

Hints for Using the D. H. Hill Library at NCSU

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As many of you know, Meredith College and North Carolina State University (NCSU) are members of a local consortium called the Cooperating Raleigh Colleges (CRC). This agreement allows students and faculty to borrow materials from other CRC libraries directly without going through interlibrary loan. Students need a form from the library signed by a librarian in order to borrow books from NCSU.

In addition to borrowing books, you might need to use an online database or obtain access to an online journal at the NCState library that the Campbell Library does not have. Then you must

use the computers in one of the NCSU libraries to search for the information. Current policy restricts access to most of the computers in the D. H. Hill Library to those people with an NCSU ID or an NCSU borrowing card. Six computers have been set aside for use by non-affiliated people, so you may not always be able to get on to a computer immediately when you arrive.

To help you cope with this policy, here is some information that might be useful. The time limit for use of the computer is 30 minutes. There are no sign-up sheets. You must just wait in line for the next available computer. The staff at the reference desk gives passwords for access. After 30 minutes

online, the computer will automatically log you out whether you are finished with your research or not. If you need to continue your search, you will need to wait for the next available computer. However, if no one is waiting you may log back in (with a new password), but you will need to reconstruct your search, so be sure to keep notes on your search terms. The least busy times for the guest computers are Friday evening, especially between 5-6pm, and early mornings.

Access to the D. H. Hill Library building is also restricted for outside users. No unaffiliated users are allowed into the building after 10 p.m. At 10 p.m., security officers make random sweeps

of the building asking for NCSU identification. Those without an NCSU ID will be asked to leave.

Beginning in January 2005 the reference area of the D. H. Hill Library at NCSU will be under renovation. The reference service desk will be moved to the opposite end of the main floor near the periodical collection of the library. There is a likelihood that there will be even fewer computers for non-affiliated users. Because of these restrictions, we recommend that you come to the Campbell Library and ask a librarian for assistance before going over to the NCSU Libraries. There may be resources available here that you haven't discovered yet. Come to the Informa-

tion Desk in the library for assistance or call us at 760-8095.

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World News in Brief

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Iraq:

Car bombs, suicide attacks, and hostage killings are still plaguing Iraq, Baghdad in particular, culminating in the killing of fifty unarmed soldiers last Saturday outside Baghdad. Violent acts such as these were the catalyst for the meeting, in Tokyo, of potential benefactors to Iraq's reconstruction. This meeting produced the decision that financial aid already committed to Iraq must be distributed in a more rapid fashion. On a more positive note, the government's plan to disarm Iraq's Shiite militia has been very successful.

China:

There are sixty-six people dead and eighty-two people

missing due to a gas explosion in a Chinese coalmine. Coal mining is dangerous business: over four thousand men have died in coalmining accidents this year alone. On a good note, China and Russia signed an agreement resolving a border dispute dealing with the 2,700-mile border that runs between them. North and South Korea: Twenty-nine North Koreans have entered a South Korean school in hopes of receiving asylum. However, the school does not have diplomatic status; so the asylum seekers may be turned over to the police.

Sudan:

The United Nations reported that over 70,000 people have died in refugee camps in Darfur. More than that, the U.N. states the death rate could in-

crease at a rate of 10,000 deaths per month without international aid. Concurrently, Sudan, Chad, Egypt, Libya, and Nigeria have publicly rejected all foreign intervention in Sudan, maintaining that the humanitarian crisis is a purely African issue. Thus the European Union has offered financial support instead of manpower, declaring that it will pay half of the peacekeeping costs for the African Union's presence in Darfur.

Afghanistan:

Threats and attacks by the Taliban have not stopped the recent Afghan election that took place on October 9, 2004. Unofficially, the incumbent president, Hamid Karzai, has been declared the winner. Over ninety-four percent of the votes have been tallied, and

Karzai has received over fifty-five percent of them.

Pakistan:

A suicide bombing rocked a Pakistani mosque, killing several Shiite Muslims. The government blames this rise in the frequency of violence on terrorist organizations, yet the violence could be a sign of increased sectarian confrontation between the Sunnis and the Shiites. General Musharraf, both president and army chief, vows to continue his efforts against militant groups; whilst showing no indications that he may step down from his multiple governmental positions.

Israel:

Defense Minister Mofaz has met with Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, spiritual leader of the religious Shas Party, to persuade him of the merits

of the planned Gaza withdrawal. Israel's opposition leader, Shimon Peres, has said Ariel Sharon risks being assassinated by extremists opposed to his Gaza withdrawal plan. On Monday, October 25, Sharon opened his Gaza withdrawal plan to debate on the Knesset floor. He argued that the withdrawal plan would only strengthen Israel, but he also admitted that the plan could not be accomplished by violence alone. Sharon stated that he remains open to peace talks with the Palestinians if they cease carrying out terrorist attacks. As Sharon was giving his speech, thousands of disengagement supporters demonstrated in support of the withdrawal plan outside the Knesset.