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NCSU Libraries Subscribes to the AMICO Library

The Art Museum Image Consortium (AMICO), is a not-for-profit consortium of museums and galleries working together to provide digital access for educational use to multimedia documentation of their collections. Founded in 1997 with twenty-three members, AMICO now consists of thirty major museums, including such notable institutions as the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Library of Congress, the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, and the National Gallery of Canada.

The AMICO Library contains images of more than 100,000 works of art. Member institutions make annual contributions of images from their collections, and each image includes at least basic documentation. The database includes images of textiles, paintings, sculptures, photographs, manuscripts, jewelry, costumes, and drawings. Each image is a notable work of art collected by a member museum. The items range from 2500 B.C. to the present, and every area of the world is represented. The collection is especially rich in art works from

the Americas and in works of the twentieth century. Each image is available in several sizes, allowing patrons to choose the file size or level of detail most appropriate for their needs. Three-dimensional objects are often documented with various views or by highlighting small details. Additionally, the documentation for some images may include curatorial texts, detailed provenance of the artwork, or sound and video files, making the database a rich and reliable source of images and information.

In terms of copyright, all works in the AMICO Library are available for educational, noncommercial use. NC State patrons may use AMICO images in classrooms or other academic presentations, add images to course Web sites, or use images to illustrate papers or class assignments. The AMICO Library may be accessed through the Libraries' "Database Finder," through the online catalog, or on the Design Library Web site. More information on AMICO and the AMICO Library can be found at www.amico.org. ♦

Articles from Elsevier Journals Delivered Via Libraries' Web Site

The Triangle Research Libraries Network (TRLN), of which the NCSU Libraries is a part, discontinued its consortial license with Elsevier Science at the end of 2003. This resulted in a reduction in the number of full-text Elsevier journals available electronically. For details on this decision and its endorsement by the provosts of the three TRLN institutions participating in the license, go to <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/colmgmt/>.

NC State users now can access Elsevier titles via the Libraries' Web site, which offers rapid desktop delivery of Elsevier journal articles. Within forty-eight hours, the library will scan or acquire requested articles and post them to its Web server for retrieval. Articles will be in .pdf format. In general, Elsevier journals published between 1995 and 1999 and from 2004 forward are eligible for this service. Requests can be made from the "E-Journal Finder," library catalog, subject databases via the "Full Text" button, or at <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/ads/ils/elsevier-delivery.html>. ♦

User Account Information Expands

Using the “My Borrowing Record” feature of the NCSU Libraries’ online system, borrowers are able to view or conduct activity on their library accounts—such as reviewing the titles and due dates of materials checked out, items requested from the Libraries’ collections, recalled items, or charges owed. Eligible materials may also be renewed online. However, information on materials requested from other libraries previously had not been available.

The Libraries’ now offers borrowers the ability to check the status of TRIPSAver/Interlibrary Loan requests through “My Borrowing Record.” After logging in with a Unity ID and password, users can select “View Interlibrary and TRIPSAver titles” to see what items they have checked out or have requested from other libraries. Currently, this service is only available to users with Unity IDs. Eventually, it will be offered to all users of TRIPSAver/Interlibrary Loan, including Centennial Campus affiliates. ♦

Research and Information Services Department Wins First Year College Award

The NCSU Libraries’ Research and Information Services Department was selected by NC State’s First Year College (FYC) to receive the First Year Student Advocate Award 2003–2004. Linda Saunders, Amy VanScoy, and Megan Oakleaf were presented with a plaque at the First Year Convocation on January 20, 2004.

The award is presented annually by the FYC to one individual and also to members of one department or campus group who have distinguished themselves in service to first-year students. According to the nomination form: “Recipients of the award embody excellence in service to students, demonstrate availability and openness to students, and use their roles to advocate for policies and programs that are in the best interest of

undergraduate(s)—particularly freshmen—students at NC State.”

VanScoy began forging a strong relationship with the FYC in the 1990s in her previous role of undergraduate outreach librarian. As librarian for instruction and undergraduate research, Oakleaf has further enhanced service to FYC students as well as to all undergraduates. All members of the Research and Information Services Department serve undergraduate students at the reference desk and through online “chat” and electronic-mail reference services, and the reference librarians provide instruction and training for undergraduate courses. Undergraduates comprise the largest group of users of the “Ask a Librarian LIVE” virtual reference service. ♦

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