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## New “My Alerts” Service

**T**he NCSU Libraries’ “My Alerts” service helps library users keep abreast of current research in their fields of study by allowing them to set up e-mail alerts containing the current tables of contents for more than 800 of the most popular journal titles held by the NCSU Libraries. It also allows them to maintain a customized list of selected journal titles. Users may access the “My Alerts” service by clicking on the link near the top right of the Libraries’ Web site at <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/>.

For each title users subscribe to, they will receive an e-mail message when a new issue is published. The body of the e-mail will consist of the table of contents from the journal’s Web site. Links to the full text of articles will be provided when available.

“My Alerts” is a new component of the Libraries’ “My Library” suite of personalized and customizable services. Other “My Library” services are “Library Account” (view books and other items checked out, renew items online, access the Trip-saver system) and “My Course Reserves” (students view reserves and other online resources for courses for which they are registered). These services may be found near the top of every page of the Libraries’ Web site, in the “My Library” navigation bar.

Future features will include the ability to browse and select journals by subject, as well as an expanded list of titles from which to select. Members of the My Library Product Team are Shirley Rodgers (project implementation leader), Karen Ciccone (chair), Kim Duckett, James Harper, and Tito Sierra. Please send comments and suggestions about this service to [LibraryAlerts@ncsu.edu](mailto:LibraryAlerts@ncsu.edu). ♦

## Hill of Beans Menu Improvements

**T**he D. H. Hill Library’s Hill of Beans Coffee Shop has a new menu this fall, featuring gourmet coffees from Cape Fear Roasters as well as fresh pastries and upgraded condiments. In addition, Frozen Granita fruit drinks, which are made from 100 percent juice, will be available later in the semester. University Dining hopes to continue adding new items to the Hill of Beans menu.

These improvements are in response to a May 2005 customer satisfaction survey of faculty and students that was sponsored by the Libraries and its Hill of Beans Advisory Committee. Faculty, students, and staff are encouraged to come by and try the new coffees and food selections at the Hill of Beans. ♦