extreme east end of the building, and the walkway near the building at the east end is closed to pedestrian traffic. Crews will be working day and night to expedite the project, which is scheduled to run through the end of December. ♦