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New Presidential Documents and Papers Available

The NCSU Libraries has acquired two new electronic resources that update its print collection of presidential papers. The first is the *Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents, 1997* on GPO Access, a searchable database updated every Monday by the Office of the Federal Register, National Archives and Records Administration. The file contains full-text presidential materials released by the Clinton White House during the preceding week. Materials include: Addresses and Remarks, Appointments and Nominations, Communications to Congress, Executive Orders, Interviews with News Media, Joint Statements, Meetings with Foreign Leaders, Proclamations, Statements by the President, Press Releases and Announcements.

Documents on GPO Access are available as ASCII text and Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF) files. For information about any of the thirty-six GPO Access databases, go to URL:

<http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/stacks/gpo/>

The Libraries also offers presidential papers on CD-ROM. The CD-ROM provides the following collections of papers in electronic format: *Messages and Papers of the Presidents* (Washington-Taft), *Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States* (Hoover-Clinton), and *Presidential Papers of Franklin Delano Roosevelt*.

The Libraries collects printed volumes of both the *Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents* and the *Public Papers of the Presidents*. For more information, select "NCSU Holdings" after opening the URL:

<http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/stacks/gpo/presidential-documents.html>

If you have questions about either of these electronic resources, call the Research and Information Services Department at ext. 5-2935. ♦

Copyright Registry Alert

The Scholarly Communication Subcommittee of the University Library Committee was recently alerted to an issue that it would like to call to the attention of the NC State community. Faculty and graduate students may have heard from commercial services that purport to offer copyright protection of their works for an annual fee. In fact, original works of authorship are automatically protected by U.S. copyright law as soon as they are "fixed" in a tangible medium of expression. Publication and/or registration is not required before copyright protection attaches.

Works created on or after January 1, 1978, are automatically protected from the time of creation, usually for the life of the author plus an additional fifty years. If any author is interested in formally registering a work with the U.S. Copyright Office (there are advantages to doing so if you later find yourself suing someone for copyright infringement), a simple procedure is available through the copyright office's Web site:

<http://lcweb.loc.gov/copyright/circs/circ01.html>

The commercial registry services can only confirm that a person sent them a particular document on a certain date. They have no way to prove that the sender of the document is its author, nor any evidence of the actual date of creation. ♦

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NRL Offers Network Access to Color Laser Printer

The Natural Resources Library in Jordan Hall now provides network access to a Wolfcopy color laser printer (HP Color LaserJet 5M). For a \$1.00 per page charge to their Unity print quota, users logged into a Unity account can send documents to this printer and pick them up at the Natural Resources Library's circulation desk. The print queue for this printer is "jor1104." It accepts PostScript (.ps) files. At the Unity prompt, use the following command to send a file to the printer (where "filename" is shown,

substitute the name of your file): `lpr -Pjor1104 filename.ps`. For further details on networked printing, consult the "Guide to EOS and Unity Computing" available at the NC State Bookstores. Print quota can be purchased from the WolfCopy Center, Room 108, Poe Hall (8:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M.), or from University Graphics on Sullivan Drive (8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.). Call Carolyn Argentati, (Natural Resources Library) at ext. 5-2306 for questions regarding the color print service at that library. ♦