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Nomadic Computing in the Library

The D. H. Hill Library is now supporting “nomadic computing,” in cooperation with the university’s Information Technology Division. Individuals may bring their own laptop computers into the library and, after making a few quick changes to their network settings and logging in to a special Web page with their Unity ID and password, gain access to the Internet and campus network.

The library’s Laptop Lending Service, launched last fall, continues its popularity among university users. Each loan is for four hours, with an optional four-hour renewal. This service now offers three laptop configurations: Dell machines running the Windows ’98 operating system, Dell machines with a dual-boot option offering Windows or Linux, and Macintosh laptops. A set of twenty-five dual-boot laptops were made available through a special funding allocation from Provost Kermit Hall, in

recognition of the value of this service to NC State students and as a complement to the university’s open-source strategy announced in spring 2000.

Laptops may be borrowed from the Reserve Desk at the D. H. Hill Library and the circulation desks of the four branch libraries (Design, Natural Resources, Textiles, and Veterinary Medical). Any of the library laptops may be connected to the campus network at ports located throughout the D. H. Hill building. The four branch libraries provide wireless network access for laptops borrowed there. Also, wireless networking is available in the Reading Room on the ground floor of D. H. Hill, near the main entrance, for library and personal laptops equipped with an IEEE 802.11-compliant wireless networking card.

Details about these services are available on the Laptop Lending Service Web page at: <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/ads/laptop.html>. ♦

SciFinder Scholar Now Available

Digital access to the Chemical Abstracts Database (CAPlus) is now available to the NC State community via the Web through SciFinder Scholar. CAPlus is the world’s most comprehensive and current database of chemical literature and patents. SciFinder allows users to search this database by chemical substance, chemical reaction, research topic, author name, or specific reference. Special query tools allow the user to build specific reactions and draw structures.

Access to this database is restricted to NC State University IP addresses and is currently available for use on the public workstations located near the reference desk in the D. H. Hill Library. Go to the library’s Web site for instructions on how to download the application to your own NC State workstation at http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/eresources/splash_csa.html. ♦

Provost Hall To Speak at Friends of the Library Fall Luncheon

Kermit L. Hall, NC State's provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs and professor of history, will present "The Virulence of the National Appetite for Bogus Revelation: Opening the Secret Documents of the Kennedy Assassination" at the Friends's annual Fall Luncheon. The luncheon, scheduled for November 8, 2000, will be held in the Jane S. McKimmon Center.

Hall served on the John F. Kennedy Presidential Assassination Records Review Board, established by Congress in 1992 to re-examine for release the records related to President John F. Kennedy's assassination that federal agencies still deemed too sensitive to open to the public. More than four million pages of records were made available to the public through the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

The twelfth annual NCSU Libraries Faculty Award will also be presented during the luncheon. This year's winner is Hugh A. Devine, professor of Parks, Recreation and Tourism in NC State's College of Natural Resources. This award is given to an NC State faculty member who has contributed consistently or notably to the operation and development of the Libraries.

For tickets or more information, call the Friends at (919) 515-2841, Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. ♦

Research and Information Services Workshops: D. H. Hill Library

Library QuickStart—Learn to use the library's information system. One-hour workshops meet in the ITTC labs on the second floor, East Wing, of the D. H. Hill Library. No registration is required.

October 18	(Wednesday)	7:00 P.M.
October 19	(Thursday)	3:00 P.M.
October 21	(Saturday)	1:00 P.M.
October 23	(Monday)	4:00 P.M.
October 24	(Tuesday)	2:00 P.M.
October 25	(Wednesday)	11:00 A.M.
October 27	(Friday)	1:00 P.M.
November 2	(Thursday)	7:00 P.M.
November 6	(Monday)	3:00 P.M.
November 7	(Tuesday)	4:00 P.M.