Lexis/Nexis Classes Offered

The NCSU Libraries now offers Lexis/Nexis, an online information retrieval service that includes news, corporate, financial, industry, intellectual property, regulatory, and governmental resources. NC State students, faculty, and staff may now access a variety of full-text resources to complete classroom assignments.

The Libraries' Research and Information Services Department is offering a series of introductory training sessions for Lexis/Nexis to the NC State community. The sessions are designed for beginners and emphasize organization of the service, navigation, and basic search commands. To register for a session, send an e-mail message to:

sharon_webster@ncsu.edu

Indicate the course you wish to attend and include the section number listed below. You will receive confirmation of your registration status. If you do not have access to e-mail, call Sharon Webster at ext. 5-2936 to register.

INTRODUCTION TO LEXIS/NEXIS

#1	October 10, 1996	1:00 P.M.–2:30 P.M.
#2	October 14, 1996	10:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M.
#3	October 23, 1996	10:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M.
#4	October 29, 1996	1:00 P.M.–2:30 P.M.
#5	November 4, 1996	1:00 P.M.–2:30 P.M.
#6	November 13, 1996	1:00 P.M.–2:30 P.M.
#7	November 21, 1996	10:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M.

For more information about Lexis/Nexis, please call ext. 5-2935. ◆

How To Get Published

On November 12, 1996, David Perry (editor-in-chief, University of North Carolina Press) will demystify the process of scholarly publishing in the humanities and social sciences. Perry will talk about the ins and outs of publishing a book with a university press, followed by an informal question-and-answer session.

All members of the NC State community are invited to attend this brown-bag lunch sponsored by the Scholarly Communication Subcommittee of the University Library Committee. Please bring your own lunch and beverage to the Faculty Senate Chambers, second floor of the Erdahl-Cloyd Wing, D. H. Hill Library, on November 12, from 12:30 to 1:30 P.M. ◆

Searching Selected Agriculture and Life Science Databases

On November 20, 1996, the Research and Information Services Department will offer a class on search techniques and strategies for agriculture and life sciences databases available from the NCSU Libraries. These databases include *Medline*, AGRICOLA, *CAB Abstracts*, and *Biological Abstracts*. The interface used to search these databases from offices and labs on campus will be highlighted. The class will also provide instruction on setting up a profile in the *UnCover Reveal* database service.

The class is open to NC State faculty, staff, and students. It will be held from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. in the Instructional Technologies Teaching Center (ITTC) PC Lab on the second floor of the East Wing, D. H. Hill Library. Space is limited, so please register for the class by sending e-mail to Alesia McManus (alesia_mcmanus@ncsu.edu) or Barbara Hedges (barbara_hedges@ncsu.edu), or by calling ext. 5-2936. When you register, please indicate which databases you currently use and which databases you would like to learn more about. ◆

NCSU Information System Update

UNCOVER REVEAL

UnCover Reveal is a service that enables users to receive the table of contents of journals via e-mail. The NCSU Libraries introduced the UnCover Reveal service in the August issue of the *NCSU Libraries' Newsletter*. Since then, we have received a number of questions from faculty and staff regarding how to set up a profile and use the service. *Reveal* is free to NC State faculty, students, and staff through an institutional site license. It is available through the Information System or the Libraries' WWW site. Users can add up to fifty journal titles to their profiles, and the tables of contents will be auto-matically e-mailed to them. Keyword searches can also be created and saved; they will be automatically run each week against the new contents of the database and the results will be e-mailed to users. A user must have a profile to access this service. It takes twenty-four hours for the profile to be implemented by UnCover once it is created. Below are instructions for setting up a profile, adding titles, and creating searches using either UnCover Web or UnCover via the NCSU Libraries Information System. For additional assistance, please call the reference desk at ext. 5-2935 or send an e-mail query to: libref@ncsu.edu.

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TO SET UP AN UNCOVER PROFILE USING UNCOVERWEB

Go to http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/disciplines/100-MultidisciplinaryInd.html or, from the NCSU Libraries' home page (http://www.lib.ncsu.edu),

1. Select Catalogs, Indexes and Internet.
2. Select Indexes to Journals, Books and Full Text Articles and click Go.
3. Select Multidisciplinary Indexes.
4. Select UnCover.

Then from the UnCover Web Home Page,

1. Click on Information about Reveal.
2. Click on Reveal for New Users.
3. Click on I Need to Create a Profile.
4. Write down the profile number assigned to you, choose a password, and then enter the information requested (you do not need to enter credit card information unless you wish to order articles from UnCover).
5. Click on the Save Profile button.
6. Wait twenty-four hours for UnCover to process your account.

HOW TO ADD REVEAL TITLES
(Tables of contents of journals will be e-mailed overnight as they are added to the database.)

1. Go to UnCover and click on Information about Reveal.
2. Click on Reveal for Current Users.
3. Enter profile number and password and click Enter.
4. Click on View or Add Reveal Titles.
5. Go to the bottom of the screen and enter a journal title in the Journal Title Search box and then click on the Search button.
6. Click on the journal title of interest and then click on the Add Reveal Title button.

TO ADD A REVEAL SEARCH
(Searches are run every weekend. The alert process takes place regardless of search results.)

1. Go to UnCover and click on Information about Reveal.
2. Click on Reveal for Current Users.
3. Enter profile number and password and click Enter.
4. Click on View or Add Reveal Searches.
5. Choose search type, enter Keyword Search or Author or Name.
6. Enter search terms and click Enter.

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Telnet to library.ncsu.edu and from the Main Menu of the NCSU Libraries Information System:

1. Select menu item #3, Journal Article, Newspaper and Technical Report Indexes.

2. Select menu item #1, Multidisciplinary Journal and Newspaper Indexes.

3. Select UnCover and when prompted, choose VT100 as computer type.

4. After you have selected UnCover-Article Access and Delivery, press Return and type new to create a new profile. You can also enter the command //profile at any point during an UnCover session.

5. Enter the information requested (you do not need to enter fax or credit card information unless you wish to order articles from UnCover).

6. Write down the profile number assigned to you and choose a password..

7. Type yes to save your profile and then wait twenty-four hours for UnCover to process your account.

To Add Reveal Titles
(Tables of contents will be e-mailed overnight as they are added to the database.)

1. Follow steps 1–4 above, then enter your profile number and password when prompted.

2. Retrieve the record for the journal title of interest by doing a title search using //t or via the browse feature (e.g., //t journal of ecology).

3. Enter the line number of the correct journal title and then type reveal.

To Add a Reveal Search
(Searches are run every weekend. The alert process takes place regardless of search results.)

You can create search strategies using either keywords or names or authors. After entering your profile number and password, use //sr to add or edit search strategies. Type A to add a new Reveal search strategy or type H to select a strategy from a history of the last ten searches. ◆

TRIPSaver: New Document Expediting Service

On September 30, 1996, the NCSU Libraries' Resource Delivery Department initiated a new service called TRIPSaver. NC State faculty, staff, and students can use the service to request items from the libraries at North Carolina Central University, Duke, and UNC–Chapel Hill. To use the service, you must first register and sign the notice concerning copyright restrictions. Registration must be done in the presence of an NCSU Libraries' staff member. The service can be used for any item not owned by the Libraries. Once registered, patrons can place requests in person, by fax, or by e-mail. Delivery takes between one and three days, depending on when the request is placed and the location of the material requested.

Patrons can pick up books at the circulation desk at D. H. Hill Library or at any branch library. Photocopies can be requested for pickup or can be requested for delivery by campus mail. Registration materials and instructions for using TRIPSaver can be obtained at any NCSU Libraries location.

TRIPSaver is funded through tuition increase funds. It is one of several ways the Libraries is improving access to research materials. ◆

The official U.S. Air Force historical database of Supreme Court decisions from its FLITE ("Federal Legal Information Through Electronics") system is now available via Villanova's Web site. The archive consists of more than 7,000 Supreme Court opinions dating from 1937 through 1975, from volumes 300 through 422 of *U.S. Reports*. The Villanova Center for Information Law and Policy has extracted each case for distribution over the World Wide Web. Access opinions through tables for the volumes of the *U.S. Reports*. D. H. Hill Documents—SuDoc Number Ju 6.8.

http://www.law.vill.edu/Fed-Ct/sct.html

Susan Gauch (Kansas University DesignLab and Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science) has developed ProFusion, a Web meta-search engine. Web meta-search engines use several existing search engines to search for information on the Web simultaneously. ProFusion goes beyond the capabilities of current meta-search engines by processing, merging, and ranking the information it receives from each of its separate search engine components. It creates a single list of URLs, ranked in order of similarity to the original search word or phrase. It can also display a summary for each URL. Six individual search engines are used by ProFusion—Alta Vista, Excite, InfoSeek, Lycos, OpenText, and Webcrawler. Based on the search argument typed in, ProFusion will select the best three engines for each search. The user, however, can override that selection and designate all or any combination of those engines to conduct their search. There are help and information screens to assist you once you reach the site.

http://www.designlab.ukans.edu/ProFusion.html

The Quantum Computation Archive is an online database of technical papers relating to quantum computation, maintained by Isaac L. Chuang (Stanford) and Raymond Laflamme (Los Alamos). They have amassed three dozen papers dealing with quantum computation, quantum information theory, and quantum cryptography. Links are provided to additional quantum computing Web sites in the United Kingdom, Canada, and Australia.

http://feynman.stanford.edu/qcomp/

Bertha, Fran, Josephine . . . hurricanes and tropical storms have certainly demanded our attention over the last few months. One of the best ways to keep up with storm tracks is to visit a site maintained by Purdue's Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences. They provide graphic, color-coded access to historical and current hurricane data. Different storm intensities, based on the Saffir-Simpson scale, are denoted by differing colors. Historical data is available for Atlantic hurricanes stretching back more than a century, using data from the National Climatic Data Center in Asheville. Western Pacific hurricanes are documented since 1949 and Eastern Pacific typhoons are illuminated since 1945, the latter data courtesy of the Joint Typhoon Warning Center.

http://wxp.atms.purdue.edu/hurricane.html