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Effect of Budget Cuts on the NCSU Libraries

As part of the proposed 7 percent permanent reduction in state appropriations to NC State, the NCSU Libraries may have to cut up to \$1.276 million from its budget. Possible areas that may be affected by the proposed cut are: library hours (overnight and Saturday), security, operating budget, and collections (about 2,500 journals and 35,000 books).

In this year's serials review, faculty and students had already identified 1,000 journal titles for

possible cancellation over the next three years, to address the effects of inflation and loss of purchasing power in the collections budget. If the proposed cut goes through, next year alone the library will need to cancel all 1,000 titles, plus another 1,500 titles. For more information on the 1,000 journal titles targeted for initial cancellation, faculty and students are asked to review the list at: <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/colmgmt/serials/SerRev2001/Spring2001.html>. ♦

Electronic Reserves

Electronic reserves is one of the fastest-growing services offered by the NCSU Libraries. During the 2000–2001 academic year, the library added more than 5,400 new documents to the “e-reserves” service, providing round-the-clock Web access to class-related assignments and readings for students in over 400 courses. This was in addition to material already placed on electronic reserves for courses during the preceding year.

Each spring, faculty members who have documents on electronic reserve are asked to review this material and notify the Libraries whether or not they want it to remain active. Documents that are not going to be used either during the summer or fall of 2001 will be “deactivated.” This serves the triple purpose of observing copyright considerations, conserving space on the library's Web server, and reducing the number of search screens a

student faces when performing a “faculty name” search. Faculty who currently have material on electronic reserve should have received an electronic-mail message in April, which asked them to respond if they wished to retain their documents on the system for the remainder of the year. Faculty who still want to respond or indicate that they did not receive this message, should send an electronic-mail message to reserves@ncsu.edu and indicate which course numbers and/or documents are to be retained. Deactivated material can be reactivated at any time, upon request.

Requests to retain materials or questions about the electronic-reserves service can also be directed by phone to Tripp Reade (ext. 3-0017) or Susan Barnard (ext. 5-3594). For more information on electronic reserves, see <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/rbr/faculty.html>. ♦

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MyLibrary@NCState Update

Last year, the library surveyed MyLibrary users on possible additional features to add. Their responses shaped the release of Version 2.5 in May 2001 and will also help to guide the future direction of this service. New features in 2.5 include:

1. DEFAULT CALL NUMBER RANGES IN THE NEW TITLES CATEGORY

MyLibrary will set up new users with predefined Library of Congress call number ranges tailored to the particular discipline selected. They will then be free to customize these ranges at any time.

2. LAYOUTS

MyLibrary users will now be able to change the layout of their pages by logging in, choosing “customize profile,” and selecting from a menu of six different layouts. All of the new layouts are ADA compliant.

3. CONTENT FOR “FREE”

From the MyLibrary icon on the Libraries’ home page, users will be able to “test drive” a generic MyLibrary page without any log-in procedure. They can access electronic journals, indexes, reference items, and university and library links. A pop-up message will invite new users to set up a profile at whatever point they click a “customize” button. ♦

Photocopy Services Rate Changes

Effective April 1, 2001, the cost of staff-service microform copies was reduced to \$1.10 per page. On June 1, 2001, the cost of departmental copy cards and D. H. Hill copy cards will increase from \$.80 to \$1.00. The D. H. Hill copy cards will continue to be sold via the self-service machines in the Photocopy Services lobby; however, there will be no value on the cards at the time of purchase.

The Photocopy Services Center is an auxiliary operation that does not receive any state-appropriated support. It must operate on a cost-recovery basis, generating revenue to pay salaries and all other operating costs. The center submits updated use-rate calculations to the Office of Contracts and Grants for review and approval on an annual basis. These rate changes are being implemented as a result of the most recent use rate review. For additional information about services and rates or to purchase a departmental copy card, please call Photocopy Services at ext. 5-2343. ♦